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JUNIOR ACADEMY NEWS

Individual Membership Now Possible in IJAS

IJAS Officers and adult directors at the IJAS Executive Committee meeting held in the Regis High School Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Saturday, November 19, 1966, adopted a new by-law to their constitution which states that beginning January 1, 1967, individual students shall be eligible to become members at large in the Iowa Junior Academy of Science, and shall be afforded the appropriate privilege of this affiliation upon payment of \$.50 to the Executive Secretary, (Mr. Frank Starr, at the newly established central office for all Junior Academy correspondence, address: Mr. Frank W. Starr, Science Education, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 52240.

Allowing high school students to have individual membership in the Junior Academy had previously been discussed and approved by the High School Relation Committee of the Iowa Academy of Science. The proposal for this move was initiated by the 1966 student officers and has been approved by the member schools. School membership will still be \$3.00.

Students obtaining individual membership however, will receive their own Newsletter and will receive their own ballot for voting for state officers and other matters which require a vote from the members at large.

Student president, Valerie Halverson, stated the reasoning behind this move in this way, "The Junior Academy originated as a junior version of the Senior Academy. It has been just that in activity, as members are encouraged to perform scientific research and report their findings at the state meeting. However, individuals obtain membership in the Senior Academy, while schools become affiliated with the Junior Academy. If membership in the Junior Academy was changed to an individual basis, the members could be better informed on the IJAS program and its activities. Also, students from present non-affiliated schools would be able to obtain

membership as individuals. IJAS is meant to serve the individual students, and individual memberships can bring the IJAS closer to this goal."

Financial Support for IJAS Research

At the November 5th meeting of the Academy Board a special sub-committee was appointed by President Chellivola of Wartburg College, to evaluate the financial requests of various IJAS members for support of their research work.

Mr. Frank Starr announced the following initial awards to:

1. Stanley C. Leja, Oconto Falls High School, Abrams, Wisconsin, who is studying "A Kinetics Study of the Oxidation of Crystiene." (Amount: indefinite.)
2. Janet Oberreuter, Danbury Catholic High School, Danbury, Iowa, (Amount \$24.00.)
3. Dennis E. Trausch, Dowling High School, Des Moines, Iowa. (Amount: indefinite.)
4. Lois Dunkerton, Orange High School, Waterloo, Iowa, who is studying "A Quantitative Study of Chlorella Photosynthesis." (Amount: \$20.00.)
5. Dave Hoffman, Mason City High School, Mason City, Iowa, who is studying "The Effects of Ultrasonic Sound on Rats." (Amount: \$25.00.)

New Committee Appointments

The Finance and Endowment Committee was established at this meeting. Miss Iola Tilapaugh, Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, accepted the appointment of adult director. Michael O'Banion, treasurer, was appointed a student member of this committee. Two additional adult members and two additional student members will be selected to serve on this committee at a later date.

Sister Mary Edith, R.S.M., Regis High School, Cedar Rapids, was appointed director of publications. Valerie Halverson, president, was appointed a student member of this committee.