MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

This issue is the beginning of an experiment. I agreed to serve as the editor of MIDWEST BIOSCENE for the remainder of this year. In October, at the annual meeting, both the Steering Committee and I will review the results of the experiment and decide if I will continue for another year as editor. My success or failure depends on my ability to convince you to participate with me in this experiment. I love to talk, but I don't enjoy writing. Fortunately, I believe that my friends have recognized this problem and have provided many interesting articles for this issue. At the annual meeting, Jack Bennett treated all of us to a persuasive speech about the teaching of evolution. In this issue you will find an edited version of Jack's talk and summaries of other presentations made by Bruce Peterson, Mary Jane Sullivan, John Bartha, Paul Mayes and Neil Baird. Dr. Brandt's lecture, "BIOTECHNOLOGY: INDUSTRY'S FOCUS", completes a brief summary of the annual meeting. As you will discover when you read this edition, there is much more to discover in this issue including letters from members, an advertisement for a position and more. Certainly I believe that this has been a strong start and I plan to hold the pace.

The next issue of the MIDWEST BIOSCENE will be published in April so I will need to have your articles by March. In the next issue, I hope to start several columns: (1) MICROCOMPUTERS IN BIOLOGICAL EDUCATION, (2) LABORATORIES THAT WORK, (3) JOB OPENINGS, (4) BIOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT, (5) NEWS ABOUT THE MEMBERS, (6) MINORITIES IN BIOLOGY, (7) DEPARTMENTAL PROFILES, (8) CULTURE EXCHANGE, (9) FEATURED STUDENT RESEARCH REPORTS. So that all of you will be ready for "rooing", Don Huffman has prepared a guide about Midwestern mushrooms that will be included in the next issue. All of you should know that the Steering Committee has provided me with a telephone budget. So before I call you and urge you to write an article, why don't you spend a creative evening by a warm fire and write an article for the APRIL ISSUE OF THE MIDWEST BIOSCENE.

Send all of those exciting ideas and articles to: WILLIAM DOEMEL, BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, WABASH COLLEGE, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN. 47933. My telephone number is (317) 362-1400 Ext 219.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Austin Brooks, Chairperson of the Honorary Member Committee, wrote the following testimonial about Russel Wagner)

OUR NEWEST HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Russel O. Wagner became the twelfth AMCBT, Honorary Life Member at the Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Association held at Central College in Pella, Iowa last October 8 and 9. In 1958, the second year of the Association, Russel attended his first meeting; he has