

## **From Our Past**

The Fifteenth Annual Spring Conference in Moorhead May 3-4, 1974, explored the theme, "I'm Not O.K., You're Not O.K.: The Ethics of Language." Professor Keith Gunderson, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, was the banquet speaker. Censorship was addressed at the luncheon by Irwin Gaines, Director of the Minneapolis Public Library, and Seymour Yesner, Consultant in English and Humanities, Minneapolis Public Schools.

Resolutions revealed MCTE's continued readiness to handle controversial issues and lead the profession:

1. MCTE pledged continued support of the right of all teachers to consider materials on all sides of issues, beliefs, and ideas so that young citizens might develop the habit of critical thinking, reading, listening and viewing, thereby enabling them to develop intellectual integrity in forming judgments.
2. MCTE supported the principle that classroom teachers form the majority on any committee or team responsible for teacher certification.
3. MCTE supported legislation designed to ease the levy limitation imposed on school districts.
4. MCTE opposed the voucher plan in legislation.
5. MCTE invited student program participants to express their points of view.
6. MCTE supported scholarships for students entering four-year institutions from two-year colleges.

President Bernard Raphael set forth these goals for MCTE in 1974-1975:

1. To establish a liaison between MCTE and the State Assessment Program
2. To interest more elementary teachers in MCTE affairs by organizing the Elementary Section
3. To interest more minorities and women in MCTE work
4. To involve junior college teachers in MCTE
5. To expand MCTE publication issues to keep teachers better informed.