



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION

Winter Conference Move from spring successful

Participation was down only slightly at the Annual SISPA Conference held Feb. 23 resulting in a decision to have the 2006 Conference held on the corresponding date of Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006.

The Conference, normally held in the spring, was moved to February to avoid conflicts with other high school activities.

After consultation with attending advisors this year, the winter format was retained. While weather is a consideration, conflicting schedules and earlier school dismissals have necessitated the winter date.

Participation in the 2005 55th Annual Conference was similar to last year. Fourteen schools, representing 17 staffs were in attendance. The 243 attending students were registered as 149 yearbook students and 94 newspaper.

Again, the on-site contests were popular with 127 students enrolled, 52% of those at the conference.

Seven students participated in the Senior Interview of Mike Reis, Saluki basketball announcer.

The Newspaper Workshop and Yearbook Workshops were also received well, although

tweaking needs to be done. Alternative sessions will also be offered next year.

Schools attending the Conference were Greenville HS, Cisne HS, Belleville West Township HS, Herrin HS, Mater Dei HS-Evansville, Springfield

HS, Columbia HS, Hamilton HS, Wayne City HS, Newton HS, Harrisburg HS, Coulterville HS, Carlyle HS and West Frankfort HS.

"The on-site contests continue to be the main draw to the Conference," Herman Albers,

said. "We've aligned the contests to coincide with the IHSA Journalism contests that will begin in 2006. But we also will continue to offer other sessions to get more schools and students involved at the 2006 Conference."

2006 WINTER CONFERENCE SET

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006

at SIU Carbondale Student Center

Advisers of the Year honored

2005 YEARBOOK ADVISER

Jamey VanZandt

Mt. Vernon Township High School

2005 NEWSPAPER ADVISER

Leslie Bradley

Century High School

BEST STORY CONTEST, 2005 YB CONTEST RESULTS INSIDE

MAIL-IN CONTEST

2004-2005 Best Story Newspaper Contest

BEST EDITORIAL*First Place*

Hillary Proctor,
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"We won't be silenced"

Second Place

Caitlin Kannall, Mater
Dei High School
"Rock and politics:
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Third Place

Adam Hovekamp,
Paducah Tilghman
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"Adam Hovekamp Co-
editor
1/28/05"

Honorable Mention

David Sharp, Paducah
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"A divine quest for the
purpose of badges"
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Honorable Mention
Staff, Springfield High School
"March 2005"
Jacquie Lewis, Dena Rennie, Jeremy Martin, Danae Stout, Harrisburg High School
"January 18, 2005"
Staff, Paducah Tilghman High School
"February 25, 2005"

BEST PHOTOGRAPH WITH CAPTION

First Place
Adam Becherer, Belleville West High School
"Harambee"
Second Place
Beka Nenonen, Harrisburg High School
"Senior Rachel Romaine"
Third Place
Stephanie Lake, Springfield High School
"A young guest at Kids Holiday Dinner"
Honorable Mention
Liz Nielsen, Herrin High School
"Senior linebacker Eddie Spiller"
Mark Yates-White, University Laboratory High School
"Outta our way!"
Adam Becherer, Belleville West High School
"Senior Mike Steir"
Braidy Hood, Coulterville High School
"Dr. Truman Henard"

BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place
Megan McClure,

Taylorville High School
"Taylorville: The town. The myth. The legend."
Second Place
Stephanie Short, Harrisburg High School
"Family tables have empty seats for Christmas season"
Third Place
Allison Weigel, Belleville West High School
"History teacher Mr. Koenehan races stock cars"
Third Place
Drew Spitzer, Paducah Tilghman High School
"Deadly Toys of Christmas Past"
Honorable Mention
David Boyle and Justin Park, University Laboratory High School
"Fear and loathing at Wal-Mart"
Jessica Iskrzycki, Mater Dei High School
"Band members take a bite out of the 'Big Apple'"
Luke Arterburn, Paducah Tilghman High School
"A day in the life of a hero: The first son of Paducah"

BEST ORIGINAL ADVERTISEMENT

First Place
Katie Abernathy, Belleville West High School
"Spring car show"
Second Place
Katie Abernathy, Belleville West High School
"Beatniks"
Third Place
Brittany Ghelson,

Harrisburg High School
"Stephanie's Salon & Day Spa"
Honorable Mention
Katie Abernathy, Belleville West High School
"Trivia Night"

BEST EDITORIAL COLUMN

First Place
Molly Lynch, Belleville West High School
"Conflict of interest has gone too far"
Second Place
Christy Stewart, Harrisburg High School
"Charitable Donations?"
Third Place
Molly Shetter, Springfield High School
"Governor B. 10 years late in move to restrict video game access"
Third Place
Agatha Kim, University Laboratory High School
"Saying goodbye to a teacher"
Honorable Mention
Molly Lynch, Belleville West High School
"Why isn't life fun anymore?"
Max Goldberg, University Laboratory High School
"Is ideological intolerance rampant at Uni?"
Christy Stewart, Harrisburg High School
"Billions for Advertising, Pennies for the Poor"
Jenny Taitt, Herrin High School
"So you think he's crazy? Think again"

BEST INTERVIEW STORY

First Place
Christine Cheng, University Laboratory High School
"Uni students volunteering to change lives"
Second Place
Beverly Hill, Paducah Tilghman High School
"An inspiration to all: Freshman with something to prove: 'I'm normal'"
Third Place
Kayla Kearns, Harrisburg High School
"Shyness affects many high school students"
Honorable Mention
Emma Anselin and Daisy Hassani, University Laboratory High School
"You've seen the signs, you've read the e-mails. Why aren't you at music club?"
Danae Stout, Harrisburg High School
"O'Neal takes home most Scholastic awards"

BEST CUB DIVISION

First Place
Emma Anselin, University Laboratory High School
"Remembering Mrs. Dade"
Second Place
Greg Williams, Taylorville High School
"Mathon makes mayoral run"
Third Place
Mehreen Iqbal, Belleville West High School
"Mr. George Kahut new District 201 assistant superintendent"
Honorable Mention
Christopher A. Morris, Paducah Tilghman

High School
"Madden 2005 hits consoles"
Kara Weisenstein, Belleville West High School
"West students continue racing pastime"
Meaghan Steelman, Herrin High School
"Several participate in Heartland Honor Band and Quad State Festival"
Monica Simonin, Belleville West High School.
"Paige Muskop shines as member of The Munny"

BEST FEATURETTE

First Place
Luke Arterburn, Paducah Tilghman High School
"Passion for fashion with Luke Arterburn, Feature Editor"
Second Place
Chris Breault, University Laboratory High School
"Extra credit offered for the root password?"
Third Place
Adam Bonefeste, Springfield High School
"There are fans, and then there are fans"
Honorable Mention
Emma Anselin and Daisy Hassani, University Laboratory High School
"Meet the Pyritz"
Matthew Freeman, University Laboratory High School
"A legacy in books"

Best Story results continued

BEST ORIGINAL CARTOON

First Place
Andrew Jennings,
Springfield High
School
"Middle East"
Second Place
Andrew Jennings,
Springfield High
School
"Vote"
Third Place
Katie Pannier,
Belleville West High
School
"Dress for Success
teaches real world
skills"
Honorable Mention
Agatha Kim, University
Laboratory High School
"Injustice Hamm-
strings the Olympics"
Katie Pannier, Belleville
West High School
"West Infirmary"
Christine Cheng,
University Laboratory
High School
"Say hello to Uncle
Sam, boys (and girls)"
Hannah O'Neal,
Harrisburg High School
"Key Club member
with Santa sack"

BEST ART

First Place
Cherise Rainbolt,
Belleville West High
School
"Poker Dogs"
Second Place
Stephanie Black, Mater
Del High School
"Knighteen 50's"
Third Place
Maggie Powel,
Belleville West High
School
"Action figure
December 10, 2004"
Third Place
Agatha Kim, University
Laboratory High School
"A new kind of censor-
ship"
Honorable Mention
Hannah O'Neal,
Harrisburg High School
"Service Learning
undergoes needed
change"
Hannah O'Neal,
Harrisburg High School
"By being late to class
students not only look
bad themselves."

BEST IN-DEPTH STORY

First Place
Annie Fehrenbacher
and Roveiza Irfan,
University Laboratory
High School
"Reading between the
lines"
Second Place
Gabe Fries, Lacey
Gonzalez, Bryce
Mitchell, Kim Schuetz,
Belleville West High
School
"Religion"
Third Place
Beverly Hill, Paducah
Tilghman High School
"Take a walk in the
shoes of a teen mother
for a day"
Honorable Mention
Annie Fehrenbacher,
University Laboratory
High School
"Is English just a blow-
off class?"
Gabe Fries, Steven
Heizer, Bryce Mitchell,
Belleville West High
School
"Poker: America's New
National Pastime"
Bryce Parsons-Twesten
and Gabriel Fries,
Belleville West High
School

"Local author hunts
ghosts as hobby"

BEST REVIEW

First Place
Mark Bailie, Herrin
High School
"Blood Brothers.
Converge receive high
marks"
Second Place
Caitlin Kannall, Mater
Del High School
"'Princess' worth the
read"
Third Place
Savannah McDermott,
Springfield High
School
"Ridiculous rantings of
the right wing"
Third Place
Pierce Meier, Paducah
Tilghman High School
"Episode: V Jedi
Reviews"
Honorable Mention
Yusuf Siddiquee,
Springfield High
School
"Hard to improve on
fine points of 'Garden
State'"
Nik Abel, Belleville
West High School
"Cellular disappoints
with unoriginality"
Bryce Parsons-Twesten,
Belleville West High
School
"The Grudge strikes a
chord with audience"
Chris Breault, Univer-
sity Laboratory High
School
"Million Dollar Baby/
Impresses"
Chris Breault, Univer-
sity Laboratory High
School
"I come to bury this
treasure, not praise it"

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN

First Place
Molly Shetter, Spring-
field High School

"Everything I ever
needed to know, I
learned from Disney
films"

Second Place
Luke Arterburn,
Paducah Tilghman
High School
"Lose the 'tude"
Third Place
Ben Sands, University
Laboratory High School
"Look at me-I'm an
intellectual!"
Honorable Mention
Molly Shetter, Spring-
field High School
"Valentine's Day and
the death throes of
chivalry"
Leslie Cornell, Spring-
field High School
"April mail call:
Leslie's plan for dealing
with either rejection or
acceptance"
Ben Sands, University
Laboratory High School
"The Atkins Diet: A
case of mass hysteria"

BEST COMPUTER-PRODUCED GRAPHIC

First Place
Nathaniel Gottlieb-
Graham and Ellen
Rocket, University
Laboratory High School
"Students dismissed for
hacking"
Second Place
Angelina Liang,
University Laboratory
High School
"Cheating"
Third Place
Luke Arterburn,
Paducah Tilghman
High School
"Let's all celebrate
Valentine's Day with
The Bell"
Honorable Mention
Morgan Hottes,
Harrisburg High School
"Where do you shop the
most?"

SPECIAL THANKS

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to Mrs. Karen Waldron and Dr. Walter Jaenig
of the SIU Carbondale's
School of Journalism.

Their work and continued support of SISPA
make it possible for our organization
to continue.

MAIL-IN CONTEST

2005 Yearbook Contest

PHOTO*First Place***TIMEPIECE**

Movies

Okawville High School

Sheila Rasch

Basketball

*Second Place***ARENA**

We're Grrreat!

Paris High School

Eryn Hasenour

Theatre

*Third Place***ARENA**

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Jessica McCall

Trumpets

*Honorable Mention***ECHO**

Let's Get Loud!

Cisne High School

Kayla Barton

Lion

TIMEPIECE

Movies

Okawville High School

Eric Shubert

Wrapped Ankle

ARENA

We're Grrreat!

Paris High School

Jessica McCall

Hug

SPORTS DOUBLE**PAGE SPREAD***First Place***ARENA**

We're Grrreat!

Paris High School

Staff

Great Season, great girls

*Second Place***VESPA**

Newstand

New Athens High School

School

Editor: Cassie Neubold

Sponsor: Tracy Placek

ESPN*Third Place***ECHO**

Let's Get Loud!

Cisne High School

Jenna Richardson

Volleyball

*Honorable Mention***ARENA**

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Cheerleaders

NU-KOM-I

At the End

Newton Community

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Becky Starwalt

Golfers

YEARBOOK**DOUBLE PAGE****STUDENT LIFE****SPREAD***First Place***ARENA**

We're Grrreat!

Paris High School

Staff

October in Retrospect

*Second Place***ECHO**

Let's Get Loud!

Cisne High School

Kathy Brach

A starry night

*Third Place***ARENA**

We're Grrreat!

Paris High School

Staff

Bah, Humbug!

Honorable Mention

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Adria McCaslin

Homecoming

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National Geographic

Magazine

Second Place

NU-KOM-I

At the End

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Diana Osborn

Righting

Third Place

NU-KOM-I

At the End

Newton Community

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Jack Swisher

Cram Time

NU-KOM-I

At the End

Newton Community

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School Daze

Blue Banner Recipients

OVERALL NEWSPAPER EXCELLENCE

Belleville West High School—*Hy News*

Editors: Andrew Kruep, Molly Lynch, Polly Young

Adviser: Ms. Laurie Bielong

Coulterville High School—*Screaming Eagle*

Adviser: Mr. Herman Albers

Harrisburg High School—*The Purple Clarion*

Editor: Jacqueline Lewis

Adviser: Ms. Cathy Sullivan

Herrin High School—*Tiger Tattler*

Editor: Jenny Taitt

Adviser: Mr. Jim Starnes

Mater Dei High School—*Mater Dei Lance*

Advisers: Ms. Bonnie Holzinger, Ms. Cynthia Huegen

Springfield High School—*The Senator*

Editors: Leslie Cornell, Kaitlyn Patia

Adviser: Ms. M.J. Peters

Taylorville High School—*The Zephyr*

Editor: Megan McClure

Adviser: Mr. Stephen Steele

University Laboratory High School—*Gargoyle*

Editors: Agatha Kim, Chris Breat, Mark Yates-White, Hillary Proctor

Adviser: Mr. David Porreca

2004 Yearbook Contest

ADVERTISING

First Place

GRADUATE

Greenville High School
Editor(s): Jennifer Mitchell

Adviser(s): Kathy Stone

Second Place

MEDLEY

Danville High School
Adviser(s): Bill Dobbles, Jan Reynolds

Third Place

HI-LIGHTS

Evansville Mater Dei High School

Editor(s): Katie Scheller
Adviser(s): John Wells

Honorable Mention

REDBIRD

Frankfort Community High School

Editor(s): Samantha Arnett, Sarah Chamness, Adam Wells, Alex Hogg, Vanessa Spotanski, Josh Webb

Adviser(s): Matt Donkin

THE GILLESPIAN

Gillespie High School
Editor(s): Ady Cope, Ashleigh Bowling, Gary Best, and Logan Hartke

Adviser(s): Cindy Suracco

ECHO

Cisne High School
Editor(s): Kayla Barton, Kacie Shreve, and Taylor Wilson

Adviser(s): Trudy Hurd

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DIVIDERS

First Place

MNEMOSYNE

Glenwood High School

Second Place

MINUTEMAN

Bunker Hill High School

Editor(s): Shadow Metheny and Lindsey Brown

Adviser(s): Sue Morris

Third Place

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ROBINILLO

Robinson High School
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