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Plans to highlight faculty, equipment

The Department of Journalism begins implementing Western XXI next week when faculty and department head Jo-Ann Albers meet to discuss unit plans.

The plans ask the department to list eight areas that need to be addressed and no more than three of those can require additional money. Albers said the department relies heavily on part-time faculty and has outdated equipment. Those two items will take priority.

These deficiencies must be solved or they may harm re-accreditation, Albers said.

Albers encourages all faculty members to attend meetings which are tentatively scheduled for today and tomorrow.

“Since the Department of Journalism is generally pleased with the recommendations of Western XXI and now we have a framework we can work in,” Albers said, “I think it will let us grow and improve.”

She said it could lead to a better curriculum. Western XXI placed print and photo in the prominent category. Advertising and PR were cataloged essential.

Although the department is split into different categories, Albers said it won’t cause many problems, citing that many of the same problems affect all majors. “Until we start talking I can’t guarantee that there won’t be any division of house,” she said.

Department unit plans are due Feb. 11.

SPJ eyes Moscow to make history

Western’s Society of Professional Journalists chapter is trying to make history by establishing a chapter at Moscow University.

The idea for such an project came when student member Gary Houchens suggested it after Western’s SPJ chapter won the Fiver Award for outstanding regional chapter. Establishing a Moscow chapter could help us win the national outstanding chapter award, Houchens said.

“I’ve been watching the news and there have been a lot of changes going on in the Soviet Union. I suggested it and we had a few laughs about it and I don’t think I was taking it seriously at the time, but the next day Mr. Highland (SPJ adviser) said that’s not a bad idea,” Houchens said.

Highland has spoken to the embassy in Washington to get approval to contact the Department of Journalism in Moscow, but Moscow hasn’t responded. “That’s our problem,” Highland said. “We haven’t heard anything.”

Highland has spoken with a Western alum whose wife graduated from the Moscow University School of Journalism. “She thought it was a good idea,” Highland said. The Soviet government must approve an SPJ chapter before it can be established.

“The question is whether they want to open up to American press influences.” Highland said.

“Even though things are tumultuous, they are moving toward a free society and moving toward a free press. It’s becoming more open all the time,” Houchens said.
Jack's Back!

at the Chicago Tribune. He is teaching photo management, basic photo and two photo editing classes.

And, speaking of PJ, Mike Morse said he's putting together a packet of information about the department and the excellent faculty to send to photo magazines and other publications that might promote Western.

Morse said he's billing our PJ sequence as the best in the nation with the best faculty — and we all know that's true.

Welcome back, Jack, and thanks for making our PJ department even better!

Recent graduate listed in critical condition

A 1989 graduate is in critical condition nearly four weeks after an automobile accident.

Jennifer Underwood is unconscious and shows no signs of improvement after a tractor-trailer truck hit her car head on the Friday before Christmas.

Underwood transferred to Western from Elizabethtown Community College and she was Herald features editor spring 1988 and worked as reporter for two semesters. She is from Buffalo, Ky.

Anyone wishing to send cards should write to Humana Hospital at the University of Louisville.

Herald updates system

It's an exciting time for the College Heights Herald staff.

The paper is changing computer systems and will be paginating after the Martin Luther King holiday.

The new system, Macintosh, will replace MicroTek.

The paper will have nine terminals and four paginators -- two 19-inch screens and two 15-inch screens. The 19-inch screens will allow editors to see a double truck. The 15-inch monitors can handle one full page.

The new system cost $30,600.

As recognized as one of the top student newspapers in the country, it's a part of the tradition.

And, while we're talking about the Herald, here's a list of Spring editors and reporters:

Chris Poore, Editor; Laura Howard, managing editor; Tanya Bricking, features editor; Darla Carter, opinion page editor; Jamie Lawson, diversions editor; Omar Tatum, sports editor; Donna Dorris, assistant sports editor; S. Kaye Summers, magazine/special projects; Doug Tatum, copy desk chief.

Any Armstrong, ASG/Production manager; Barbara Barnes, general assignment; James Brooks, faculty; Marsha Burton, sports; Ann Clingerman, general assignment; Nicole Curtis, education college; Brian Daugherty, sports; Gary Houchens, senior writer; Melissa Gardner, general assignment; Amy Hoover, extended campuses/community college.

Tracy Mallon, Odgen College; Kevin Kinnaird, general assignment; L.B. Kistler, sports; Melanie Meadows, organizations/UCB; Dixie Patrow, general assignment; Noelle Phillips, senior writer; Chris Poynter, president/administration; Kenneth Schott, sports; Scott Sloan, Potter college; Kris Steinhauser, general assignment; Nikita Stewart, minority/international students; Bart Summar, sports; Christine Taylor, Board of Regents/administration; Bruce Vincent, greeks; Kerry Wilkerson, general assignment, Lauren Yates, police/production manager.

Noelle Phillips wrestles with Hearst, earns 17th

Congratulations to Noelle Phillips who placed 17th for feature writing in the William Randolph Hearst competition.

Phillips entered a piece about wrestling at Lampkin Park on Sunday nights. The article ran last semester in the College Heights Herald.

(By the way, Noelle killed three birds with one stone -- the paper was for Jim Ausenbaugh's Feature/Editorial Class -- she got an 'A' --, it ran in the Herald, and it won in the competition.)

Related congrats to John Martin, who will be in Washington, D.C., working for the Journalism and Politics Internship. He was one of 13 candidates chosen nationwide. Good luck, John, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Club Notes

SPJ meets Thursday at 7 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium.

Western grads Dorren Klausnitzer and Leigh Ann Eagleston will speak about Life in the Newspaper Business. Both are reporters for the Tennessean.

Deadline for the next Link is noon Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Have any pictures of events in the Journalism Department? If so, bring them to us and we'll run them.