

A FINAL WORD

Now that this third volume of the Proceedings of the Special Year in Complex Analysis is really complete I would like once more to thank the technical typists of our department, Stephanie Smith, Virginia Sauber and Jaya Nagendra for the excellent job they have done. In so doing I reflect also the praise they received in many of the letters from the contributors to these Proceedings.

I would also like to add that due to the generous grant from the Argonne Universities' Association Trust Fund and the support of our Department, the first semester of the academic year 1986-87 saw some more activities of the Special Year. Two were specially noteworthy.

On November 13 & 14, a beautiful mini-conference on the role of Complex Analysis in Geometry and Analysis, was held to mark the retirement of Professor Maurice Heins. The speakers were A. Baernstein II, F. W. Gehring, B. Rodin and A. Weitsman.

As a fitting conclusion to a special year in Complex Analysis, the University of Maryland, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Fields Medal award, decided to confer a Doctorate Honoris Causa on December 23, 1986 to a giant in the subject, Lars V. Ahlfors, whose work has deeply influenced all the areas covered in these Proceedings.

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