

## TO OUR READERS:

The Achievement Award in Writing and the Promising Young Writers awards are conferred by the National Council of Teachers of English to recognize the accomplishments of high school juniors and seniors as writers. We have included poetry written by two award winners, Andi Key-Sobiech from Hopkins and Jennifer Isley from Willmar, in the issue.

Ron Barron, MCTE president in 1990-1991, was one of five runners-up in the Senior High division for the 1991-1992 *English Journal* writing awards. Ron's article, "What I Wish I Had Known about Peer-Response Groups but Didn't" was published in September 1991 EJ. He teaches at Richfield Senior High School.

The NCTE/NRA Joint Task Force on Intellectual Freedom has prepared a brochure titled "Common Ground." The two organizations hope to make it clear that they speak with one voice against censorship and in favor of a free flow of materials and ideas in public school classrooms. Their joint statement reads: "All students in public school classrooms have the right to materials and educational experiences that promote open inquiry, critical thinking, diversity in thought and expression, and respect for others. Denial or restriction of this right is an infringement of intellectual freedom." The brochure includes principles, strategies for action, and resource lists. Single copies are available at no cost from Wendy Russ at IRA, or Don Robbins at NCTE. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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