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SCIENCE NOTES

Elementary Science Teachers Section Receives Grant

The Elementary Science Teachers Section of the Iowa Academy of Science received a \$12,374.25 grant from the Iowa Space Grant Consortium, directed by Dr. Wallace Sanders, at Iowa State University. (Although administered by state groups, funds are from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.)

The funded proposal will enhance elementary science through specific activities provided to elementary teachers of science and their students. The enhancement will be accomplished via five major thrusts:

1. Publishing *Science: Practical, Applicable Resources — Kindergarten through Sixth* (S.P.A.R.K.S.), an activity-centered newsletter, to be sent to all Elementary Section Members and to every elementary school building in Iowa.
2. Helping pay IAS membership dues.
3. Supporting two annual meetings held in conjunction with the fall ISTS Meeting and the spring IAS Annual Meeting.
4. Supporting cooperative efforts with NASA, NSTA, NABT, ACS, CESI and AAAS.
5. Developing and distributing "How-To-Help Fliers." These will feature practical activities for elementary teachers to use in their classrooms.

The IAS project director is David Fagle. Suzanne Kelly and Gary E. Downs will serve as project consultants. Any elementary teacher desiring to become a member of the Elementary Science Teachers section of the Iowa Academy of Science should contact the Iowa Academy of Science Office, ph. (319) 273-2021.

Review: *Odyssey*

Kalmbach Publishing has now sold its middle-school/junior-high level magazine *Odyssey* to Cobblestone Publishing. This magazine uses the theme of space and astronomy to motivate its readers. The transfer of ownership has resulted in a reduction of the page-size of the magazine, while most of the features of the earlier journal are retained.

A typical issue has four feature articles, book reviews, letters and "Cadet Classified." The latter is a classified section available at no cost to subscribers. The articles are lively and accurate. The art work is colorful and appealing. While this reviewer has a bias for astronomy as opposed to space science, the publication is to be recommended for the young reader. A one-year (10 issue) subscription costs \$19.95 and is available from Cobblestone Publishing, Inc., 30 Grove St., Peterborough, NH 03458.

—D.H.