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Letter from the Editor

Dear Members of NACIS,

This issue of *Cartographic Perspectives* marks the beginning of my tenure as editor. I wrote this column . . . wanting to tell you about the new editorial board, about some ideas for the journal, and to solicit manuscripts. Much of this seems so inconsequential in light of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the possible attack on the U.S. Capitol on September 11, 2000 . . . now known as 911. One month after the attack, 911 still is in my thoughts. I am reminded of it daily by the media . . . the newspaper, television, radio, magazines, the internet, the stock market. Some of my students have withdrawn from my classes because they have had to report for active duty. I see the American Flag everywhere . . . it has become such a powerful symbol for a country in mourning . . . a symbol of unity. There are lectures on terrorism on our campus.

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