

Note from the Editors

On November 10, 1989, Willy Brandt stood before the Schöneberger Rathaus in West Berlin and proclaimed, *Jetzt wächst zusammen, was zusammengehört* (that which belongs together is now growing together). Ironically, these words are still true today. October 3, 1990 bore witness to a momentous event that is still underway--painstakingly, conflictually, yet inexorably. The year 2005 marks the fifteenth anniversary of unification, and over the course of the next several issues, *German Politics and Society* will showcase this topic whenever possible; in the current winter issue, David Art examines the recent electoral successes of the far right in eastern Germany, and Paul Cooke's forum article looks into German television programming and the Ostalgie phenomenon. Throughout the year, the editorial staff will give priority consideration to manuscript submissions that explore unification's manifold dimensions.