

From the Editors

The Barringer Series

The numbers speak for themselves. When the idea was first floated that we should dedicate a series of papers to Paul Barringer, who died in August 1996, we expected that series to contain 10–12 papers. In fact, we had 27 papers submitted to the journal with a cover note asking that they be considered part of the "Barringer series". They all went through the normal peer review and revision process, usually the associate editor and the reviewers unaware that they were part of the series. About half of the accepted papers appear in this issue, and the remainder will appear in July.

The unprecedented enthusiasm for this series is not hard to understand. The explanation could be found in almost every cover note that came with the papers. Paul and the Barringer Crater Company have played a unique role in our research community, and following Paul's death the Company continues to do so under the equally caring eyes of his nephew, Drew Barringer. Without great ceremony, and with the minimum of demands, funds are made available for many of our dearest projects. They have supported awards, research, travel, and an extraordinary number of projects for which there are no normal sources of support, like moving the *Meteoritics & Planetary Science* offices from Los Angeles to Fayetteville or helping to cover the costs of publishing Ursula Marvin's history of the Society. Many senior people in our field, who have received Barringer funds, have papers in the series.

However, of all the causes he supported, probably closest to Paul Barringer's heart are the awards for support of student travel to the Society's annual meetings. No one doubts the need to draw fresh blood into the field, and no one doubts the vigor and energy brought to the meeting by the students. Students who are still awash with the enthusiasm that goes with discovering, for the first time, the fascination of this field. In a very short time, many of the earliest recipients of student travel grants have become some of our most frequently consulted reviewers. A list of persons who have received student travel awards appears below. The first student travel awards were made in 1985. Since then, 231 awards have been given to 200 students from 18 countries. Paul achieved a considerable amount during his life, and he left many good friends and admirers. But it is our belief that the list below represents one of the achievements that gave him most satisfaction.

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 C. F. Heavilon
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 Alan Hildebrand
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 V. J. Hillgren
 M. Hoashi
 Astrid Holzeid
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 Osamu Ichikawa



FIG. 1. One of the last photographs taken of Paul Barringer. The photograph was taken by Victor Masaitis in May 1996.

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