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PREFACE

Chimera has once again emerged out of the darkness and has crystallised into this, its final form for 1987. Readers will only be dimly aware of the slow, painful, patient exploration carried out by the editorial members to unearth the writers who this year have revealed the chimeras - those elusive geographical worlds on the edges of our consciousness. It is good to see contributions from all major strands in geography: including, humanities, social and physical science dimensions, incorporating cultural, locational and environmental issues and revealing radical, critical and conserving perspectives. It is good too, to see contributions from a number of undergraduate and post-graduate students in geography, by an M.A. qualifying student and indeed by students working outside as well as within a geographical framework. My congratulations to all those involved in the production of this issue which follows on the successful relaunch of a student geographical journal in 1986. A final word of thanks is deserved by Catherine Ketch who has displayed all her characteristic skills of persuasion and organisation to ensure that the elusive Chimera once again emerges out of the void.

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