It is no secret to any of you that costs of every kind are continually increasing, and as a result everyone is seeking ways to economize. Unfortunately some folks have chosen to economize by dropping their membership in AMCBT and as a result we have been declining in numbers. This has posed a financial hardship on the association, resulting in the cutting back of expenses where possible. The Executive Committee did not have its fall planning meeting as has been customary, during which the outline of the following year's program is laid out. This is the single biggest expense of the Association, and could not be afforded this year. We do not feel that this will have any impact on the Fall Program, or at least so we hope. The proof will lie in the program itself and we await its result. This also accounts for the requests you have received for what you wanted in the program and what you were willing to contribute yourself to the program. As has been stated before, AMCBT is its membership. It is and will be whatever the members willing to give of themselves, of their time, and their talents. Please remember this and give Bill Doemel and all future program chairmen all the help you can. On a more mundane note as ExeSec I've got to come up with some way of getting the funds we need. Part of this can be solved by all of the members renewing their memberships, and getting new members. You are all part of a very large membership committee. Secondly, although this is not a pleasant way to go, it might be necessary to raise membership dues. Here again, your help is requested. The bottom of this sheet consists of two items: One is a standard Dues Notice, the second a ballot. Use the first if you haven't renewed your membership for 1981, or use it to recruit a new member (if you've paid your dues for '81). The ballot is an informational thing for the Executive Committee to use this fall in discussions on the question of dues. Tell us whether we should raise dues, and also what you feel would be an adequate figure. Obviously we are asking for a bit of trouble in merely asking you if we should raise dues, no one likes to pay more for anything, however we feel that you are all very realistic people, who know full well that some things cost more but are worth it.

ASSOCIATION OF MIDWESTERN COLLEGE BIOLOGY TEACHERS—DUES NOTICE

DUES FOR YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1981

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP ........................................ 6.00
RETIRE MEMBERSHIP ........................................ 3.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AMCBT. RETURN THIS NOTICE WITH ADDRESS AND REMITTANCE TO---
AMCBT CENTRAL OFFICE
C/O DEPT. OF BIOLOGY
ROCKHURST COLLEGE
KANSAS CITY, MO 64110

NAME_________________________ ADDRESS_________________________

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I am in favor of raising dues for AMCBT

I am not in favor of raising dues for AMCBT

The dues ($6.00) should be raised to the following: $8.00 ; $10.00 ; other .

Name(if desired)________________________________________________