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Thanks to Steve Graf, Outgoing Editor

Steve Graf of Youngstown State University has diligently and carefully edited the past thirty issues of the *ABA Newsletter* for a period spanning almost nine years. Steve's unfailing patience and support through changes in equipment, design, and layout were much appreciated by all in the ABA office who worked with him on the *Newsletter*.

Steve's work has been critical to contact between the Association and its members, and essential in sending the message that behavior analysis is alive and well. In the issue, you will see some of the content changes he has supported in the *Newsletter*, including the "New Developments" column, "Notes from a Radical Behaviorist," and the new "International Development" column.

For this work, we owe him much. Thanks Steve!

Peter A. Lamal Appointed Editor of *The ABA Newsletter*

At their Fall 1992 meeting in Chicago, the ABA Executive Council appointed Peter A. Lamal to a three year term as Editor of the *ABA Newsletter*. Dr. Lamal has been active in behavior analysis and ABA for several years. Recently, he was elected to the Executive Board of Division 25 (Experimental Analysis of Behavior) of the American Psychological Association. He currently serves as a member of the editorial board of the journal *Behavior and Social Issues* (published by the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies) and, recently completed an edited book entitled *Behavioral Analysis of Societies and Cultural Practices* (1991, Hemisphere Publishing).

Dr. Lamal received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is currently a member of the Psychology faculty at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte where he has been since 1970.

Dr. Lamal has published more than 30 journal papers and book chapters and has presented a similar number of papers at regional, national and international conferences. In addition to his work on the board of *Behavior and Social Issues*, he also serves as a consulting editor for *Teaching of Psychology* and *The Behavior Analyst* and has served as an ad hoc reviewer for *Journal of Educational Psychology*, *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* and *American Psychologist*.

The members of the Executive Council are pleased that Dr. Lamal has agreed to accept the position for a three year term and look forward to his continuing contribution to ABA and the *ABA Newsletter*. He will assume the Editor's position effective January 1, 1993 (Volume 16) and will work with the ABA office to establish procedures for submissions and editing to ensure timely publication of the *Newsletter* in the future.

All submissions for publication in the *ABA Newsletter* should be sent to P.A. Lamal, Ph.D., ABA Newsletter Editor, Department of Psychology, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC 28223. Submissions must be received by December 2nd for consideration for the Spring issue (February 22nd mailing), by March 2nd for consideration for the Summer issue (May 22nd mailing), by June 15th for consideration for the Fall issue (September 7th mailing), and by September 2nd for consideration for the Winter issue (November 22nd mailing).

Notes from the Editor

As I put together my last issue as *Newsletter* editor, I thought back to some of the highlights from years past. Notes, suggestions, and articles received from heroes Fred Keller and Fred Skinner seemed to top the list. The letter in this issue from Sid Bijou typifies what I'm talking about. Sid's idea for an international feature in the *Newsletter* each issue is something that we're trying to incorporate right away. International Development Committee Chair Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar has kindly agreed to help coordinate this effort and Ullin Place's article represents the first installment. Seems like something we should have thought of long ago. I hope it works out well.

Another highlight for me has been the incorporation of Dick Malott's feature, "Notes from a Radical Behaviorist." Here's a fellow eminent in the field who writes with the clarity, skill and humor of a Kurt Vonnegut, but like Vonnegut, still comes at us from the fringe. With subtle self-deprecation, he gets us to look at odd things and old things in new ways. He generates a healthy kind of controversy that adds heat in a medium where responses from readers are hard to come by. I have certainly appreciated his contributions and hope he'll continue them into the far future.

The nine years I've been editor seemed to go by quickly, somewhat similar to a baseball game in which you're pitching and the score remains continually tied. You never really think very far ahead—you just try to concentrate on getting the next batter (issue) out. One inning (year) follows another and suddenly you realize it's the ninth. "Gosh," you say to yourself. "I didn't think I'd make it this far. I didn't have my *really* good stuff tonight." You realize that the reason you did make it was because of solid efforts of your teammates like Shery Chamberlain and Ken Alling, Dave Lyon and Bill Redmon, who made both the routine plays and the great plays behind you. The boxscore won't show how much they helped and the people reading the paper tomorrow won't know, but you know and you hope you'll be able to convey your appreciation appropriately. At this point in the game you're reluctant to tell the manager to take you out, but you're a veteran and you know that you've got some people down in the bullpen who are fresh and can really fire that pill. "Glad to be a part of this organization and have had this chance to make a contribution," you say as you toss the ball to the reliever.

Steve Graf
Editor, ABA Newsletter

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