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POSTSCRIPT

MY ASSOCIATION with David Maull goes back a long time, from when I was a research student in the Department of Engineering at Cambridge, 1960–1963. However, we became close with his becoming one of the enthusiastic founding group of editors of JFS in 1987. Later, he became the Book Editor as well.

David has been a pillar of support and sound advice to me, as Editor and otherwise, all these years, and a good friend. We, on the present Editorial Board sorely miss his presence.

By rights, a short paper (Special Brief Note) I wrote, entitled "Aspirating pipes do not flutter at infinitesimally small flow" (*Journal of Fluids and Structures* 1999; **13**, 419–425) belongs in this Special Issue. It is a paper that owes its very existence to a pivotal contribution made by David when I visited him in 1995, which helped resolve a perplexing and long-standing paradox. Poignantly, I wrote this short paper during the very weekend that he died, in January 1999. He would have enjoyed reading it but, alas, this was not to be.

On behalf of the journal, I would like to express my personal gratitude to all three Editors of this Special Issue, but especially to Charles Dalton who did most of the hard work and made sure of its timely appearance. Also, many thanks to all the authors, for ensuring that this is an issue worthy of our late colleague, whose life and many outstanding contributions we are remembering and celebrating with the publication of this Special Issue.

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