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FROM THE GUEST EDITORS

This particular issue of *Cartographic Perspectives* is dedicated to one of the greatest North American cartographers who passed away in October, 1996, Professor Dr. John Clinton Sherman of the Department of Geography at the University of Washington. Professor Sherman produced 15 Ph.D.'s plus numerous graduate and undergraduate students in cartography, one of the most productive and influential professors of our time. Many of his graduate and undergraduate students continued to finish their Ph.D.'s elsewhere and became influential faculty members in cartography.

NACIS is proud to dedicate this issue in honor of Dr. Sherman because of his tremendous contribution to cartography in North America. At a time when cartography was at its infancy as an academic discipline, Dr. Sherman, along with Dr. Arthur Robinson and Dr. George Jenks pivoted their roles as professors and guided the discipline to new academic heights. These three professors, along with the students they

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produced, basically shaped and influenced the directions of North American cartography today. Many of Dr. Sherman's students enthusiastically contributed

articles to this issue. These articles fall into three different categories. The first category includes technical cartographic articles. The second category consists of major tributes to Dr. Sherman's career achievements and his unique and effective teaching style. Both of these categories are refereed. The third category is made up of brief articles from students' fond memories of Dr. Sherman. Even with this entire issue dedicated to Dr. Sherman, it is inadequate to fully account for his lifelong dedication to cartography, his contributions to academia, his influence on the direction of the discipline, and his unique place in the development of tactile [a.k.a. tactual] maps. The developments in tactile mapping have now become a worldwide interest with the establishment of the International Cartographic Association's Committee on Tactile Mapping. Most of the members of NACIS (if not all) have been touched one way or another by Dr. Sherman's contributions. We, the co-editors of this special issue, had the great fortune of either working with Dr. Sherman (Greg Chu's Census Mapping Workshop at Honolulu in 1978) or studying under him (Barbara Buttenfield's Ph.D. program). Greg also received his Ph.D. degree under the direction of one of Dr. Sherman's students, Everett Wingert of the University of Hawaii. It is with great pleasure that we were charged with the

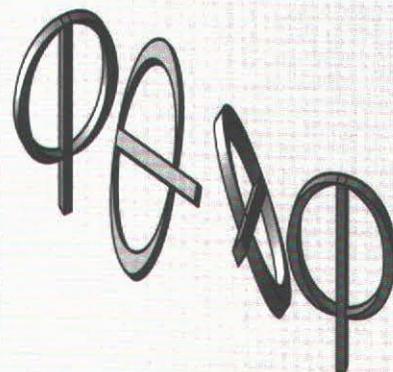
duties of editing this special issue in honor of a great professor, cartographer, and warm-hearted person. We also wish to thank Dr. Arthur Robinson for his contribution to this tribute, Betty Wheeler for her efforts in copy-editing, and the North American Cartographic Information Society for dedicating this issue to a special cartographer.

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