**Scholarship applications due before Spring Break**

Applications for departmental scholarships are due March 15. Forms are available in the departmental office (Wilson 304). They can also be obtained from any journalism professor.

This year there are two forms. One application covers all scholarships except the new Virginia Wood Davis Scholarship. The application for that scholarship requires an essay, and the scholarship is based on need as well as other factors. The 500-word essay topic is “Why I Want a Career in Journalism.”

Completed scholarship applications should be given to Bob Adams in Garrett 122.

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**The latest intern news**

Here’s the recent news on the internship search.

Laura Howard, Anniston (Ala.) Star, reporting; Tanya Bricking, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, copy editing; Jerry Busser, Phars-Tribune (Loganport, Ind.), paginator and copy editor.

Call us at 2655 and let us know as you receive summer jobs. Many newspapers have said they are cutting their intern programs because of the recession. So many of us may be calling blue-light specials at KMart.

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**Helen Thomas may be highlight of SPJ assembly**

Western’s Society of Professional Journalists chapter will have the region five conference April 12-13. All events will take place at the Executive Inn in Bowling Green.

Helen Thomas, United Press International senior White House correspondent, has been contacted and may speak at the awards luncheon noon Saturday. Traci Bauer, editor of the Southwest (Missouri State) Standard, may also speak. She is suing her school to get copies of campus crime reports.

The following is a tentative schedule of events. We’ll let you know when the plans are finalized.

**Friday, April 12**

4 p.m. Registration

5-6 p.m. Training session on membership by Tom Powell, SPJ National Headquarters

7 p.m. Reception, Executive Inn or depart for Grand Ole Opry performance in Nashville. (The chapter has a block of tickets reserved for a 9 p.m. performance. Tickets are $13.50, and reservations must be made by April 1.)

**Saturday, April 13**

8 a.m. Registration continues

8:45 a.m. Welcome by Bowling Green Mayor Patsy Sloan

9 - 10:30 a.m. Writing and Special Projects Reporting by Jim Auenbaugh and Al Tompkins. Tompkins is a Western grad who works on the Special Projects Team at WSMV-TV in Nashville.

10:45 - noon Committee Reports

Awards and Honors - Mike Buchholz, Indiana State Professor; Diversity Among Journalists - Bobbie Harville, The Courier-Journal; Ethics - Bob Schulman, University of Louisville Professor; Freedom of Information - Ed Rooney, FOI Center director, Loyola University; Journalism Education - Carla Harris, The Courier-Journal; Legal Defense System - Bill Holland, attorney with Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs; Membership - SPJ Chicago Bureau reporter; Professional Development - Craig Hitchcock, reporter for The Indianapolis News, Project Watchdog - Jim Highland

Noon - 2 p.m. - Awards Luncheon and Regional Auction

G. W. Hawes, SPJ Region Five Director, presiding

Tentative speaker - Helen Thomas, Senior White House Correspondent, Washington, D.C.

Presentation of Region Five Mark of Excellence Awards, Regional Member of the Year and Five Year Awards.

2 - 3:30 p.m. - Libel, Privacy and Copyright

Elizabeth Marney, attorney from King and Ballow in Nashville

2- 3:30 - Adopt a Journalist

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3:30 - 4:45 p.m. - Individual Newspaper and Broadcast News Writing and Story Critiques. Auenbaugh and Tompkins.

(Send your stories and tapes prior to the convention, please.)

5 p.m. - Adjourn