

Editor

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SIUC site of April 19 conference

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

Registration will be from 8-9 a.m. in the Gallery Lounge on the second floor of the Student Center.

Schools are urged to arrive early to take advantage of the displays and to register for the On-Site and Senior Interview contests.

Fees are \$4 per attendee for member schools. Additional fees are required for those students participating in the on-site contest. (See schedule at right for listing of ALL fees.) To participate, schools must be a part of SISPA.

PROGRAM

The opening assembly will begin at 9 a.m. At this time, Blue Banner, Golden Dozen and Yearbook Contest winners will be announced along with the Advisers of the Year.

First session discussions will be held from 9:40-10:20 a.m. The second session is slated from 10:30-11:10 a.m.

The On-Site Writing categories Caption Writing, Yearbook Feature Copy Writing, Yearbook Sports Copy Writing, Advertising Design and Editing will be from 9:40-10:20. The rest of the on-site contests will be from 9:40-11:10.

The afternoon assembly will begin at 12:45 p.m. with awards for year-

book photo and copy and Best Story awards for newspapers being presented. The On-Site Contest and Senior Interview winners will be announced at that time also. The conference will be completed by 1:30 p.m.

PARKING

Cars must park in the pay lot between the Student Center and the Stadium at 25 ¢ per hour or park south of the arena.

A special lot for buses is available just south of the parking area across from the Student Center. Pick-up

can be made at about 1:30 p.m. in front of the Student Center.

LUNCH

There are several fast food places to eat in the Student Center, as well as places close to campus. Students can eat at McDonald's in the Student Center as well as Pizza Hut, Mexican and sub sandwich fare.

ADVISERS

In addition, a special advisers' meeting will be conducted. The meeting will be held during the second session, 10:30-11:10 a.m., in the Mackinaw Room.

PROGRAM TIMES

Registration	8:00-9:00 a.m.
Opening Assembly	9:00 a.m.
First Session	9:40-10:20 a.m.
Select On-Site Contests	9:40-10:15 a.m.
Second Session	10:30-11:10 a.m.
Senior Interview	9:40-11:10 a.m.
On-Site Contests.....	9:40 -11:10 a.m.
Lunch	11:10 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Afternoon Assembly	12:45-1:30 p.m.

COST

- Attendees - \$4 each
- On-Site Contests - \$2 per entry
- Membership - \$15 per school

Advisers' Luncheon

There is still time to RSVP for the free luncheon hosted by the Journalism Dept. and the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts from 11:30-12:30 in the Vermillion Room. Call 618/543-7473 or email teresah@siu.edu

Seniors to interview Glenn Poshard

On-Site contest updated

The On-Site Writing Contests will again be offered at the Spring Conference.

Each SISPA member school may enter two students in each category.

Advisers should register students between 8-9 a.m. Each school may enter two students per category. A student may enter only one contest. There is a \$2 fee per entry.

Some categories will meet from 9:40-10:20. Students then may attend the second session of seminars. Other contests will last from 9:40-11:10.

Unless otherwise specified in the contest description, students are to bring only paper and a writing utensil. No typewriters, word processors or computers will be permitted. Also, no tape recorders will be allowed.

Descriptions of each of the contests is as follows:

1. News Writing- Students will be given a fact sheet from which to draw information. Students will then compose a news story from information provided. (9:40-11:10)

2. Editorial Writing- Students will be given a fact sheet from which to draw information. After reading the material, students will write an editorial on the topic using their ideas to support or oppose a position. (9:40-11:10)

3. Caption Writing- This contest is designed for both newspaper and yearbook staffs. Students will be given several photographs and will write captions. The captions must tell a complete story but not exceed 40 words in length. (9:40-10:20)

4. Yearbook Feature Copy Block- A fact sheet will be provided for those entered to write a typical feature copy block. (9:40-10:20)

5. Yearbook Sports Copy Block- A fact sheet will be provided for those entered to write a typical sports copy block. (9:40-10:20)

6. Yearbook Cover Design- Students will be asked to develop a cover idea based on a theme given to them. Students may bring out sheets, color pencils, markers etc. (9:40-11:10)

7. Editing- Students will be asked

to proofread a story checking for good journalistic style. (9:40-10:20)

8. Sports Writing- Students will be given a fact sheet from which to draw information. They will write a sports newspaper story based on those facts. (9:40-11:10)

9. Advertising Design- Students will be given three business information sheets. They will be asked to design ads to fit certain sizes. Students may bring a ruler and any type of pen or pencil. Artistic ability is not necessary as ads will be judged on overall design and areas may be simply marked for art work. (9:40-10:20)

10. Review Writing- Students will watch a short video-taped performance. They will write a review commenting on the performance. (9:40-11:10)

11. Senior Interview- Seniors will interview Glenn Poshard, former Illinois State Representative and gubernatorial candidate, and compose a feature story from information gathered during the interview. (9:40-11:10)

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• PLEASE FORWARD TO THE APPROPRIATE PUBLICATION ADVISER •

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, Neil Burger and Audrey Miller, University Lab; Courtney Stankey, Belleville West; Balke Sims, Sullivan; Cassi Paton, 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 Devillez, Harrisburg; Adam Briggs, Taylorville; Richard W. Morris, Jr., Mater Dei; Courtney Ballheimer, Coulterville; Robert Devillez, 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, *Gargoyle*, University Lab; *The Kahoki*, Collinsville; *The Heath Post*, Heath; *Echo*, Benton

Best Review

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

Littcken 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; Larsen 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, *Gargoyle*, 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 Neil Burger, University Lab; 2nd, Phil Rowell and Sammy Sohn, University Lab; 3rd, Nell Burger, University Lab; HM, Tina Cantrell, Carmi-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, Brittny 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 Devillez, Harrisburg; 2nd, Kris Onstott, Collinsville; 2nd, Roy Culbertson, Belleville West; 3rd, Tm 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, Keith Murray, Sullivan; HM, staff, Mater Dei; J.P. Rice, Harrisburg; James Sherwood, Robinson; Gretchen Campbell and David Honey, Heath; Keith 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, *Belleveinois*, Belleville West

Endsheets

1st, *Belleveinois*, Belleville West

Theme

1st, *Belleveinois*, 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; *Belleveinois*, Belleville West

Copy

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

Coverage

1st, *Bulldog*, Sparta; 2nd, *Belleveinois*, 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!