Another busy year has just been concluded and already we're planning for the next academic year and of course the AMCBT meeting at Central College in Pella, Iowa. Because of administrative caution with budgets the travel funds at most schools have not increased and were minimal to begin with (sound familiar?); therefore, much of those funds may be used to attend the AMCBT meetings - wherever they might be held. Since this may be the one big meeting that is attended each year we try to make the topic and program appropriate so that it is worth the travel time and expenditures incurred.

Most of AMCBT membership comes from colleges and universities where the primary emphasis is on the teaching aspects of education. I am a more recent member to the AMCBT organization than some of you, being a member for the last 3 or 6 years. One of the reasons I've found the AMCBT group to be so enjoyable is the similarity of purpose at our meetings which is the desire to learn new teaching techniques or approaches that we can incorporate into our own methods. A second reason that I've enjoyed AMCBT so much is the same as Austin Brooks has mentioned in the March issue of Bioscene - Friendship. The group is very compatible, bringing to the organization a common interest - BIOLOGY but with a diversity of backgrounds and ideas. A third reason I've enjoyed the organization is the chance to share concerns and solutions with individuals of other schools. Often one will find that their concerns are common and often solvable. For these as well as other reasons, I have found AMCBT a very worthwhile organization.
To give you the same high quality programs that you have had at past meetings we are now into the full planning of next Fall's meeting at Central College. Neil Baird is the Program Chairman and has been working much of this Spring Semester by contacting people to present a pertinent topic at the meeting. Neil would appreciate anyone who would like to volunteer for a "spot" in the program. If any of you would like to be a presenter or know of someone (member or nonmember) who would have a good topic or presentation, please let Neil know this summer.

Over the years we have allowed our membership to dwindle for a variety of reasons. Ray Reed, of Jefferson Community College in Louisville, Kentucky has agreed to be our membership chairman and to help in the recruitment of new members. Although Ray will be working with members in each state to help him recruit new members, it is still important for each one of us in AMCBT to inform other nonmembers of our own Biology Departments and also friends at neighboring schools about the organization.

To help in our recruitment we are preparing a new brochure that should be available sometime this summer to help attract new members. If you can help us in our recruitment please write to the AMCBT Central Office at Rockhurst College and ask for some of the brochures to be sent so that we can sell ourselves to prospective members. I reiterate what Austin Brooks said, "To maintain AMCBT diversity and viability, make 1982 the year you bring in a new member."

Thanks for "listenin" and we'll see you and your new recruit in October.