JEA President's Message

Kenson Siver

The 1991-93 term of the JEA Board of Directors began last April. One of the first items of business at our Spring meeting in Albuquerque was to set goals and the direction for our organization for the next two years. The Board approved the following goals:

1. Reaffirm and expand JEA’s opposition to censorship of student expression in any form by:
   • providing support to those attempting to pass state legislation for the protection of student freedom of expression
   • supporting those facing censorship and prior review
   • continuing public awareness of censorship and prior review and its negative educational impact
   • acting as a clearinghouse for information about censorship and prior review.

2. Expand/improve the offerings of educational materials by:
   • revising, updating and creating curriculum guides
   • publishing instructional/classroom materials
   • offering current publications and other instructional materials that are beneficial to teachers and advisers.

3. Continue and increase networking with organizations in the realms of education, professional media, scholastic and college journalism, school administration and others.

4. Continue to provide leadership in creating an awareness of the problem of low minority involvement in high school journalism programs through its publications, conferences, organizational networking and Multi-Cultural Committee.

5. Continue to offer and promote JEA certification and Master Teacher designation to scholastic journalism teachers and advisers.

6. Promote the use of innovative technology such as electronic bulletin boards, electronic mail and desktop publishing.

7. Provide materials to promote the observance of National Scholastic Journalism Week.


9. Increase the financial base of the JEA Scholarship Fund to make the fund self-perpetuating and to enlarge the size of the individual awards.

10. Encourage more teachers to improve their professional development through JEA membership.

11. Provide opportunities for continuing education, motivation and rejuvenation of teachers and advisers.

12. Expand programming to provide greater emphasis on literary magazine, the writing process and electronic journalism.

I am pleased to report that progress is being made in each of these 12 areas. Some brief updates: Just prior to the 1991 Fall Convention the Multicultural Committee held a summit conference to develop an action plan for increasing minority involvement in scholastic journalism. New materials have been developed for the observance of Scholastic Journalism Week, Feb. 23-29, 1992. At this convention sessions covering literary magazines have been increased. Curriculum materials are under development for video and television production.

We welcome your support in meeting these goals over the next 18 months.
Certification Commission Report

H. L. Hall

Eighty-four teachers had received CJE status by Sept. 1. Of those 84, 12 had taken the MJE exam and passed it. Five of those 12, however, had not completed their required project by Sept. 1.

Letters were mailed to all state directors in April telling them that the Certification Commission chair was available to attend state and regional meetings to administer the CJE and MJE exams providing there were approximately 10 teachers interested in taking the exam. Five states responded to the letter, but none of those five had the necessary number of applications filed by Sept. 1. Fern Valentine, commission member, did administer the exam to one teacher in Washington at that state’s summer workshop.

The Certification Commission chair wrote an article for the June Newswire detailing the certification project. A follow-up article appeared in the October Newswire.

CJE and MJE exams will be administered at the Chicago convention. This is the first time the exams have been given at a fall convention. All teachers who took the exam last spring in Albuquerque passed. Jack Dvorak and Margaret Johnston graded the exams.

Commission members will meet in Chicago to continue to work on ways to fine tune the certification project.

Publications Commission Report

Connie Fulkerson

The JEA Bookstore catalog has been expanded to include about 50 new publications including one on multicultural teaching and two on literary magazine production. Also added were critique books from NSPA and CSPA to show yearbook, newspaper and magazine staffs standards by which their publications are judged.

In an attempt to encourage participation in JEA activities, the catalog also included information about membership, certification and conventions. The catalog was mailed to all JEA members, more than 23,000 high schools in the U.S., about 1,900 community colleges, and approximately 3,400 junior high/middle schools in selected states. Since the mailing, headquarters has received 50 or more book orders each week. About one in 10 book orders contains a new or renewal membership.

The JEA Bookstore at the Albuquerque convention did a brisk business and a number of customers offered suggestions on what new items to offer.

Julian Adams has sent an update for Journalism Bibliography. It should be ready by the Denver convention. There should also be some curriculum guides ready by spring.

Scholastic Press Rights Commission Report

John Bowen

Although we had asked each state director to forward instances of censorship in their state to the Commission, no state director responded.

Since then we have continued to monitor incidents of censorship nationally and regionally.

In one case, Lakeview High School in Ohio, the first year principal had instituted censorship in a paper that previously
the bulk of the work in May, meeting in Los Angeles and working through an entire weekend. In addition to
the curriculum report, the committee has devised three new write-off competitions involving video which
will be unveiled for the Denver convention, as well as a best of show competition.
2. Jack Kennedy has just finished revising the commission report "Yearbook's Place in the Curriculum," and
hopes the new report will be available for the Chicago convention. Eventually, he hopes that all the
commission reports will be updated, with a new format.
3. In line with JEA's goal of expanding programming on the writing process, Jack Kennedy and Jack Harkrider
are co-editing the winter issue of C:JET that is devoted to improving writing instruction and promoting
coaching of writing.

Jack Kennedy, along with a number of other JEA members and professional media people, was a member of the
University of Iowa Symposium on Increasing Multicultural Participation in the Scholastic Press, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. This
is in line with the JEA goal of increasing minority participation in high school journalism.

Multicultural Committee Report

Steve O'Donoghue

The Multicultural Committee of JEA will host a planning meeting of representatives from the professional press,
secondary and university journalism training programs, industry professional organizations including American Society
of Newspaper Editors and Society of Professional Journalists and funding entities like The Freedom Forum (formerly
the Gannett Foundation). The meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13 at Roosevelt University, Chicago. Topic of discussion
is a proposed journalism collaborative that would work to revive journalism programs in inner city school districts with
high numbers of minority youth.

The Multicultural Journalism Resource Center of Roosevelt University is providing meeting space and helping to host
the event. Project director Marilyn Ross-Adams and Frank Diaz, administrative director, graciously offered rooms and
support of the JEA project.

Some of the invited guests who will participate include Dr. Robert Knight, University of Missouri School of Journalism;
Tom Rolnicki, NSPA executive director; Mary Arnold, IHSPA executive secretary; Alice Bonner, The Freedom Forum;
Ira D. Perry, executive director, Society of Professional Journalists; David Adams, professor of journalism, Indiana
University; and several adviser members of the Multicultural Committee.

Chair Steve O'Donoghue hopes the participants will leave with a workable plan to implement and fund a task force
approach by a collaborative of educators and professional journalists that would adopt targeted inner city school districts
and resuscitate dead or dying journalism programs. His goal is for a fall 1992 start-up in the first selected city.

Advisers Earlene Hollinger (Montgomery, AL), David Aaronson (Washington, D.C.), Dow Tate (Dallas, TX) and
officers of NSPA, CSPA and Quill & Scroll will represent scholastic journalism at Chicago.

Already planning for success, the Multicultural Committee is scheduling a follow-up meeting for Denver in April and
seeking foundation monies for a detailed planning session in late May.

During the regular Multicultural Committee meeting during the JEA/NSPA Chicago convention advisers will begin
tackling the problems of recruiting more minority advisers and discussing ways to help advisers recruit and retain minority
youth for their publications.
Contest Committee Report
Hilda Walker, Chairperson

Barb Schneider, Write-Off Contest chair for Chicago, is offering 25 competitions for journalism and magazine students during the JEA/NSPA convention. She has added three literary magazine contests and the yearbook copy/caption writing contest has been subdivided into four categories—sports, academics, clubs and student life. The photography contest will be on-the-spot, not a carry-in. The mail-in Computer Design contest is being handled through JEA Headquarters with entries going to Linda Puntney.

Kathy Daly will be the local chair for the Denver write-offs in April.

STATE AND REGIONAL REPORTS
Candace Perkins, vice president

NORTHWEST REGION—Linda Ballew, director

ALASKA—State director, Gretchen Wehmhoff, co-operated with the University of Alaska - Fairbanks in sending out mailings that encouraged membership as well as advertising a course for journalism advisers. The course, directed by professor of journalism Lael Morgan, offered an on-line computer course. The goals were to assist “bush” teachers and to build journalism interest and career awareness for journalism recruits.

Anchorage yearbook and newspaper teachers also met this summer for an inservice that provided 12 advisers with seminars in desktop computer training. Wehmhoff attended the Kansas JEA advisers institute and said, “I loved it! It is the best thing I’ve ever done for my staff and the newspaper. I recommend that everyone goes.”

Two activities: planning a summer camp or weekend camp during the summer in conjunction with the U of A for advisers and students, as well as a newsletter to provide better communication for Alaska journalism advisers, are being considered.

IDAHO—Barbara Croshaw reported the Annual Fall Conference was held Oct. 20-22. The conference held a Best of Show competition in writing, graphics and photography. Scholarship monies were awarded for nationals, teacher of the year and administrator of the year. Added to the competition roster were three more contests: style contests in both newspaper and yearbook along with do-ahead feature contests that were both team and individual competitions in both newspaper and yearbook.

Currently, membership has maintained at 33, and together they are working on student press rights legislation.

MONTANA—The Montana state director has discovered a strong sense of Montana’s regional, economic, educational and political diversities. Tremendous support for scholastic journalism has been encountered, along with a few tribulations. An instance of the latter has been the recent defeat of House Bill 212 which would have helped to establish freedom of expression for Montana students.

This bill passed its third reading in the Montana House of Representatives, but faced an uphill battle to survive, or at best, retain its identity in the Montana Senate. Jenna Pike, the 1991 editor of the Billings West Kodiak, along with her adviser, Eileen Sheehy Pavlish, were primarily responsible for initiating the intense drive to establish this legal precedent for students and advisers in Montana. However, the bill was killed in committee. Once again, Montana students must endure the lack of First Amendment rights imposed by the Supreme Court’s Hazelwood Decision.

From this effort, they have learned how to garner support from legislators, professional journalists, the Montana Education Association, their peers and even some administrators. Students also gained valuable experience by speaking before the House and Senate Judiciary Committees and by writing letters to legislators. They will continue to develop a new strategy and introduce another bill in 1993.

The newsletter At a Glance has been published. Although membership has not increased, efforts to encourage Montana high school advisers to join JEA have been persistent. However, two long-time JEA members have resigned their positions. Eileen Sheehy from the Billings West Kodiak resigned last year, and Maxine Hanel resigned as an adviser to both newspaper and yearbook from CMR High School in Great Falls.

On a more encouraging note, a course for high school newspaper advisers was offered during the summer session at the University of Montana. So, too, the Montana Association of Teachers of English and Language Arts (MATELA), an affiliate of NCTE, accepted several workshop proposals for journalism sections at its October 1991, state fall conference with MEA. These sectionalists will deal with censorship, media production and staff/adviser survival techniques.

The Great Falls school district has recently written a journalism curriculum emphasizing the writing process. Implementing it will be tough, but the next step is to make journalism not only an English credit, but an English course that may be substituted for junior English.

Frank Kirk, the yearbook adviser from Great Falls High School, will replace Eileen Sheehy as the state director for the remaining year. The search for someone who is interested in filling this position for 1992-1993 continues.
OREGON—Nancy Giuliani noted the success of the spring Publications Olympics. Also, summer workshops for students were presented on the Oregon State University campus in July. These were sponsored by the NW Scholastic Press in conjunction with Oregon Journalism Education Association. Along with these, the Willpower Workshop at Oregon State College in Ashland had 28 advisers attend workshops given by five instructors. These workshops included desktop publishing, typography for advisers and advising school publications.

Journalism workshops continued into the fall during statewide inservice days in October as well as the annual Oregon Student Press Day Oct. 16. Giuliani sent 220 pieces of JEA literature and personal letters encouraging JEA membership.

The president of OJEA, Jim Buzan, has continued to lobby for national teacher certification for content areas to achieve some kind of standardization. Officers for OJEA will be elected soon.

Another Oregon adviser, Sue Barr, who advises at South Eugene High School, piloted a project with Jostens and Apple to produce a hardback yearbook on disk.

WASHINGTON—Working to pass a bill guaranteeing freedom of expression for students in Washington has been WJEA’s primary focus in the last year. We have gained support from some key members of the state legislature, but still have a lot to learn about the internal workings of the legislative process.

At a members’ meeting in September, members heard a panel composed of a journalism professor from the University of Washington and two legislators who gave them further training in how to complete legislative action. It appears that coalition and compromise with the teachers’ union, school directors’ association and principals’ organization may be the key to success. They look forward to next spring’s legislative session and will continue in the campaign to pass the bill.

Meanwhile, they expect the year’s membership to equal last year’s — nearly 170 members. Members get their money’s worth in a series of events and workshops sponsored by WJEA. Among the offered programs: journalist, adviser and administrator of the year awards, spring statewide conference and contest, free annual plaques for each staff, summer workshop for advisers and a separate workshop for students, newspaper day and yearbook day in the fall in coordination with the Seattle Times, a computer workshop, five issues of their newsletter, a members’ handbook and fall inservice.

This fall’s inservice was a cooperative effort with the state’s speech teachers’ association, focusing on the status of free expression in Washington’s schools. Keynoters included the state superintendent of public instruction and the acting chief justice of Washington’s Supreme Court.

Goals for the next year will be to continue to work on passage of the freedom of expression bill and to continue to expand their outreach to the more rural and smaller schools in the eastern part of Washington. Members expect a high degree of support from WJEA—the journalism education university of Washington state.

WYOMING—According to Gary Vickrey, “It’s like pulling teeth to get anyone to join. Wyoming seems to have a very reluctant group of advisers.” Despite numerous letters and urgings, membership remains below 20.

The state convention in Casper was held Oct. 7-8. Susan Massy judged and taught workshops. Vickrey will coordinate the computer workshops at the spring JEA/NSPA convention in Denver.

SOUTHWEST REGION—Vicki Scorsone, director

ARIZONA—Attendance at the annual AIPA summer workshop at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff once again drew about 100 students from around the state, reports state director Peggy Gregory. The workshop, run by director Michael J. Fox from Tucson, was open to newspaper and yearbook students from around the state. Both in-state and out-of-state teachers covered a wide range of topics to prepare new staffers and to give advice and new techniques to experienced staffers.

AIPA is looking into hiring an executive director to run the organization. A committee is contacting “friends of journalism” at junior colleges and state universities who might be interested. AIPA has found that most secretaries affiliated with a college or university are paid a portion of their salary and the state journalism organization pays the rest.

AIPA may be experiencing “boomer burnout.” All the “baby boomers” in the organization have put on conventions for years and are tired, yet no new blood seems to be available to take over some of the work.

The fall convention for AIPA is scheduled for Nov. 22 at the YWCA Leadership and Development Center. Literary magazine and yearbook competitions will be included in the one-day affair. No spring convention chair has stepped forward so those plans are on hold for now.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Northern California JEA advisers hosted the annual California State High School Journalism Convention at the Hyatt House in San Jose, Nov. 1-3. Chairman Jim Shuman lured John Cutsinger in for the event which also provided time for advisers from northern and southern parts of the state to discuss the journalism curriculum project both have been collaborating on for the past two years. Preliminary materials are ready now and final editions should be available by next spring.

Journalism advisers, as always, have been threatened by job sanctions this past six months. Pat Hannigan, a former journalist who revitalized The Courier newspaper at Logan High School in Union City (south of Oakland) was threatened with loss of his position in a dispute with the administration over the content of the newspaper. JEA representatives wrote letters and cooler heads prevailed; Pat is back on the job.

Pete Hamer, who improved The Lowell at Lowell High School in San Francisco, appeared to be a victim of budget cuts and administrative bias: journalism is not seen as necessary for college admission. Supporters of The Lowell, the oldest high school newspaper in the Far West, rallied to his side and he, too, is back at work.
However, one of California foremost yearbook advisers and long-time journalism activists, Jim Shuman of Modesto High, Modesto, has been forced out of his position. A new administration wanted quantity, not quality, and harassed Shuman to the point he resigned from yearbook and returned to teaching art. Shuman, who founded the summer Journalism Academy at the University of the Pacific, continues as adviser of the UOP yearbook.

Fiscal woes in California, like several other states, are imperiling newspapers and yearbooks throughout the state. How many advisers lose their positions will not be known for some time, until the final battles over the state budget are over, and enrollments compiled by individual districts finalized.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Northern and Southern California chapters have been working together this past year on curriculum projects which include a proposed state framework for journalism education. They are editing an adviser-written textbook modeled on the California Writing Project at Irvine’s book of Lessons called Practical Ideas. The book, in conversational, first-person style, will take new teachers each step of the way through newspaper and yearbook activities. Also planned for the future, a book of well-crafted student articles and newspaper pages modeled on the Providence Journal’s book, How I Wrote the Story.

Southern California again supported the California Scholastic Press Associations’ Ralph Alexander scholarship as well as awarding three scholarships of its own. Still ahead this year are the regional and southern California On-the-Spot Write-offs usually scheduled for March and April.

Additionally, southern California will host an Adviserfest and day-long computer workshops, as well as participating in university and college and community-college publications workshops throughout the year.

Those southern California newspaper and yearbook advisers employed by the Los Angeles Unified School District, the second largest district in the country, saw their teaching stipends disappear amid a flurry of proposed budget cuts. Fortunately, a threatened work-stoppage and support from parents helped the district discover its error and reinstate the money, but the handwriting is on the wall.

NEVADA—State director LaVerne Forest reports advisers in her state are still fighting the freedom of expression issue. “Since our legislature meets biannually, we do not have another shot at passing a bill until the 1992-93 session. In the last session, our sympathetic legislators, still bruised from their previous drubbing, simply ignored our requests to start the process all over again,” she says.

The strategy is now to get the largest school district in Nevada to establish a policy allowing all students in the district freedom of expression. They had a lawyer draw up the policy, based on the California bill, and are at the moment waiting to hear from the Board of Trustees. They reason that if the largest school district in the state has such a policy in place, then it would be easier to convince legislators that having such freedoms does not lead to anarchy in the schools. Getting the school district to move on anything is a slow, and not always sure, process. “We will keep you advised of our progress,” she says.

In the meantime, the state advisers and their schools will attend the University of Nevada, Reno Press Day at the same time as the fall convention in Chicago. This is the only occasion when she can pitch membership in JEA. Forest’s co-adviser for the yearbook will be attending and acting in her place since she will be in Chicago. Nevada has added several schools and advisers to its membership, and among these, four attended the summer workshop at Stanford University in August. Many more advisers and their students attended the Taylor workshop at Lake Tahoe, also held in August. “As difficult as it has been to persuade advisers to participate in better journalism for their schools, we have made considerable progress in the last few years.”

She enclosed a copy of the policy drawn up for the Washoe County School District. It has been carefully worded to avoid confrontations with the ultra-conservative faction in the district. “We have always to be cognizant of the fact that the vocal minority in our district carries a great deal of clout and is constantly vigilant on any issues which they consider to be too liberal. It is the same group that has challenged the adoption of the Houghton-Mifflin Impressions reading series, fights constantly to get abortion outlawed and agitates to get prayer in the public schools. We all know that these people are well organized nationally in their efforts. I only wish that those of us who represent the liberal majority were as zealous and well organized.”

NEW MEXICO—New Mexico has been relaxing after the hard work of putting on the national convention last April, but there are still plenty of things in the works, reports state director Sharon Gentry. They had a fall workshop Oct. 19 with a one-day intense session of hands-on work in four different tracks. They offered sessions in yearbook design, newspaper design, photography and writing for students. They also had some intense training and sharing for advisers attending. More than 200 students and advisers were in attendance.

Gentry reports they are also working on state contests, updating material and rules. The journalist of the year contest material is out also. They are cementing plans for national journalism week and also for presenting guidelines to the state legislature for First Amendment guarantees. Several people will be attending the Chicago convention.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION—Susan Hathaway Tantillo, director

ILLINOIS—Linda Kane, state director, of Naperville Central HS, reports IJE was actively involved with the JEA/NSPA convention planning in Chicago. One big undertaking in conjunction with the convention is hosting an adviser hospitality room throughout Friday and Saturday.

Other IJE activities include creation of a state directory of journalism programs. This has been a large, ongoing project for two years; however, the IJE Board is committed to having directory information in the hands of IJE members this school year.
IEJA is also working to establish awards for outstanding journalism students and others who have contributed to scholastic journalism across the state. The new IEJA newsletter, published at least three times per year, includes lesson plan ideas, course offerings and sample handouts for teachers. Tom Winski, IEJA newsletter editor currently with Monmouth College, is always looking for new ideas for this page of the newsletter.

IEJA continues to publish a calendar with an accompanying photo contest for Illinois high school journalists. This calendar is sent to all journalism teachers in the state, not just IEJA members. The IEA Board continues to work with professional journalists in the state and legislators toward passage of a student press freedom bill.

IEA bookstore catalogs, membership information, CJEMIE flyers and Chicago convention brochures were distributed at the annual fall press day hosted by the University of Illinois Oct. 4.

IOWA—State Director Pam Rodewald of FL, Dodge HS reports the Iowa High School Press Association has made several noteworthy changes, including JEA representation on the IHSPA Executive Board. It has been recommended that IHSPA’s president have the capacity to appoint ex-officio members onto the board. The president, therefore, appointed the JEA state director to an ex-officio seat on the executive board. As such, the JEA state director would receive a travel stipend to attend IHSPA Board meetings and limited funds to attend JEA conferences as an IHSPA representative. IHSPA would then recommend an IHSPA officer’s name to the JEA Regional Director to fill a vacated Iowa JEA state director position.

As the result of an extensive yearbook survey, another change for the future includes the addition of a “whole book” yearbook contest to the existing individual entry contests.

Also, recommendations to the IHSPA Constitution have been made by the Constitutional Revision Committee. The recommendations create two vice president positions, eliminating the treasurer whose role will be partly assumed by the executive director, previously entitled executive secretary. The two vice president roles will include vice president of operations and vice president for special projects. A strong effort is being directed at mentoring new advisers. All three board actions went to vote on at the Oct. 9 state conference and the Oct. 16 regional conference.

Keynote speaker for the state conference in Iowa City was to be James F. Paschal, director of the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association. For the third year, both conferences were expected to feature professional journalism critiques of individual student work. The regional conference in Des Moines was expected to feature Drake University faculty and Des Moines media professionals.

A limited number of copies of the Department of Education’s Model Policy on Student Publications Code mandated by the student freedom of expression bill are available from Mary Arnold at the University of Iowa for a $2 fee. The policy was sent to every school district in the state in an effort to help advisers, principals and school boards in forming their own policies.

Arnold, executive director of IHSPA, was scheduled to conduct a symposium to construct curriculum on Reaching Out To Minority Students Oct. 31-Nov. 3. The symposium was made possible through a grant from the Freedom Forum.

Numerous workshops took place on both the University of Iowa and the Iowa State University campuses this past summer. University of Iowa workshops for teachers included Photojournalism I; Newspaper Advising; Yearbook Advising; Teaching of Journalistic Writing, Reporting, and Editing; Desktop Publishing on the IBM-PC; High School Press Law; Reaching Out to Minority Students; Beginning Desktop Publishing, Macintosh; and Advanced Desktop Publishing, Macintosh. U of I workshops for students included Yearbook, Beginning Photography, Desktop Publishing, Newspaper/Newsmagazine and Advanced Photography.

Workshops for teachers at Iowa State University included Newsletters, Brochures and Desktop Publishing: Introduction; Newsletters, Brochures, and Desktop Publishing: Intermediate. The turn-out was high again for the student broadcast workshop. ISU experimented with a new workshop for students, The Writer’s Life, an intensive writing workshop.

Jane Peterson of Iowa State University is planning another issue of CJET for next year to again include special research issues for secondary journalism educators.

Some unfortunate news: Iowa State University has suspended its journalism education programs, along with numerous other programs across the campus, due to state budget cuts.

MICHIGAN—Ken Zelnis, state director of Plainwell HS, reports that the House Bill for student freedom of expression goes to the floor on Oct. 29.

The fall conference for students and advisers at Michigan State brought in 1,700 people. During the summer several workshop were held at Michigan State University.

MINNESOTA—Judy Knudtson, state director, of Albert Lea HS, reports the advisers’ meeting was well attended at the state press convention in September. Knudtson promoted JEA national by distributing HSJOY material, along with national membership information and the CJEMIE flyer. In addition, nine sessions were planned for JEM programs during the state teachers’ convention in October.

Plans and flyers for the state’s annual Winter Workshop are ready. At last winter’s workshop, Knudtson displayed copies of several texts she liked from the JEA bookstore and many sold.

Knudtson notes she is looking for names of people who have OBE-phrased tests, retests and enrichments with learner outcomes in traditional journalism courses.

NEBRASKA—State Director Doyle Schwaniger of Fremont HS reports the Nebraska High School Press Association conducted its fall conference and spring championship competitions. A workshop on judging was also provided for advisers. Schwaniger sent out membership brochures and spoke at the fall conference to promote JEA. An adviser retreat is being considered.

NORTH DAKOTA—Robert Hendricks, state director, of Fargo South HS, reports he has organized a 47-passenger bus to attend the Chicago
convention. While most of the students are from South, he also opened up places to students from Morhead and North high schools.

Earlier this fall, Hendricks presented two sessions at the fall journalism workshop sponsored by the Northern Interscholastic Press Association. He followed this in October with teaching a crash course in desktop publishing at the North Dakota state teachers’ convention. Here, advisers from across the state could spend four hours of their convention time learning as much as possible about desktop publishing.

Hendricks says he continues to be the JEA hotline for his state, answering questions from advisers himself or directing them to another resource for answers. He says up to two dozen advisers use the service annually.

SOUTH DAKOTA—State Director Deb Merxbauer is on sabbatical this year at South Dakota State University in Brookings. She will return to Washington in Sioux Falls next year. Meanwhile, she reports a roundtable was added to the statewide high school press association meeting. Mini-sessions on diversity in high school journalism and desktop publishing were also added.

Future plans include official affiliation of South Dakota Supervisors of School Publications with JEA national to encourage more participation in JEA. Merxbauer also reports advisers are working to set up a desktop publishing support system in the state.

WISCONSIN—Although she continues to be unable to find an adviser to agree to be state director for JEA, regional director Susan Hathaway Tanitllo continues to communicate with Wisconsin members in hopes that someone will come forward.

Both she and vice president Candace Perkins spoke at the Kettle Moraine Press Association (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) Press Day Oct. 18. In addition to giving sessions, they distributed JEA membership information at the advisers’ lunch and promoted the national convention in Chicago. Tanitllo plans to continue her efforts as a substitute state director by conducting the state’s JEA High School Journalist of the Year contest unless a director has been found in time.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION—Jack Harkrider, director

ARKANSAS—State director Dixie Martin reports that through the efforts of fresh new leadership, the Arkansas Journalism Advisers Association is planning a rejuvenation. Key, experienced advisers have been appointed to serve as recruiters for the organization in several areas of the state. Their plan is to increase membership in AJAA, as well as interesting members in joining JEA. Currently, there are approximately 10 JEA members in Arkansas.

The Arkansas High School Press Association conducted their annual fall retreat in Little Rock, with more than 20 advisers attending the two-day workshop. Conducted by Dr. Bill Downs of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, the retreat featured Bobby Hawthorne, journalism director of the University Interscholastic League in Texas and prominent workshop facilitator.

AJAA is currently planning for their state convention which will be conducted in the spring.

KANSAS—State director Cheryl Attebury writes that the Kansas Scholastic Press Association recently concluded their annual fall conference at Kansas State University, under the direction of John Hudnall. Featured speaker was Bobby Hawthorne of Texas' UIL. KSPA also conducted a fall conference in western Kansas, for the first time, with more than 125 advisers attending.

KSPA started an in-state yearbook critique service last year, with 48 books being submitted for critiquing. This year, more than 70 books were submitted for the service.

A student advisory board was created this year to provide input to the KSPA executive board, and several of the student recommendations have been accepted and are being implemented by the KSPA board.

KSPA has 151 schools enrolled as members and conducts a state Student Journalist of the Year contest each year. Currently, planning is underway for a bus caravan of Kansas schools to attend the JEA/NSPA convention in Denver in April.

LOUISIANA—No report is available. No state director.

MISSOURI—State director Liz Lockhart reports that if members of the Committee for Student Freedom of Expression get their wish, Missouri will join the states which have legal protection for high school journalists and their teachers. The group, just over a year old, has drafted proposed legislation. Co-chairs Diane Boyle of Parkway Central High in Chesterfield and Liz Lockhart of Central High in Cape Girardeau have discussed the proposed legislation with several legislators, but have not yet found a bill sponsor. Boyle is president of Missouri JEA.

As the effort to get legislation introduced and passed grows, Boyle will delegate (along with University of Missouri's Dr. Robert Knight) a number of responsibilities to committee members around the state. In addition to those already named, committee members include Kathy Craighead of Mexico High, Robin Fumeller of Jefferson City High, H. L. Hall of Kirkwood High, Bill Hankins of Oak Park High (Kansas City), Marcia Hankins of Park Hill High School (Kansas City), Minerva S. Howard of Hickman High (Columbia) and Kathy Sims of Kirkwood.

Missouri's JEA affiliate, MJEA, continues to work with the state's student organization, Missouri Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) and with six district organizations. Representing different geographic locations, those groups include Ozark Publications Association, Journalism Educators of Metropolitan Kansas City, sponsors of School Publications (St. Louis area), Mark Twain Publication Advisers Council, Southeast Missouri Scholastic Press Association and Central Missouri Journalism Education Association.

All of those organizations are represented on a steering committee—MIPA Advisory Committee. JEA's Missouri state director is also a member.

MIPA recognizes outstanding contributions to scholastic journalism each year by bestowing Missouri Student Journalist, Journalism Teacher, Administrator and Contributing Medium of the Year awards. The portfolio of Missouri's Student Journalist of the Year is forwarded by the state director to the national contest, if the state's recipient meets national criteria. This year's student nominee was Michael Griffin.
Two universities continue to sponsor summer seminars for high school journalism teachers and students. A very successful summer program at the University of Missouri-Columbia continues to offer extra training and excitement for the state's journalism teachers and students. In its 69th year, it is directed by Truman High School's Ron Clemens, from Independence. Ozark Publications Association (OPA) sponsors a workshop held on the campus of Southwest Missouri State University. The workshop director is Mount Vernon publications adviser Sandy Newcomer. The workshop continues to grow in its efforts to serve the regional needs of the southwest part of the state.

OKLAHOMA—State director Darla Jones Tresner writes that in an effort to combat adviser apathy, the Oklahoma State advisers association conducted its first fall retreat Oct. 7. They formed an advisory board and promoted JEA membership at the retreat. In addition, they reported a JEA membership increase from 12 to 17.

The JEA advisory board also conducted three sessions at the recent Oklahoma Education Association meeting. In addition, they will conduct the Journalism Student of the Year competition and are planning to attend the JEA/NSPA convention in Chicago. A spring JEA workshop is being considered.

TEXAS—State director Jack Harkrider reports that after several years hiatus, the Texas Association of Journalism Educators reinstated a state convention, workshop and competitions last year in San Antonio. With over 500 students and advisers attending, it was considered an unqualified success. This year, scheduled for Nov. 9-11 in San Antonio, the TAJE convention was expected to draw more than 800 participants. Part of the attraction was 17 Write-Off contests, based on the JEA national write-off contests and Best of Show competitions in literary magazine, newspaper and yearbook in large and small school categories. JEA president Dr. Ken Siver, executive secretary Linda Punteny and Certification Chairman H. L. Hall were expected to attend as honored guests.

TAJE created statewide clip contests for yearbook and newspapers this year, which attracted over 600 entries. The newspaper contest was conducted in the spring, while the yearbook contest will be conducted this fall.

Scholarships awarded this year from TAJE included two $500 scholarships, four $150 student summer workshop scholarships and two $200 adviser summer workshop scholarships.

As an outgrowth of the "Adopt-an-Adviser" program, TAJE has established an adviser support system throughout the state. Dividing the state into five regions, experienced members participate in regional workshops and other related activities to bring information to more advisers, and to relay grassroots concerns and needs back to the state organization. The "Adopt-an Adviser" program is a list of volunteer, experienced advisers who act as mentors for new advisers in the state. All new advisers have to do is contact a TAJE member or the executive secretary, and a "pro" will be assigned to the new adviser. Then, the experienced adviser contacts the new adviser on a regular basis to offer help and advice during the school year.

Taking another idea from national JEA, TAJE is selling curriculum notebooks to help raise money for the scholarship fund. Thus far, more than 200 notebooks and supplements have been sold. The notebooks are $15 each, while the updated supplements are $5 each.

NORTHEAST REGION—Sherry Haklik, director

CONNECTICUT—State director Mary Ellen Minichielo writes Sacred Heart University in Trumbell sponsored a journalism seminar for local high school students Oct. 17 with speakers from newspapers and magazines. The Milford Citizen and the Bridgeport Post are using local students as reporters. The Hartford Courant will be sponsoring a journalism seminar for local high school journalists in November. Nov. 18 will be the first journalism conference of the newly formed organization, "Yankee Pen," which is sponsored by the Northeastern University School of Journalism. 333 advisers from New England secondary schools and colleges are members of Yankee Pen.

Minichielo again indicates she would like to see a JEA convention in the northeast, and she would help organize one in Hartford. She also would like to see JEA have regional directors meet with state directors two or three times a year for ideas and advice.

MARYLAND—MSPA expanded its summer workshop program to include seven courses in newspaper, yearbook, broadcast news and adviser training, reports state director Robert Atwood. More than 500 students and advisers attended the 47th annual fall convention of MSPA in October at the University of Maryland. Also, some counties are working on getting journalism accepted toward graduation requirements.

NEW JERSEY—State director Robert Thomas reports a letter carrying September greetings and the latest in state news was sent to all JEA members in the state. Debra Pickett was chosen NJ State Journalist of the Year for 1991. The fight for scholastic press freedom has been buoyed by several judicial decisions and the placement of Bill A557 before the New Jersey state senate. "We hope for an early fall passage, and Governor Florio has already said that he will sign the bill when it reaches his desk," Thomas says.

Garden State Scholastic Press Association sponsors a fall student conference with an on-the-spot writing contest. It also sponsors a spring advisers' conference and the Bob Stevens Memorial Scholarship whose winner becomes the NJ Journalist of the Year. Their summer newspaper critique contest grows, and they are now looking into providing services for yearbooks. The Asbury Park Press, Rider College, Patterson College, New Jersey Press Women, Rutgers University and Red Bank Regional High School all sponsor press conferences, contests or summer workshops. Membership forms will be a part of the packets at GSSPA, WHS and RBRHS workshops.

OHIO—Dave Weisenburger, state director, says members are planning the 1992 JEA convention in Columbus. GLIPA fall conference was in September and JAOS was Nov. 9 at Ohio State.

PENNSYLVANIA—The state conference will be Nov. 14-15 in Harrisburg for approximately 600 students and advisers, reports state director
George Taylor. A summer journalism workshop was held at Penn State. The state group is attempting to affiliate with a college or university. They also hope to repeal a state sales tax on yearbooks and do something about Pennsylvania's school code which has a press rights statute saying students can be censored. They also want to increase their working relationship with the state school boards association.

VIRGINIA—The Virginia High School League established the Colonel Charles E. Savedge Scholarship. "Named in honor of our beloved native and noted conference speaker," writes state director Carol Lange, "the scholarship will be awarded annually to a VHSL publications staff member who best demonstrates the special qualities of journalistic excellence admired by Colonel Savedge. Jason Roop of Luray High School is the first recipient. Chosen from 14 nominees, Roop was editor of Luray's literary magazine and yearbook, a columnist for the Page News and Courier, and an ambassador with "For Kids' Sake," sponsored by WTVR-TV, Channel 6.

Three Virginia advisers received national recognition. Hud Clark was one of three recipients of the JEA Lifetime Achievement Award, Martha Akers was one of four who received the CSPA Gold Key, and Carol Lange was one of four to be named by Dow Jones as Distinguished Adviser.

A record number of 63 entered the VHSL creative writing school portfolio competition. Each portfolio must contain two essays, two short stories and two poems. First place recognition went to Washington & Lee High School (A), Loudoun County High School (AA) and Midlothian High School (AAA). Individual student awards were also made.

Two workshops were held in September for advisers only. Fifty-two advisers attended the Eastern Regional Workshop in Chesapeake Sept. 14. While only 15 advisers attended the Western Regional Workshop in Harrisonburg Sept. 28, none had more than three years of experience, and all were eager to learn.

Virginia planned to begin its campaign to pass Freedom of Student Expression legislation with the First Amendment Congress held Oct. 27-29 in Richmond. Eight students who are enrolled in Advanced Placement Journalism (Language and Composition, an Intensive Journalistic Writing course) will attend with their instructor, Carol Lange. Four teachers who were participants in the 1990 Virginia Intensive Journalistic Writing Institute will attend also.

Lange reminded members to renew in VA Byline, mailed personal letters to every Virginia JEA member, and promoted the national organization at fall workshops, although she found the results disappointing.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—State director Barbara Hines ran the summer minority workshop. Just recently, several D.C. students became involved with Youth Communication's fundraiser, Cartoons and Cocktails.

WEST VIRGINIA—According to state director Ruby Dyer, West Virginia Scholastic Press Association convention for newspaper and yearbook staff met Sept. 28 at West Virginia University. Various groups plan to attend the JEA/NSPA convention in Chicago. The United High School Press convention is slated for April 3-4, 1992, at Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

SOUTHEAST REGION—Margaret Johnston, director

ALABAMA—State Director Marie Parsons, four to five members of the Alabama advisers' board, and two other advisers (one funded by APA and one by the ASPA) will attend the convention in Chicago. Parsons reports she and a team of four other scholastic journalism experts have just completed a tour of Alabama, conducting four-hour workshops at seven sites and reaching about 1400 people. Among the team members was Florida State Director Alyce Culpepper. Parsons also used local advisers and professional journalists at each site to help with the program. During the summer, she conducted the University of Alabama's annual Heart of Dixie Summer Communications Workshop, with 150 students and advisers attending, a two-week minority journalism workshop under a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund grant, with 15 attending; and a Dow Jones-assisted Intensive Journalistic Writing workshop, with 15 English teachers attending.

The Alabama Scholastic Press Association will have its annual convention in February at the University of Alabama; Parsons hopes to have 10 advisers ready to take the CJIE exam, with the test being administered by H.L. Hall. She also is encouraging the APA to get local publishers to give assistance to high school journalists in their areas.

FLORIDA—State Director Alyce Culpepper reports more than 4,000 students attended the district workshops for the Florida Scholastic Press Association in late September and early October. Schools must attend a district workshop in order to attend the state convention in May. Membership is limited to four students per publication at the state convention. The Florida State Director joined with the FSPA to present the JEA Outstanding Florida High School Journalist award. Joshua Greenman from Palmetto High was the winner of a $500 scholarship from Bryn Alan Studios in Tampa, Fla. He was selected by professors at Florida International University in Miami. This was the first time the Florida nominee to the national competition received a monetary award. Other awards were presented to the top high school journalist in yearbook, newsmagazine, literary magazine and broadcast. Joshua won the newspaper category. Currently FSPA members are soliciting additional money for all these awards. Nominations for the 1992 contest are due to Alyce Culpepper, Florida director, by Jan. 15, 1992.

With the recent budget crises in Florida, the state universities are considering not holding summer school. But the Summer Journalist Institute at the University of Florida will continue as scheduled because it is self-sufficient. Teachers can receive graduate credit in different areas. Currently it is planned to begin June 20, 1992.

GEORGIA—State Director Sylvia Daughtery will participate in the Chicago Convention. She promoted JEA at the fall workshop for the Georgia Scholastic Press Association and the Georgia Association of Journalism Directors Oct. 12 at the University of Georgia College of Journalism.
GAJD, an affiliate of JEA, continues to encourage membership in JEA in conjunction with GSPA and GAJD; 21 Georgia advisers have renewed their membership in this manner at the time of this report.

Daughtry also is encouraging at least 10 advisers to take the CJE test at the GSPA convention in May, and H.L. Hall is tentatively scheduled to be on hand to administer the test.

The Georgia Department of Education has just officially recognized journalism for English elective credit statewide, giving it a course number. The GAJD Curriculum Committee developed a curriculum guide, which was accepted by the DOE and the chair, GAJD president elect Mimi Davenport, and a colleague wrote a resource manual for the DOE this summer. GAJD now is working on securing a second and third year of journalism through the state approved Writing Workshop and Advanced Composition. (NOTE: Individual school districts have had the authority for years to allow journalism to be taught for 1 to 3 or 4 years of elective credit; the difference now is that it has DOE approval, a number, and will be recognized as English elective credit.) GAJD submitted to the state DOE last year a proposal for either full certification in journalism or at least a 15-hour endorsement on the teaching certificate; no response yet on it.

MISSISSIPPI—State Director Jo Ann Sellers will publicize JEA at the Southern Mississippi workshop in November, which her school is hosting, and again during the statewide convention of the Mississippi Scholastic Press Association at the University of Mississippi in the spring. She said the new JEA Bookstore Catalog is valuable to advisers in her area. Because so few schools in the coastal region are able to make the annual 8-hour trip to the University of Mississippi for the MSPA Convention, Sellers pushed the headquarters to hold regional workshops in the fall.

SOUTH CAROLINA—State Director Karen Flowers will attend the Chicago Convention with four other advisers and 50 students on bus and van. Four schools will be represented: Camden, Irmo, Lexington, and Spring Valley. Flowers taught advisers at the Carolina Journalism Institute at the University of South Carolina in the summer and promoted JEA membership along with urging advisers to affiliate with their state organizations, SIPA, and JEA. She also promoted JEA at the SCSPA fall conventions with 1300 students and advisers attending. She has worked with Bruce Konkle to allow advisers to join JEA through SCSPA.

She will coordinate the Journalist of the Year contest again this year; she has secured financial support from the state newspaper, which gives $50 to the student winner in S.C. and $50 to the JEA scholarship fund.

She was impressed with the catalog and its usefulness to advisers in S.C. She also reports that SCSPA has established a scholarship for a teacher to attend the CJI summer workshop in the name of Chuck Savedge and that SIPA has begun a Chuck Savedge Scholarship fund for a student to study journalism in college. Flowers said this is the first year in the 21 that she has taught that students are allowed to get a second year of journalism credit in S.C. without the school having to apply for experimental status.

TENNESSEE—State Director Patsy Barger will promote JEA at the annual high school journalism day in November at the East Tennessee State College, with draws roughly 35 schools from eastern Tennessee, western North Carolina, and southwestern Virginia. She also will support JEA at the TSPA convention in Nashville in March. She is chair of the advisers' group and will be in a position to publicize JEA.