

EDITOR'S CORNER

The Center for Great Plains Studies is about to enter its twenty-fifth year of service to the people of the Great Plains and its twenty-second year of publishing *Heritage of the Great Plains*. The journal, however, which has had a somewhat fitful previous existence, is several years older than the Center. Originated in 1957 by Neil Byer of the ESU Department of English under the title *Heritage of Kansas*, the journal began publication with a single objective in mind: "to stimulate the interest of all Kansans in their cultural heritage and to revive strong regional sentiment."

Publication lapsed in late 1963 and was revived in 1975 by John Peterson, Dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The editor at that time, Jim Vandergriff, was succeeded by Richard Keller. In 1980 the journal took on a wider regional dimension and was renamed *Heritage of the Great Plains*. Editors who followed Keller were Ed Moreland, Joe Hickey, and Ron McCoy before I assumed the role in July. Continuity through this succession of editors has been provided by managing editor Julie Johnson, who has also served as Assistant Director of the Center almost from its inception.

We welcome submissions for a general, educated audience on any topic from any discipline, so long as these articles help us further our goal: "to stimulate interest in the cultural heritage and to build a strong understanding" of the Great Plains of North America.

Jim Hoy
Editor