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It would be easy to continue in this frivolous manner, but I suspect that you have either received the message or are bored. While I have made some flippant comments, I am deeply concerned about the proliferation of vocabulary that impedes rather than clarifies understanding and communication. Everyone should strive to improve their vocabulary and new terms are essential to communicate precise ideas. My plea is for a more parsimonious development and use of terminology. Terminology should not be generated or used without an expressed need.

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**Sunshots**

Looking for spectacular sun pictures? Get the November, 1976, issue of *Natural History*, it has some of the best solar photographs available in a popular magazine.

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**Chemistry Tests**

The American Chemical Society and the National Science Teachers Association have been constructing, standardizing and disseminating examinations in high school chemistry since 1953. The tests are constructed by a jointly appointed subcommittee consisting mostly of high school chemistry teachers and college teachers interested in secondary school chemistry. The 1977 tests are now available; write Examinations Committee--ACS, University of South Florida, Science Center, Room 464, Tampa, Florida 33620.

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**A Joint International Conference**

1977 will be the 20th anniversary of the Science Teacher's Association of Manitoba. To mark the occasion STAM and NSTA will sponsor a joint international conference in Winnipeg, October 20-22, 1977.

If you are willing to present a session, conduct a workshop, preside at a session, evaluate sessions or provide curriculum materials, contact Brian Brudy, Science Department, St. John's High School, 401 Curch Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.