AN UPDATE ON THE 1982 PROGRAM

It is time for all members to be making plans to attend the annual meeting at Central College (Pella, Iowa) on October 8 and 9, 1982. In their planning, the steering committee has taken a close look at current issues facing biological education in the 80s. The fall program at Central College examines ways for colleges to maintain quality educational programs despite diminishing resources.

Highlights of the program include the following. Ted Crovello from the University of Notre Dame will provide the opening address on the use of microcomputers in biological education. Ed Cawley from Loras College is finalizing arrangements with computer companies who will be represented at our "computer fair". Anita Salem from Rockhurst College will provide an orientation workshop for people unfamiliar with what the microcomputer can do in the classroom. Films have been ordered for our evolution film festival. Jack Bennett, one of our honorary life members from Northern Illinois University, will provide an overview of different evolution mechanisms that have contributed to biological diversity. Ray Reed from Jefferson Community College will lead a session on recruitment and retention programs. Nancy Doemel from Wabash College will lead a session on grantsmanship.

Several other people have recently offered to help and these arrangements are being made at the present time. We could still use someone to lead a session on departmental finances (how to stretch departmental dollars) and someone for the topic of library acquisitions and services. Let me know if you could help in these areas or if you have others suggestions or ideas.

A complete detailed program will be coming out at the end of the summer. If every member were to make a copy of the program and circulate it within the department (or send it to colleagues at a sister institution down the road) we might increase our attendance quite a bit and make the organization stronger. Bring a friend or two with you to the meetings in October!

See you in Pella,

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