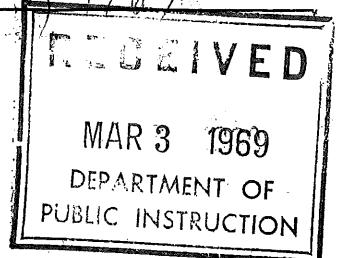


Date Feb. 28 1969

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

Dr. Paul W. Tweeten
Consultant, Science Education
Department of Public
Instruction
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Candidate in the Area of:
(Check Only One)

Biology _____
Chemistry _____
Physics _____
Earth Science _____
Mathematics

Recommendation Form

This form should be completed only by a person in the education profession qualified to judge the teaching effectiveness of the candidate or, if not in the education profession, by a person uniquely qualified to know of the teaching effectiveness of the candidate. Two such recommendations must be mailed to the State Director.

Statements by the recommending person must be specific. Give specific examples to support general statements like, "has good work habits," or "is an excellent teacher," etc. Unless you give specific examples, you penalize the candidate.

Name of candidate Mr. Tom Brown
School in which candidate teaches Merrill Junior High School
Address of school 5301 Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50312

1. Teaching Ability: What techniques does this teacher employ? Is his course comprehensive yet enjoyed by students? Does he enjoy teaching?

He is skilled in using the inductive approach. This does improve the involvement of the entire class in the learning process. It is obvious to the students that he enjoys challenging their thinking and they respond with enthusiasm and creative ideas.

2. Cooperativeness: How does the teacher cooperate in the school program or other academic areas? Cooperative in community affairs?

Mr. Brown is active in his church, in the local D.M.F.A. where he is a representative, and has worked with this supervisor in providing inservice sessions for elementary school teachers of mathematics. He was very well received in this latter project.

3. Inventiveness: What new ideas does he use, or has produced, in teaching? What new devices?

His article in the Feb. 1969 Mathematics Teacher expresses an approach to the teaching of ratios and proportion. He was also principal author of a supplementary booklet developed in our system to coordinate the teaching of science and mathematics.

4. Initiative: Be specific. Has failure stopped him? Does he adapt his methods to new situations?

Tom forced himself to improve from a rather weak first year teacher to become one of our outstanding teachers. This self-improvement enabled him to teach a range of students from the less able 7th grade through Algebra I & Calculus.

5. Principal Strength of Candidate:

Enthusiasm, drive, knowledge.

6. Principal Weakness of Candidate:

Impatience (youth?)

7. Other Important Information:

Mr. Brown has been a speaker at a section meeting, elementary, of the Iowa Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Name of recommending person

A. Wilson Goodwin

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1800 Grand Ave
Des Moines, Iowa 50307

Official position

Supervisor of
Mathematics