

## *An Editorial Note*

Two decades ago, in January 1970, *ARIEL: A Review of International English Literature* published its very first number. For the entire second decade of its existence, it had as its editor Ian Adam, who inherited a journal that had established itself, under its founding editor, A. Norman Jeffares, and its subsequent editors, George Wing and James Black, as a forum for scholarly and critical articles on the literatures in English published around the world. During Ian Adam's editorship, *ARIEL* continued to flourish. It acquired funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. It responded to major developments in the new and the traditional literatures and in critical approaches. It published many notable special issues. Ian Adam's tenure ended with the publication of one such special issue, Volume 20, Number 4, which focuses on "Post-Colonialism and Post-Modernism," and which, with its discussion of critical changes in the new literatures and its impressive list of contributors drawn globally, perhaps best proclaims the nature of Ian Adam's distinguished contribution as editor. A version of this issue — *ARIEL*'s largest ever — with additional articles is due to be published in book form by The University of Calgary Press.

I should like to express deep appreciation to my predecessors and to reaffirm as mine their commitment to the editorial policies that have evolved over the years: to maintain high editorial standards, to address both the new and the established literatures in English, to accommodate the various schools of critical thought, and to continue to publish reviews of critical and scholarly works and as many original poems as space allows.

Readers will be as pleased as I am to know that though Ian Adam retires as editor, he will be involved with the journal still as a member of the Editorial Board and that Adrienne Kertzer and David Oakleaf remain at their posts as Associate Editors, and so does Pamela McCallum as Reviews Editor. Mavis Page continues in her indispensable role of Business Manager. I welcome the editorial guidance of the continuing members of both editorial boards and of the new members, Jeanne Perreault of the Editorial Board and Marian Arkin and Edward Baugh of the Editorial Advisory Board.

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