KEARNEY INVITATIONAL

Elsewhere in this issue some of the papers presented at Kearney are summarized so that all members can share in some aspects of that meeting. There is no way, however, in which one of the major features can be shared. The morning and evening flights of the sandhill cranes must be one of greatest of the massed animal sights on the continent. This reporter suspects that in earlier days they rivaled the mass migrations of the bison. Dawn on the Platte River, with untold thousands of cranes rising against a blazing red and blue sky, is indescribable. Even from several hundred yards, the din of birds still on the primary roost in the river was masked by the wing noises of those leaving. Behavior on the feeding grounds, especially the "dance" was fascinating, but for sheer grandeur nothing could equal the sight of the massed flights.

Meeting organizer John C.W. Bliese, Department Chairman Marvin Williams, and all staff members at Kearney are to be commended for arranging this meeting. The papers were informative and interesting, the hospitality warm, and the field trips awe-inspiring. AMCBT members and other college biology teachers from several states and a variety of colleges were in attendance. AMCBT President Bob Buchholz believes that such adjunct meetings as this could become a valuable addition to the Association's activities. Other institutions may not have as spectacular a feature as the sandhill cranes to headline a meeting, but the opportunity of sharing views of campus facilities, discussions of programs, and presentation of instructional ideas on a more frequent basis to members and non-members alike can be utilized by every college and university. The organization will assist individuals or departments in planning and publicizing various adjunct activities. Quoting Bob, "Maybe there should be several Spring Field Trip meetings? I think that AMCBT would be better and stronger by such activities!"

--- and in 400 million years some teachers will be bragging about their innovations!