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 Students rewarded for talent at Press Association contest

By Robert Adams

Two College Heights Herald staff members won individual awards and the newspaper continued its dominance in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association newspaper contest.

Chris Hutchins, a junior print journalism major from Louisville, was named Kentucky's College Journalist of the Year at the awards presentation Saturday in Lexington. Kevin Kelly, who graduated in December, had been the state's top college journalist the past two years. Hutchins placed first in general interest column, editorial and opinion page and honorable mention in features. The journalist of the year is based on overall points accumulated.

Shannon Back, a sophomore print journalism major from Mt. Sterling, won the deadline writing contest based on a speech given Friday night by David Aikman, a former war correspondent for Time magazine.

Kristina Goetz, a senior print journalism major from Owensboro, placed third in the deadline editing competition.

The Herald won 14 first-place awards, almost doubling its closest competitor, the Kentucky Kernel from the University of Kentucky.

In addition to Hutchins' three firsts, winners were Back, investigative reporting; Stephanie Siria, personality profile; Kelley Lynn, reviews; Jerry Brewer, sports features; Kevin Kelly, sports column; Dan Hieb, feature page layout; Herald staff, special section; Jonathan Kirshner, news photo; Clinton Lewis, feature photo; Jason Behnken, sports photo; and Scott Vineyard, advertising design.

In addition, Herald Online won first for best home page and second for overall web site. Mike Petrunai is the Webmaster.

Finishing second were Brian Mains, news story; John Stamper, investigative reporting; Charlie Lanter, continuing news; Mikki Olmsted, news analysis and special reports; Fred Lucas and Lori Becker, editorial; Darryn Simmons, sports news; Brewer, sports game story; Ken Harper, original illustrations; Sean Loftin, feature photo; Will Goodwin II, sports photo; Kirshner, Behnken and Christine DeLessio, photo essay; (See Awards, page 2)
Professor shares biography

By Jarle Herman Lae

Professor Linda Lumsden discussed her newest research on March 25 as part of the new Potter College Colloquium created to give faculty a chance to learn about the work of colleagues in other departments.

Lumsden talked about the biography she is writing of 'New Woman' Inez Milholland, a celebrated radical and suffragist in the 1910s, as part of a program entitled, "Interdisciplinary Quest:Public/Private Selves." She shared the podium with English professor Deb Logan, who discussed her research about nineteenth-century British writer Harriet Martineau.

Journalism Department faculty were invited to the colloquium, which took place from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Faculty House. Wine and cheese served at the event sparked controversy around campus.

On March 4, Lumsden was the featured speaker at a luncheon celebrating Women's History Month at the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. She used recorded songs, slides and video to illustrate how suffragists used the right to assemble peaceably to win the vote.

On March 7, Lumsden delivered a paper entitled, "Excellent Ammunition": Suffrage Newspaper Strategies During World War I" at a conference at New York University cosponsored by the Northeast branches of the American Journalism Historians Association and the History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

PRSSA Spring Banquet

By Mindy Miller

This year marks the 20th anniversary that the PRSSA chapter at Western was named the Kelly Thompson Chapter. The theme for this year’s Spring Banquet, to be held April 24 at 440 Main, will center around the celebration of this anniversary.

The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Professor Bill Adams, APR, Fellow PRSA from Florida International University. Adams will speak about the funny and unique questions that professionals submit to his column in "Public Relations Tactics."

Awards and scholarships will be presented to outstanding members.

Business dress is appropriate for the evening. RSVP by April 9th to PRSSA. The cost is $10 per person payable to PRSSA.

Congratulations to the 1998-99 PRSSA Officers:

President: Sarah Ramsey
Vice President: Brandon Goodin
Sec/Tres: Jaclyn Noon
Agency Dir: Joy Cunningham
Program Dir: Heather Rogers
PR Dir: Traci Todd
Historian: Christoph Miller
PRSA Liaison: Karen Hardin

Awards

Chris Covington, advertising campaign and house ad.
Winning thirds were Stamper, general interest column; fall staff, overall layout and front page layout; Jason Clark, sports photo; Chris Stanford, photo essay; and Brian Nicely, advertising design.

Honorable mention awards were presented to Olmsted and Back, news story; Rebecca Lenz and Stamper, personality profile; Olmsted and Hutchins, feature story; Hieb, reviews and sports page layout; Lucas, opinion page; Mike Finch, sports game story; Brewer, sports news story and sports column; spring staff, front page layout; and Carrie Pratt and Behnken, news photo.