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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD  
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

David V. McCalley  
Assistant Professor of Biology  
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Candidate in the Area of:  
(Check Only One)

Biology \_\_\_\_\_  
Chemistry \_\_\_\_\_  
Physics \_\_\_\_\_  
Earth Science \_\_\_\_\_  
Mathematics   X  

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 Ivan Kibbie

School in which candidate teaches Davenport West High School

Address of school 3505 W. Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa 52804

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

Mr. Kibbie uses a variety of techniques from lecture to a great amount of student participation. He is able to keep his students well motivated and he enjoys teaching very much.
- Cooperativeness: How does the teacher cooperate in the school program or other academic areas? Cooperative in community affairs?

Mr. Kibbie is department head at West High School and he works well with his staff and his staff pulls together as a fine team. He is very active in his church.

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

He has been instrumental in expanding the use of computers in the instruction of mathematics.

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

He actually took the initiative on the use of computers. He did not give up after a slow start he now is using computers with advanced algebra students, trigonometry students and his advanced mathematics class. He is using the computer for limit theory.

5. Principal Strength of Candidate:

He is always studying to improve his background. He has availed himself of various summer institutes to strengthen his background.

6. Principal Weakness of Candidate:

His principal weakness would be his speech difficulty. He has a slight tendency to stutter when over excited.

7. Other Important Information:

Mr. Kibbie has worked on various committees for textbook adoptions and curriculum developments. He has taught for us in Davenport for 14 years. He is married, his wife is an elementary teacher, their one son is in college.

Name of recommending person

Harlan H. Goldsmith

Davenport Community Schools

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