Fanning to Lecture on News Role in Society

Lawrence Fanning, publisher of the Anchorage Daily News, will present a lecture on the role of the press in today's society at 2 p.m., Monday (Jan. 6), in Schaible Auditorium at the University of Alaska.

The publisher's visit to the campus was arranged by the UA Department of Journalism to enrich its student program, but all interested persons are invited to attend the lecture.

Fanning, editor of the Chicago Daily News from 1965 to 1967, will discuss press responsibility from his vantage of more than 35 years as a working journalist.

He is expected to comment on actions of the press during the riot-torn Democratic National Convention he attended in Chicago last summer.

Following his lecture, Fanning will be honored at a reception and dinner on campus. He will be accompanied by his wife, Kay.

Fanning began his career as a copy boy for the San Francisco Chronicle in the depression years, rising to managing editor. He left the Chronicle in 1954 to become editor of the Chicago Sun-Times Syndicate, being named executive editor of the Sun-Times in 1959.

Prior to becoming publisher and president of the Northern Publishing Co., Inc., which publishes the Anchorage Daily News, Fanning served as executive editor and then editor of the Chicago Daily News.

He is editorial director of the the Publishers Newspaper Syndicate and a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, International Press Institute, Sigma Delta Chi, and several press clubs.