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## News and Notes

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on a schedule which is at least in part his own making, will spend as much or as little time on the course as he wishes, and will begin the course with a research problem designed at least in part by himself, with his other interests in mind.

The time formerly used by lab instructor and lecturer in the pursuit of conventional duties will then be utilized entirely in personal consultation with individual students or with very small groups pursuing related problems. It has been estimated that the professor spends (or should spend) about 160 hours a semester on the introductory course. This includes lecture, lecture preparation, preparation of examinations, grading, consulting with laboratory instructors, preparing and conducting field trips, and certain Mickey Mouse functions characteris-

tic of the school. Each laboratory instructor spends about sixty hours per semester per lab on similar duties. Thus, each semester the lecturer and five lab instructors should have, combined, about 450 hours to spend with individual students or small groups—and that's more than the freshmen get in four years at our school, and we have a number of four-year freshmen.

By the way, in all this no grant has been asked for or received. In the long run, as a method it promises far greater economy and efficiency than the present method of teaching, and it returns the teacher to the student—where he ought to be. So what in the hell are all of your people doing here away from the classroom?

Well, I must close, the men in the white suits are here.

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## Receives SCS Award

ATHENS, GEORGIA—Margaret June Black, retired assistant professor of education at Drake University in Des Moines, has been named an honorary member of the Soil Conservation Society of America.

The award was presented to Miss Black by Society president Frank H. Mendell of Des Moines, at the banquet that concluded the soil conservation organization's three-day meeting here.

Miss Black was cited for her outstanding contributions to conservation education in Iowa.

A native of Iowa, Miss Black graduated from University of Northern Iowa. She has been a member of the Soil Conservation Society since 1958.

## NEWS AND NOTES

NSTA Regional  
October 3-5  
Sheraton-Chicago Hotel  
Chicago, Illinois

Third Midwest Conference on Articulation in the Sciences and Mathematics

October 11-12  
Holiday Inn  
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Iowa State Education Association  
Section Meetings October 18  
Des Moines, Iowa

CASMT  
November 28-30  
Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel  
St. Louis, Missouri