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 gene pools;
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;