

2023 State Journalism Championship



#8 Newspaper News Writing

Time Limit – 1:15

Directions: Assume the role of reporter for a student newspaper. A group question-and-answer session will be conducted with the interviewee. The group interview will last 10 to 15 minutes. Prepare questions to ask and take notes on the responses. The interview may not be recorded. Entries will be evaluated on originality, reader appeal and interest.

When you are finished:

- 1. Type your first and last name at the top right of the paper.**
- 2. Save your document as a PDF with the filename: yourfirstlastname_NPnews_Class
(For example: SusieSmith_NPnews_ClassA)**
- 3. Notify the proctor when you are finished.**

Amanda Nipp, Vice President of Student Services, Northeast Community College

- Northeast Community College remodeled and added on to their former Student Center building. Construction began in the spring 2019. Construction consisted of renovating the existing 36-year-old structure in the center of campus, plus erecting a 27,000 square foot addition.
- The construction project was designed to create a facility to increase student success by bringing the Service (technology) Center, Library-Resource Center, Academic Support Services, and Business Services to one central location on campus. Additionally, the project created expanded space for student health and counseling services, the Hawk Shop store operations, meeting rooms, student activities, and a game room. An area for food service and a coffee shop was also incorporated, along with a dedicated college-wide secure data center.
- The existing Student Center was identified in a Master Site and Facility Plan in 2017 as one of the buildings in the greatest need of renovation and repairs due to its aging exterior, electrical systems and accessibility. Space deficiencies and staffing adjacencies across campus were studied and it was then determined that the expansion of the Student Center would allow Northeast to provide much needed space to meet these requests.
- The name Union 73 relates to both a student union on a college campus as a place that offers several services to students and to the 1973 merger, or union, of Northeastern Nebraska College and Northeast Nebraska Technical College, now known as Northeast Community College.
- Union 73 opened in May of 2021.