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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Science and Mathematics

State Director:

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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 LaVerne L. Rehder

School in which candidate teaches Lincoln Central Community

Address of school Gruver, Iowa 51344

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

The entire class is almost always conducted on the overhead to approach the student through several of their strong senses. Students from his classes seem to do well with college courses and his class enrollments keep growing which would indicate that students enjoy his courses. He enjoys himself and so do the students as they are all looking for additional challenges. They work on those mathematics problems that he gets from someplace and he has also started a chess club.

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

He works in very well with our faculty and would do so anywhere he went. At the present time, he is president of the local education association and he runs these meetings in a very businesslike manner. He hasn't been with us too long but he does fit in as I am sure he would in any community.

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

I like his chess club and they have progressed to three-dimensional boards.

I like the individualized work pattern of the seniors in "senior analysis".

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

He has a wide range of ability in his "senior analysis" course and he has met this challenge with individualized work patterns.

He has never had difficulty with any of the students until just recently and now we seem to have one senior who will not work for anyone. He has not been able to tie this boy in but neither has anyone else.

5. Principal Strength of Candidate:

The way he keeps coming up with new ideas to make mathematics more interesting to his students.

6. Principal Weakness of Candidate:

None that I would consider major.

7. Other Important Information:

He has never failed to meet the challenge of a difficult student and I am hoping that he can work his way through the present deal with this one student. I won't fault him if he doesn't though because this student seems to be beyond help from any of us. He developed some kind of problem this summer and nobody has been able to figure out his problem or help him with it.

Name of recommending person Lowell F. Robinson

Address Gruver, Iowa 51344 Official position Superintendent