ANNIVERSARIES IN BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Introduction

In this special section we celebrate a series of anniversaries:

This is the 30th year of publication for the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, which first appeared in March 1958 to serve the needs of a group wanting an outlet that would be "primarily for the original publication of experiments relevant to the behavior of individual organisms," as the statement inside our front cover has described the journal's mission from the start. Thus we invited members of the original Board of Editors to reminisce about the founding of the new journal. Also, every Editor but the first (and most important) one, the late Charles B. Ferster, has been given an opportunity to comment on the experiences and concerns of his term.

It is the 20th year of publication for the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, which first appeared in March 1968. JABA was founded by the publishers of JEAB "primarily for the original publication of reports of experimental research involving applications of the experimental analysis of behavior to problems of social importance." The Winter 1987 issue of JABA contains a series of papers celebrating that happy event.

Third, the Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior, which publishes the two journals, itself has just turned 30; it was incorporated on 29 October

1957. One article of this section discusses the relationship between the Society and the two journals.

The year 1987 is also the 40th anniversary of two events with similar significance: The 1947 Conference on the Experimental Analysis of Behavior took place in Bloomington, Indiana, in June of that year and represented the first occasion on which psychologists interested in the behavior-analytic approach came together to discuss their work; a participant opens this section by describing that conference. And the mimeographed *Notes* written by participants in that and the subsequent CEAB meetings can be considered the immediate forerunners of this journal. The first of these *Notes* was dated 9 October 1947, and, appropriately, its author was B. F. Skinner.

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