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Editor's Page

I've never been a big fan of long introductions, but I do want to take the opportunity to thank the editorial board for welcoming me back to the *Journal*. As we transition to the Texas Digital Library, with all its requisite publishing quirks, I also want to thank all the readers and editors who have helped build this issue. We are making changes to the formatting and the substance of the *Journal*; during this time, I ask for your patience and continued support.

The last year has witnessed a veritable explosion of McCarthy scholarship, and I think the fall issue of the *Cormac McCarthy Journal* offers an exciting array of articles and reviews that add to the critical voice regarding Cormac McCarthy. Dianne C. Luce gives us a glimpse of McCarthy as a high school student and Wesley Morgan offers us a note regarding McCarthy and editing. Carole Juge and Chris Dacus challenge us to read McCarthy against the philosophical past, while Richard Rankin Russell details a keatsian echo in McCarthy's world.

As exciting are the reviews of various critical works. For those of us not living in a major city, we offer Mark Busby and Cynthia Miller's review of John Hillcoat's *The Road*. These two reviews remind us what we are missing and make people like me eager for the dvd release.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our new Review Editor, David Cremean. Dave handled multiple review requests even in the midst of organizing the Western Literature Association conference in October. Keep your eyes open for review opportunities of books, movies, and other issues related to McCarthy's works. The *Journal* only solicits reviews, but if you have an idea let us know.

Last but not least, I would like to congratulate Wesley Morgan for his photo on the cover of the *Journal*. I received many excellent photos, but Wes' photo the burned out McCarthy home seemed apropos.

Enjoy the articles and reviews and I hope your 2010 is filled with insights and ideas.

John Wegner, Editor
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