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scheduled in advance; one month's notice is typically enough for scheduling any type of operation except, perhaps, a research project.

The only cost, says Pohlod, is that incurred by the users for their own travel, meals, lodging, and such. There is no charge for using the U of I reactor.

For more information or to schedule share-time, contact Pohlod at the reactor facility, 217/333-0866 or 7755.

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Teachers Needed to Evaluate New Program

The Winter Science Curriculum Project (WSCP) is developing a new program of activities and needs evaluators for 1987.

The activities deal with physical and life science topics that can best be studied in cold weather. Designed to replace traditional winter laboratory experiences, all of the investigations use a discovery or problem-solving approach.

Urban as well as rural schools can benefit from the program which is available for courses in general, physical, earth and life sciences at the middle or high school level.

Teachers in the northern United States and Canada wishing to participate in the testing and evaluating of these activities are eligible for a small stipend. To receive information and a broader description of the program, teachers may contact Suzanne Weber, Winter Science Curriculum Project, Piez Hall, SUNY-Oswego, Oswego, New York 13126.

— S.A.A.

New Catalog of Educational Materials on Astronomy

A new Selectory (catalog) of educational materials on astronomy has been published by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. The international Society has been a source of nontechnical information about the universe since its founding on the Pacific Coast in 1889.

Its 1987 Selectory includes slides, posters, charts, audiotapes, sky observing aids, and even a few astronomical bumper stickers (e.g. "Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes"). This year there are expanded sections on astronomical software (including home planetarium programs for several types of computers) and items for youngsters (books, educational games and sky observing activities). Also new in the catalog is a videotape narration by the discoverer of the planet Pluto about his work, an inexpensive but high quality first telescope and slides of the very best views of Comet Halley during its recent pass.

Many of the items are available only from the Society and several are offered at a discount. To receive a copy of the illustrated Selectory, send two first-class stamps with your name and address to the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Catalog Request Dept., 1290 24th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122.