

MRS. GRUBMAN RETIRES

Irene Grubman retired in December after teaching science in Scotch Plains over two decades.

Prior to becoming a teacher, Mrs. Grubman was a nurse for the public health service of Jersey City, where she taught the ill how to care for themselves at home. She came to the realization that she enjoyed the teaching aspect of this experience most. After earning her teaching certificate, she came to Scotch Plains 23 years ago.

Her career started at Park Junior High School and, when Terrill opened in the fall of 1965, she moved there and taught at Terrill until it became a Middle School. Mrs. Grubman then came to teach at the High School. She and other science teachers rewrote the 7th Grade curriculum 20 years ago, making it a specialized rather than



general science curriculum; years later, she was most proud of her contributions then.

Irene Grubman would like to be remembered as a teacher who tried to develop the minds of her students through inquiry and critical thinking, that they might learn to think for themselves. She found her students receptive to learning and enjoyed seeing them grow as individuals.

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THE WORLD OF BOB SIKORA

To many SPFHS students, Bob Sikora is little known and seldom seen. He has no classroom and isn't likely to be patrolling the halls or keeping order in the cafeteria.

His work area is the Science Department laboratory storeroom, an "island" in the midst of the science classrooms in the New Building. In this area you'd find the equipment and chemicals which he orders and then prepares for the science faculty's lab experiments. He also has a homeroom of students who wish to earn extra credit toward graduation and



learn more about chemistry and other science studies.

Mr. Sikora files requests for chemicals and equipment, instructs teachers and students, both in the High School and the Middle Schools, in laboratory safety, chaperones field trips, and fills in for absent science teachers, on occasion.

A friend got him interested in teaching several years ago, and he has progressed to the point where he is certified to teach most science courses offered at the High School or the Middle Schools. "I enjoy education. I was teaching before I came here and worked with children of various age groups. I enjoy working with the students here."

The students are the primary reason that has kept him at SPFHS. He tutors

students outside of school, and will handle bedside instruction for a student absent from school for an extended period of time. His education includes a degree in biology, an associate's degree in chemistry, a degree in history, and time in culinary school.

His outside hobbies include photography and gourmet cooking, and he enjoys theatre production. Science Supervisor Mary Ann Hull has brought him into many new experiences, "from raising chickens to the quiz bowl . . . from giving first aid to a parakeet to watching ferrets in my room." It is never dull in the world of Bob Sikora.

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