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Laura Howard scores fifth in Hearst sports writing

A 1992 Western journalism graduate placed fifth in the sports writing in the Hearst National Intercollegiate Writing Competition.

Laura Howard, who graduated last May and is now working for the Anniston (Ala.) Star, placed fifth for her in-depth magazine story about Western's ailing football program.

The story ran in the Herald Mag last May when there was tension and question if the university would drop football due to state budget cuts.

She will receive $600 and the department will also receive $600.

Nine attend KPA; alumni take home armloads of press awards

That win put Western in sixth place in the competition. The university with the most points wins the competition and can win $10,000.

There were 72 students from 44 universities and colleges participating in the sports writing category.

John Martin, Michelle Rice, Chris Poynter, Jim Deweese, JoAnn Thompson and Bob Adams represented the College Heights Herald at the Kentucky Press Association Winter Convention Jan 21-23 in Louisville.

Michelle, Jim and JoAnn attended a special advertising workshop prior to the opening of the convention.

Corban Goble and JoAnn Albers also attended. Jim Highland headed a session about journalists' pay in Kentucky.

While we're talking convention, here's a list of Western journalism alumni and former students who took awards at the KPA awards banquet.

Class 1 weekly winners included Clay Scott, Edmonton Herald-News, first place best column on one subject, a second and a third; Larry Stone, Central City Times-Argus, first, best column on a variety of subjects and an honorable mention; and Doreen Dennis, Central City Times-Argus, a third.

In Class 2 weeklies, Mark Chandler, McLean County News, first place for best column on one subject, one second, two thirds and an honorable mention. His colleague there, Wales Hunter, won three firsts: best news picture essay, best feature picture essay and best sports picture essay, and a third.

Joe Imel, formerly on that staff but now at Bowling Green's Daily News, won an honorable mention. The News, of which Chandler is editor, also won a general excellence second-place award in its class.

Sonya Dixon, Hancock Clarion, won first for best business/agribusiness story.

Winners in Class 3 weeklies are Gary Moyer, Harrodsburg Herald, two firsts in best sports story and best sports column and an honorable mention. Dwain Harris, Anderson News, won a second.

Daily Class 1 winners were Mike Banks, Murray Ledger and Times, a second and a third; Theresa Hockenberry, Harlan Daily Enterprise, a third; and David Taylor, Corbin Times-Tribune, a third.

The Link will publish the remaining winners later.