

Dec. 15 deadline for Golden Dozen

In order to give schools a chance to enter the Golden Dozen competition, the deadline for mailing in the 1998 books has been extended to Dec. 15.

SISPA's yearbook contests include recognition for excellence in the overall look of a book to awards for outstanding work in individual sections. The Golden Dozen are 12 yearbooks that are chosen for their overall quality.

Yearbook staffs who want to enter the Golden Dozen Award competition should send a copy of their 1998 book, the entry form and an \$8 fee to: Judy Vidakovich, Coulterville High School, 101 W. Grant St.,

Coulterville, IL 62287. In order to compete in Golden Dozen, a school must be a member of SISPA.

Those schools who vie for the Golden Dozen Award will automatically qualify for the second part of the competition for individual sections of the book. First, second and third places plus honorable mentions will be given in: original cover, original endsheets, theme, copy, photography, graphics, layout, advertisement and mini-magazine.

Winners will be announced at the Spring Conference in April. Plaques will again be awarded to winners by Charlie Sisk of Taylor Publishing Co.

49th Spring Conference changed to April 19

Preparations are being made for the 49th annual SISPA Spring Conference to be held at SIU-Carbondale's Student Center on Monday, April 19.

To help cover costs, some fees will increase. The cost per student to attend will be \$4, and the cost to participate in the on-site writing contest will be \$2 per student, maximum of two entries per school per category.

The program will follow past formats. All newspaper and yearbook contests and senior interview competition will be held as normal. Specific information will be available in the next issue of the *Editor*.

GOLDEN DOZEN

Entries must be postmarked
by **DECEMBER 15, 1998**

ALL entrants must be a member of SISPA.

Name of Yearbook _____

School _____

School Street Address _____

School City/State/Zip _____

School Phone _____

Adviser _____

Editor(s) _____

Is the cover of the 1998 book original design?
yes no

Are the endsheets an original design?
yes no

**Send this form along with \$8 fee to:
Judy Vidakovich, Coulterville H.S.,
101 W. Grant, Coulterville, IL 62237**

Congratulations

SISPA member, *Gargoyle*,
of University Lab High School, Urbana, IL,
was named a NSPA Pacemaker Finalist!

Former Senator Paul Simon holds press conference

The 40th Annual Fall Conference was highlighted by an address by former Senator Paul Simon.

Joe Foote, Dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, gave the welcome before the keynote address by Senator Simon. Simon is on the faculty at the School of Journalism at SIU and is head of the Public Policy Institute at SIU.

Senator Simon answered questions from the students concerning current events. Senator Simon shared his views on the degradation of politics and the role of the media its watchdog role.

Senator Simon said the thing that disturbed him the most about the Starr Report was that President Bill Clinton determined his actions based on the latest polls.

The Conference also featured a WSIU Studio Tour, a tour of the *Daily Egyptian*, newspaper critiques by Laurie Bielong, adviser at Belleville Township West, and yearbook critiques by Judy Vidakovich, adviser at Coulterville High School.

The Fall Conference Committee consisted of John Wells of Mater Dei High School Evansville, Andrea Clancy of Red Bud High School, and Herman Albers of Coulterville High School.

Attendance prizes were provided by University Bookstore and New Student Admissions.

Fall Conference Stats

181 Students

12 Advisers

Attending Schools

Belleville West

Coulterville

Harrisburg

Herrin

Jackson, MO

Marion

Mater Dei (IN)

Murphysboro

Red Bud

Wayne City

And the winners are ... 1998 Spring Conference Contests

On-Site Contests

Advertising Design

1st, Robert DeVillez, Harrisburg; 2nd, Trisha Eardley, Belleville West; 3rd, Roy Culbertson III, Belleville West; HM, Michael Taber, Sullivan; Travis Loy, Sullivan; Art Kolchinsky, University Lab; Jessica Koester, Red Bud

Newspaper Front Page Design

1st, Brad Behrmann, Belleville West; 2nd, Ally Mizulski, Belleville West; 3rd, Caroline Leimer, Jackson

Caption Writing

1st, Blair Nicholson, Belleville West; 2nd, Amy Harrington, Mattoon; 3rd,

Bocky Lewis, Belleville West; HM, Morgan Simpson, Fairfield; Shoena Langauser, Mater Dei; Nell Burger, University Lab

Yearbook Double Page Spread

1st, Jessica Schultz, Jackson; 2nd, Nikki Mueth, Belleville West; 3rd, Kris Young, Riddle Mattoon; HM, Cathy Shevlin, Sparta; Emily Repp, McLeansboro; Sara Irwin, Belleville West; April Huffman, Jackson

Editorial Writing

1st, Robert Winkeler, Mater Dei; 2nd, Samuel Scott, Belleville West; 3rd, Grace Priddy, Herrin

Yearbook Copy Block

1st, Megan Stone, Greenville;

2nd, Susie DeMichael, Taylorville; 3rd, Kisha Tracy, McLeansboro; HM, Jodi Barnes, Belleville West

News Writing

1st, Rich Morris, Evansville Mater Dei; 2nd, Sara Bondioli, Herrin; 3rd, Imran Rashid, University Lab; HM, Amy Kiel, Taylorville; Jen Maceyko, Belleville West; Josh Hogg, Harrisburg

Sports Writing

1st, Keath Murray, Sullivan; 2nd, Adam Briggs, Taylorville; 3rd, Kyle Thompson, Jackson; HM, Lisa Weidemann, Belleville West; Phil Rowell, University Lab; Tracy Mallard, Belleville West

Yearbook Cover Design

1st, Vicky Young, Red Bud; 2nd, Christy Teets, Jackson; 3rd, Lyree Johnson, Fairfield; HM, Wade Ellett, Mattoon; Cortnie Berry, Coulterville; Brooke Givens, Belleville West; Kyle Barber, Sparta

Editing

1st, Kerin Vowels, Mater Dei; 2nd, Jake Pope, Sullivan; 3rd, Rosey Muskopf, Belleville West; HM, Marjorie Moore, Greenville; Lauren Walsh, Herrin

Best Story Contest

Best Feature Story

1st, Imran Rashid, University Lab; 2nd, Nawshaba Siddiquee and Michel Chatara-Morse, Springfield; 3rd, Brady Bruh, Kate Hurton,

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Dues to be increased Jan. 1

To offset the rising cost of running the two SISPA conferences, membership fees will increase January 1 to \$10 per publication. If both publications join at the same time, membership will be \$15.

Staffs who join before January 1, will receive the current price of \$10 per school.

Membership is open to any school and is required for participating in both the Fall and Spring Conferences.

SISPA offers newspaper and yearbook competition in several categories. The newspaper competition includes the Blue Banner award for overall excellence. Individual staff

members can compete in over 20 different newspaper writing categories.

Overall yearbook competition includes the Golden Dozen award for overall excellence. Individual and staff competitions are also available for the yearbooks.

Along with these competitive events, on-site writing contests and a senior interview contest are offered at the Spring Conference.

Anyone wishing to help with SISPA activities should contact Herman Albers at Coulterville High School at 618/758-2338 or check the box on the membership form.

SISPA is run by area advisers to promote high school journalism. The organization is under the auspices of the Department of Journalism of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

SISPA will continue to operate as long as advisers are willing to help. All assistance is appreciated.

If you have any questions about membership, contact Laurie Bielong at Belleville West High School, 618/233-5070, ext. 623.

For any newsletter mailing problems, contact Karen Waldron at SIUC—618/536-3361

Membership Form

School Name _____

School Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

School Phone _____ Enrollment _____

Newspaper Name _____

Adviser _____ E Mail _____

Yes, I would like to get more involved in SISPA

Yearbook Name _____

Adviser _____ E Mail _____

Yes, I would like to get more involved in SISPA

Send this form with \$10 membership dues per school to:

Laurie Bielong, Belleville West High School, 2600 West Main, Belleville, IL 62226
If paying after Jan. 1, 1999, send \$10 for 1 publication, \$15 for 2.

Tom Engel, Collinsville; HM, Nell Burger and Audrey Miller, University Lab; Courtney Stankey, Belleville West; Balke Sims, Sullivan; Cassi Patton, Harrisburg; Jennifer Hill and Jerry Tipton, Collinsville.

Best Sports Column

1st, Peter Kim, University Lab; 2nd, Carl Martin, Coulterville; Peter Kim, University Lab; HM, Billie Jarrett, Paducah Tilghman; Adam Briggs, Taylorville

Best Original Ad

1st, Stacey Sperling, Harrisburg; 2nd, Courtney Ballheimer, Coulterville; 3rd, Megan Strom, Belleville West; HM, Stacey Pinckstaff, Robinson; Staff, Mater Dei; Robert Devilliz, Harrisburg; Adam Briggs, Taylorville; Richard W. Morris, Jr., Mater Dei; Courtney Ballheimer, Coulterville; Robert Devilliz, Harrisburg; Thomas Arpasi, Benton; Brian Wildeman, Mater Dei; Cory Allen, Sullivan

Best Front Page Layout

1st, *The Senator*, Springfield; 2nd, *SHS Signal*, Sullivan; 3rd, *Hy News*, Belleville West; HM, *Gargoyles*, University Lab; *The Kahoki*, Collinsville; *The Heath Post*, Heath; *Echo*, Benton

Best Review

1st, Brad Behrmann, Belleville West; 2nd, Nell Bruger, Jeremy Hobson, Peter Kim, Art Kolchinsky, Nate Mathews, University Lab; 3rd, Brenna Erford, Springfield; HM, Chelsea Litteken, Taylorville; James Counts, Collinsville; Chelsea

Litteken and Amy Kiel, Taylorville; Bryan Miller, Marion; Kelly Davenport, Marion; Andy Sinclair, Robinson; Nate Mathews, University Lab

Best Editorial Column

1st, Charlene Christman, Springfield; 2nd, Samuel Scott, Belleville West; 3rd, Leslie Hanschen, Jackson; HM, Chris Nuernberger, Collinsville; Lindsey Davlan, Collinsville; Amanda Ochs, University Lab

Cub Division

1st, Courtney Erickson, Belleville West; 2nd, Angie Klein, Mater Dei; Sarah Hegeman, Belleville West; HM, Bryan Miller, Marion; Angie Klein, Mater Dei; Laruen Shields, Springfield

Best Computer**Produced Graphic**

1st, Ben Bovee, Collinsville; 2nd, Staff, Springfield; 3rd, Art Kolchinsky, University Lab; HM, Sergio Ubaldo, Collinsville

Best In-Depth Story

1st, Amy Chew, University Lab; 2nd, Israel Wheeler and Grant Quertermous, Paducah Tilghman; 3rd, Jon Hinderliter, Collinsville; HM, Matt Simon, Belleville West

Best News Story

1st, Nawshaba Siddiquee, Springfield; 2nd, Elisabeth Meyer, Paducah Tilghman; 3rd, Amy Kiel, Taylorville; HM, Richmond Amoako, Springfield; Ben Martin, Jackson; Cindy Martin and Grace Priddy, Herrin

Best Overall Layout

1st, *Gargoyles*, University Lab; 2nd, *The Kahoki*,

Collinsville; 3rd, *Mater Dei Highlights*, Mater Dei (IN); HM, *The Squawler*, Jackson; *Heath Post*, Heath; *SHS Signal*, Sullivan; *The Senator*, Springfield; *Hy News*, Belleville West; *Echo*, Benton; *Tilghman Bell*, Paducah Tilghman

Best Sports Story

1st, Sammy Sohn, University Lab; 2nd, Phil Rowell and Sammy Sohn, University Lab; 3rd, Josh Aaron, Benton; HM, Jennifer Barnes, Mater Dei; Peter Kim, University Lab; Tony Albertina, Collinsville

Best Sports Feature

1st, Phil Rowell and Nell Burger, University Lab; 2nd, Phil Rowell and Sammy Sohn, University Lab; 3rd, Nell Burger, University Lab; HM, Tina Cantrell, Carni-White

Best Humorous Column

1st, Paul Nelson, University Lab; 2nd, Rob Mills, University Lab; 3rd, Grace Priddy, Herrin; HM, Ben Martin, Jackson; Peter Kim, University Lab

Best Featurette

1st, Jennifer Maceyko, Belleville West; 2nd, Brandi Ellis, Mt. Vernon; 3rd, *Senator* staff, Springfield

Best Interview Story

1st, Amy Kiel, Taylorville; 2nd, Amanda Ochs, University Lab; 3rd, Brittney Hargraves, Belleville West; HM, Miranda Hale, Mt. Vernon; Susie DeMichael, Taylorville

Best Editorial

1st, Leanne Specha, Taylorville; 2nd, Samuel Scott, Belleville West; 3rd, the *Purple Clarion* staff, Harrisburg; HM, Samuel Scott, Belleville West;

Leanne Specha, Taylorville; Angie Klein, Mater Dei

Best Original Art

1st, Liz Stygar, Collinsville; 2nd, Tim Jaeger, Paducah Tilghman; 3rd, Trisha Eardley, Belleville West; HM, Grady Wring, Heath; Jasmine Malan, Springfield

Best Original Cartoon

1st, Robert Devilliz, Harrisburg; 2nd, Kris Onstott, Collinsville; 2nd, Roy Culbertson, Belleville West; 3rd, Tim Jaeger, Paducah Tilghman; HM, Grady Wring, Heath; Trisha Eardley, Belleville West; Josh Mueller, Coulterville; Seth Weber and Matt Riordan, Mater Dei

Best Photograph

1st, Art Kolchinsky, University Lab; 2nd, Brandy Bruhn, Collinsville; 3rd, Keath Murray, Sullivan; HM, staff, Mater Dei; J.P. Rice, Harrisburg; James Sherwood, Robinson; Gretchen Campbell and David Honey, Heath; Keath Murray, Sullivan

Yearbooks**1998 Contest**

Sports Copy Block
1st, Chad Ashley, Sparta; 2nd, Lisa Weidemann, Belleville West; 3rd, Chad Ashley, Sparta; HM, Becky McIntyre, Sparta; Zach Rogers, Belleville West

Photography

1st, Stephanie Moore, Mater Dei; 2nd, Richard Morris, Mater Dei

Feature Copy Block

1st, Cathy Shevlin and Jean Rieckenberg, Sparta; 2nd, Erin Tolliver, Sparta; Angela Hess, Sparta

1997 Contest**Photography**

1st, *Dial*, Carbondale; 2nd, *Bulldog*, Sparta

Best Graphics

1st, *Bellevinois*, Belleville West

Endsheets

1st, *Bellevinois*, Belleville West

Theme

1st, *Bellevinois*, Belleville West; 2nd, *Bulldog*, Sparta; 3rd, *Graduate*, Greenville; HM, *Dial*, Carbondale; *Robinillo*, Robinson; *Eagle*, Coulterville

Advertising

1st, *Robinillo*, Robinson; 2nd, *Pirata*, Heath; 3rd, *Riddle*, Mattoon

Layout

1st, *Bulldog*, Sparta; 2nd, *Robinillo*, Robinson; 3rd, *Graduate*, Greenville; HM, *Dial*, Carbondale; *Bellevinois*, Belleville West

Copy

1st, *Bulldog*, Sparta; 2nd, *Eagle*, Coulterville; 3rd, *Bellevinois*, Belleville West; HM, *Robinillo*, Robinson; *Chieftain*, Wayne City

Coverage

1st, *Bulldog*, Sparta; 2nd, *Bellevinois*, Belleville West; 3rd, *Chieftain*, Wayne City; HM, *Anchor*, St. Thomas Seminary; *Riddle*, Mattoon; *Eagle*, Coulterville

Mini Mag

1st, *Dial*, Carbondale; 2nd, *Cardinal*, West Pike

Great
Job!

Adviser of the Year nominations wanted

SISPA honors one newspaper adviser and one yearbook adviser at its Spring Conference annually. It is time now to nominate this year's possible recipients.

The award is called the Manion Rice Adviser of the Year in honor of the long-time SISPA director.

Nominations can be made in two ways. First, an adviser can nominate a candidate for each category.

Secondly, nominations can be made by students who would like to nominate their newspaper or yearbook adviser. Each staff can make one nomination.

Nominations are reviewed in committee, and a final winner is then determined.

At the Spring Conference, the winners are announced at the beginning assembly and receive a plaque.

Send nominations using the form provided by March 5, 1999.

SISPA Adviser of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee Name _____

School _____

Adviser of: **Newspaper** **Yearbook**

Briefly describe the nominee's accomplishments and qualifications to receive this honor.

Nomination submitted by: _____ attach additional sheets if necessary
(please include school)

Phone number _____

Send nominations by MARCH 5, 1999 to: Herman Albers, Coulterville High School, 101 W. Grant, Coulterville, IL 62237

Sharing
With
Others

SISPA is always looking for new speakers for its Spring Conference. If you would like to lead a session on April 12, please contact Herman Albers at 618/758-2338.

Help make this day beneficial for both your students and other journalists.

Session length is approximately 40 minutes.

Staff Manual Contents

Below is a sample table of contents for a staff manual. Not all of these items are necessary for every school. If you already have a staff manual, check off the ones you already include in your manual. Discuss the ones you have not included and be prepared to explain why they should not be included—or be prepared to write these sections. If you do not have a staff manual, check off the sections you want to include. Be prepared to discuss any items you have not chosen to include and then discuss the process you'll use to write the others.

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