A NOTE FROM YOUR 1982 PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Mark your calendars NOW for the 1982 AMCBT meetings held next year at Central College (Pella, Iowa) on October 8 and 9, 1982. Having recently returned from a weekend planning session for the fall 1982 meetings, the AMCBT steering committee members are very excited about next year's program and we think that you will be too. The theme for the meeting will be "Biological Education = Quality Program." A film festival featuring evolution films will be held Friday morning. Friday afternoon the main focus will be on the use of computers in biology teaching. A "computer fair" will allow representatives from several different companies to show what they can offer. Program possibilities for Saturday include an update on industrial genetic engineering, teacher burnout, recruitment and retention efforts, library acquisitions and services, grant writing, department finances, articulation between community and four year institutions, and an update on the punctuated vs. gradual evolution discussion.

We still have a need for resource people from the organization (or recommendations from members) in the following areas:

1. Someone to lead the session on departmental finances (how to stretch departmental dollars.)

2. Someone to lead the session on articulation between community colleges and four year institutions.

3. Several persons to describe and demonstrate computer (especially microcomputer) programs that have worked well in their teaching to the group interested in the discipline. The four different groups will be physiology, ecology, genetics, and general biology.

4. Persons willing to provide an update-review (latest developments) in their own teaching discipline.

5. Persons willing to report on "labs that work."

6. Persons willing to give brief (15-30 minute) presentations during our "Biological Potpourri" session Friday morning.

7. Volunteers to serve as recorders and/or introducers.

Please contact your program chairman, Neil Baird, at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois 62522, SOON if you would be able to help in any of the above capacities or if you have other suggestions or ideas. Remember that the success of our meetings depends upon the membership being willing to share ideas and expertise for the benefit of all in the organization. We'll be providing more details on the program in the spring issue of the Bioscience.