MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

Spring came late this year to Crawfordsville. Some would argue it never arrived. April, then May, slipped by and now it is almost July. Nevertheless here it is the June issue of BioScene. Sadly, this issue lacks the diversity of perspectives present (I am sure) but cleverly hidden within our membership. John Elmore and G. Tanner Girard, not yet members of AMCBT DID, contribute an informative article about Desert Ecology. Thank you John and Tanner. Thanks also to Bob Satterfield and Jim Holler for their article on Science Education. My colleagues at Wabash also contributed a number of reviews of computer software which may stimulate interest.

Oh, but friends, you who are silent, do you want to continue to read the views of the same 25 or so members and non-members who write articles. Well, I am tired of seeing the same names issue after issue, particularly my own. The next issue is yours, silent ones. Will it be a blank piece of paper or will it be a volume filled with exciting ideas about biology? It's up to you. November 1 is the deadline for articles! (The August issue will be devoted to the meeting.) I hope that my mailbox will be stuffed, but I am skeptical. In the meantime, if you want to yell or whisper at me about the BioScene, I can be reached at 362-1400 ext. 219.

Question for consideration - What is your institution doing to encourage Black students to attend your college, to enable them to achieve academic and social success, and to encourage them to continue their education to become scholars in the arts and sciences? According to the Wall Street Journal, June 12th edition, Black academicians are an endangered species. And what about Hispanic and Chicano youth - after all they are the fastest growing minority? Indeed, should predominately white institutions be concerned about the needs of minorities, particularly when finances are tight?