Bob Herschberg has been a major source of inspiration for this Journal for almost fourteen years and this is the first issue in which he has not had a hand in the Editorial. At least, his physical hand is no longer involved, but his inspirational spirit is as strong as ever. In fourteen years he has scrutinized Zuse’s, de Groot’s and Shannon’s contributions, vigorously supported young researchers and has served the computer-chess community in his own inimitable way. Now he has decided to retire from the University, and from the Journal.

I would like to thank my source of inspiration, in verba magistri, by quoting Jonathan Swift:

"Then, rising with Aurora’s light,
The Muse involved, sit down to write,
Blot out, correct, insert, refine,
Enlarge, diminish, interline"

Bob will be sorely missed, but how will he fill his day, I wonder? Perhaps we can twist an arm here, provide some pressure there, and convince Bob to return from time to time as Guest Editor for selected issues. Maybe even once a year Bob could write an independent editorial review of an issue, or write the occasional letter to the editor with a position statement or a clarification to some author’s potentially ambiguous text. Bob will be missed, but not forgotten. The Executive Board, on behalf of all readers, wish Bob many, many years of retirement and look forward to his (electronic or otherwise) correspondences from Delft.

Jaap van den Herik

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Tony Marsland
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