

JEA SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT—NOVEMBER, 1992, COLUMBUS

JEA PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT—KENSON SIVER

JEA Notes Progress on Goals Set for 1991-93 Term

As we enter the final months of the 1991-93 term for the Board of Directors of the Journalism Education Association, permit me to offer a brief update on the progress we have made since setting two-year goals for our organization in April 1991.

The 12 goals (in italics) are followed by the significant progress or developments in each area.

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.*

JEA maintains strong ties with the Student Press Law Center. Last April the association voted to increase financial support to SPLC by approximately 25 percent. Our Student Press Rights Commission has served as a clearinghouse for information on passing student freedom of expression legislation and has monitored censorship and prior review cases. Meetings and workshops have been held at conventions to assist members with these concerns.

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.*

The JEA Bookstore has continued to vary and expand its offerings and now has almost 200 titles in stock — an increase of about 75 titles since 1990. The Curriculum Commission has assumed responsibility for convention issue seminars. A subcommittee is developing a curriculum guide on video broadcasting.

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

Networking continues with a host of organizations. In the past 18 months ties have been strengthened particularly with the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, National Council of Teachers of English, the Freedom Forum and the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Additionally, a very interactive and collaborative relationship is being maintained with the Scholastic Journalism Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

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.*

In addressing this concern, JEA has expanded membership on the Board of Directors to allow representation of African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American and Native-American persons. Four people have been appointed to two-year *ad hoc* terms to help JEA achieve its goals in the areas of minority membership and conference participation, curriculum development and networking with professional and student press associations. In other achievements scholarship have been arranged to convention for minority students and advisers. Special convention sessions have been developed as well.

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

The number of teachers electing to seek certification in the basic and master levels continues to grow steadily. We are nearing 150 members who have been granted certification.

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

While our conventions offer a solid array of programming related to technology, our first attempt at establishing a JEA electronic bulletin board failed due to expense, equipment problems and interest.

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

Newly redesigned materials were distributed to members last January. The observance of National Scholastic Journalism Week was moved to the last week in February as the January observance was not very compatible with school schedules.

8. *Support and work with scholastic press associations and scholastic press association directors.*

JEA is the only organization that holds a conference within a convention expressly for the directors of scholastic press associations. A newsletter and workshops are funded and supported by JEA. We see it as an investment in the people who invest their time in working with secondary school journalism teachers and students and the publications they produce.

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.*

During the past two years \$8,000 has been transferred into the JEA Scholarship Fund from the JEA General Fund. With these monies and numerous other donations, the Scholarship Fund continues toward meeting this goal. (The fund balance stood at \$11,350 in March 1991 and now is at 19,850.)

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

Large turnover of journalism teachers and advisers is a serious problem for our organization and profession. We continue to attract new members but have lost many to turnover. Our membership is holding steady at about 1,700.

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

We achieve this primarily through our conventions and Summer Advisers Institute. Overall convention attendance is at the highest level in the organization's history. We hope to build attendance at our summer program, now in its second year.

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

The number of convention sessions dedicated to video and literary magazines have grown considerably in the past two years, as have contests.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT-DOROTHY McPHILLIPS

With the next election, when new officers assume their duties, I will have completed 25 years of active participation in JEA and my official duties will have ended. Many dedicated journalism teachers have travelled this road with me and no doubt if asked to highlight memorable events would name other people, times and places. Though I can't name them all, there are some people who during my years of involvement made a difference, and who mark a turning point in JEA's progress.

My first magazine article appeared in the first issue of ^{ital}C-JET in the fall of 1967. Virginia Woodring, first C-JET editor and Ruth Griggs, JEA President, saw the magazine as part of an expansion program and an "ambitious financial undertaking" and took immediate steps to incorporate JEA as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Elwood Karwand, first JEA Executive Secretary, who worked on the incorporation papers received a \$500 stipend.

But Ruth Marie made an even greater impact on this organization when she fought for and gained a token fee from NSPA for every adviser bringing students to the national convention. This was the foundation for today's JEA conventions and a financial base for the organization. Compare JEA's convention budget in 1967 to the 1992 convention budget.

Jan Wiseman, JEA President in 1974, established a financial reporting system which is still being used. Tom Rolnicki, because of his experience serving as JEA Vice President became a mediator as NSPA Executive Director, working with the two organizations and is largely responsible for the working relationship the two organizations enjoy today.

The RFK Memorial, by establishing the Commission and circulating ¹¹Captive Voices, ¹¹capped its accomplishments by launching the Student Press Law Center, an organization which has had a great impact on JEA activities. Sister Ann Christine Heintz, through her many activities, especially the Curriculum Commission and Youth Communication, left an indelible mark on this organization.

The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, through the efforts of Paul Swensson and Tom Engleman, encouraged, trained and supported many JEA members. In more recent years, the American Newspaper Publishers Association and the Gannett Foundation, now the Freedom Forum, made communication with professional organizations much easier. Judith Hines with ANPA and Gerald Sass with Gannett were two gracious and firm supporters.

John Seigenthaler, when ASNE president, became a strong voice in support of high school journalism. He gave us credence in high places. Knowing that career choices are often made in high school, he recognized the importance of high school journalism and continues to speak out today on our behalf.

Today, JEA is a national organization, a networking organization, publishing and selling journalism curriculum materials, running a national journalism teacher certification program and reaching out to minorities.

Together with NSPA, our conventions, larger in number, better organized than ever and more professional, are often the only place where many young journalists and teachers receive some guidance in the field. After the first Spring convention in 1970 in Anaheim, our influence has continued to grow in the West. Two yearly conventions provide a financial base for many services for our members, including a national headquarters and an executive director.

Ken Siver is to be strongly commended for his work in establishing JEA Headquarters at Kansas State University. His article in the fall issue of Newswire pictures an amazing period of growth for this organization which I see, not as an end in itself, but as a vehicle for change and improvement in our field.

On a personal note: Two years ago last August, just as I felt I was recuperating nicely following major surgery in 1987 and 1988 and

shoulder surgery in 1989, I was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. I have had to learn to curtail some activities, especially those which cause stress. Since I feel so strongly about high school journalism and JEA's responsibilities in the field, and strong feelings increase my stress level, I am avoiding JEA Board and Business meetings. However, my interest continues. I attended a Freedom Forum Seminar on high school journalism last May and shared the information with Ken and Linda, as well as the Washington JEA. I will do as much as I can to continue support for JEA.

At a symposium on Parkinson's Disease in October, Dr. A.N. Liberman, a leader in the field from New York, encouraged us to educate our friends and relatives about the disease.

Parkinson's Disease is a central nervous system disorder. Principal symptoms are tremors, rigidity of limbs and slowness of movement. Maintaining equilibrium is difficult and stressful. Other characteristics are loss of facial expression, difficulty in walking, talking and bending. Symptoms begin insidiously, becoming apparent on one side of the body and gradually worsening. It is not a rare disease, but because it is not contagious, it is not reportable so no one knows how prevalent it is. Estimates indicate more than two million suffer from the disease. It is not limited to the elderly though more patients are over 50. There is an alarming increase in the number of patients in their 30s and 40s. It is not considered hereditary, but occasionally appears within families. The cause is unknown. It affects patients differently and progresses at different rates. Medications can modify the problems, but also can produce side effects. Support for research and education is needed.

Headquarters — Linda S. Puntney, Executive Director

Routine operations: Since the April 9, 1992 report, Headquarters has maintained operations as usual. Since the mailing of the bookstore catalog and membership booklet the office has been especially busy processing memberships and filling bookstore orders. Since the beginning of school Headquarters handles about an increasing number of telephone and written requests for information.

Requests were filled to send JEA promotional material to about 20 summer workshops and fall conventions.

Other routine services include the design and production of *C:JET* and the production and mailing of *NewsWire*; invoicing and inventory; dispatching communications to Board members and others on a variety of matters; supplying mailing labels for convention mailings, etc. compilation and mailing of packets to state and regional directors and coordinating other requests for mailings and special requests.

The Headquarters staff now includes Connie Fulkerson as full time administrative assistant, Carol Mills as office manager and Linda Puntney as executive director. The staff has tried to maintain regular contact with JEA officers and commission chairs, and to keep them informed of the flow of operations and activities at Headquarters as appropriate.

Since April JEA has accepted credit card sales which have been especially helpful at conventions. About half the bookstore sales in Denver were credit card sales.

Publication of the membership directory was changed to correspond with the academic year. The directory was sent to the printer Oct. 1 to guarantee it would be in the hands of members by the fall convention in Columbus. Membership at the Oct. 1 cutoff date was 1,689. A state-by-state breakdown of membership as of October 1992 is included with this report.

Advisers Institute: The second advisers Institute was held at Headquarters in July. Paul McMasters, executive director of the First Amendment Center in Nashville; Carol Lange, Dow Jones Journalism Teacher of the year; Ken Siver, JEA president; Phillip Seymour, educational consultant for Polaroid; Cliff Shiappa, Associated Press; Bob Esler, Sheboygan Wisc.; Fern Valentine, Auburn, WA; and Steve O'Donoghue, Oakland, CA were among the guest speakers.

Conventions: In June the executive director and Don Reeder, NSPA Associate Director, met with national Hyatt Regency representatives. The meeting, held in Chicago, was to discuss the problems experienced with the Hyatt Regency Chicago hotel at the fall 1991 convention. The result of the meeting is a document outlining to all Hyatt Regency hotels with whom we do business the special needs of our organization and the volume of business we have done with the chain and have planned through 1996. Results of the meeting are already being felt with the purchase of ads in the Columbus registration booklet and the program booklet.

Headquarters continues to carry a significant responsibility with convention programming. Responsibilities include programming, Write-Off registration, dealing with the hotel among others.

Plans are underway for the Long Beach Convention scheduled for April 23-25, 1993 and the executive director joined Ken Siver, Tom Rolnicki and Don Reeder in Washington, D.C. to meet with Carol Lange and Bob Atwood on the 1993 fall convention.

The executive director taught at seven summer workshops and was a speaker at six fall conferences. JEA promotional material was distributed at each site and requests for certification materials resulted from each visit.

Certification: New certification materials created by commission members have been produced and are now being used. Interest in the certification program continues to grow. Over the summer and fall the test(s) were given at several state meetings.

Secretary/Newsire-Judy Babb

In order to make *Newsire* more manageable for me and more helpful to members, I moved *Newsire* publication dates to October, January, March and June. While board members are supposed to send the copy/information for the quarterly publication, few people contribute.

Board members, commission and committee chairpersons were sent letters reminding them to send in their reports for the semi-annual report. Hall, Bowen, Clemons and Walker responded immediately (thank you), others trickled in after deadline and still others didn't respond at all. Perkins, who also awaited reports from other sources, sent it in on a deadline that we decided, in a form that made it no work at all.

Due to the fact that *Newsire* deadlines and JEA secretarial duties fall at the same time and that they are both major jobs, ***I recommend that the job be split into two again.*** With two annual reports, minutes from two meetings to type, correct and get out, the annual report to C:JET and convention duties, it is an overburden to anyone who might hold the secretary job to be expected to spend another major portion of his/her time on producing four publications with virtually no input from others.

Certification Commission-H. L. Hall

One hundred and 51 JEA members have received Certified Journalism Educator status and 22 have received Master Journalism Educator status prior to the Columbus convention. In addition, as of October 1, 10 members had signed up to take the CJE test and 3 had signed up to take the MJE exam in Columbus. Two others who took the CJE exam at state meetings are awaiting results.

The number of members taking the exams in Columbus may increase as letters were sent in September to all members who lived in states in close proximity to Columbus urging them to apply for CJE or MJE status. Similar letters will be sent to members who live close to convention sites prior to each convention.

Commission members completed the writing of new tests during the summer so the commission now has a variety of tests to administer. Susan Hathaway Tantillo was named as a new commission member at the Denver convention to replace John Butler who resigned. The commission will meet at the Columbus convention to discuss ways to promote certification.

The winter issue of C:JET will include several projects submitted by those who have received MJE status. The articles were sent to the C:JET editor in September.

Scholastic Press Rights Commission-John Bowen

Working to design a national conference on how to pass legislation protecting students' First Amendment rights, identifying advisers and students who need help and consulting with an Ohio school system planning to revise its policies on student expression have highlighted the commission's work since the last report.

We are redesigning a proposal to the Freedom Forum to hold a national conference including representatives from each state to learn how to pass legislation on the state level protecting student expression. The proposal has to be resubmitted with more precise costs and less emphasis on what the Forum calls "lobbying."

The commission has also made initial contacts with those who responded to the JEA membership survey. We hope to have results soon on specific problems, incidents and hopefully, helpful advice.

It is hoped,
In addition, commission members have worked with other individuals, students and advisers, who have sought help.

One of those requests, passed on by the SPLC, involves an Ohio system which is planning to revise its publications policies because of an incident with a literary magazine last spring. We are acting as consultants, providing information and assistance.

We have worked hard with this fall's convention to provide a full program concerning the First Amendment, and count successes there with the rights panel that included Nat Hentoff and Peter Rusthoven of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation.

JEA Contest Committee Report-Hilda Walker

COLUMBUS CONVENTION: The Contest Committee for this convention are Linda Puntney, JEA executive director; Carol Mills, JEA headquarters; Hilda Walker, JEA contest chair; David Weisenburger, contest/convention co-chair; and John Coffman, TV broadcast contests.

The committee has offered 26 on-the-spot contests, including literary magazine and the video broadcast competition. Radio News is not offered because of the broadcast contests.

This convention, the yearbook/newspaper photography contests are carry-in, to be judged Friday night.

The five computer contests were mail-in and Linda Puntney handled the registration and judging.

With the regular contests, computer, and video broadcast, a total of 31 competitions were offered to journalism students at this convention.

HANDBOOK REVISIONS: The three electronic media contests have been evaluated and new guidelines were written for approval at this convention's board meeting. If approved, the handbook will then be revised for 1993-94 publication.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS: Write-off chair for the Long Beach convention in April, 1993, is Hilda Walker, JEA contest chair. She has a committee of officers and members who will be helping organize and administer the contests. Those volunteering to help, so far, are Homer Hall and John Bowen, speakers for the Newspaper Strand; Susan Massey and Ed Galdrikian for the Electronic Media Strand; Susan Hathaway-Tantillo to get judges and moderators; Computer Contests and Registration, JEA Headquarters; Walker and Sharon Gentry, Yearbook Strand and Awards Ceremony. Committee still needs someone for the Photography Strand.

The Washington, DC, convention on Nov. 18-21, 1993, may also have to use a national committee. For the Dallas convention in 1994, Judy Babb of Highland Park HS will organize a local committee for the contests.

C-JET-Molly Clemons

Deadlines and topics for the remainder of 1992-93 are as follows: Spring issue, December 10, 1992: College research issue; Summer issue, February 10, 1993, Packaging the news and newsroom.

JEA members interested in being a coordinating editor for an issue on a particular topic should contact Molly Clemons for upcoming magazine editions in 1993-94.

STATE REPORTS-Candace Perkins, JEA Vice President

Northwest Regional Report

Linda Ballew, director

IDAHO

Barbara Croshaw reports the Annual Fall Conference was held again in Sun Valley. A new area included competition for all students in a regular contest for awards or for others proficiency tests. Currently, membership has increased to 34.

MONTANA

Marilyn Sexton, who teaches English, journalism and Macintosh computer classes at Skyview High School in Billings, Montana, has accepted the state director's position. She brings to this position over 10 years of scholastic journalism experience and a wealth of enthusiasm and ideas.

Sexton has established a newsletter itinerary to disseminate information to Montana JEA members. Her goal is to encourage more communication among Montana journalism teachers so she can use their input to make JEA a more valuable resource for them. The first newsletter was mailed in October, and it contains a membership forms and Student Journalist of the Year guidelines. Along with this information, Sexton also is working to develop a summer workshop at Eastern Montana College in Billings for advisers and student journalists.

Past state director Judie Woodhouse and Linda Ballew have traveled to Helena, Montana, to meet with Jan Cladouhos Hahn, the language arts specialist from the Office of Public Instruction to review and update the Montana Teacher Education Program Standards. This will upgrade the certification requirements for prospective journalism and publication teachers/advisers by improving teacher education standards for Montana universities and colleges.

OREGON

Oregon State University Press Day attracted approximately 1300 students to attend workshops Oct. 21 at the Oregon State University campus. Mark Goodman from the Student Press Law Center was featured as the keynote speaker. At this conference, the Oregon Journalism Education Association was to also announce its new president.

Two other successful workshops were conducted in Oregon this last summer. The Summer Adviser Workshop sponsored by OJEA was held at Southern Oregon State College in Ashland, Oregon, July 27 - 31. State director Nancy Giuliani said 35 advisers representing six states attended the workshop.

So too, the Northwest Scholastic Press Association sponsored a student journalist workshop at Oregon State University July 20 - 24. According to Carla Harris, secretary for the Oregon Scholastic Press Association, the workshop provided experience for editors, reporters, photographers and desktop designers. The desktop publishing classes were divided into beginning and advanced sections. Thirty-five students registered for the workshops and three students won journalism moneys: Rhonda Lundin from Glencoe High School in Hillsboro, Oregon, was awarded \$500; second place, \$300, was awarded to Tawna Femske from South Salem High School in Salem, Oregon; and Eric Muhr from Yamhill-Carlton High School in Yamhill-Carlton, Oregon, won 3rd place.

Underground newspapers have sprung up in the Tigert, Oregon, area and have caused legal action to occur because of censorship stemming from inappropriate language. The ACLU represented the students. They were found to be within their rights; however, the case will be appealed.

WASHINGTON

New and former WJEA officers attended a retreat last June enabling them to learn a little about their new responsibilities from their predecessors. At that time, they discussed their goals and visions for WJEA. One particular goal is to involve more advisers from the east side of Washington, and thus, reach out to more of the state's membership. Another goal is to establish and enact a mentor program among the membership. Past president Irene Hicks, chairperson of the program, has already "hooked up" several seasoned advisers with two or three new advisers, hopefully in the same general geographic area of the state.

Each summer, several state organizations gather in Wenatchee for the annual Washington State Subject Area Meeting to network and share information. Math, reading, English, social studies, drama, music, science and journalism teachers discuss common goals and progress in meeting their members' needs. WJEA is a small (150 members) organization in relation to some of the others, but it is an active, supportive force for its members and any journalism adviser or student.

The Freedom of Expression Task Force, led by Fern Valentine, seeks to insure student journalists their legal rights to a public forum in school presses. media

The 1992 - 93 WJEA calendar contains a large variety of activities: Sept. 24 saw Newspaper & Yearbook Day at the University of Washington in Seattle; Oct. 8 included an Eastside Newspaper Day in Spokane; The MORE newsletter will be mailed in November, and it will include

information regarding Journalist of the Year and Adviser Scholarship information; this newsletter will be mailed again in January including registration forms for the State Conference and Administrator of the Year; This conference will occur in March in Yakima, Washington; and the Summer workshops will be held in Ellensburg, Washington, Aug. 16-18 (Advisers' Workshop) and Aug. 19-22 (Student Workshop).

The 1992 WJEA honorees included two adviser scholarship winners, Laura Christianson and Terry Cooper. The journalist of the year was Marie Sorenson from Ellensburg, WA. The adviser of the year was Lyle Becker from Enumclaw, Washington, and the administrator of the year was Robert W. Minnerly from Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma, Washington.

WYOMING

The 1992 Wyoming High School Student Press Association convention was held Oct. 12 - 13 in Casper, Wyoming. Approximately 433 students from 39 schools attended.

Guest speakers for the event included Ed Sardell, KUSA Denver anchorman, and Alann Steen, former hostage and current professor at Casper College.

Students attended workshops on Monday and Tuesday ranging from "Preparing a Portfolio" and "Never Do's" to the basics in writing cutlines and stories, photography and interview techniques. Students also had plenty of time to simply look through books and "copy cat" what appealed to them. Don Merback, longtime friend to the WHSSPA was recognized at the banquet and then roasted at a reception in his honor. Merback had been associated with Walsworth Publishing Company. The closing session, "The Oprah Show," consisted of a panel of experts plus students who had real-life experiences with controversial issues: teen pregnancy, teacher dismissal and suicide or death. The idea addressed was how to handle such issues in student publications.

On-the-spot contests were held, and then, newspaper and yearbook winners were identified in each of the four classifications that were determined by a school's size. Along with this recognition, several special awards were earned. One instance was the recognition given by the Wyoming governor's office to the school that has done the most to increase the public's awareness of handicapped. So too, the Wyoming High School Activities Association recognized the school that most often promoted good sportsmanship.

Three adviser awards were bestowed to journalism educators who have survived five, 10 and 15 or more years of continuing service. Along with these service awards, students and teachers were encouraged to nominate teachers as the "Rookie of the Year," and a final award was given for the "Ideas Unlimited" contest in regard to the best approach to a controversial issue, subject or procedure. These last two awards will be presented at next year's convention.

Chris Reynolds, the new Wyoming state director, indicated that she had secured university credit for those participants in the convention who wanted to obtain the credit by writing an appropriate paper concerning the results of what was learned at the annual convention. This is the first time the university credit was offered for attendance. Along with this, she also promoted JEA membership and national certification.

Southwest Regional Report

Vicki Scorsone, director

ARIZONA

The fall convention Oct. 20 was to take on a totally different flavor this year as an expected 400-600 journalism students from around the state converged on Arizona State University. Instead of many different sessions being presented, the day was to feature one major yearbook session presented by Kathy Daly from Aurora, CO, and one large newspaper session, presented by various members of the state's largest newspaper, the *Arizona Republic*. Daly's sessions updated students on trends in design, photos that tell the story, caption writing and staff organization and motivation. The newspaper session addressed journalism for the 1990s, opinion versus facts, interviewing, photojournalism and graphic design. Reporters, a columnist and graphic designers participated in the session along with managing editor John Oppendahl and Howard Finberg, assistant managing editor. Students were also able to participate in a write-off based on the interviewing session, and yearbook awards for spring books were announced.

Arizona's free expression bill, SB1307, sponsored by Sen. Stan Furman (D-Glendale) died in the state's House Judiciary Committee for lack of a heading in late July. The bill, which easily passed the full Senate on a 21-8 vote with one abstention in March, will be reintroduced next session by Furman pending his re-election. Sponsors in the House were Reps. Catherine Eden (D-Phoenix) and John Kromko (D-Tucson). According to Furman, most papers in the state were supportive as was the First Amendment Coalition.

The Arizona Scholastic Press Association board commends the JEA Certification Commission on its work with the CJE and MJE programs. As long ago as 1980, the board tried to work with the North Central Association in the state to see that journalism teachers were certified. JEA's program at the national level certainly should pack some clout with administrators when it comes to hiring for newspaper and yearbook positions.

Michael J. Fox, journalism teacher from Santa Rita High School in Tucson, is receiving the Medal of Merit from JEA. He was also the recipient of the 1991 Forrest Martin State Journalism Teacher of the Year Award from the Arizona Interscholastic Press Association at the 1991 Spring Convention. Fox, who has taught at Santa Rita for 14 years, was coordinator of the 1986 National Journalism Education Association convention

in Tucson. He has also served as the JEA Awards Committee chairman and state JEA director and has held several offices on the state AIPA board. He is currently workshop director.

Tony Gomez from Amphitheater High School in Tucson has been appointed to a two-year term on an ad hoc multicultural committee for JEA. The committee was created to address the under-representation of minorities in JEA and to increase the number of minority students participating in scholastic journalism. Other components of the Outreach Plan include scholarships for eight minority advisers including committee members and 50 students to attend the Columbus convention. Special sessions are being planned for the Columbus Outreach participants.

In an attempt to strengthen AIPA and to get more involvement from advisers around the state, AIPA board and advisers present at the fall convention voted to amend the constitution. The amendment would give the vice president a new job description from newsletter editor to PR person and membership chair. The treasurer would relinquish membership duties and concentrate solely on the budget concerns while the job of writing and printing the newsletter would fall to a new corresponding secretary. To get more advisers involved and to better help with the needs of member schools, the amendment would also provide more area coordinators with few schools to keep track of. A vote will be taken at the spring convention.

This year's summer workshop held at Northern Arizona University Aug. 2-6 had the largest attendance in several years. Emphasis was placed on more hands-on work by students.

Three minority college-bound high school students from Arizona have received \$750 scholarships from three newspaper associations in a competition established by the American Society of Newspaper Editors. The winners are Vi Nguyen, Greenway High School, Phoenix; Heather Ramirez, Chandler High School, Chandler; and Ricia Weiner, Dobson High School, Mesa.

COLORADO

State Director Dianne Gum reported the number of state members has increased due to the wonderful response at the spring convention held in Denver.

Many advisers commented on the helpful sessions they attended during the Spring JEA Convention. The Colorado High School Press Association (CHSPA) is the main adviser group in Colorado. Oct. 9 the University of Colorado hosted the annual High School Press Day for newspaper journalists. The morning offered journalists a variety of informative sessions followed by an afternoon awards ceremony. Ken Killgore, newspaper and yearbook adviser at Woodland Park High School, was named 1992 Colorado Publications Teacher of the Year. Twelve Colorado publications teachers with a combined total of 169 years of student publications experience were among the final nominees for the prestigious award. Other nominees were Bruce Knuth, Horizon HS; Terry Anderson, Gateway HS; Janice Watkins, Alamosa HS; Gretchen Simons, Douglas County HS; Jim DeMersseman, Greeley Central HS; Kathy Daly, Overland HS; William Tosh, Centaurus HS; Barbara Fortino, East HS; and Ann Horner, Ranch HS. The *Rocky Mountain Highlighter* and the *Salida Tenderfoot* Times claimed the top trophies in the 21st Colorado HS Press Association Newspaper Sweepstakes. Fifty-two student newspapers won at least one award in 29 categories where 733 entries were judged.

The 1993 Press Day will be Oct. 1. In the Spring of 1993, the yearbook journalists from all over the state will gather for a similar day of informative sessions and awards.

HAWAII

New state director Bart Asato reports the state's membership is up from 2 to 5. The Hawaii Schools Publications Association is the main advisers' group in the state. The association holds two workshops for students every year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The spring workshop includes a write-off contest sponsored by the University of Hawaii journalism department. The association also sponsors the annual yearbook judging at the end of the year. The newspaper contest is sponsored by the Hawaii Publishers' Association, a group of media professionals. The president of the Hawaii Schools Publications Association is Barry Masuo of Kaimuki High School.

Asato spoke to advisers who met at this year's first workshop in September at the University of Hawaii. His topic was "Making Tough Decisions," and he led a discussion on national organizations, including JEA.

NEVADA

JEANC invited members from Nevada JEA to join them Oct. 17, 18, 19 at their retreat at Granlibakken Resort at Lake Tahoe, reports V. LaVerne Forest, state director.

In November, the Nevada JEA in conjunction with Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada will hold the annual Nevada Press Day for high school journalists.

In heated northern Nevada primaries, the ultra-conservative Christian right has joined forces with fundamentalist Mormons and Catholics in order to elect their four candidates and effectively take over the school board in the November election. No doubt the same holds true for southern Nevada. Nevada JEA is working defeat such candidates. Since the Washoe County School Board already has two such conservative members, that takeover is all too real a possibility.

Failing to get the conservative Nevada legislature to pass a freedom of expression bill, we proposed a freedom of expression policy be adopted by the Washoe County School Board. The proposal was by passed by the board. So, short of adopting a such a policy in each school, there does not seem to be anywhere else to turn.

In Clark County, the conservative efforts of southern Nevada have successfully managed to thwart even the court ruling in favor of Planned Parenthood ads in Nevada high school newspapers. The administration at Clark High School (the school in question) eliminated all advertising in *The Charger*.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico has a busy fall and spring planned with two state meetings and plans by many members to attend the two national conventions, according to state director Sharon Gentry. Oct. 3, New Mexico Scholastic Press Association held its fall workshop with over 275 in attendance. It was an all-day session held at the Sheraton in Old Town. Sessions covered newspaper, yearbook, literary magazine, and a new session in broadcasting. In the spring, they plan to hold their annual on-the-spot writing contest in the middle of March in Albuquerque. Again, about 300 students are expected to participate. They also plan to continue with their mail-in contest and journalist of the year. The awards for all these contests will be presented at the spring contest.

Plans are also underway to help sponsor a hands-on advisers' workshop to be held at Angel Fire the week of June 20. More information can be obtained from with Gentry or Pat Graff, chairs of this project. Besides a great Southwestern experience at Angel Fire, there will be intensive sessions in writing, photography and publication coaching

UTAH

Journalism activities in Utah included University of Utah writers' and photographer's workshop and contest; Utah Journalism Educators Association contest; Brigham Young University workshop and Westminster College Workshop.

State director John Goldhardt said state membership in JEA is holding steady at five members. He said he is trying to get a write-off contest added during the BYU workshop.

North Central Regional Report Susan Hathaway Tantillo, director ILLINOIS

Linda Kane, state director, of Naperville Central HS, reports on the activities of Illinois JEA in continuing to serve the needs and interests of its members. IJEA has continued to work on various competitions and projects during the past year.

The annual calendar contest was in the spring with Grant DeGraw, Freeport HS junior, winning the grand prize of a 35-mm camera donated by the Rockford office of Lifetouch National Studios. Ten other students had winning entries selected to be included in the calendar which is mailed free to all Illinois publications advisers each fall.

Timothy Yu, 1992 New Trier HS graduate, was named the Illinois High School Journalist of the Year. As the winner, Yu received a check for \$100 from IJEA because his adviser, Charlotte Huggins, is an IJEA member. Yu received honorable mention on the national level.

As a fundraiser for its scholarships and to promote membership, IJEA has begun selling T-shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags displaying the IJEA logo. Spearheaded by Tom Winski, Monmouth (IL) College and IJEA newsletter editor, sales have been good at the mid-winter retreat and at the state press day in September at the University of Illinois-Champaign.

JEA bookstore catalogues, CJE/MJE brochures, and Columbus registration packets were also distributed at the September press day.

The Illinois Journalism Adviser newsletter continues to be published quarterly under the editorship of Winski. Each year the first issue, published in the fall, is mass mailed to advisers across the state. Remaining issues are sent only to IJEA members. The newsletter includes updated information on activities and workshops and instant handouts that advisers may duplicate. In addition, IJEA compiles lesson plans, course outlines, student handouts, and publication guidelines that are available on request.

An upcoming newsletter is expected to contain information about the status of specific universities in Illinois regarding their acceptance of journalism classes as English credit for university admission. Reports are that the University of Illinois, Eastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, and Northwestern University do accept journalistic writing courses as English credit for admissions.

The IJEA Board has been expanded to include three at-large members who are appointed by the president for one-year terms. Other board members are elected and serve three-year terms.

A new effort to offer services at the state level to those who advise literary magazines is underway with IJEA providing ideas and assistance.

Efforts are also underway to make available IJEA press cards, buttons, membership pins and plaques for special individual awards. Plaques will be awarded to individuals who have provided special service to the organizations and to scholastic journalism in the state. Although specific

categories have not yet been determined, administrators and professional media are being considered along with advisers. Certificates are also being created which advisers may order to be presented to students who have done outstanding work.

Plans are being made for this year's mid-winter retreat to be in the St. Louis area the last weekend of February. The IJEA Board hopes to rotate the location of the annual retreat among three areas of the state (north, middle, south) to maximize participation of advisers.

James Tidwell, IJEA executive secretary located at Eastern Illinois University, is fielding hotline calls relating to suggestions, contests, or legal advice.

With a piggyback membership form, IJEA encourages membership in both the state and national JEA adviser groups.

IOWA

Ann Visser, new state director of Pella Community HS, reports Iowa High School Press Association's annual state conference was Oct. 14 in Ames.

The keynote speaker was Tom French, a reporter for the St. Petersburg (FL) *Times* who has written an award-winning series about life inside high school today. Additionally, current JEA vice president Candace Perkins, teacher and newspaper adviser at St. Charles (IL) High School, was a speaker. The regional conference was Oct. 21 at Teikyo Marycrest University, Davenport.

On-the-spot writing contests were held during both conference and those awards, along with newspaper and yearbook awards were presented at award ceremonies. Slides from the May Day Shoot-Off contest ended the day.

Stratton Award winners were Jim Ellenberger (Perry), E. Jenni Mangels (formerly of Chariton, now of Hazelwood East, St. Louis, MO), and the *Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune*.

Kevin McCarville (Cedar Rapids Regis principal) and Jerry Wadden (Des Moines Schools language arts supervisor) were given Administrator of the Year awards. They were honored at the noon adviser luncheon, along with the recipients of the five- and 10-year adviser pins. Once again, the Iowa Newspaper Association donated scholarship money for students to attend the conferences.

Two new awards have been established by IHSPA in memory of Iowa journalism instructors who died during the past year. An Iowa High School Journalism Teacher of the Year will receive the Rod Vahl (Davenport) Award while the winning yearbooks in the newly-established whole book yearbook contest will receive the Neubert Award, an award established in memory of Mick Neubert (Grinnell).

Additional membership "helps" have been established by IHSPA. Copies of helps available from PICA (Production and Instruction Curriculum Assistance) files will be sent along with the new IHSPA Handbook and Membership Directory. This publication includes information about IHSPA, the IHSPA Constitution, and a complete directory of last year's membership.

Breakthrough, a multi-cultural guide to high school journalism (edited by Mary Arnold, assisted by Njeri Fuller), was developed and produced at The University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Youth Communication, Washington, D.C. and The Freedom Forum, Reston, VA, were also involved with the project. Over 3,000 copies of the publication were mailed to interested parties.

MINNESOTA

Judy Knudtson, state director of Albert Lea HS, reports Minnesota has had a quiet fall and continues quiet plans for the year. She notes that while few are new projects, the list shows a commitment in the state to what has been done in the past.

Journalism Educators of Minnesota (JEM) has been sought out by the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation because they want to offer contests to journalists.

MHSPA has begun a completely new newsletter format in Hot Sheets for easier separation and use. They will sponsor a Sports Clinic with the help of the Timberwolves next February. Also via MHSPA and the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, teens are writing regularly in the Sunday Money section.

JEM is considering a smaller, less expensive winter workshop only on a Saturday using a make-it, take-it format.

MHSPA held its fall state convention at the University of Minnesota in September. Linda Puntney, JEA Executive Director, spoke enthusiastically to advisers. Knudtson says she hopes more memberships result.

The convention awarded All-Minnesota Publications, All-State Journalists, the Adviser of the Year, the Administrator of the Year, and Service Awards. The MHSPA Student Advisory Group is in its second year.

JEM awarded a \$300 scholarship to the State High School Journalist and submitted her portfolio to national JEA. The Minnesota Newspapers

Association gave a \$1000 to another senior planning a major in news editorial journalism.

Gold Medallion Awards were submitted in mid-October for yearbook and video and literary magazines. They will be submitted in April for newspapers.

JEM continues to host concurrent sessions as part of Minnesota Council of Teachers of English during the state teacher convention in mid-October.

South Central Regional Report

Jack Harkrider, director

ARKANSAS

State director Dixie Martin reports the Arkansas Journalism Education Association met Sept. 25-26 at the Riverfront Hilton in North Little Rock. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange ideas and to listen to a special guest, Karen Flowers of Irmo High School in Columbia, SC.

The AJAA is now actively promoting participation and membership by adding five regional directors to the slate of officers. The directors are concentrating on contacting advisers in their areas and inviting them to participate in state activities.

The Arkansas High School Press Association is also now promoting membership by going for a goal of 100 member schools for the first time ever. Membership is \$10 a year for each publication. The organization is also sponsoring a critique of newspapers, yearbooks and literary magazines with deadline for entry Nov. 7. Dr. William Downs of Ouachita Baptist University is executive secretary of the state association. AHSPA officers are Southside High School (Fort Smith), president; Booneville High School, vice president; and Warren High School, secretary.

The Arkansas High School Press Convention will be held April 23-24, 1993, at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock. Over 500 students and advisers are expected to attend.

KANSAS

Activities for advisers in the state are numerous, according to state director Cheryl Attebury. A total of 1400 students participated in Kansas Scholastic Press Association fall conferences at three sites — Kansas State University in Manhattan, Garden City Community College in Garden City, and Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg. The Pittsburg conference was new this year.

Regional and state on-the-spot competitions are held each year. Regionals are scheduled for Feb. 11-12 and state April 17 at the University of Kansas.

For the second year, Kansas advisers are cooperating with advisers from Nebraska in a critiquing service for newspapers and yearbooks.

Kansas journalism students are operating for the first year under a new state law supporting student free expression.

Kansas will continue to participate in the Journalism Education Association's Student Journalist of the Year Contest.

Future plans include a first-time quad-state seminar sponsored by Kansas Scholastic Press Association and featuring Tim Harrower. Press associations from Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa have been invited to join Kansas advisers and students March 6 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence for this one-day seminar.

LOUISIANA

Hope Carroll, state director, reports the fall Louisiana Student Press Association workshop was held on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge Wednesday, Oct. 21. JEA executive director Linda Puntney was the keynote speaker, and more than 600 yearbook and newspaper students and their advisers attended the annual affair.

John Hamilton, new director of the Manship School of Mass Communication at LSU, will meet with advisers Dec. 4 to discuss reorganization and goals of LSPA.

MISSOURI

Missouri high school journalism is alive and well, though we continue to mourn the loss of our longtime friend-mentor-leader, Dr. Robert P. Knight, writes state director Cheryl Attebury. Dr. Knight was honored posthumously with the Taft Award for outstanding contributions to scholastic journalism. He also will be memorialized through a scholarship in his honor. Contributions for this should be sent to: Bob Knight Fund, School of Journalism, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65205.

Updating and redefining categories for the state's mail-in contests has been a major project in Missouri this year. Effective this year, the contest will consist of three major subdivisions — yearbook, newspaper and photography. Within each subdivision are 10 or more categories.

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Photography categories will be longer be part of the newspaper and yearbook categories. A number of categories have been added to reflect the changing nature of high school journalism and computerization. Molly Clemons is chairing the contest committee.

Another new aspect of the state contest will be addition of an on-site Write-off Contest to take place at the spring Awards Day. Winners of that contest (no more than 10 percent of the entries) will be given the designation "All State Reporter."

Two other major issues in the state include efforts to pass student journalism press rights legislation and to fight the watering down of requirements for certification of Missouri teachers.

Missouri's JEA affiliate, MJEA, continues to work with the state's student organization, Missouri Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA), and with six district organizations. All of those organizations are represented on a steering committee — MIPA Advisory Committee. MJEA officers, former state Journalism Teachers of the Year, and JEA's Missouri state director, Liz Lockhart, are also members of this group.

MIPA recognizes outstanding contributions to scholastic journalism each year by bestowing the Knight Award (given in honor of Dr. Robert Knight), Student Journalist (Audrey Nell Reed of Francis Howell North, St. Charles), Journalism Teacher (Jan Morgan of Advance), Administrator (John Charles Laurie, principal of Hillcrest High School in Springfield), and Contributing Medium of the Year (Perry Newspapers, Inc.) awards.

The MIPA *News-gram* will publish a story this fall detailing what should be included in portfolios for Missouri Student Journalist of the Year and Teacher of the Year nominees.

MJEA officers are president Diane Boyle, Parkway Central High School (Chesterfield); vice president Anita Campbell, Warsaw High School; and secretary/treasurer Sandy Newcomer, Mt. Vernon High School. New to MIPA this year is graduate student and doctoral candidate Matt Reavy, who will assist Doris Barnhart, MIPA acting director.

OKLAHOMA

State director Darla Jones Tresner reports Oklahoma JEA conducted a statewide survey of journalism advisers to identify services they prefer. They are currently working to put those into action. They include a quarterly newsletter; editorial leadership camp for next summer; new advisers' institute; First Amendment legislation; and workshops during state teachers' meeting.

TEXAS

Texas Association of Journalism Educators just competed its most successful state convention in the history of the organization. More than 600 students and advisers attended the competitions and workshop sessions, held in conjunction with the Association of Texas Photography Instructors convention, Oct. 30 - Nov. 2 at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio. Special features included sessions by JEA president Dr. Ken Siver and JEA executive director Linda Puntney. Also, Tim Harrower of the *Daily Oregonian* and author of *The Newspaper Designer's Handbook*, conducted a one-day newspaper design/redesign seminar, and presented a special session on modern infographics design.

Just prior to the TAJE convention, president Andy Drewlinger and executive secretary Pat Brittain manned a TAJE booth at the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals convention in Dallas. They passed out brochures explaining the importance of journalism in a high school curriculum and answered questions from the principals.

This was the second year TAJE conducted a statewide clip contest for newspaper students, and more than 500 entries were critiqued and judged. In addition, Brandon Blassingame of Duncanville was selected as the Texas High School Journalist of the Year, and was named third runner-up in the national contest.

Named Administrator of the Year was Dr. Annette Sott of Stroman High School in Victoria. She was nominated by TAJE member Milicent Byerly.

TAJE officers and members are currently busy, seeking State House and Senate legislators to sponsor a Student Press Freedom Bill. Working with TAJE is the Texas Council of Teachers of English and the Texas Daily Newspaper Association. TAJE members also have been lobbying the Texas Education Agency to change its honors graduation plans to include journalism as a specified elective.

In the training area, TAJE conducted instructional sessions for advisers at the five Superconferences held by the University Interscholastic League throughout the state and hosted an instructional training program for 10 advisers and 26 editors in the Rio Grande valley.

Drewlinger produced and distributed a Student Leadership Training Guide for publications editors. The guide presented tips on acquiring and sharpening interpersonal skills. A teacher resource guide was produced by Susan Roberts, chairman of the Curriculum Committee, and Pat Kappmeyer, a San Antonio TAJE member, produced a Journalism Survival Kit for teachers, which includes curriculum and handouts in printed form and on floppy disk.

TAJE also awarded one \$1000 and two \$500 scholarships to college students majoring in journalism, and provided %150 summer workshop scholarships for one member and three students.

Northeast Regional Report
Sherry Haklik, director

CONNECTICUT

Journalism activities in the state included a **Hartford Courant** conference in November and a conference in Boston at North Eastern University. Director Mary Ellen Minichiello said that the **New Haven Register** also hosted a local newspaper contest.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Journalism Advisers Network (DC Public Schools group) meets twice a year. The Freedom Forum has provided a grant to the DC schools to hire a journalist in residence to evaluate the state of journalism in the schools. The person selected, Retha Hill, a reporter at the *Washington Post*, will spend one year in the school system and devise a plan to enhance journalism education and school newspapers.

Dr. Barbara Hines, JEA State Director, served on the selection committee and will be advising the journalist in residence during the coming year. The annual Howard University summer workshop was held for two weeks in June, followed by a one-week Youth Communication program at George Washington University.

INDIANA

According to state director Nancy Hastings, in September, the Tim Harrower Hands-on design workshop for Advisers was held, tri-sponsored by the Indiana High School Press Association, Ball State University and the Indiana Academy OutReach Office. Advisers Weekend, sponsored by the Indiana High School Press, was held in the fall and in the spring. It provides a get-away program and skills update in coaching students writing and advertising/business practices.

Indiana High School Press Association (IHSPA) provides two scholarships for advisers to attend summer classes/workshops of their choice. IHSPA also sponsored the Student Journalist of the Year Competition and provided the state winner with a \$500 scholarship.

MARYLAND

The Maryland Scholastic Press Association continues to further growth of young journalists and advisers throughout the state of Maryland, reports state director Robert Atwood. Through a quarterly newsletter, MSPA informs advisers of national, regional and state conventions, contest deadlines and articles on a variety of matters of concern to the profession.

Nearly 600 students and their advisers are expected to attend the annual one-day state convention Oct. 24. Participants will hear a keynote speaker, have the opportunity to attend three learning sessions run by professionals as well as advisers, and attend a brief ceremony at which the best newspapers, yearbooks and magazines in the state will be named. In the spring, MPSA also runs a contest for individual pieces of student writing and design.

MPSA's summer journalism workshops continue to grow at the University of Maryland in the last week of June. Students may commute or reside on campus. Courses were offered in Writing for the Newspaper, Editing, Advising the Newspaper, Editing, Newspaper Layout and Design, Editorial Management, Content and Production of the Literary Magazine, and Beginning and Advanced Desktop Publishing.

MSPA members will discuss outreach at its winter board meeting, possibilities of ways the organization might serve journalism teachers in the western part of the state and those on the Eastern shore.

NEW JERSEY

Robert W. Thomas, state director, reports Garden State Scholastic Press Association sponsors a fall student conference for newspaper and yearbook with an on-the-spot writing contest. They also sponsor 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 the yearbook. *The Asbury Park Press*, *The Bergen Record*, Rider College, Patterson College, New Jersey Press Women, New Jersey Press Association, Westfield High School, The Journalism Resources Institute of Rutgers University and Red Bank Regional High School all sponsor press conferences, contests or summer workshops. JEA membership forms will be a part of the packets at GSSPA, WHS and RBRHS workshops. The Spring Yearbook Conference at RBRHS is planned for April with a design clinic to follow in May as is a similar set up in Westfield HS.

The fight for scholastic press freedom has been buoyed by several judicial decisions and the reintroduction of Bill A575 into the NJ Assembly's Education Committee. Although the bill is not given a high priority because of the NJ Supreme Court's opinion in several cases that the student journalists are protected better under the NJ State constitution than they would ever be under the Bill of Rights, we are still seeking passage for some of the adviser protection and anti-prior review portions of the bill. These portions would eliminate all of the effects of the Hazelwood decision in NJ.

New Jersey should continue all programs at present levels and work toward a yearbook contest for spring of 1994. GSSPA will assist Rutgers University in establishing a week-long summer workshop for students and advisers.

OHIO

State director Dave Weisenburger, Ohio advisers and the Journalism Association of Ohio Schools as the local host, have been busy getting ready for the fall JEA/NSPA convention to be held in Columbus, OH, Nov. 19-22. To encourage attendance at the national convention, JAOS is not planning to hold its annual fall conference at Ohio State University. Syndicated columnist Bob Green, Pulitzer Prize winner Maria Henson and First Amendment Rights Advocate Nat Hentoff will give keynote presentations at the convention. Over 150 learning sessions in the areas of writing, editing, design, photography, computer technology, business, and broadcast will be presented. Four Special Issues Seminars will also highlight the program. *more than 150*

The Great Lakes Interscholastic Press Association sponsored its annual fall workshop at Bowling Green State University Sept. 20. Nearly 1200 students attended. The group will conduct its spring awards banquet in May. *more than*

PENNSYLVANIA

State director George Taylor says last year's convention was the largest ever. Over 800 high school students and teachers attended. This year the convention moved to a larger location in center city Harrisburg. Currently, we are trying to organize an advisers' conference in the spring with Tim Harrower. We are planning to open it up to include professional designers. *more than*

This summer's publications workshops at Penn State University were the best yet. With more than 180 participants the program was a success. Plans are now moving towards production oriented workshops for newspaper, photography, and desktop publishing to be used next summer. *more than*

VIRGINIA

The Virginia Beach Public Schools sponsored its seventh annual summer publications workshop in July, writes state director Carol Lange.

The Advisory Board of the Virginia Association of Journalism Advisers and Teachers met in the spring and summer to plan the Adviser - Only Saturday Workshop. The West Adviser - Only Workshop was to have been held in Roanoke, but was cancelled when only eight pre-registered. Twenty-six new advisers did attend the East Advisers - Only Workshop held in a new facility of the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star*. Paul Slayton, Virginia NCTE Censorship Committee Chair, was the keynote speaker.

Plans are underway for the first VAJJA Advisers Retreat to be held April at natural Bridge. Virginia High School League Fall Publications Workshop will be held the first weekend in November at the Virginia Commonwealth University.

WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Scholastic Press Association met Sept. 26 at West Virginia University. The United High School Press Association will meet in the spring of 1993 at Marshall University. Herff Jones is sponsoring a design clinic Oct. 16 in Charleston, WV, and a yearbook workshop Nov. 24.

State Director Ruby Dyer was inducted into the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism (Marshall University) Hall of Fame Nov. 7.

Southeast Regional Report Margaret Johnston, director

ALABAMA

Scholastic journalism in Alabama began the 1992-93 school year with a new director and in a new location. Marie Parsons, director for high school media activities the past 10 years, accepted the opportunity to assume additional teaching responsibilities, and the program moved next door to University Student Publications. Kathy Lawrence, its director, will assume the responsibility for high school media programs with the help of a graduate assistant who serves as coordinator.

Scholastic activities began with the annual Heart of Dixie workshop at the University of Alabama in July, drawing some 120 students and advisers for a four-day weekend of instruction. The workshop was followed by Alabama's annual seven-city regional workshop tour in September, which reached nearly 1600 students and advisers. Craig Trygstad, of Youth Communication in Washington, D.C., and Richard Fitz, of South Boston, VA, long-time yearbook adviser and consultant, joined in-state speakers on the workshop tour.

Planning is underway at present for the annual winter Alabama Scholastic Press Association conference at the University of Alabama the weekend of Feb. 26 and 27, 1993. The conference, which is expected to draw some 450 students and advisers, will include some joint programming with the college Southeastern Journalism Conference, which meets in Tuscaloosa the same weekend.

The Alabama Scholastic Press Association/Alabama Mass Communication Education Association also is sending a delegation of five to the JEA/NSPA meeting in Columbus.

Committees of advisers throughout the state have nearly completed work on rewrites of critique scorebooks. These will be used as both instructional tools in the schools and scoring guides for media contests.

FLORIDA

More than 4000 students attended district workshops in late September and early October with Florida Scholastic Press Association, reports state director Alyce Culpepper. Schools needed to attend a district workshop in order to participate in the state convention in May at the Orlando Hyatt. If there is sufficient interest by advisers, the group hopes to have the JEA Certification Test administered at the state convention.

At the spring convention, in addition to numerous seminars, on-the-spot contests are held in the areas of broadcast, yearbook, newspaper, news magazine, and literary magazine. The winners of prejudged contests in each of the above categories are announced at the Friday night banquet while the on-the-spot winners are announced at the closing ceremony, Saturday morning.

For the third year FSPA joined with the Journalism Education Association to honor Florida's Outstanding High School Journalist. Dennis Shin from Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando won the newspaper category in Florida and placed third in the nation. Other finalists were honored for News Magazine, Yearbook, Literary Magazine, and Broadcast. Each finalist received a small monetary scholarship. Nominations for the 1993 award are due to Alyce Culpepper, Florida director, by Feb. 1, 1993.

Several Floridians have been recognized by JEA. Julie Dodd of the University of Florida in Gainesville and FSPA executive director, will receive a Medal of Merit, and Rene Gunter of the *Tampa Tribune* will receive the Media Citation at the convention in Columbus.

Two JEA Florida advisers have received national recognition. Sandy Scafetti from Coconut Creek High School in Fort Lauderdale was named a Distinguished Adviser from the Dow Jones Foundation. *The Harbinger*, the news magazine she advises, has consistently been top high school publication on local, state and national levels. One of Scafetti's students will receive a \$500 scholarship in her honor.

Ric McNeill from Countryside High School in Clearwater was named one of nine Earth Teachers in the nation. After securing a major grant, McNeill's students created Save Florida, Students to Students, and provided environmental inserts for 120 high school papers in Florida throughout the school year. *Time* magazine and Amway Corporation presented McNeill \$10,000 to help fund an outdoor classroom at Countryside. McNeill has announced his candidacy for the JEA Southeast Regional Director since Margaret Johnston has announced her retirement from the position.

Florida director Alyce Culpepper was named the first runner up in the Florida Cable Teacher of the Year contest. As a teacher at the Instructional Television Center in Fort Lauderdale, she works with students in 11 high schools to produce Broward Teen News, a spin-off of *CNN Newsroom*. She received a \$1000 scholarship to Mind Extension University.

Once again the University of Florida is hosting the Summer Journalism Institute in Gainesville. At the June 19-24, 1993, program, sessions will be held for newspaper editors, newspaper staff, photographers, yearbook editors and broadcasters. Several graduate level courses will be available for advisers.

GEORGIA

State director Sylvia Daughtry promoted JEA membership at the following meetings: Georgia Association of Journalism Directors, May, 1992, in Athens, GA; the advisers' track of Georgia Journalism Academy in June 1992; SIPA Executive Committee Meeting in Augusta, GA, Sept. 18-20, 1992; Fall Workshop GAJD meeting Oct. 24, 1992, in Athens, GA.

She will continue to work to have journalism teachers certified in Georgia and to promote curriculum for journalism classes in Georgia. Hopefully she will have enough teachers apply to take the CJE test so that someone could come to Georgia in May to administer the test.