Thanks to all of the presenters and chairpeople who participated in the 25th Annual Meeting of the AMCBT at Carroll College. I especially appreciated the cooperation and effort of the local arrangements committee headed by Ted Michaud. The theme of this year's meeting was Biology in the 80's. Dr. Jane Kahle, Purdue University, gave the keynote address, "Biology in 1984 and Beyond." For her, student population, government support, and science literacy projections imply that college biologists need to reassess their teaching methods and their educational goals. A copy of her talk is included in this issue of the BioScene.

I could not attend all of the presentations, but during coffee breaks and during the evening activities, I heard many positive comments about the quality and interest of the concurrent sessions. Several of the sessions deserve special mention. Ed Cawley, Loras College and John Jungck, Beloit College, brought their microcomputer hard- and software. During Friday and Saturday, they gave several lecture-demonstrations about the utility of these systems for the biology laboratory. Indeed these systems may enable us to teach biology more effectively at less cost. As you will discover later in this issue of BioScene, next year we hope to focus on the variety of computer hard- and software that is available.

Sister Julia Van Denack, Silver Lake College, led a discussion concerning the continuing debate about the teaching of evolution in the high school classroom. The interest of our members in this program stimulated the Steering Committee to include a section on evolution in next year's program.

Judith and William Brett talked about the mid-career crisis for the biology teacher. After discussing the evident stages of burn-out, they proceeded to discuss ways for faculty to "reignite" the fires of enthusiasm. Watch for a future article in BioScene.

Bruce MacIntyre, Carroll College, informed many of our members about the hazards posed by formaldehyde vapors in the biology laboratory. He also presented a method to evaluate the levels in the air and means to reduce these levels. It was a useful presentation for many of us regard laboratory chemicals as safe simply because we have worked with them all of our professional lives and have not observed any ill effects. Certainly that perspective, although common, is not scientific nor is it necessarily beneficial to the welfare of our students.

During the final panel discussion, former Presidents of the Association reflected on the beginnings of AMCBT and challenged the membership to revive the excitement, to broaden the colleges represented and to increase the membership of AMCBT. We were pleased to welcome the first and second Presidents of the Association, Leland Johnson and Willis Johnson. Joining them on the panel were Phyllis Kingsbury, 22nd President, and John Carlock, 11th President and former Executive Secretary.

Finally, I thank all of you who attended the meeting and participated in the discussions. I hope to see all of you next year at Central College, Pella, Iowa. Greetings also to those of you who were unable to attend the meeting. I hope to see all of you next year. Let's make the 1982 meeting our biggest ever. You can help next year's program chairperson, Neil Baird, by sending him your ideas now.

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