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Journalism Department working for reaccreditation in 1998

Reaccreditation work started during the 1996 spring semester. Several faculty committees will be collecting information and writing first drafts of portions of the department's self-study report in preparation for its bid to be reaccredited in May 1998. The faculty had a retreat on January 8 to discuss scope of the report.

All full-time faculty members are working on the report that will be edited by Jo-Ann Albers, department head, over the summer and approved by the faculty in the fall as preparations are made for the site team visit. The team will be here January 25-28, 1998.

Students interested in taking part in the self-study are urged to notify Albers. Student organizations will be involved in promoting attendance of students for required meetings with team members next spring.

Department seeks Poynter Institute expertise

The Department has applied to be the school selected for the 1997 Rethinking Journalism Education program of the Poynter Institute.

If our proposal is successful, the entire journalism faculty will go to The Poynter Institute for Media Studies for a week in June at the institute's expense to think out loud and do some planning concerning what we do in journalism education, said Jo-Ann Albers, department head.

The Kent State School of Journalism was the first participant in the program that includes a year of follow-up, campus visits and consulting by the institute staff.

Dr. Lumsden introduces the movie "Julia"

Dr. Linda Lumsden introduced the film "Julia" starring Vanessa Redgrave and Jane Fonda on Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in Gerard Auditorium at Garrett Conference Center.

The free film was the first offering of this semester's Gender Images Film Series, of which Lumsden is a member. "Julia" won three Academy Awards, was nominated for 11, and is based on the memoirs of Lillian Hellman. It is a tale of friendship and bravery set in Nazi Germany. It also features Jason Robards and Meryl Streep in her film debut.

Dr. Linda Lumsden will present a paper titled "Inez Milholland: The Life and Death of a New Woman" at the Women and Power Conference at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro on Feb. 21.
Dr. Quinn autographs new book

Dr. Paula Quinn, associate professor of print journalism, signed copies of her second book, *Writing to Heal*, at Hawley-Cooke Booksellers in Louisville on Jan. 18.

*Writing to Heal* gives simple techniques that clear creative blocks. It uses objectivity and a range of feature writing techniques to help readers write through experiences that have made them feel angry, guilty, ashamed, hurt, or deeply disappointed. Readers are encouraged to write directly in the book, which was published on stationery-quality paper and comes with a pencil.

“What I like most about *Writing to Heal* is that it works,” said Quinn, who used it as the blueprint for her first book, *Shadow on My Soul: Overcoming Addiction to Suicide*. “People who use *Writing to Heal* will either produce one complete story, or a series of stories in a book-length manuscript. More importantly, they’ll have learned—and healed—in writing about their experience.”

*Writing to Heal* is available at the WKU Bookstore, Barnes & Noble and Hawley-Cooke.

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Department of Journalism’s alumnus wins award

Gary Hairlson, photo editor, Pensacola News Journal, has won the 1996 Gannett Newspaper Newsroom Supervisor Recognition Award.

Hairlson was a major in photo journalism and one of the earliest recipients of the department’s Dear Scholarship which provides financial assistance to minority students.

Winners of the Gannett Newspaper Newsroom Supervisor Recognition Award have made significant contributions to their newsrooms, their newspapers’ overall goals, and their readers.

They are selected from staffers nominated by publishers, editors, and colleagues.

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The Link serves the Department of Journalism, faculty and administrators. Suggestions and materials will be accepted from anyone in the department.

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