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## EDITORIAL

### Farewell/Hasta la vista!

Eleven years ago, as editor elect, I assisted Robert 'Bob' Shipp in transforming the journal *Northeast Gulf Science* (which he started 20 years earlier) into the journal *Gulf of Mexico Science* and then began my tenure as editor. Ten years have come and gone since then and, during that time, I have thoroughly enjoyed having had the opportunity to be at the helm and to watch the journal grow to become a respected scientific forum serving the international community studying the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent areas.

As we prepare this issue to go to press, it is fitting for me to use a quote from my favorite balladeer, Bob Dylan, *'For the times they are a-changin' . . . as the present now will later be*

*past. . .*" On January 1, 2007, I will be among the ranks of the retired and my wife Beth and I will be enjoying our view of the 14ers of the Sawatch Mountains in central Colorado. As for the journal, it is already in the capable hands of William 'Monty' Graham.

Successfully publishing a scientific journal is a challenging task and, in the case of *Gulf of Mexico Science*, it has been achieved solely because of the hard work and dedication to excellence put forth by all who have served as associate editors or support staff. My special thanks go to Jim McClintock, Carolyn Wood, and Connie Mallon, who have all been with me and the journal for the entire 11 years.

WILLIAM W. SCHROEDER, *Editor*