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IN MEMORY OF DONALD L. WHALEY 1934-1983

Don lived in his home town of Brooklyn, Indiana, with his parents, three brothers and eight sisters, until he graduated from high school in 1952. He played on the basketball team at Martinsville High School and at Monterey Peninsula College where he received a basketball scholarship. In 1961 he completed his undergraduate studies at Indiana University where he earned a B.A. degree, majoring in psychology. While at Indiana University, he also met and married Elizabeth McGregor. He then studied at Florida State University where he received a Ph.D. degree in psychology in 1966.

From 1966 until 1969, he taught at Western Michigan University and also worked as Director of Psychological Services at Fort Custer State Home.

From 1969 until the present, he taught at North Texas State Univer-

sity, first in the Department of Psychology and then in the School for Community Services. In 1970, he established the Center for Behavioral Studies at North Texas State University, where he and his students worked with adult outpatients and autistic children. In addition, he authored or co-authored five books and was just completing his first novel.

Don had a major impact on the lives of those who knew him as a teacher, author, therapist, and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and their three daughters, Angella, Shannon, and Laura.

Contributions may be sent to the Donald L. Whaley Memorial Fund, School for Community Services, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas 76203.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

As the new ABA Newsletter Editor, let me first praise the "retiring" Editor, Nancy Petty. Nancy was appointed to the position in 1981 by then Secretary/Treasurer, Howard Farris, when the Newsletter separated from The Behavior Analyst. The cyclical content and the production time lines for the three yearly issues were developed by Nancy and the ABA office staff. These guidelines have provided convenient and efficient cues to the new organism in the system, namely me. I have had the comforting thought that even if I mess up badly, the system Nancy et al. developed will kindly but firmly rescue me. What a joy it is to be associated with Behavior Analysts and their systems, eh?

The Newsletter Editor is appointed by the Secretary/Treasurer of ABA with the approval of Council, and I'd thus like to thank David Lyon and the Council members for this opportunity.

Tracing our history, the first Newsletter appeared in August of 1977 under the editorship of Wayne Fuqua. In his initial editorial, Wayne said (among other things), "Let form follow function." I think he got that from Hank Pennypacker (at least that's who I first heard use the phrase), and I think Hank got it from Louis Henri Sullivan, a late 19th century American architect. Wayne meant, of course, that the content should be determined by the Newsletter function.

That first Newsletter also contained a "Name the Newsletter" contest, with a year's complimentary membership for the winning entry. I don't know whether there ever was a winner. The only name change occurred when the MABA Newsletter became the ABA Newsletter. I guess parsimony was not to be denied.

Steve Graf

Executive Council Meeting
October 15 & 16, 1983
A. Charles Catania presiding

FINANCIAL REPORT. A review was conducted of ABA's books by a Certified Public Accountant; no irregularities were revealed.

The income was \$118,861.20 and the expenses were \$117,046.07 in 1982-83. As of September 30, 1983, the expenses were \$19,509.45, and the income was \$2,926.44. The carry-over of \$1,815.13 from the previous year was not sufficient to fund this deficit at the beginning of the year, and funds were drawn from the reserve.

Council approved a motion to ask the membership to increase dues for Full and Affiliate members by \$5.00, and to recommend the following change in the By-Laws: Council shall determine the registration fees for the Annual Convention. These fees may vary each year in accordance with the Convention site.

SITE SELECTION. Council approved a motion to meet at Opryland in 1987.

Due to difficulties in locating convention sites, Council approved a motion to ask the membership to lift the boycott on states which did not ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

BY-LAWS. Linda Parrott was asked to serve as Chair of a Committee to review and possibly revise the By-Laws.

AFFILIATE COMMITTEE. The Committee has arranged a symposium for the 1984 Convention. They are also conducting an assessment of the effectiveness of the Area Resource Person Network.

CERTIFICATION. Linda Parrott was appointed Acting Chair of the Certification Committee until such time as a Chair could be found.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE. Council approved a motion to establish a presentation at each Convention which would be arranged by the President. This arrangement was envisioned as a method of bringing other well-known academicians and professionals to the Convention.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. Council approved an application for Special Interest Group status from the JABA User's Group.

POLITICAL ACTION. Since ABA is considered a business league, political activities by members will not threaten the ABA's tax exempt status as long as the activities are not excessive and reflect the professional interests of the group. Groups participating in political action should include a disclaimer that any presentation or mailing "does not represent the opinions or