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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.