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Teacher Rating Scales . . .

(Editor's note: The following editorial is the third in a series explaining why Nebraska should have a teacher rating system.

A considerable number of studies have been made by colleges and universities to determine the traits or characteristics of instructors which are important in teaching.

The value of any scale depends upon its reliability and validity. Perhaps the most widely used system on the college level is the Purdue Rating Scale for Instructors.

The Purdue scale has been able to answer several major questions. First, does the size of the class influence the rating?

Second, does the grade received by a student determine how he rates the teacher? Data obtained clearly indicates that there is very little correlation between the grade given a student by his teacher and the rating given to the same teacher by the student.

Third, are the Purdue ratings effected by the maturity of the student? Chances are pretty good that the senior student will mark higher than students in their first two years.

Fourth, do students in elective courses mark higher than those in required courses? Results of the Purdue system do not support the contention that ratings are raised by the degree of interest in the course as measured by required and elective courses.

Fifth, is the "halo effect" a factor? A student who has a high general impression of a teacher tends to rate him higher on each specific trait than he would if his general impression were low.

Sixth, does the use of the Purdue scale result in an improvement of instruction? If the scale measures effective teaching and is reliable and valid, the answer is yes.

For example, an instructor at Colorado State college prided himself in his presentation of subject material. He was quite surprised, however, to find that his students rated him lower in this particular matter than in any other aspect of his teaching.

Editorial Briefs

Albert Einstein says that if the hydrogen bomb is developed, annihilation of any life on earth would be "within the range of technical possibilities."

We know very little about coal miners unions, automobile workers unions and all the other unions to which America's laborers belong.

The time has come to make another urgent appeal for reports in the Daily Nebraskan office. During the first two weeks of this semester, our office was flooded with many reporters who turned in good work.

A note of appreciation goes to Claude Retherford, former Cornhusker basketball star, Retherford, by giving the University two basketball trophies, is doing a great deal toward promoting sportsmanship and team play among Husker basketball players.

Alumni groups in Utah have taken it upon themselves to help improve crowd sportsmanship at basketball games. Handbills are being passed out urging all spectators to be good sports.

Campus Paper Tops in '30's

Athletics had not appeared on the campus in the early eighties. And, according to one historian, "the only all-University interest was the college paper, The Hesperian Student, which was the center of many a brilliant contest."

"Outside of that we devoted our time to our studies, to any outside work that we may have had, and to the interests of the literary societies."

"This last was done with an intensity of concentration that I am sure would make a present-day professor's eyes stand out in amazement. We were even indulging in discussing questions like the tariff, the Nicaraguan canal and the immortality of the soul."

Coeds Eligible For \$100 Award

Any junior, sophomore, or freshman girl with a high scholastic average is eligible for a \$100 scholarship being offered by the Lincoln Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Application blanks for the annual scholarship may be secured from the Dean of Women's office and must be mailed to the committee chairman, Mrs. William Paul Barnds, 2325 So. 24th St., by March 11.

Applicants will be interviewed by the committee on March 17, and the recipient will be announced at the Honors convocation on April 25.

Engineers Praise NU's Maud Melick

Having served the University for 44 years, Miss Maud Melick forms a link between alumni, faculty members, and students of the Engineering college.

Continually praised by University officials, Miss Melick, present secretary to the dean of the Engineering college, was honored for her services last year when Engineer's week was dedicated to her.



Miss Melick

"I don't know how the Engineering college could get along without her," says Dean Green.

Miss Melick recalls the first University. She first served as a diversified secretary to many departments and professors. One teacher would employ her as a part-time letter writer, and different departments gave her their filing and typing.

The College of Pharmacy's official business had to be written in German. Since Miss Melick had taken German in college, she got the job of doing the German mimeographing.

In 1910, according to Miss Melick, the Mechanic Arts Building was the scene of a big fire. The day was cold and icy, and the roof fire was generating a lot of smoke.

The firemen were busy carrying out office furnishings and records. But the building also housed the Mechanic Arts library.

Students to Rescue "It was the students who came to the rescue. They formed a bucket brigade of books across the fire escape between the Mechanic Arts building and the building just east. They carried every book this way and kept them from being damaged," recalled Miss Melick.

Three College of Engineering deans have had Miss Melick as their personal secretary. She took over the job in 1918 under Dean Stout, and has successively worked under former Dean Ferguson, and Roy Green, the present college head.

Miss Melick clearly remembers the hot summer days during the start of the first World War when she helped register freshmen. The work was done at—the College Dairy barn.

In Miss Melick's first years at the University, the whole campus was enclosed by the old iron fence. Officials locked the gates every night, and anyone caught inside had the almost impossible task of climbing over the pointed spikes.

Commenting on her "kids," Miss Melick says, "They're a fine lot, and I enjoy them very much." Certainly they think a lot of her!

The University YMCA will meet Thursday, Feb. 16, between 4 and 5 p. m. in the Temple building for an hour's discussion on significant topics of the day.

Chairman Jerry Young sends an open invitation to all student armchair debaters interested in spreading and hearing ideas.

Topics on the program range from Civil Rights and federal aid to education and health to the meaning of a college education, the H-bomb, and world peace. Popcorn will be served for an energy builder.

News & Views

BY GEORGE WILCOX. NATIONAL

SEATTLE—A crippled B-36 bomber with 16 men aboard was believed down in Queen Charlotte sound, about 460 miles northwest of Seattle. The six-engine plane radioed that one engine was afire and the pilot contemplated "ditching" in the water.

PITTSBURGH—Mine whistles shrilled in vain again as striking soft coal miners for the second day defied work orders from both the governor and the union boss John L. Lewis.

WASHINGTON—First checks left the U. S. Treasury for American former prisoners of war who spent months in the hands of the Japanese and Germans. Each former POW will receive a dollar a day for the time spent in prison with the money coming from seized enemy assets.

WASHINGTON—A plan of government price supports for potatoes, designed to take away the present incentive to produce too many potatoes received attention by farmer-congressmen in an effort to reduce the unpopular potato surplus.

CHICAGO—The big business of organized crime and the leaders in various rackets were the targets for opening blasts by leading newspapers in an organized campaign to stop the vast spread of crime.

Well Modulated

BY DUTCH MEYERS

Surprise, surprise . . . by popular request of the editor we present another edition of that famous circular to the music lovers: "I Can Dream Can't I" (plug) "The Wheel" can afford to do this with the Coolie cheap labor he has.

Being desperate for material I decided that a poll of the Crit would be advisable. Spotting the hep-cats is easy, they look like the nicks was dropped in them instead of the record-player.

Frankie Laine came out on top with a total of three suggested records. Those were: "The Middle of the Night," courtesy of a sentimentalist, "Black Lace" and "Cry of the Wild Goose," which are similar in type and mood.

For those who like the golden voiced crooner we have Tony Martin and "There's No Tomorrow."

Ray MacKinley has dreamed up a sequel to "You Came a Long Way from St. Louis," called "Sarcas." As usual the sequel doesn't live up to the original, but still it's good.

I find myself in the position of changing my opinion. Time was when I thought Harry James should go back to the circus. However, if you hear his disc of "Ultra," you too will be converted. The word is he has a new arranger, and his arranging won't quit. This "Ultra" is not Bop.

On The Air, Wednesday night, 9:30, over KOLN Studio B will do an original script "Mistaken Identity." Bob Askey perpetrator.

For you capitalists who also have access to a TV set John Carson has a show called Television Showcase on WOW channel 6 at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday. Good night, Giovanni.

NU Bulletin Board

Wednesday AICHe will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in AL 324. Alpha Kappa Psi will meet Wednesday at 7 p. m. in the Union. KK active meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m. No meeting will be held Wednesday of the International studies committee of NCUWA.

Thursday Alpha Zeta will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in Crops lab. Tridents meets Thursday at 7 p. m. in the Armory. Aquanettes meets Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Coliseum.

Friday Ag College country dancers will meet Friday from 7 to 9 p. m. in Ag Activities building. All University students are invited.

Advertisement for Turnpike featuring Sammie Kaye and his orchestra. Includes text: 'COMING FRI., FEB. 24 TO THE TURNPIKE IN PERSON! SWING AND SWAY WITH SAMMIE KAYE AND HIS ORCHESTRA'.

Advertisement for Arrow Shirts and Ties. Includes text: 'AT NEBRASKA PRACTICALLY EVERY MAN LIKES Arrow Shirts and Ties shirts \$3.65 up ties \$1.50 up'.



"Five souls, Maskivits, you're out of the game!"



French Classes To See Movies

A series of three French films are being shown to University students this week by the modern language department.

With French dialogue, the first film, "French Canada," is the only film to be shown with a plot. The other two films are French and two French-Canadian songs.

All are filmed so that the first and second year French student will understand the dialogue.

Two well-known songs being shown are "Aigres de ma Blorde," and "A la Claire Fontaine."

Three showings of the film will take place Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 3, 4 and 5 p. m. in Room 320, Burnett. The Thursday showing will be at 3 p. m.

The French department plans to present several other feature films in modern languages during the remainder of the semester.

A Tampa, Florida, operator has a large airplane equipped and maintained solely for transporting tourist traffic. He does a thriving business.

Colorado to Adopt Semester System

Colorado University faculty senate has approved a motion to adopt a semester system beginning the fall term, 1951.

Approval and final action on the plan must be taken by the board of regents.

One reason for the action was that transfer of students to the Colorado school would be simplified since the majority of other college and universities are on the semester system.

Since all high schools are on the semester plan, mid-year graduates could enroll without delay.

Another major consideration, it was reported, would be the aspect of economy to the university.

The committee recommending the change said its primary consideration supporting the adoption is that it would facilitate better academic standards.

The presentation, study and assimilation of subject matter would extend over longer periods.

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