

NEBRASKAN

Famous Educators Here For Annual Teachers College Summer Conference

Current Education Discussed By 350 School Teachers

Six headline speakers will discuss, with some 350 Nebraska teachers and school administrators a variety of practical education problems at the annual Teachers College Summer Conference on Current Developments in Education.

The session is being held in Love Library auditorium today and Friday.

The meeting will include five general sessions, a luncheon meeting on Friday, and four sectional sessions. The latter, on Friday afternoon, will be devoted to problems in elementary and secondary education, guidance, and the use of motion pictures in schools.

Several nationally known educators are here for the annual Teachers College Summer Conference. They include Stephen M. Corey, executive officer, Horace Mann—Lincoln Institute for School Experimentation, Columbia University Teachers College; Harold C. Hand, Professor of education at the University of Illinois; Marshall S. Hiskey, professor of psychology and measurement and chairman of the department of guidance and special education at Southern Illinois University; and Roger Albright, educational adviser to Motion Picture Association of America and Teaching Film Custodians of Washington.

A summary of the program and a list of the participants:

Thursday
1:15 p.m.—Address, Dr. Harry Bard, assistant director of curriculum, Baltimore, Md., public schools. "The School and Community Work Together." Interrogation leaders: R. L. Fredstrom, assistant superintendent, Lincoln; Sam Dahl, state department public instruction; M. G. Farrow, superintendent, Fremont; Will Hayes, University of California, Santa Barbara; and University staff members K. O. Broady and W. H. Morton.
3:30 p.m.—Address, Dr. Harold C. Hand, University of Illinois. "Practical Social Action Studies to Improve Your School." Interrogation leaders: M. L. Cushman, Iowa State; Helen Steele, Battle Creek, Mich.; Leo P. Black and Floyd Miller, state department public instruction, and University staff members G. B. Childs and H. A. Smith.
6:00 p.m.—Dinner, Student Union. Address, Roger Albright. "A Third Dimension in Learning."
8:00 p.m.—Address, Dr. Stephen M. Corey, Columbia University. "Interpersonal Relations and Staff Work." Interrogation leaders: Stephen N. Watkins, superintendent, Lincoln; University staff members C. O. Neidt, H. W. Deems, W. E. Hall and Mary Mielent, and Dr. Hand.

Friday
9:00 a.m.—Address, Dr. Madison Brewer, University of Nebraska. "Elementary Education—Forward or Backward?" Interrogation leaders: Supt. Charles Davis, Scottsbluff; Supt. Edgar Lightbody, Nebraska City; University staff members Royce H. Knapp, C. H. Reed and J. W. Taylor.
10:30 a.m.—Address, Dr. Marshall S. Hiskey. "Opportunities Unlimited for Special Education." Interrogation leaders: R. M. Taibl, state department public instruction; Frank Snyder, Lincoln public schools; University staff members W. R. Baller, L. T. Laase, and L. I. Chisholm.
Conference Luncheon—Discussion, "Guidance and Curriculum." G. F. Liebenorfer, director state vocational education, chairman; S. M. Corey, C. H. Reed, Galen Saylor, University staff member; L. P. Black and M. S. Haker.

General arrangements for the meeting are under the direction of Dr. Galen Saylor, Dr. D. A. Worcester, Dr. Norman F. Thorpe, University staff members, and under the general supervision of Dr. Wesley C. Meierhenry, acting director, University summer session.

Cancellations

A lack of interest on the part of the student body has caused the cancellation of both the Omaha excursion trips and the square dance, previously scheduled for the Union ballroom Friday night, Marilyn Moomey, Union Activities director, has announced.

Miss Moomey added that unless enough people indicate their interest by stopping at the Activities office, the square dance scheduled for July 11 with also be called off.

Final Concert Was Climax To 1952 All-State

By MARTHA PAYNE

Miss Payne is editor of the All-State Post, and is serving this week as a guest reporter for the Summer Nebraskan.

Three weeks of intensive study of the Fine Arts were brought to a climax Wednesday when the entire All-State personnel was presented in its final concert.

In the program, the 350 outstanding high school students, who represented about 100 different Nebraska communities and several other states, exhibited their talents in instrumental and choral numbers.

The band, conducted by David Fowler of Lincoln Northeast High School, performed four numbers, one of which was the stirring Sousa march, "Stars and Stripes."

"The Declaration of Independence" was given by the Speech Choir under the direction of Maxine Trauernicht of the University speech faculty. The program was not confined to patriotism alone, however. A fable, "The Spider and the Fly," was also presented by the speech department.

Under the baton of Prof. Emanuel Wisnow of the University, the All-State orchestra played three selections, one being the "Finale" from Dvorak's famed "New World Symphony."

The 200 voice chorus, under the direction of Dr. David B. Foltz, presented a variety of selections including a Negro spiritual, "Run To My Lord" and "It's So peaceful in the Country," with Dr. Foltz as soloist.

To conclude the program the entire All-State personnel joined in a selection, "Adoration," with "America the Beautiful" as its melody.

Throughout the program the Art students made sketches of the various subjects.

J. P. Colbert, 'An Engineer By Trade,' Takes Over New Student Affairs Division Tuesday

Jules P. Colbert, who describes himself as "an engineer by trade," is quite enthusiastic about the new job which will be placed in his hands next Tuesday.

Colbert, who will take over his duties as Dean of Student Affairs upon the retirement of Dr. T. J. Thompson July 1, has a history of 31 years of active participation in the field of engineering. His qualifications for the position as head of the newly created Division of Student Affairs seem to be based on a rather firm foundation—he has served as director of the Veterans' Consultation Board of the University since 1944, and has served as freshman counselor for the College of Engineering and campus counselor for students concerned with Selective Service problems — to mention only a few.

Contrary to rumors that the job as head of the new division will be too tough for one man to handle, Colbert is quite confident that he will be able to take care of it. The new division, he said, was created "for the betterment of the University and to serve the students better." Under the old system, he explained, there were many duplications of activities—under the new system these duplications will be eliminated.

Board Of Regents Okays Plans For New Theater

Authorizes 380,000 Dollar Expenditure

Work To Begin July 1

The University will have a new theater.

The Board of Regents has announced acceptance of five contracts totaling \$292,925.75 for major work to completely rebuild the theater and provide a laboratory for the speech department.

John K. Selleck, University business manager, said the Regents authorized a total expenditure of \$380,000 for the theater and speech laboratory, located in what is known as "Temple" building. The five contracts accepted do not include theater seating, the architectural fees, landscaping, utility connections or some necessary equipment purchases.

Selleck said details of the contract negotiations would be completed at once and it is hoped that work will start by July 1. The University has been without a theater and adequate speech and dramatic art facilities for almost three and a half years—ever since the state fire marshal condemned the auditorium portion of Temple building. The new theater will occupy approximately the same area as the old one.

When the present facilities were condemned as unsafe three and a half years ago, it meant that the University was deprived not only of its little theater, but also of lecture space and other facilities used by both the speech and music departments.

Condemning the theater caught the University Players in mid-season of their plays. They completed their season at the Nebraska Wesleyan Plainsman theater. In the three seasons since they have given two series at a Lincoln motion picture house and completely disbanded one season.

In addition to the theater which will seat 400 people and which will be used for teaching and lecture purposes as well as for the presentation of plays, the new building project will provide two full-size classrooms, storage space, and smaller laboratory quarters for lighting, sound, and theater property staging studies.

Dr. Leroy T. Laase, chairman of the University speech department, said the building project will provide "a very fine little theater and speech laboratory facility."

"The theater will not have a revolving stage, or some of the other features that theater directors dream about," he said, "but it will be a very fine theater."

Successful low bidders on the project are:

- General construction, Wilson Construction Company, Lincoln, \$201,210.
- Electrical, ABC Electric company, Lincoln, \$29,213.
- Plumbing, heating and ventilating, Ace Plumbing and Heating company, Lincoln, \$34,574.
- Stage freight elevator, O'Keefe Elevator company, Omaha, \$8,950.
- Stage equipment, Stephenson School Supply company, Lincoln, \$15,978.75.



TEMPLE BUILDING . . . The south wing will go under reconstruction. Courtesy Lincoln Star

Chorus To Present Folk Opera

The University of Nebraska School of Fine Arts will present the University Summer Chorus, under the direction of Earl Jenkins, in Kurt Weill's folk opera, "Down in the Valley," Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Union ballroom.

Something different in the way of musical entertainment, "Down in the Valley" is a fully developed and integrated one-act folk opera. Originally produced in 1948, the opera has since enjoyed rapid and wide success and use.

The song, "Down in the Valley," sung by the chorus, begins the tragic love story of Brack Weaver and Jennie Parsons. Brack, who has been condemned for killing a man, escapes from prison in order to see his love.

In a series of flashbacks, Brack and Jennie live over the time they first met at prayer-meeting. Reticent about declaring his love for her, Brack nevertheless asks Jen-

nie to the Saturday night dance at Shadow Creek.

Jennie's father forbids her to go as he wants her to marry Thomas Blouche, his creditor. Jennie refuses, and instead she joins Brack at the dance.

The inevitable clash between Brack Weaver and Thomas Blouche over Jennie ends in the accidental death of Blouche and the apprehension of Brack who spends his last hour with his beloved "down in the valley, the valley so low." Peggy Bayer and Edward Wells were chosen to play the leads of Jennie Parsons and Brack Weaver.

United Churches Meet

The United Summer Church program will meet this Sunday in the Undercroft of the University Episcopal Church, with the Canterbury Club serving as host organization.

The groups will join in a snack supper at 5 p.m., followed by a short service of evening prayer at 5:45. The discussion will begin at 6 p.m.



J. P. COLBERT . . . New Dean of Student Affairs as of next Tuesday. Courtesy Lincoln Journal

ated. The original purpose of the administrative reorganization, he said, was that the students might be served more effectively, efficiently and economically. The new division, he explained, will "tie things together" so that they are directly responsible to the Chancellor and the Board of Regents.

Colbert has a number of interests outside of both education and engineering. He explained that he owns a cabin in Meeker Park, Colorado, where he and his family—he and Mrs. Colbert have two children—frequently go for vacations. As a matter of fact, the Colbert's just returned from a Colorado vacation Sunday. "I like to trout fish," he said, "and Mrs. Colbert and I are enthusiastic square dancers." He explained that while they were in Colorado last week, a festival was held at Estes Park, (which is only 13 miles from Meeker Park) and there was much square dancing. "We took part in it all," he said.

A member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Colbert received his M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University while a member of the faculty, in 1935. He received his B. S. degree from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy of the University of Missouri, after serving a period in the Army Medical Corps in World War I.

Subsequent to his graduation from the University of Missouri, he worked for various departments of the State of Nebraska, all directly connected with engineering, until he became a member of the University faculty.

All Prospective Doctors, Masters: Apply By Monday

All students who expect to receive the Master's or Doctor's degree at the close of summer school must first take oral examinations.

Applications for these examinations must be filed in the Graduate Office on or before June 30, Harold E. Wise, assistant dean of the graduate college has announced.