

FROM THE EDITOR

This issue has a special personal impact on the editors. Here we present obituaries of three major stars in the radiocarbon galaxy. Each has shed light in his own way on an important aspect of our discipline. We will remember these friends not just for their scientific contributions, but also for their humanity. In an achievement-oriented subculture, such as universities tend to create, it is sometimes difficult to separate what an individual does from who that individual is as a member of the human race. Too often we find ourselves defined by our positions and our accomplishments—a condition perpetuated by academic communities around the world. Although the obituaries that follow on the next several pages emphasize the scientific achievements of our departed colleagues, let us remember as well their warm feelings and concern for their students, families, friends and colleagues, and the excellent examples that they set for the rest of us.

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ERRATA

In Volume 35, No. 3, 1993, we inadvertently omitted the name of our Guest Editor, Jaan-Mati Punning, from the cover. We also misspelled the name of Irina Mikheeva (erroneously written Irena Matveev) on page iv. The editors extend sincere apologies for these oversights.