

## Eight Teachers Learn to Work With Exceptional

How may the gifted child's ability be fully developed in the public school?

The answer to this question is being sought by 8 teachers enrolled in a "practicum" (practice) scheduled by the Department of Educational Psychology, according to Dr. Warren R. Baller.

Dr. Baller, professor of educational psychology, teaches the courses in education for the gifted child.

### Opportunity Given

The "practicum" provides the teachers enrolled an opportunity to "improve their understanding of how to teach exceptionally bright children."

"Many projects are kept going in the public schools trying to determine what activities should be engaged in, what methods should be used in teaching effectively, and how to determine how these are functioning," Dr. Baller added.

Speaking for the department, Dr. Baller said, "In order to have children to work with, we have worked out a plan with Lincoln schools by which we select 25 children who, during the past year, were in the rapid learning classes. The 25 youngsters we have in the class this summer have been taken out of 14 schools."

"In terms of academic accomplishment they would be

in the top 5 percentile," the Dr. Baller pointed out.

According to Dr. Baller the experimentation has not been carried on for a long enough time to measure its effectiveness, as this is only the third summer for the class in "practicum."

The classes which are held in University High from 9 to 12 a.m., Monday through Friday, are taught by eight teachers working on advanced degrees.

### Californian Supervises

They are supervised by Miss Jeanne Delp, former curriculum consultant in the 3-year California State study of education for the accelerated student.

Miss Delp will be director of the program for the gifted in the Whittier, Calif. public school system next fall.

According to Miss Delp, the class of fifth graders chosen for the summer session "offers practicum for classroom teachers to observe and try out techniques for accelerated boys and girls."

"Subject matter is removed from regular course material," added Miss Delp. "It is strictly enrichment."

"Emphasis on training in communication skills is one of the major goals in this program. We try to teach them how to be resourceful in doing research, then making an application to a related situation, by comparison and contrast," pointed out the supervisor.



R. Rapacz

## Professor To Discuss Soviet Schools

Speaking on some phase of Russian Education every day next week will be Mr. Richard Rapacz of the Teachers College, Columbia University.

Mr. Rapacz recently toured the Soviet Union collecting materials for his doctoral dissertation which will be on Soviet reforms in education.

He will be speaking to the comparative education class, and anyone else that is interested, every day next week from 11 to 12 a.m. in room 412 Administration, and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. he will have a question and answer period in the same place.

He both speaks and reads Russian and with Dr. George Bereday he teaches a course called "The Challenge of Communism." He is an assistant in the Department of Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education at the Teachers College.

## Your University—What It Has to Offer

## Students Given Guidance By Counseling Service

"The University of Nebraska Counseling Service is dedicated to helping students get the maximum benefits from the years they spend in college," Gerken said.

This statement was made by Dr. Clayton Gerken, director of the Counseling Service.

Counseling services are designed to help normal college students grow in self-understanding so that they may use their assets effectively and plan attainable goals for the future, he said.

"Some people seem to think that this service is primarily for freshmen or students from 'left field,'" Gerken said. "This is not so. It is for all University students interested in vocational and educational planning, and in personal and social adjustment counseling."

Students are interviewed by counselors, and the problem is talked over.

"It is wrongly assumed by many people that the results of the aptitude tests are run through a kind of 'sausage grinder' and after studying them, we can tell a person what he or she should choose as a career," Gerken said. "This is not true. The tests are given to help a student evaluate his strong or weak points."

"We keep an up-to-date file of educational and occupational information so that the student may learn just what is involved in various types of work," he added.

Three full time counselors are included in the Services staff. These counselors are

required to have either a Doctorate in Educational Psychology or a Ph.D. in Psychology or its equivalent, Gerken said.



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## Baldwin Reveals Cast for 'Laura'

The cast for the University Theater production of the second summer play, "Laura" has been announced by Dr. Joseph Baldwin, acting director of the theater.

Described by Dr. Baldwin as "a sophisticated murder mystery," the play will be presented July 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. in Howell Memorial Theater, which has recently been air-conditioned.

A husband and wife acting team will be seen in two of the leading roles. Betty and Bill Guttie, graduate students, will have the roles of "A Girl," and detective Mark McPherson, respectively.

Steve Schultz will be seen as Waldo Lydecker, the role delightfully played in the motion picture version of the play by Clifton Webb. Andy Backer, who has appeared in many character roles in the University Theater and Community Theater productions, will play the role of Laura's fiance, Shelby Carpenter.

Mrs. Virginia Robertson and Drew Wovin will portray the mother-son team of Mrs. Dorgan and Danny Dorgan. Phil Boroff is playing a second detective, Olsen; and Judy Ress is housekeeper-companion to Laura, whose murder the detectives are attempting to solve.

There will be no admission charge for the two performances.



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