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Ruth K. Seacrest Memorial Concert

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# NU graduate-turned-administrator brings life-long education to job

By Mary Louise Knapp

Ruth Randall, a UNL graduate who is the newly appointed State Commissioner of Education for Minnesota, said Thursday that she's been in school most of her life.

Randall, who received her doctorate in educational administration from UNL in 1976, is one of five alumni visiting the UNL campus this week for Master's Week.

"I always wanted to be a teacher," Randall said. She has taught elementary school in several places in the Midwest, including a one-room schoolhouse in Iowa.

determine how communities would react to suggestions that these activities be limited, she said.

"I believe the citizens should speak to what they want," Randall said. "The decisions should be made at the local level."

Randall, who visited several UNL education classes Thursday morning, said she commends students who pursue careers in education.

Today's teachers are often "denigrated and demeaned" which sometimes causes fewer people to want to become teachers, she said.



Courtesy of Office of University Information

Ruth Randall

## Master's Week

Randall started teaching in 1949 after attending Dana College in Blair for two years. While teaching, she continued her education through correspondence courses and summer school.

Randall received her bachelor's degree in education from UNO in 1961, and her master's degree in 1968. She also has a specialist's degree in education. Before being appointed State Commissioner of Education of Minnesota, Randall was superintendent of schools for District #196 in Rosemount, Minn.

"I was one of five women superintendents in Minnesota," Randall said. She also is the first woman to be appointed state commissioner of education in Minnesota.

"I like it very much," Randall said.

As state commissioner of education, she is responsible for 731,000 students in public schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, 41,000 teachers and more than 400 superintendents.

She also supervises Minnesota's public libraries.

Randall said the public schools of Nebraska and the nation need to be restructured in order to meet the demands of a rapidly changing society.

"Education isn't bad, it just needs to be reformed," she said. "I think we've had an excellent education system, particularly in the Midwest," she said. However, the educational system that has served the "industrial society" now needs to change to accommodate the "information society," she said.

Reports on the state of education in Nebraska and the United States show the need for such change, she said.

The recently released report of the Nebraska Governor's Task Force on Excellence in Education recommended that students do more homework assignments. Randall said she agreed with the recommendation.

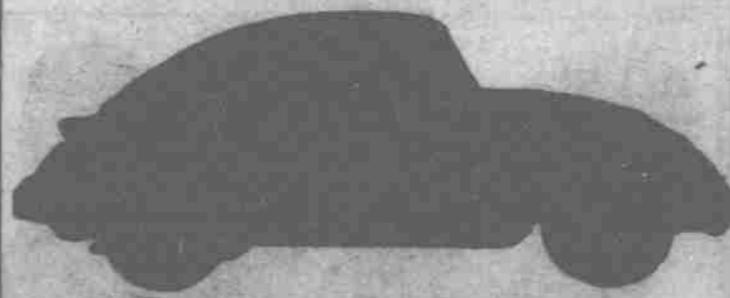
"Research has shown homework assignments are most effective when graded," she said. "Children, parents, and teachers must all take the responsibility (for homework)," she said.

Competency tests for elementary and high school students should be administered on a regular basis, preferably once every semester, she said. Randall said high schools and colleges should work together to establish academic expectations for students.

Extracurricular activities, which Nebraska Task Force members said should be limited to weekends and after-school hours, are encouraged by schools and communities, Randall said. So it is hard to

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