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SCIENCE NOTES

Excellence in Science Teaching Nominations Sought

Nominations are currently being requested for the Iowa Academy of Science's annual Excellence in Science Teaching Awards. Six Iowa teachers will be selected to receive the awards which recognize excellence in elementary, junior high and senior high school teaching. One teacher will be selected to receive the award in each of the following areas: biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, elementary science and junior high science.

Any teacher currently working in Iowa and teaching science at least half-time is eligible for the award. Self nominations are not permitted. Each nominator will be asked to provide additional information that will aid in selecting the recipients. Two letters of support are also required as a part of the nomination procedure.

Nominations may be sent to Roy D. Unruh, Director, ESTA, Iowa Academy of Science, P.O. Box 868, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. The deadline for nominations is January 2, 1987. Nominators should include their own names and addresses so that information packets can be sent to them upon receipt of the nomination.

Teachers Urgently Needed in the Peace Corps

The Peace Corps has begun an intensive search for teaching professionals in math, science, vocational, elementary, physical and special education programs in 61 developing countries overseas.

Immediate openings exist for 70 U.S. degreed instructors who can begin two years of Peace Corps service within the next four months. Nearly 850 additional positions are anticipated for the upcoming 12 month period.

This near-record number of openings reflects the high priority that developing countries place on education.

Peace Corps educators find that their skills are not only needed but appreciated overseas. Volunteers return home after two years with experience that enhances teaching careers. Many return to the U.S. with bilingual skills.

Countries often request volunteers who are retired. Social Security benefits generally are not affected by Peace Corps living allowances. There is no upper age limit.

Peace Corps volunteers receive full medical and dental coverage. Transportation expenses, a generous monthly living stipend and a cash readjustment allowance of \$4,750 are also provided. A married couple can serve together, but must have no dependents.

More information may be obtained by calling (313) 226-7928, or by writing the Peace Corps at 477 Michigan Ave., Room M-74, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Instructional Television Program Guide Available

The Educational Services Division of Iowa Public Television is offering an instructional television schedule to accompany its broadcasts. Each year, the agency publishes a book providing information about individual programs in its educational series, including target grade levels and uses, air dates and duplications rights. The book is available to Iowa teachers at no charge and may be obtained from any local Area Educational Agency.