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Dr. Hugh Cowdin spent more than four decades preparing the next generation of journalists. He retired from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1995 as chairman of the Department of Communications after 27 years at UNO. Cowdin has been a journalist since he was editor of his high school newspaper in his hometown of Milwaukee. While at Marquette University, he helped establish the news and sports operation for WEMP Radio. His first teaching position was in 1956 at St. Joseph’s College in Rensselaer, Ind. In 1966, he became a journalism instructor at Duquesne University in Pittsburg. He joined UNO in 1968. Cowdin has been a member of the Omaha Press Club Education Committee for 44 years. He has served on the OPC board and the OPC foundation board that raises funds for journalism scholarships.