Montana State University students of education serve in apprenticeships in classrooms throughout Montana

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Eighty Montana State University seniors and graduate students in education are serving apprenticeships this month in classrooms throughout Montana, according to Dr. Kenneth Lottick, director of student teaching in the MSU School of Education, Missoula.

Under the University's student teaching program, the students spend from three to six weeks as classroom teachers in high schools to gain professional experience and insight into the problems of high-school teaching, Dr. Lottick said.

Each student is assigned to an experienced high-school teacher, who supervises his work, Dr. Lottick explained. Usually, after a week or so of observing the supervisor's methods, the student teacher is ready to assist with regular class work, such as making assignments and helping in the instruction of groups of pupils.

The supervisor, at his discretion, gives the student teacher more responsibility as time goes on, until the student is teaching the class virtually on his own, Dr. Lottick said. The supervisor continues, however, to cooperate closely with the student in the planning of lessons, the use of materials, and other teaching duties. University personnel visit the classrooms and work with the student teachers and their immediate supervisors.

At the close of the apprenticeship period, the supervisor reports to the University on the student's progress, Dr. Lottick said. The students, who are all enrolled in education courses at the University for fall quarter, receive academic credit for their assignments in the high schools, he added.

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University personnel who are exercising general supervision over the program in the various high schools are Dr. Henry Knapp, who visits high schools at Butte, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Whitehall, Twin Bridges, and Helena; Dr. Frank Watson, Billings, Miles City, Hardin, Lodge Grass, White Sulphur Springs, Livingston, and Townsend; Prof. James M. Gebhart, Kalispell (Flathead County High School) and city schools in Big Fork, Polson, Somers, Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Ronan, Columbia Falls, and Libby; Prof. Robert H. Jay, Great Falls, Choteau, Fort Benton, Cut Bank, Conrad, and Chinook.

Dr. Lottick, director of the program, visits schools at Florence, Hamilton, Stevensville, Bonner, Frenchtown, St. Ignatius, Plains, and Thompson Falls.

Miss Vanetta Lewis of the MSU Home Economics Dept. visits high schools at Great Falls, Cut Bank, Helena, Butte, Polson, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Ronan, Whitehall, Hamilton, Stevensville, Thompson Falls, and Plains.

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