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### Panels Give Journalists 'Inside' Data

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Accuracy in all newspaper work was one of the main points emphasized in a panel discussion on printed newspapers held October 31 in University Hall. Dick Reid of Lincoln Northeast presided as chairman, with Dale Farnbruch of the Lincoln Journal acting as coordinating speaker. The three members of the panel were: Patricia Considine, Omaha South, Betty Bruha, Ord; and Marcia Imming, Beatrice.

Mr. Farnbruch stressed three rules as the three most important requirements for a good reporter:

1. Be accurate.
2. Tell the whole story.
3. Never break a confidence.

He went on to say that in any department of professional newspapers, knowledge of the background of the writing subject is essential.

"Since practically all high school papers are printed weekly, bi-weekly, or even monthly," Dick Reid recommended, "news is usually stale by the time it reaches the reader." Writing these stories in feature form is a good way of overcoming that sound of old news, he said.

#### Good Paper.

Betty Bruha told what is needed to make a good paper. A dependable staff, alert reporters, and a cooperative staff are important, she said.

Getting facts right, and the realization that reporting requires mostly legwork were points accentuated by Pat Considine.

Four don'ts for high school papers were enumerated by Marcia Imming. They include: don't overburden the lead; don't constantly begin paragraphs with articles; don't use a complicated style of writing, but employ simplicity always; and don't include the writer's opinion—that is, don't editorialize.

BY CHARLES BRENNAN  
Alliance

Virginia Lee Herrman, chairman, opened panel three, on the importance of choosing the staff.

#### Students Should Choose.

There was considerable question about how staff members should be chosen and organized. Some students and advisers thought that they should be chosen from the vote of the Adviser, Student Council and senior members of the staff. Others thought that the student body, as a whole, should choose them.

The main thing of picking the staff was to get a good dependable managing editor. It was decided that he should be a senior and high in scholastic standing with his class. He should be responsible for his reporters on getting all stories in on time. The adviser should not have a thing to do with the paper. By this, it was meant that the editor should copyread, proofread and write all headlines.

It was suggested that there be only three senior staff editors: managing editor, news editor, and advertising editor. Sports editor should be a junior, so that, in his senior year, he would have a good knowledge of athletics.

### Young Writers at Work



### Students Explain Journalism's Lure

BARBARA CHESEN.  
Lincoln High.

To obtain a clear view as to what the average high school journalist expects in the newspaper field, the press convention's own inquiring reported approached these 21 "conventionites" with the question "What do you think journalism has to offer you?"

Jeanice Schott, who hails from Osceola, Nebraska, said: "It should be able to offer me a great career."

Doris Kennedy, who also comes from Osceola, said: "Its many fields offer opportunities for use of numerous talents and many chance for advancement."

Joan Omachi from David City answered: "It offers an exciting career, one in which one must really use her resources."

Wally Barnett, a student of Lincoln high school, replied: "A course with a future in one of the greatest fields of American life."

Howard Berg, from Alliance, stated: "It offers a great chance to meet people thru my line of photography."

Barbara Laughlin, a Northeast student said, "You can use this vocation as a good way of expressing ideas and thoughts."

Jackie McKinley, also a student of Northeast high school stated, "A wide course which is helpful in widening my English vocabulary."

Virginia Loomis, a resident of Lincoln who attends College View remarked: "Journalism not only offers a good career but gives you a better chance to express yourself in everyday life."

Louise Stam, a Lincoln high pupil, said: "Journalism offers a very interesting career and one that will never grow dull."

Doris Noble from Alvo, answered: "Journalism offers me a positive occupation. It has a widening interest."

Harold Moon who comes from Wauseto, replied: "Experience for future journalism."

Ann Potter from Omaha North high stated: "Journalism offers me a chance to keep up on school affairs and a chance to improve my writing for the future work I hope to do."

Howard Kirsch a pupil of Lincoln high remarked with a smile: "A good job with money behind it."

Marlene Bresley from Ord replied: "Starting of a career."

Betty Johnson, who came in from Cambridge, Nebraska, said: "Journalism means a way of ex-

pressing myself so that I may be better able to handle the English language."

Mary Lou Trimbauld from Bellevue, Nebraska, said: "It is an open field."

Jean Jackson from Omaha North, replied: "A better appreciation of written material and of written works so that I may read in my daily life especially the newspaper."

Barbara Yeager, a student of Lincoln high school, stated: "I think journalism offers a chance for meeting people and widening your views because of the different kinds you meet."

Mrs. Helen Schnirren, an English sponsor from Alvo, remarked: "For young people a very interesting career today with world situation as it is. It should appeal to students interested in current history and to students looking forward to the opportunity of helping make the United States a true democracy."

Ruth Jewett, from Lincoln high stated: "It offers me a good chance for a future with hard work, but a future that holds excitement and new opportunities and acquaintances in every day life."

Keith Schemmerhorn, a student of North high school in Omaha, Nebraska, the last of the "conventionites" to be interviewed answered: "To me Journalism offers a career and a good job in the future."

### 360 Attend High School Press Meet

BY VIRGINIA LOOMIS  
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College View High.

Three hundred and sixty representatives from 49 high schools attended the annual Nebraska High School Press convention held at the University of Nebraska Friday and Saturday.

Friday morning the delegates were conducted on tours through the Lincoln Journal plant and the university campus. General convocation was then held for the representatives. Dr. William F. Swindler, director of the university school of journalism, spoke on the topic "Tomorrow's Journalists." In the afternoon students were entered in competitive contests in journalism and others gathered news for the Daily Nebraskan.

Panel discussions were held Friday afternoon on organizing the staffs for school newspapers and yearbooks. These were among other discussions held on problems concerning the school papers and yearbooks.

To enable students to become better acquainted, a convention banquet was held at the Cornhusker hotel, and a university dance was held at the Student Union ballroom Friday evening.

The schools represented at the convention were: Alliance, Alvo, Arcadia, Beatrice, Blue Springs, Bellevue, Cambridge, Clay Center, College View, David City, De Witt, Endicott, Elwood, Grand Island, Holdrege, Kearney, Lincoln High, Lincoln Northeast, Loomis, McCook, Nebraska City, Osceola, Fremont, Benson, Cathedral, Central, Holy Name, North and South Omaha High, Underwood, Ord, Raymond, Superior, Sutherland, Utica, Wauneta, York, Bertrand, North Platte and Norfolk.

### Prep Students Enjoy UN Visit

BY JACKIE MCKINNEY AND  
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Lincoln Northeast

Being highly excited and anticipating our trip to the big city, we awoke early (long before the chickens), and started our first lap of the day's excursions.

Clambering out of our mechanized lumber wagon we were confronted with a huge mass of brick construction which we were later told was the Stupid Onion (or was it Student Union?) Clutching tightly to our money belts and ascending the steps (three at a time) we flung open the portals which were to hold for us a preview of our coed calamities.

Looking neither to left or right we were rudely stopped, dead in our oxfords, by two big, burly bruisers, who flashed the sign "Red Hot Kisses, \$1.00," in our faces. Immediately remembering our warnings of the day not to promote male advances, venture down fraternity row, or peck in windows at the boys' dorm and because our folding money was limited, we cagely continued on our way.

Realizing our knowledge of See Prep Students, Page 2, Col 5.

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