FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

-----Membership and Dues Notice: Coming out shortly will be the 1984 notice of dues. This notice will also be used to assist us in cleaning up our mailing list. AMCBT has carried some members beyond their last dues payment by a good margin, and retaining them is costing the Association time and money. We hope that those who wish to be dropped will let us know; however, no response will be considered as a negative response. There are also some other questions asked such as, what is your 9 digit ZIP (if you know it), and also your telephone number. This last is strictly for AMCBT purposes to facilitate communication. Also asked are some questions which appear on the new application forms that deal with areas of interest within Biology. Answers to these questions should assist the program chairs in planning Annual Meetings.

-----1984 Annual Meeting: The 1984 Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago, Illinois this fall at St. Xavier College. A tentative theme title is, "1984--Brave New World?" and this sets a tone for the meeting. John Jungck is in charge of the program, and would welcome any suggestions you might have, and any or all of you as volunteers to present a paper. Contact John at the Department of Biology, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511.

-----Honorary Life Membership: Do you know of someone in AMCBT who has served well and long? Would you want to nominate them for an Honorary Life Membership? If so, work up a brief biographical sketch, highlighting their role in AMCBT, within their institution, etc., and submit it to the Executive Secretary (Edward S. Kos, AMCBT Central Office, Department of Biology, Rockhurst College, Kansas City, MO 64110.). If more information is needed we'll let you know.

RESOLUTIONS ENACTED AT THE 1983 ANNUAL MEETING

(Editor's note: This version has been edited to improve clarity and reflect the recent change in the administration of the Department of the Interior. Neither the sense nor the intent of the original resolution was changed.)

Whereas:

A. The Secretary of the Interior has shown insensitivity to environmental and conservation issues by (1) increasing oil and coal leasing; (2) reducing the wilderness areas; and (3) encouraging development rather than conservation;

B. Tropical ecosystems are being destroyed at unprecedented rates with concurrent loss of genepools;

C. The Environmental Protection Agency is not enacting regulations to reduce acid rain;

D. President Ronald Reagan supports the present environmental and conservation policy of the government.

Now be it resolved that:

A. Members of the Association of Midwest Biology Teachers continue their efforts to mobilize students toward a positive, appropriate relationship with the environment;

B. Members of the AMCBT become positive spokespersons for the maintenance and improvement of the quality of the environment;
C. members of the AMCBT continue their personal efforts or initiate new efforts to improve their environment;
D. members of the AMCBT continue to express in an appropriate manner their displeasure with the policies of the Secretary of the Interior and the president of the United States.

Resolutions for consideration at the 1984 meeting should be sent to Robert Satterfield (Department of Biology, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137). I would like to publish the proposed resolutions in the August issue of BIOSCENE so that everyone has an opportunity to consider them carefully.

THANKS AGAIN TO HAROLD HANSEN, THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, AND ST. OLAF COLLEGE FOR THE WARM WELCOME EXTENDED TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AMCBT.

At the December meeting of the Steering Committee a tentative schedule for Annual Meetings during the next five years was proposed:

1984 - St. Xavier College (Sr. M. Johnson)
1985 - Augustana College (Dr. I. Larsen)
1986 - Sangamon State University (Dr. A. Larsen)
1987 - Beloit College (Dr. J. Jungck)
1988 - Quincy College (Dr. A. Pogge)

REQUEST FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:
Please travel to your local post office and purchase a post card. Send this card to Don Scoby, Department of Botany, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND 58102. Urge Don to finish his manuscript for the BIOSCENE and suggest candidates for office in the AMCBT; President Elect and members of the Steering Committee. (Don promised to send me his manuscript with pictures for publication in this issue, but with your help, I am certain that all of us will hear about the ecology of Don's home.)

AMCBT COLLEGE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENTS
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Biology at Central University of Iowa (A.K.A. Central College) is strongly influenced by the broader goals of the college itself. CUI's enrollment of about 1,500 includes some 200 students who are off-campus at any one time as part of the college's programs in International Studies, with campuses in: Yucatan, Mexico; Granada, Spain; Vienna, Austria; Paris, France; London, England; and Carmarthen, Wales. Over 70% of CUI students spend a term or more of the 3x3 calendar at one of the international campuses; and, because of these associations CUI has a greater number of foreign students in the Pella, Iowa campus than one might expect—currently about 75 non-native English speaking foreign students from 22 foreign countries.

The Biology Department graduates about 15-17 majors per year. For the past 30 years there has been a striking diversity in vocational plans of our graduates. About 22% have entered one of the Health Sciences (including Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Physical Therapy, Medical Technology, etc.); about 32% have entered professions in academic Biology, about half of these at the Ph.D. level; about 15% are engaged in Secondary School Biology/Science Teaching; about 11% are in some business operation; and, about 14% are in a