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In My Opinion

IT'S YOUR JOURNAL

American Biology Teacher belongs to you, the members of NABT. My job as editor is at the same time an awesome responsibility and an exciting challenge. In becoming editor I was fortunate to inherit from Jack Carter and those who assisted him a well organized editorial operation and a very good journal. I was exceedingly fortunate to entice former administrative assistant, Candace Bradford, to accept the position of assistant editor. We hope to publish in forthcoming issues information and ideas that are worthy of your attention.

I have given some thought to editorial policies that have high priority for me: (i) Every issue should contain a significant amount of material directly usable by teachers with their students. (ii) Given the importance of life-science education in today's society, our journal should serve a larger audience of high-school teachers as well as life-science teachers from elementary to college and adult levels. (iii) Knowledge of facts and understanding of concepts are necessary, but not sufficient, components of biological education; as teachers we must be concerned about the social and ethical implications of science and technology, and our journal must publish thoughtful articles that reflect these concerns. (iv) In an environment undergoing rapidly accelerating change, an important goal of education should be to enhance the student's adaptability. Our journal, itself, should be responsive to change, and it should strive to help teachers become more responsive and adaptable.

I invite your response to the policies. Furthermore, I would emphasize that these policies or any others can be put into practice only through the cooperation of our membership. You have the good ideas and the worthwhile information that should be published. Consider submitting a carefully prepared manuscript or encourage a colleague to do so. Offer your services as a reviewer of books, manuscripts, or audiovisual materials. Above all, send us your suggestions about how the journal might better meet your needs. For example, are there new features that should be added or old ones that should be deleted? Should we give more space to reviewing audiovisual materials? Should we add a column on free teaching materials? Would you pay more for a journal on recycled paper? Let us know what you want—it's your journal.

Joan G. Creager, editor