

Westbrook states . . .

## Teachers consider music, art as leisure time subjects

Unwillingness of school administrators to consider music and art as basic subjects and to grant credit for them is owing in part to the use many persons make of them as avocations during leisure time, declared Dr. Arthur E. Westbrook, director of the school of fine arts, Tuesday evening at the state conference on teacher education being considered this week at the Student Union.

"Those who study music and art enjoy their work too much, and educators are suspicious of courses unless a certain amount of 'mental pain' accompanies them," he stated.

The speaker contended that the general teacher can learn enough about these fields to be aware of what is going on in them and to help students understand them, but that it requires a maximum of specialization in college training to really prepare a teacher as an instructor in music or art.

### Specialized Subjects.

"They are highly specialized subjects, and both school systems and communities expect a great deal from those who attempt to teach them," said Dr. Westbrook.

He introduced Dr. Frank E. Sorenson of teachers college who explained the operation of this summer's hobby shop in the Student Union. Many teachers attending summer school have practiced various arts and crafts in the

hobby shop which ran for six weeks.

Dr. Sorenson called upon several to tell their reactions to the work and why they were interested in the project. A number of the educators explained that they plan to carry what they have learned in the hobby shop back to their respective schools to augment work in regular classroom art periods or extra-curricular programs.

## Noted Alaskan tells of north

Edgar C. Raine, called "the world's best authority on Alaska," presented a travelogue in natural colors on "Alaska, the Frontier Wonderland of the World" at the Student Union Monday evening.

The public was invited to hear Raine without charge. Now making his 24th annual tour of the United States, the noted lecturer has resided in and traveled extensively through Alaska during the last 33 years, during ten of which, as the representative of the U. S. treasury department, he visited every town and village in Alaska and many villages in Siberia once a year.

A confirmed believer in the " lure of the north," Raine packed an outfit over the famous Chilkoot Pass in 1897, during the stampede to the Klondike. In his hour and a half lecture and motion picture he showed beautiful color shots of glaciers, waterfalls, seal and walrus herds, Eskimo igloos and Siberian Mazinka houses, quaint natives, whaling, the Midnight Sun, and Northern Lights.

## Teachers clinic considers many working points

Four working groups were formed to facilitate consideration of various problems of teacher education at the state conference in session at the university Student Union. They are respectively concerned with the following questions:

1. Who shall teach? What are the characteristics, abilities, and functions of a good teacher? How can they be determined and evaluated? Should there be a selective program in teachers colleges? If so, what devices and standards should be set up for it?

2. What should be the relation of general and special education in preparation of teachers? How can teachers be properly prepared to teach from two to five subjects? Can superintendents help by agreeing upon teaching combinations to be followed in their schools? Should specialization be in fields rather than subjects and is a broad general education also necessary?

### Educational psych.

3. How can educational psychology help teachers to understand human growth and development and various other aspects of human behavior?

4. What are some of the in-service education plans being used by various colleges, and how can they be expanded and improved?

Representatives from the following institutions are attending the conference: Chadron state teachers college, Concordia teachers college, Creighton University, Doane college, Hastings college, Kearney state teachers college, McCook junior college, Midland college, Municipal University of Omaha, Nebraska Central college, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Peru state teachers college, Union

college, University of Nebraska, Wayne state teachers college, and York college. Many school superintendents also are sitting in on some of the sessions.

E. M. Hosman, director of the extension division at the University of Omaha, presided at Tues-

day morning's meeting. Tuesday evening at 7:30 Dr. A. E. Westbrook, director of the University School of Fine Arts, discussed "Teachers Education and the Arts." Dr. G. W. Rosenlof, University director of admissions, presided.

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## Around and About

TRAVEL NOTES OF THE WEEK concern erstwhile summer rag editor Paul Svoboda. He is on the way to the coast with a Sigma Nu brother Frank Day, all set to look over Oregon's feminine pulchritude . . . fields being more fertile on the other side of the fence, or something like that.

ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT has been added to that long list of soon-to-be-marrieds. Chi Omega Virginia Jones is wearing the diamond given to her by Harold Sampson, A.T.O. They will trip down the aisle sometime before the autumn leaves start falling.

HOT TIP OF THE CAMPUS deals with white star wearer Jim "Sugar" Roberts. We have it on extremely good authority that his one and only suddenly surprised him with the news that she was all set to make the long trek down to the Capitol City just to see him. Which astounding bit of information amazed him no end . . . as it should, according to the latest reports by key-holing brothers.

WE NOMINATE as one of the coolest looking individuals in this tepid weather, rag sports writer John Sabel Mackey. And in addition to remaining as crisp as the proverbial lettuce leaf, he also manages to dish out a pretty fair column. It's also rumored that he plays a little at football. Almost on the hero side.

CORNCOB PREXY Don Steele buzzed into the Union the other afternoon, relaxing from his tedious six weeks in the Ozarks at Fort Leonard Wood. Phi Psi Carl Harnsberger is also back, and via the grape-vine system we learn that all of the rest of Nebraska's aspiring artillery lonies are speeding their various ways to "spots of peace and contentment" till September.

CHEERLEADER AND KING KOSMET Ralph Worden came down from Alliance for a brief visit with brother Alpha Tau's. His pinned, Eileen Kealy, came with him incidentally, and both seemed to be having a super-duper time of it all.

THIS MAY OR MAY NOT be the last column until the Daily Rag presses start to roll next fall. If you business managers can brave the burning pavements long enough to collect the necessary copy, yours truly who has sunk to the level of a society reporter may have his say again next week. Unless the heat gets him . . .

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