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Editorial

The 1956 Dartmouth Summer Research Project on Artificial Intelligence was a watershed event, and its fiftieth anniversary has been observed with meetings, writings, and discussions about the past and future of the field. Our special issue to close this historic year begins with three items spanning fifty years of progress: an excerpt from the Dartmouth Project proposal prepared by John McCarthy, Marvin Minsky, Nathaniel Rochester and Claude Shannon, a reprint of Edward Feigenbaum's 1981 AAAI President's Message for the silver anniversary, and AAAI President Alan Mackworth's fiftieth anniversary message, "AI@50: We are Golden!"

The articles that follow give perspective on the foundations of the field and new milestones. Ronald Brachman's Presidential Address, "(AA)AI — More Than the Sum of its Parts," discusses the importance of integrated systems to the mission of AI and underlines the vital role for AAAI in AI's future. Bruce Buchanan's Englemore Memorial Lecture article, "What Do We Know About Knowledge?" examines insights about the nature of knowledge from philosophy

and lessons from fifty years of AI. Jay Tenenbaum's article, "AI Meets Web 2.0: Building the Web of Tomorrow, Today" presents a vision of how to grow internet-scale knowledge systems harnessing the collective intelligence of humans and computers. Sebastian Thrun's "A Personal Account on the Development of Stanley, the Robot that Won the DARPA Grand Challenge" provides an insider's story of the team effort leading to a landmark recent success. Conference reports and a book review round out the issue.

The issue closes with two special anniversary features by Jon Glick: A crossword testing readers' ingenuity and knowledge of AI old and new, and a historical AI in the News column, featuring excerpts from the news of 1956.

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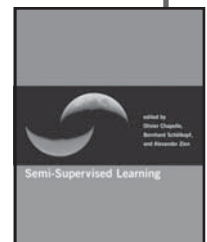
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