NOTES FROM THE EXECSEC

The Winter of '78, or: Confessions of an Ice-Eater.

It seems almost impossible in looking at the calendar to believe the date. The rites of spring fast approach, at least for some of us, and yet it seems that only yesterday did the ice and cold and snow first penetrate our bones. Where the time did pass I know not, I only hope some of it was productive, in some areas I know I was not. While it is no excuse, I know now what one aspect of "cabin fever" must surely be. What I kept putting off for one day, until tomorrow when I certainly would be freer, spanned two months. What shook me loose was one of the beautiful events that mark seasonal change. Last weekend while crossing the Missouri river on I-70 at Rocheport, coming back from St. Louis, I sighted two huge V's of Canadas heading north. One was the longest I had ever witnessed. The sun was just setting, it had been a pleasant day in the western part of the state (Cape Girardeau was in the process of getting buried in 24 inches of snow), and I suddenly felt whatever grip winter had on me lessen. The feeling of sphynx had seemed to disappear. This week seemed even more productive and I hope the volume will increase.

Shortly, you will be receiving a membership directory, which had been in the works and is being run off now. Please let me know of any errors, omissions, or corrections, so that these can be tended to properly. Please don't assume someone else will write, you write.

Remember the fall meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, October 11-13. The program progresses and promises to be in keeping with AMCBT tradition of being pertinent, useful, and always on top of matters biological. Any suggestions you might have for the program, please send on to me, or to the program chairman, Bob Satterfield, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. We are always looking for Labs that work, speaker suggestions, workshop topics, people to present ideas, but most importantly people, people to come. It's YOUR meeting, plan now to attend and to bring someone else along.

While speaking of meetings of AMCBT, anyone who would like to host a meeting, please notify the ExecSec of same with preferred dates. All will receive consideration. We would like to hold YOUR meeting at YOUR institution.

Hope you all have a happy spring.

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