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## *Recognition of Richard Sweeney*



At the spring Short Course for Science Teachers at Iowa State University in Ames, Richard L. Sweeney, biology teacher and chairman of the Science Department of Hoover High School in Des Moines, was presented a plaque, given in recognition of his outstanding service to the Iowa Science Teachers Section of the Iowa Academy of Science.

Mr. Sweeney's educational training includes a B.S. Degree from Iowa State University in 1959, M.A. Degree from Colorado State College, 1963, additional work at The University of Iowa, Drake University, and the University of Utah.

He taught biology and chemistry for three years at Lenox and Dexfield, Iowa, four years at Johnston, Iowa, and four years in Des Moines.

Accomplishments in the Iowa Science Teachers Section of the Iowa Academy of Science include: a member for 11 years, served on short course committee, spring program and fall program committee, served on policies and resolutions committee, and at one time served as chairman of all the above committees. In 1969 he served as regional representative on the NSTA regional planning committee for its convention and served as host for both the fall and spring section meetings. Upon several occasions he cochaired the central district spring program or spring ISTS meeting for central district. In 1965 he served as secretary, 1966 as vice-president, and in 1967 as president of ISTS. He served one year on the publication board of the ISTS Journal. He has served as a consultant in many other areas of activities associated with the Iowa Science Teachers.

His present activities include: Des Moines faculty representative to the Des Moines Education Association and a representative to the NEA convention, chairman of the Science Department and Team Leader for the biology team, and special consultant on individualization of instruction for Iowa Classroom Teachers as a member of the project Par'te. He is a member of the ISEA Speakers Bureau, and a lecturer for Drake University Center for Continuing Education.

Mr. Sweeney holds membership in: National Education Association (life), Iowa State Education Association, Des Moines Education Association, National Association of Biology Teachers and the National Science Teachers Association, Iowa Science Teachers Section of the Iowa Academy of Science, and is a member of Lambda Sigma Tau honorary science fraternity.