

Editorial

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Acknowledgements

With this issue, I complete my four years as Editor. In those 16 issues, we published 820 pages containing 68 articles, 22 *Features* articles, 45 conference reports and 112 book reviews. It has been a most satisfying experience. Occasionally, the problems of late manuscripts, lost manuscripts and 'never-written' manuscripts made me wonder why I took the job, but such moments have been few (authors, as any editor will tell you, are a miserable lot!).

My satisfaction stems in large part from the people I worked with on the magazine and the earth scientists I met from across Canada. I owe a tremendous debt to Maureen Dickson Czerneda, for nine years our managing editor. Gerry Middleton felt secure in passing the editorship on to me, not because of any great faith in my talents, but because he knew Maureen would keep the ship afloat while she taught me the job. She did her best with the material at hand. Two other nine-year veterans receive my thanks - Dave Bartholomew and Peter Russell. I often have received favourable comments on the layout and design of *Geoscience Canada*, and credit for this goes to Dave. Peter provided those magnificent logos that head our articles. Take the time to browse through past issues and look at them again - you readily appreciate what great talent he has.

Geoscience Canada is known, amongst other things, for its series articles, the first being *Facies Models*. During my tenure, three series have been in progress and my editors have done yeoman service - Jim Allan followed by Gwilym Roberts (Ore deposits), Nat Rutter (Pleistocene Dating) and Ian McIlraith (Diagenesis). A considerable amount of time is involved in soliciting authors and in getting manuscripts reviewed and revised, and I do appreciate their work.

In a similar vein, I gratefully acknowledge the efforts of my book review editors, Denis St-Onge, Paul Clifford and Alec Baer, and the editors who ran my *Features* column - Gordon Winder (Geological Education) and Geri Eisbacher (Active Earth). And to Pat Sheahan who recently joined us as advertising manager, undertaking the difficult job of obtaining advertising revenue for a magazine such as this.

Ward Neale. Not *once* did his manuscript arrive on time, *never*, but they were always so good I had to publish them. I think it safe to say that his column was the first article read by most of our subscribers. This issue marks his retirement as well, and it is a major loss for *Geoscience Canada*.

The many earth scientists, from Newfoundland to British Columbia, who served as my associate editors generating articles, conference reports and book reviews, and serving as reviewers, played a major role in the success of this magazine, and I hope they enjoyed their role.

Finally, to the officers and staff of the GAC, and particularly to Glen Caldwell and John Kramers, I express my gratitude for their constant support and encouragement, especially during those times when I was reaching for the panic button.

To my successor, Andrew Miall, I wish every success. If he gets the support I did, it is assured.

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