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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

As may be guessed from the cover, this issue deals with cartography in the era of the Internet. The cover depicts the graphic from the home page for this issue (<http://maps.unomaha.edu/NACIS/cp26>). The buttons on the interactive graphic may be used to access the links associated with the articles. This is the first time that *Cartographic Perspectives* appears both in paper form and as a web page. We hope the journal will continue to be offered as a combination of the two separate mediums.

From modest beginnings as ARPANET in the late 1960's, the Internet has become a major form of communication. Encompassing such diverse services and protocols as e-mail, newsgroups, ftp, and the World Wide Web, the Internet is now an integral part of our society. The use of the Internet has expanded rapidly in recent years with the introduction of the World Wide Web. The web integrated the delivery of text, graphics, pictures, sound, and even video clips. It has also made