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## Speech, Hearing Lab Offers Test Service

Among the most worthy and yet probably among the less known services offered by the University of Nebraska is the work being done in the Speech Improvement and Hearing Rehabilitation laboratories. As a division of the Department of Speech and Dramatic Art, working in cooperation with the Department of Educational Psychology and Extension Division, the speech and hearing laboratories offer testing and retraining services to those having speech difficulties or hearing losses.

### Pre-Registration Tests.

The work of these laboratories is not limited to servicing university students, although they come first on the program. Previous to registration each semester each new and each transfer student is given a speech proficiency test and an audiometric hearing test. Those found to be defective in speech are recommended for special work in the laboratories and those who are found to be deficient in hearing are referred for medical examination and are given special help in speech and lip reading as the need may be.

A visit to the speech and hearing laboratories almost any time during the day will find university students or Lincoln children working in small groups or as individuals in the small booths with a clinician trained in remedial methods. Often the Mirror-phone is in use. This is a recording machine into which one may speak for a minute and then hear his voice reproduced. When given help by the clinician, the student soon learns to say "Sarah sits on the steps," instead of "Thara thithon the theph."

### Amplification

After a critical hearing loss has been discovered by an audiometric test, an additional connection on the audiometer can be made to amplify sound so that the hard-of-hearing individual can hear speech and thus correct in his own speech the sounds which he previously did not hear correctly.

Every Tuesday evening an adult class in lip reading meets. By phonetic charts, moving pictures, and silent speech reading, the deaf and the hard of hearing learn to understand speech that they cannot hear. A number of teachers-in-training take part in this class, since all of the work of the speech and hearing laboratories is a part of the special education program of the university. Some of these teachers-in-training will be sent out after graduation to work in schools for the deaf, some will be teachers or supervisors of speech correction in public school systems, and others may work with the special education programs of state departments.

### Summer Clinic

During the months of June and July, the Children's Summer Clinic is in swing. Those little people that one sees running about on the second floor of the Temple building are not child prodigies entering the university, but youngsters who lisp or stutter or who have hearing losses. This summer special attention will be given to a group of children with spastic speech and to another group of children who have very little or no hearing. These latter children will be taught to speak and to read lips.

A late development in the laboratories is the children's room,

and murals of fairy tales and nursery rhymes. The murals were a contribution of Kady Falkner's senior art students.

### Individual Training

During the summer clinic, teachers-in-training are given a chance to learn corrective methods. Here one finds toys and books, and while teaching the children to speak correctly through use of creative play, choral reading, and speech games. Each child is given a period of individual work and takes part in group work.

Phonograph recordings are made of each subject in the laboratories throughout the training period so that the clinician and the subject may hear what progress is being made.

One of the most interesting groups which has been meeting during the past semester is the five o'clock Monday group which includes ten university students who are stutterers. This has been an experimental group, which through means of personality analysis, diagnostic procedures, study of theories in the field, and by contacts with speech instructors, psychologists, medical men, and the University psychiatrist, has been attempting to overcome individual difficulties.

### Other Clinics.

Not only do children and adults come from all over the state to seek help at the speech and hearing laboratories, but the faculty members and the trained clinicians conduct diagnostic clinics for various counties over the state. These are usually complete clinics with audiometric testing, psychological testing, and speech testing. In many cases help is given in securing retraining and rehabilitation.

This spring a "flying instructor" went to the western part of the state to conduct one of the off-campus centers in speech correction and development. These are teacher-training classes and the teachers enrolled receive university credit for doing special work under supervision with handicapped children in their schools and neighborhoods. There were six such centers over the state this past year.

### Speech Activities.

While the equipment in the speech and hearing laboratories at the university is far from elaborate, the department has been doing remarkable work during the past five years. A total of 3,505 university students have been tested in speech. During the last year, 2,553 university students have been tested in hearing. Over the state and in the city of Lincoln 568 children have been tested, and 5,895 patient visits have been made by these children alone for diagnostic and retraining purposes.

During the last year 103 university students defective in speech were given individual retraining work in the laboratories. Fourteen students who were found to have critical hearing losses were given training in lip reading and in speech; of these 14 students, four were fitted with hearing aids. One university student who had been making low grades in school increased his grade average fifteen percent after becoming adjusted to the use of his hearing aid.

### Future.

There are many things that the laboratories could do to increase their services and make their studies more reliable. However,

## SAM Founder Breaks Ground For New Home

Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity Sunday held official ground breaking ceremonies for their new chapter house which is to be built on the corner of Sixteenth and Vine streets.

Harry B. Cohen of Omaha, one of the 13 original founders of the Nebraska chapter and a past national president, took the first shovel of dirt. Mr. Cohen was followed by Dan Hill, Dave Bernstein, president of the Omaha alumni club; Rabbi Harry Jolt, and Morton Zuber, president of the fraternity.

The new house will be ready for occupation by the end of the year and is expected to house 40 men.

Active members dedicated the library to Harry Goldstein, who lost his life in World War II.

The Sammies also held their annual Mother's Day program at the Lincoln hotel.

## Religious News

### Lutheran Chapel Services.

Lutheran student Sunday worship services will be held Sunday at 10:45 in Room 315 of the Union. In commemoration of Ascension day, the Rev. H. Erck will discuss "He ascended Into Heaven."

### Methodist Students.

Methodist students attending the picnic breakfast Sunday morning will meet at the student house at 6:30 a. m., or at the concession stand at Antelope park at 7 a. m.

### Special Meeting.

A special business meeting of Alpha Epsilon Rho will be held tonight at 5 p. m., in Temple 28. All actives and pledges are asked to attend. Important business will be taken up and the meeting will be short.

### Episcopal Services.

Regular Episcopal church services will be held at 8:30 and 11 a. m. Sunday.

this type of work is yet in its beginning stages. The public is just beginning to awaken to the needs of the exceptional child and possibilities of special education. While the exceptionally talented child must not be neglected, also important are the special needs of the child who with a speech difficulty or with a loss in hearing must compete with children normal in hearing and in speech.

The speech and hearing laboratories are doing a great deal to lighten the problems of the individual handicapped with a speech or hearing difficulty. In many instances, speech and hearing problems can be completely overcome or adequate adjustments can be made.

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## Bulletin

### NAME ERROR

Sanford Learner, and not Sanford Leger as listed yesterday, is a candidate for Student Union Board membership.

### DAILY PICNIC

All Daily Nebraskan workers from this semester or last who wish to go to the annual picnic should meet in the Rag office Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

### STAFF APPOINTMENTS

All persons who have applied for positions of the Daily Nebraskan should be present for an interview with the publications board at 9 a. m. tomorrow in the faculty lounge.

### INTER-FRATERNITY SING

There will be a meeting of all directors of the Inter-Fraternity sing in room 315 of the Union at 5 p. m. today. Directors will receive judge's criticisms from the sing, according to Fred Teller.

### VETER-ANN'S PICNIC

Veter-Ann's have scheduled a

### No Activity Tickets

Athletic Director A. J. Lewandowski has announced that student activity tickets will not be honored for the state high school track championships Friday and Saturday, or for the Big Six meet which will occur a week later. Both meets will be at Memorial Stadium.

## National Music Group Initiates Eight Members

Theta chapter of Delta Omicron, national music sorority, initiated eight new members Tuesday evening at the School of Music.

The initiates were Helen Anderson, Mary Barton, Wanda Buell, Margaret Colssmith, Mary Low Sommer, Mary Low Tracy, Nadine Ulmor and Jeanne Wood.

Jackie King, president, presided at the ceremonies.

picnic Saturday at Dr. Bedell's. For further information and reservations, members who plan to attend may call Clara Pappas, 2-5650 or Irene Gunther, 5-5297. Cornhuskers.

Dean Skokan, business manager of the 1947 Cornhusker, announced today that 50 Cornhuskers are available for purchase. Skokan also stated that Friday has been set as the deadline for \$3 partial payments for the year-book.

### Correction.

Undergraduate wives and husbands of Teachers College will meet for an informal party at the home of C. L. Jennings at 2620 North 45th, Friday at 8 p. m. Club hostesses will be Mrs. J. A. Varney and Mrs. V. W. Arnold. This party was previously reported as being for graduate wives.

## THE WHOLE PARK IS OPEN!

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DANCE—every night but Monday

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