Dear Biology Educator,

Next year, 2008, we will be celebrat- ing our 70th year of existence. During the spring, I read George Jeffers and Jerr P. Lightner's book, *As We Remember I: A Personal Recollection of the First Fou Decades of the National Association Biology Teachers*. The announcement of the formation of NABT appeared in the July 2 1938 edition of *The New York Times*: the title, "Biologists Form Society—Nation Teachers Group will Publish a Journa Dr. Oscar Riddle of the Carnegie Institut made the announcement. Needless to sa I was impressed with our dramatic "bir announcement."

Jerry was the first Executive Direct of NABT and served in a leadership ro for more that 18 years (1960-1978). I a grateful to Jerry Lightner for sharing th book with me because the information his book has generated two major activ ties to which the Board of Directors h made a commitment.

First, there is a need for a define fund raising campaign. To this need, th NABT Board of Directors created a ne staff position, Director of Developmen The Director's major responsibility to improve our financial status throug accessing non-traditional funding sou es and establishing an endowment fun

Second, in 2013, NABT will celebra its Diamond Anniversary (75 years). No is the time to write a history of NABT th spans the 75 years. Leonard Blessing ar Monroe Cravats spent the summer ge erating an outline for the book. Denn Gathman, Chair of the Retired Member Section, is working with the retired men bers to refine the outline and find author for the writing task. The Board's nex step is to find a sponsor or sponsors wh will provide funding for the publication Please, if you are interested in writing have information to share, contact th NABT office. I think these two goals: a endowment fund and a book of our hi tory are achievable by 2013.

This will be my last letter to yo as President of NABT. So I am lookin ahead but I want to take some time reflect on the activities of NABT durin