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In the issue of the Daily Nebraskan of Friday, June 23, Mr. Fritz Picard writing in the column "As Seen from the Cloister" recounted what he admittedly called a "biased view" of the action of the State Legislature granting the State Teachers Colleges at Wayne, Chadron, Kearney and Peru the right to offer the B.A. in Liberal Arts.

Further, he damaged the reputation of Peru by his near-libelous statement concerning that institution. Obviously brought about by the recent, unfortunate occurrence there, it is, at best, a poorly chosen statement.

I am not objecting to Mr. Picard's editorial opinions expressed in the article, but to the fact that its inaccuracy made it an example of irresponsible journalism which discredits our fine paper.

The most obvious example of mis-information are as follows:

1. On Oct. 9, 1948, at a meeting of the American Association of American Universities, it was voted to terminate the function of maintaining the approved list of under-graduate colleges. On Nov. 12, 1948 institutions interested in being placed on the approved list of the Association were informed that the Association had decided to withdraw from the field of accreditation of "Approved Institutions" whose qualified graduates are admitted to Graduate Schools of the Association of American Universities."

Of course accreditation has not been granted to the State Teachers Colleges, for what does not exist cannot be granted.

2. Reference was made to the fact that the State Teachers Colleges were not accredited by the North Central Association for other than teacher training institutions. The North Central Association does not and has not since 1933 accredited degree granting institutions by subject matter—but by degree only. The State Teachers Colleges are accredited by the NCA to grant bachelors degrees—period.

3. Mr. Picard states that only eight members of the faculty at Wayne have the earned doctorate. Actually ten out of 65 members have the earned doctorate, or 15.4% of the total faculty. Furthermore, only two members of the teaching staff do not have the masters degree.

4. The article implies that philosophy must be taken by a University student pursuing the liberal arts program when he pounced on the States Teachers Colleges for not offering the subject.

A liberal arts student here at the University may meet the group requirement by taking:

- a. 3 hours of mathematics and 3 hours of astronomy
- or b. 6 hours of mathematics
- or c. 6 hours of psychology
- or d. 6 hours of philosophy

In the interests of economy (and not picking on the excellent departments here at the U.) need the state Teachers Colleges offer the subject to be qualified to grant the degree?

5. Mr. Picard criticized the State Teachers College for alternating classes from year to year.

The Graduate colleges of School Administration here at the University heartily endorses alternation for it allows an enriched curriculum with a minimum of staff and minimum of money paid in salary as a result.

Perhaps this is the solution to the financial problems which inspired your article Mr. Picard, for the per-student cost at the State Teachers Colleges is less than it is here at the University.

6. In the North Central area, 72.2% of the member institutions of the American Association of Teachers Colleges were multi-purpose regional institutions.

In 1949, Wayne, as compared to 175 member colleges in the Association had the following significant rankings:

- a. The faculty ranked in the 60th percentile.
- b. With respect to faculty members holding earned doctorate, the 57th percentile.
- c. In terms of numbers of volumes the library ranked in 60th percentile.
- d. In terms of number of volumes per student the library ranked in the 65th percentile.

Qualified Mr. Picard?

It is difficult for me to believe that Mr. Picard's article was his own "brain child." If he serves as a sounding board for a faculty member, that staff member should be aired out and reprimed with fresh information.

Mr. Picard owes the State Teachers Colleges (particularly Peru State) and all of your readers a written apology. The faculty members who inspired his article by twisting facts to fit his selfish motives (if it be faculty inspired) Mr. Picard owes a punch in the nose for getting him in this mess.

Sincerely,
Morton H. Gailey

Positions Open For Teachers: \$3100 a Year

An examination for elementary teachers in the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service commission.

The positions to be filled pay \$3,100 a year, and are located in Indian schools in the territory of Alaska, and in the following states: Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Montana, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, North Carolina, and Florida.

Applicants for the examination will not be required to take a written test. To qualify, they must show successful completion of a full 4-year course leading to a degree from an accredited college or university, including or supplemented by 24 semester hours in education of which 12 semester hours must be in elementary education.

Applicants whose courses do not include 2 semester hours in methods of teaching elementary grades of 2 semester hours in practice teaching must also have had one year of teaching experience at the elementary level. Applications will be accepted from students who expect to complete the required courses within 90 days after filing their applications.

Michelangelo Film Booked For July 13

Students and faculty members of the University will have a chance to view one of the masterpieces of modern motion pictures July 13.

In conjunction with the Summer Artist Series, Mrs. Genee Grimm, Union Activity director, has announced that the Union will present for a single showing "The Titan"—story of Michelangelo.

Since the release of the 65 minute film, United Artists corporation has received hundreds of requests from educational establishments all over the country for permission to screen the movie in their schools.

As a result of the great demand, the company decided to make "The Titan" available to all colleges and universities including summer school sessions. Nebraska's summer session will be one of the first showings under this plan.

With the showing come numerous reports of the success of the film. These releases urge people of all interests to see the movie. The Washington Daily News says, "Don't conclude that it's the 'arty' type of film, to be shunned by others than scholars, it's not. To the contrary, it's an unusual film biography of an unusual artist told in an unusual fashion."

Innis Receives Scholarship

A June graduate of the University, David J. Innis of Manila, Philippines, is a recipient of a 1950 Fullbright Award, Dean R. W. Goss announced Tuesday.

Innis will study history during the 1950-51 school year at the University of Toulouse in Toulouse, France. While at the University he won membership in Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic honorary society, and in Phi Sigma Iota, language honorary.

The Fullbright act will provide scholarships during the 1950-51 to about 600 outstanding American scholars who are selected by President Truman's Board of Foreign Scholarships. Award recipients get transportation, allowance for themselves and their families, if married.

Funds used in the Fullbright program are foreign currencies realized through U. S. surplus property sales abroad. Ten countries are now in the program.

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