

through this course I found it was a false impression. By showing us all angles of the media the course gave us a better idea of what was involved and how many different sections of journalism there was.

"The best part of the course was that you got to meet and make new friends from all over New Zealand. Those not brought up in a strong Maori-orientated background got the chance to learn from those who had and vice versa.

"Journalism is what I would look upon as an optional career. It involves a lot of hard work and initiative which seems often very off-putting to potential journalists.

"If I did go into it I would be more interested in radio as I find it very effective in putting across views."

Sarona Aiono, 18, Christchurch. NZ born Samoan. Now at Canterbury University.

"Even though journalism has always been my aim, I was glad to get to know a lot more of it as in witnessing it and actually being part of it.

"This course has made me even more aware that there just are not enough Maori and Polynesian journalists."

Samson Samasoni, 18, Wellington. Samoan-Tokelauan.

"I felt the week was enjoyable, not only socially but in connection with journalism. My favourite day was when we did practical reporting. I especially found interviewing a great thrill and after several attempts I found the flow of questioning come naturally. I found it hard to take notes

and interview but with practice (and shorthand) this might change.

"The people on the course were a great bunch. Everyone got on well and this type of bond remained throughout visits, weekend and especially at night with our own sessions lasting till two to five in the morning.

"After our first visits to newspapers, I was brought down to earth over what journalism actually contained. I now consider it to be something I would really like to do."

Veralyn Pomana, 16, Gisborne. Ngati Porou. 6th former and head girl at Ngata College.

"The course was terrific because it gave me a deep insight into journalism. I learnt things that I had never heard of before. But because of the insight it had given me, it's left me uncertain about whether or not I want to go into it."

Marion Rangihuna, 16, Te Araroa. Ngati Porou. Head prefect of Te Waha O Rerekau Area School.

"This course has been a new experience to me and I know that I will never forget the past fortnight. What moved me most was how people from all parts of New Zealand came so close together like one big family. We talked and shared and because of this we formed a bond of love and friendship which I never want to end."

Geoffrey Schrivener, 18, Taumarunui. Te Arawa. 6th former and deputy head prefect at St Stephen's School, Bombay.

"The course was very enjoyable. To me the best part was how we have all come closer together just over the

one week we have had here at Pendennis (Hartel). The friendship that has been established between us will be a lasting one and I think that this course will be remembered not only for the work we did but also for the good times and happiness we shared.

"I am more interested now than I was before. I am more interested in TV and radio broadcasting than being a newspaper reporter."

Left Samson Samasoni, Wellington
Middle Veralyn Pomana, Gisborne.
Bottom right Geoffrey Schrivener, Taumarunui.
Top right Karen Nicholas, New Plymouth.

