

Hail, Joan Creager

With this issue of ABT, Joan Creager steps down as Editor. In doing so, she leaves a rich and gratifying legacy. When she assumed the editorship in 1974, the American Biology Teacher was a solid product, the result of previous years of strongly committed and dedicated editors. Joan strode boldly into that tradition but, as is her style, was not beholden nor bound to it. Instead, in due course, the journal was transformed as her goals sharpened and her leadership consolidated. Although a journal is the voice of its sponsoring organization, it becomes the character of its editor. So it is with ABT. It is Joan Creager. And, it is singularly good, a credit to both her and NABT.

Joan has given true yeoman's service (she would insist on "yeoperson's"!) to NABT not only through her editorial duties but also in providing advice and counsel to the Executive Committee and Governing Board, which she serves *ex-officio*, in arranging workshops and programs at the National Convention, and currently as a member of the 1981 National Convention Committee. But it is her work with ABT that she leaves her greatest mark—soliciting papers, dogging recalcitrant authors, cajoling and encouraging some writers and saying a firm no to others, and most importantly, exercising judgment. The result is a journal which is of high quality, diverse content, timely, and instructive. That's her imprimatur.

On behalf of all our readers, I express appreciation to you, Joan Creager, for the excellence of your contribution to NABT as Editor of the American Biology Teacher and wish you well as you continue your teaching and writing. We look forward to seeing you in the journal as an author, but we shall not forget you as its Editor.

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