

# Student teachers' reviews mixed

## TRAINEE'S RECEPTION NOT THE WARMEST

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College students have been showing up in various classes lately. Who are they? Not extra lavatory monitors, but student teachers.

Ramsey has had seventeen student teachers already this year who according to Assistant prin-

icipal St. Richard Germain, have come here to become familiar with rules of professional teaching, and to get the feel of teaching.

Minnesota state law requires that one must have practical training as a student teacher or as an intern to obtain a teaching certificate.

An extensive screening process is carried out for each pro-

spective student teacher by his college, by the high school's administration, and the teacher who will be supervising him.

"Our prime concern is for our students," said St. Germain. He added that student teachers are chosen carefully because he doesn't want students to be hurt by poor teaching.

St. Germain said, "The student teacher is allowed to go as

far as he is capable of going."

Asked why she wanted to teach, Miss Koepf answered, "I like the thought that it's important to learn about other cultures. I was looking forward to teaching. I thought I would like it, and I do."

Sophomore Catty Barnett, a student in one of Miss Koepf's classes, commented about Miss Koepf, "as a person, I think she is very nice. As a teacher, I think she needs more experience."

Other student teachers here now are; Bruce Larsen, from Macalaster, teaching biology; Dennis King, from Augsburg, teaching Spanish, and Mark Lewis, from Macalaster, teaching history. Others are from the University of Minnesota: Julia Blue, in music; Nancy Uram, in biology; and Merriam Gorman, in the library.

TV comes into the classroom

with the "micro-teaching program." The student teacher can be filmed on video tape for later viewing and evaluation of his teaching methods. In this manner the teacher sees himself as the students would and can try to improve his effectiveness in the classroom.

Many students seem to have a negative feeling about student teachers.

Gary Larson, sophomore stated, "I don't like them (student teachers) when they take over."

"They have a place and they need the experience, but I think they should have more supervision," Kay Allen said.

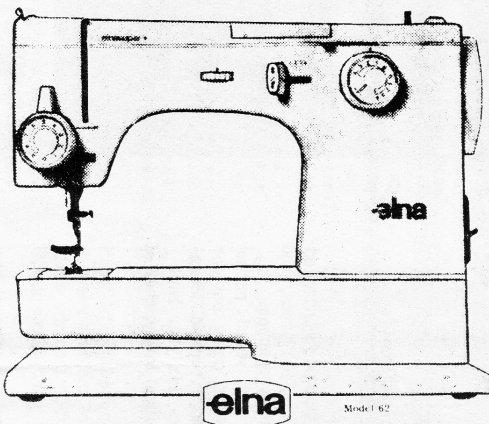
John Trigstad, "I don't like them. They don't teach as well as a regular teacher."

Junior Sue Amos said that student teachers are okay if they know what they are talking about and if they're well supervised.

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