



A. LINCOLN WASHBURN

## A. Lincoln Washburn—An Appreciation

In September 1970 the first issue of *Quaternary Research* was published by Academic Press. Its founding Editor was A. Lincoln Washburn, who launched the journal at a time when Quaternary science was experiencing explosive growth. Washburn retired from active teaching and relinquished his editorial duties in 1975, having seen the journal successfully through its first five volumes. During the decade following his “retirement,” he launched a major new research project at Resolute in the Canadian Arctic, produced a new edition of his landmark book on geocryology, served as Vice President of the International Quaternary Union and Chairman of the Polar Research Board of the National Research Council, and recently was appointed by President Reagan to the five-member Arctic Research Council.

Link Washburn’s contributions to Quaternary science are legion. He has carried out ambitious research projects on numerous expeditions to remote parts of the North American Arctic and to east Greenland. His meticulous and widely cited field studies of periglacial phenomena, in conjunction with innovative experimental work in the Periglacial Laboratory he established at the University of Washington, have provided important insights about processes operating in present and former periglacial environments. These and other accomplishments won him the Kirk Bryan Award of the Geological Society of America, the André H. Dumont Award of the Geological Society of Belgium, and many other honors. His leadership in fostering Quaternary studies in North America was recognized in his election to the Presidency of the American Quaternary Association in 1970. Link also was instrumental in establishing and directing the Quaternary Research Center at the University of Washington, the first of a dozen such interdisciplinary Quaternary programs that have been developed in North American universities during the past 20 years.

In recognition of Link Washburn’s many and continuing contributions to Quaternary science, not the least of which is the journal you hold in your hands, the Editors and Publishers of *Quaternary Research* have produced this special *Washburn Issue*, which appears as he enters his 76th year. The contributors include a group of colleagues whose associations with Link and his lifelong field companion—his wife Tahoe—have generated special memories of congenial collaborations, stimulating discussions, and generous hospitality. The contributions fittingly span a variety of Quaternary topics, for Link has always had a special gift for generating dialogue and cooperation among scientists from different disciplines, a theme he dealt with editorially in the first published pages of this journal.

As Lincoln Washburn embarks on his next quarter century, we wish him health, happiness, and continued enthusiasm in his work. We also look forward in anticipation to reading of his latest discoveries about the Quaternary in future issues of *Quaternary Research*.

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