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## Introduction to Remembrances Seven past editors

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This year, 1990, marks the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the *Biophysical Journal*. In modest celebration of this event, this issue of the Journal, number 6, volume 58, has two unusual offerings. The first is the lecture given by Dr. David MacLennan, the International Lecturer of the Biophysical Society. Dr. MacLennan presented this lecture at the Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society in Baltimore this past February. We hope each year to publish the National Lecture in the Journal. The second unusual offering is a collection of short essays written by seven Past-Editors of the Journal. These essays focus on the events surrounding its founding and on the questions and problems faced by the Editors of the past thirty years. Although the quality, character, and size of the Journal have changed considerably during this

period, in reading these essays you will note that the problems and challenges faced by each Editor have changed very little. From the beginning of the Journal the definition of Biophysics, and hence the scope of the Journal contents, has been a serious editorial concern. The financial base, which ultimately determines the number of pages published, has always been and continues to be a focus of attention. The quality, structure, and rapidity of the review process is a perennial preoccupation of the Editor. These essays, while reflecting the individuality of each Editor, taken together not only provide insight into the editorial process, but also an interesting perspective on Biophysics.

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