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A 10 Gun Salute . . .

To the guiding spirit who conceived and set in motion the project which grew into today's Fine Arts course for high school students.

Or perhaps we should make it a nine-gun salute, for it was nine years ago that Dr. A. E. Westbrook headed the first All-State course, then designed primarily for music students. Since then the program has grown to include all fields of the arts.

The entire course is a great deal more than a three-week lark for a few well chosen teenagers. It's a part of the hundred and one ingredients which make up the enlightened citizenry we have done so much yelling about.

The course offers an opportunity for talented high schoolers to receive some advanced training. More than that it offers early training in the appreciation of what little culture America has developed and the vast amount of culture she has inherited.

These boys and girls learn to understand and respect the arts. And through the arts gain an understanding of all men everywhere who comprehend the universal language of music, painting and sculpture. They grasp, before they enter college or the cruel, cruel world, an appreciation of the beautiful and its necessity to humanity.

An inscription over the door of the school of music says that "Music has the power to lift the soul above all earthly storms." This can be applied to all the arts—a chance for more meaningful living.

Perhaps we are waxing a bit poetic. Very well, then, it's a technical opportunity—a chance to increase skill. All-State is a social opportunity—a chance to meet fellow Nebraskans.

The sessions sound like long hours of grueling drudgery on hot afternoons—but the set-up only looks that way. For men like David Foltz make singing fun and men like Walt Olsen make the entire program a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

All-State has found the secret. The secret of learning and loving it. Nobody asks, "What do we have to take this for?" All-State students get a head start on a broad educational background because it's fun. Most of them will not make speech, music or art their life's work. Many of today's All-Staters will be tomorrow's doctors, lawyers, engineers and housewives. But they are increasing their scope of life because it's natural, and it's pleasant.

Only the Walt Olsens, and the others who have guided the ear-shattering struggles of budding musicians of former All-States, see the increased contributions they will one day make to society because of the new vistas brought into range by so simple a thing as All-State.

Hats off, then, to those men and to the boys and girls—the doctors, lawyers, engineers and housewives of tomorrow—who have moved a little closer to the goal of a full and harmonious life for all people through All-State.

A ten-gun salute.

Bargain Basement

Nebraska summer school is connected with many dreary things such as seven o'clocks, and the beautiful Nebraska rain. Even the politicians have pulled out for greener pastures, and the ones that are left can't seem to get along without the crowd, or else they are neck deep in the books they didn't crack during the school year (Too many knives to be cleaned).

There are a few bright and cheery notes . . . beer is still beer, Ajax is back from Chicago, to supervise the waiters in the practically deserted crib, and the Kappa Sigs (plus smiling Jake Dahlgren) are keeping the campus coeds in laffs, and cigarette money.

ONE THING, and one thing only, however, saves the session from being dull. We have clinics, lots and lots and lots of clinics.

For instance, Thursday, Nebraska superintendents met to discuss vocational guidance and student counseling (no connection to the spring student council fiasco). These gentlemen look forward to this meeting, as any old Legionnaire would look forward to the big convention. There is no funny stuff, however. These men are serious, and they mean business, and their business is vocational guidance.

THEY RETURN to their hometowns with plenty of new ideas on "bringing teachers to the awareness of the individual skills and problems of each student." Despite rumors that it is necessary to bring teachers to life, first—(Some people argue that first things do come first)—we feel that an earnest attempt is being made to study student problems. We salute you.

Going back to a week or two ago, we see that the Nebraska newspapermen held some clinics (magic word). Under the steady direction of the Nebraska School of Journalism these newspapermen studied pictorial journalism, and its advanced methods. This is of special interest to the Daily Nebraskan, for anything that the Nebraska School of Journalism does that is remotely connected with the field of journalism is of interest—to us. One of our regrets is that Assistant Professor Bill Hice, is not giving some entertaining courses this summer.

A FOUR-DAY session on juvenile delinquency started on Monday, June 20. Faculty representatives and local police officials discussed juvenile delinquency at great length. On Monday night they are showing movies, FREE, to the general public. One of them holds the promise of being especially stimulating. Its title: "Family's First." Well.

These experts are attacking an issue that is an important one. They are also attempting to work out solutions to the problems that arise as a result of juvenile delinquency, and they are also attempting to outline methods of preventing children from becoming crooks. After scanning the list of scheduled



speakers, it is obvious that every interested group is represented except the juvenile delinquents.

THERE ARE more clinics. Lots and lots, as we said before. The speech department, not to be outdone by the School of Journalism, is sponsoring a speech clinic for children who need individual and group assistance in their speech. Parents are also meeting for therapy, and for guidance. It is a relief to know that parents are in on this big deal. They would be quicker with the fire extinguisher if the Temple, where the Speech Department is located, burned down during the clinic.

The "All-State Course in Fine Arts is Going Full Blast," according to Walter Olsen, director of music in the Fremont city schools. He is leading the band . . . which is only one part of this broad program for high school students. Speech and art as well as music courses have attracted students from all over the state.

THERE ARE 14 flutes in the band. The whole program is of large proportion, too. Social functions keep the session from being all work and no play, but the Kappa Sigs serenade the high school girls, just in case . . . just in case daily activities get a wee bit dull. No casualties have been reported, but one girl almost fell out of her window when the boys had departed. She's been kept in bed from over-excitement ever since, and mumbles over and over again, Jake . . . Jake. There's more than one Jake on the campus. From time to time, we'll keep

you posted on clinics, because they are so much fun. Summer school isn't really so bad, when you think about it. Some people take it too seriously. We noticed, for instance, that Wyoming's little gift, George Abbo, is looking a little peaked. Probably inactivity is getting George down. No elections, no friendly faces in the business office at the Daily Nebraskan, no American Legion meetings. Poor George.

Stop The Presses

Audrey Rosenbaum has been named co-chairman of the 1950 Estes Conference. The conference is an annual meeting of YM's and YW's in the Rocky Mountain region.

Each year students from the midwest meet at Estes to discuss problems which will confront their groups in the coming year. Two students are in charge of the project. This next year Miss Rosenbaum will be one of those students.

SHE ATTENDED this year's Estes Conference as a member of the Nebraska delegation. She has been active in YMCA work for the past two years.

She is a member of the Y cabinet on city campus. Miss Rosenbaum was the Nebraska delegate to the national YW convention held in San Francisco in March of this year.

At Estes she acted as a commission leader. Miss Rosenbaum is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is president of the Red Cross College unit and a member of Sigma Delta Tau.

UNION CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JUNE 21.

4:00—Book Review—Room 316. Karl Arndt will review "Inside U. S. A."
Emily Schossberger will review "Point of No Return."
7:00—Craft Shop.
Work in textile painting, block printing, Dresden craft, shell jewelry, cork, weaving, gimp belting.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

12:00—Sports films in Main Lounge.
"Daredevils on Ice."
"Football Parade of 1946."
"Big Fish."
"Death in the Arena."
7:00—Craft shop.
Leather work, wood burning and carving, and metal and plastic projects.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23.

8:00—Square dance—Ballroom. Open to both regular summer school and All-State students.

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