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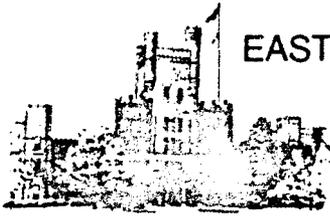
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CHARLESTON, IL--Dr. Michael B. Leyden, an Attica native and former Batavia teacher, has received the Ohaus Award for creative teaching from the National Science Teachers' Association. For the past 12 years Leyden has been a professor of science education at Eastern Illinois University.

Ohaus Awards are given each year to educators who have unique ideas that will insure quality science teaching at the pre-college level. Leyden's concept is titled: Processing/Synectics: Hope For the Timid and the Timeless." It's theme centers on 'whole brain processes' that invites critical and creative thought.

After graduating from SUNY-Brockport in 1961, he taught at Batavia Junior High School for three years. He received his Masters and Doctoral degrees from the University of Florida.

He is the author of numerous articles in science education and is writing his sixth textbook.

In 1980 he received the Distinguished Faculty Award at EIU "...for his role as a nationally influential science educator...with witty, lively and interesting classes."

Last year he was cited for an Outstanding Teaching Award at the university. Leyden's research interest center on Piagetian developmental theory, student learning styles and cerebral hemispheric functioning.

This summer he will direct an earth science field camp for elementary and secondary teachers at the South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City.

His children attend Charleston High School where Andrew is a sophomore and Margot is a freshman.