TO THE MEMBERS OF AMCBT

Hopefully your holidays were filled with joy and happiness, and that you are all ready to return (or may already have done so) to the joys of the classroom.

All of you will be getting or should have gotten, a notice of dues renewal, unless you were paid in advance. Please tend to this as soon as you can, and save us the time and expense involved in further statements.

The Fall Annual Meeting was judged to be successful by the some 70 of you who attended. St. Xavier's in Chicago, is a very attractive urban college. The program and the field trips were especially enjoyable.

Getting ready for next year's meeting, the Steering Committee met at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL on December 1st to lay out some preliminary plans for the meeting. The central theme of the meeting is, "Biology -- An Experimental Science". It was considered that this would be an appropriate time to reemphasize the fact (which we in the business all know) that biology, despite what many schools and administrators would like to do about it, is and always has been an experimental science. This program promises to be especially rewarding. If you have any ideas on presentations, or want to volunteer your help, contact the Program Chairman, Harold Wilkinson, Department of Biology, Millikin University, Decatur, IL 62522. I'm sure he will welcome your assistance.

Last fall I received a couple of notes from long standing AMCBT members informing me of changes in their status. One note came from Fr. John Ostidiek, who is now completely out of teaching and is the director of the Alverna Retreat house in Indianapolis, Indiana. He keeps a little of his hand in science, however, in that he has been appointed to the Institutional Review Board at St. Vincent's Hospital reviewing clinical medicine proposals. He sends his best wishes to all AMCBT members.

The other note came from Charles Vaughn of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Charles goes back to the founding meeting of AMCBT along with Leland and Willis Johnson. Although he made emeritus professor in 1981, Miami hauled him back as Associate Dean for Research and Special Programs. As Charles points out, "...half time turned out 1/2 time in AM and 1/2 time in PM and assorted weekends." Also as of October 1983, he has been National President of Phi Sigma. As he says, he's too busy "...to be emeritus as as arthritis." Attaway Charles.

I hope that you will all have an excellent semester, and that you will respond to Harold Wilkinson's efforts to produce a quality program for our Annual Meeting. You all are the society, you all make it work...or not work!

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EFFECTS OF A HIDDEN CURRICULUM ON WOMEN'S SELECTION OF SCIENCE COURSES

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What effects can the conditioning of a hidden curriculum have on women's selection of science courses at the secondary level? Hidden curriculum