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Conference provides principals information

Between 250 and 275 Midwestern high school principals and advisers are expected to attend the nineteenth annual Principal-Freshman Conference at UNL today, according to the UNL Admissions Office.
The conference is the result of three months of planning by Director of Admissions AI Papik and his secretary, Sue Lemond. It is designed to help principals know how to better prepare high school students for college.

The Admissions Office has received 430 reservations from principals, high school department heads and advisers, Lemond sald. About 30 of these are from out of state.
Each participant will sign up for three morning seminars. registration advising, financial aids, Teachers College, the Colleges of Agriculture, Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering and Home Economics, the Centennial Education Program, English, housing, International Studies program, math, minority affairs, nursing and ROTC.
Eighty persons from the UNL campus are participating as
hosts or speakers, Lemond said.
UNL Chancallor James Zumberge will address the group at a luncheon, Papik said.
In the afternoon principals and advisers will meet with UNL freshmen who were graduated from their high schools. The freshmen will discuss how their high school experience prepared them for UNL and how it might have been better.
Residence hall lounges and cafeterias will be used for the semi. private meetings, Lemond said.
About 50\% of the freshmen at UNL participate in the Principal-Freshman Conference, Papik said. Poor attendance by Lincoln and Omaha freshmen keeps that percentage from being higher, he said.
The proximity of freshmen from Omaha and Lincoln to their former high schools probably explains why fewer attend the conferences than do students from smaller and more remote communities, Papik said.
Invitations to meet with thair principals were mailed to freshmen, along with a questionnaire about their adjustment to college, Lemond said.
The questionnaires ask how well the high school prepared the student for taking college examinations, participating in class discussion, setting up a study schedun, uses, reading college texts, paperning from other students and having individual conferences learning from
with professors
Students also are given the opportunity on the questionnaire to evaluate their high school advising programs, the UNL advising orientation. All-State programs Day, College Night, summ to college bound high school seniors.
The Principal-Freshmen Conference is the largest and mosi significant of the three programs set up by Academic Services for new students, Papik said.
About 1,186 students participate in Senior Information Day Papik said. During October and November high school students are invited to visit the UNL campus and ask questions.
Papik and counselors from Academic Services, who handle admissions and counseling for freshmen and new students, visit high schosis throughout Nebraska and neighboring states for College Night. Last fall, 48 high schools were visited, Papik said. Following the conference, evaluations are mailed to principals and advisers who participated, Papik said. Evaluation resuits have been "generally positive," with principals and advisers indicating they had an enjoyable time and received useful information, he said.


