1092-08-3   **Ralph McKenzie***, Vanderbilt University, Department of Mathematics, Nashville, TN. *A perspective on fifty years of work, delight and discovery in general algebra.*

I conceive the talk to be like a ramble through general algebra and related fields of mathematics such as logic, model theory, graph theory and computational complexity. It will be in part a highly personal and biased offering of some of my reflections on personalities, good results and false starts collected over a long career in research. But also, I will strive to convey a convincing picture of a youthful field currently enjoying a vigorous state of healthy development. (Received March 18, 2012)