

SCHOLASTIC Source

December 2005

Register for Mid-Winter meeting in St. Pete before it's too late

Tie a string around your finger. E-mail yourself. Put it on your to-do list. Do whatever you need to do to remember to make your reservations for the midwinter meeting of the AEJMC Scholastic Journalism Division Jan. 6-7 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Don't miss this opportunity to spend two days at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies and to explore scholastic journalism research and teaching strategies with AEJMC colleagues from across the country.

Rooms are available at the Poynter Institute contract hotel, the Hampton Inn on Beach Drive, but reservations in the AEJMC-Poynter block must be made by Dec. 5. To reserve your room, call (727) 892-9900. Mention AEJMC and Poynter to ensure the special rate.

Your conference registration form (see page 4) should be mailed to Kim Lauffer, 1713 Northview Road, Baltimore, MD 21234-5005 or faxed to (410) 704-3656. The fee for division members is \$75, the fee for graduate students is \$40.

Once again, Poynter (www.poynter.org) faculty members will lead

instructional sessions Friday afternoon.

Scott Libin and Wendy Wallace, Poynter faculty members, will present "Developing Leadership" from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Kelly McBride, Poynter's ethics group leader, will present "Reporting on Sex, Sexuality, and Pop Culture" from 2:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

A 4:30 p.m. reception will offer the chance to meet other members of the Poynter staff. The Scholastic Journalism Division business meeting will follow. Saturday sessions will start at 9 a.m. and end by 4 p.m. Sessions include refereed paper presentations, as well as panel discussions.

Saturday sessions will conclude with the annual commute to dinner at a St. Petersburg restaurant.

The gift of geography

Also, don't forget to bring an item from your state for the Friday night business meeting! Please don't spend more than \$10.

Saturday Sessions Jan 7, 2006

9 a.m. Legal issues for contests

Candace Perkins Bowen, Kent State
Susan Bunch, Holland & Knight
Karen Flowers, SIPA
Ed Sullivan, CSPA
Moderator: John Bowen, Kent State

10:15 a.m. Trends in yearbooks

Laura Schaub, Jostens
Marilyn Scoggins, Taylor Publishing
Bruce Watterson, CSPA
Moderator: Cheryl Pell, Michigan State

12:45 p.m. Research

1. Coverage of Religion in High School Newspapers: Legal Considerations

Peter Bobkowski, M.A. Candidate, University of Houston

2. South Carolina Scholastic Publications: The Search for Original Dates and Related Research Projects

Bruce E. Konkle, associate professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, College of Mass Communications and Information Studies, University of South Carolina

3. Case Study: Press Freedom in a High School Newspaper in the Hazelwood Era

David W. Bulla, assistant professor, Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, Iowa State University

2 p.m. Best practices in teaching

David Bulla, Iowa State
Calvin Hall, Appalachian State
Laurie Lattimore-Volkman, Georgia State
Moderator: Kathy Roberts Forde, Minnesota-Twin Cities

3:15 p.m. Technology Update

George Daniels, Alabama
Judy Robinson, Central Florida
James Tidwell, Eastern Illinois
Moderator: Julie Dodd, Florida

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Head Lines

Help scholastic programs hurt by Katrina

Life is going forward. Our heart is beating.

—Editorial, The Times-Picayune,
Nov. 20, 2005

“Life is going forward.” That hopeful sentence from the New Orleans paper was surrounded by other sentences pleading for help and notice, sentences demanding corrective measures and national attention.

Hurricane Katrina still haunts the Coast, even as the nation’s focus continues to shift elsewhere. Eventually the people there will be left to rebuild and recover on their own.

Before that happens we in the Scholastic Journalism Division have an opportunity to help others in our own field, in our own small way. Just think of the number of high school journalism programs that face rebuilding. Just think of the equipment lost, the textbooks destroyed, the ad revenue gone.

With the help of the Mississippi Scholastic Press Association and the Louisiana Scholastic Press Association, we can now offer you the means to send your and your associations’ assistance to these scholastic journalism programs.

Both associations have established accounts for Hurricane Katrina Relief. Both have agreed to survey scholastic journalism programs in their respective states and to direct funds to those with greatest needs.

I hope you and your associations will join us in offering support to the re-establishment of scholastic journalism along our Gulf Coast. Make checks payable to Mississippi Scholastic Press Association and/or Louisiana Scholastic Press Association with “Hurricane Katrina Relief” on the memo line.



Monica Hill

Special thanks to Larry Snipes, Director of Louisiana Scholastic Press Association, and to Dr. Samir Husni and Beth Fitts, both of the Mississippi Scholastic Press Association. All three have worked and will work to make this project a successful one.

And hats off to John Hudnall, executive director of Kansas Scholastic Press Association and former head of the Scholastic Journalism Division. John, from the start, wanted to reach out to scholastic journalism in that region. He is the person largely responsible for this project. Let’s honor John and his service to our division by giving to this effort.

Hurricane Katrina Relief

Help scholastic journalism programs hurt by Hurricane Katrina. Make checks payable to **Mississippi Scholastic Press Association** and/or **Louisiana Scholastic Press Association**. Write “Hurricane Katrina Relief” on the memo line of the check.

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Minutes — Scholastic Journalism Division

- Aug. 11, 2005
- Members’ Meeting
- San Antonio, Texas
- AEJMC Convention

Attendees:

Sandy Woodcock, Vanessa Shelton, David Bulla, Beth Haller, Bruce Konkle, Richard Johns, Peter Bobkowski, Tom Eveslage, David Adams, Monica Hill, John Hudnall, James Tidwell, Sally Turner, Brenda Gorsuch, Karen Flowers, Beth Dickey, Candace Bowen, John Bowen, Judy Robinson, Julie Dodd, Barbara Hines, Linda Waller, Calvin Hall, Bobby Hawthorne

Call to Order

Head John Hudnall called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
Approval of Minutes

Hudnall asked for a motion to approve minutes from Mid-Winter Meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla. After request for changed “the” to “of” in Announcements section, motion was made, seconded and approved.

Financial Report

Hudnall presented the budget report. Current balance at the time of the meeting was \$5,897.69, with \$3,558.37 in the Laurence Campbell fund. Asked for approval.

Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Division Head’s Report

Hudnall described the process for completing the annual report, offering copies to anyone interested. He reminded division members that SJD will have its five-year review in 2007. Attendees then voted on SJD’s preferred site of 2008 convention, suggesting Orlando.

Vice Head’s Report

Monica Hill reported a successful preconference Teach-In, with 20 registering for the event despite its coinciding with an inservice day in the San Antonio area. Hill said Texas’ Interscholastic Press League was most supportive of the workshop. ASNE and AEJMC, again, provided \$1,500 for the outreach service.

Convention Update

Hudnall urged everyone to attend Innovative Outreach session. He also discussed the Robert P. Knight Multicultural Award winners from The Los Angeles Times.

Committee Reports

Research — No report.
Group did, however, discuss efforts to increase number of graduate research papers. Sandy Woodcock of NAA Foundation suggested funds may be available for increasing current \$300 award for top paper.

Tom Eveslage suggested included such information in other division newsletters.

Teaching Standards — Karen Flowers reported that the Educator of the Year format has worked well. April 1 remains the deadline for nominations.
PF&R — Dave Adams updated everyone on the Dean v. Utica and Hosty v. Carter decisions. He said Student Press Law Center has now exceeded 50 percent of its fundraising goal.

Multicultural Recruitment Award — No report.

Commission of the State of Minorities — Linda Waller suggested the development of a national database of students who apply for minority scholarships, programs, etc.

Commission of the State of Women — No report.

Technology — Judy Robinson of University of Central Florida reported that Julie Dodd will assist in Web site updates, as the site remains at UF.

Special Projects — Dick Johns discussed the online 12-week course for principals developed through Ball State. He also reported that Quill & Scroll will now offer all winning contest entries on CD-ROM.

Division Archives — Bruce Konkle requested copies of former Honor Lectures.

Task Force on the Future of Scholastic Journalism Division — Julie Dodd reported that the task force discussion continues. She reported that 11 people met in St. Petersburg during the Midwinter Meeting.

New Business

Kim Lauffer sought feedback on topics for Midwinter Meeting. She reported that she plans to ask Poynter faculty to teach sessions on leadership and on sex, sexuality and media. Those present agreed to those topics and suggested the following as possible topics for panel discussions: blogging, teaching convergence, podcasting and ethics related to racial stereotypes.

Warren Watson of Ball State discussed white papers related to the First Amendment, as well as law course for principals and research funds available for First Amendment in schools.

Group agreed to defer discussion of national teacher certification to Midwinter Meeting.
Motion was made, seconded and approved for a \$1,500 donation from Scholastic Journalism Division to Student Press Law Center.
Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

My Turn

Is the Hosty decision TURNING THE LEGAL WORLD UPSIDENMOD?

By David Adams
Indiana

If dealing with the continuing effects of the Hazelwood decision were not difficult enough for high school student journalists and their media advisers, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals has clouded First Amendment rights for many collegiate journalists with its Hosty v. Carter decision.

The 2001 Hosty case arose after Governors State University's then Dean Patricia Carter told the student newspaper's printer she would not authorize payment for future issues of the college's paper, The Innovator, unless she first saw and approved the paper's contents. The paper had begun a more aggressive series of stories, many of which were considered negative toward the school's administration. The printer stopped printing the paper, fearing he would not be paid, and the paper ceased publication.

Student journalist Margaret Hosty and others sued on First Amendment grounds and won at the federal district court level and also with a unanimous decision of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. However, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan was successful in having the circuit court's opinion set aside, claiming the law was not clearly established at the time Dean Carter took her actions against the paper.

Sadly, in last June's decision, the entire Seventh Circuit ruled 11-4 that the 1988 high school Hazelwood decision might well apply to some public college student media situations. The most damning statement in the court's opinion: "We

hold, therefore, that Hazelwood's framework applies to subsidized student newspapers at colleges as well as elementary and secondary schools." Ironically, in making this finding, the court did not question the trial court's finding that The Innovator had been established as a "public forum."

As horrible as many feel the 1988 Hazelwood decision was to high school journalism, to be honest, it's always been an uphill battle to assure reasonable press freedoms in many American public schools. However, for more than four decades, it's been established law and practice that public college student journalists - - who are also adults -- enjoy broad First Amendment protections. All that was true until last summer's Hosty decision.

You see, the only other appeals court decision where college officials had attempted Hazelwood-type censorship involved a fully student-fee-funded public college yearbook that was locked-up from view or distribution for years because Kentucky State University's Dean Betty Gibson thought the book's theme was negative, did not like the color of the book's cover -- purple -- and listed other such complaints. In this case from the Sixth Circuit, Kincaid v. Gibson, the court ruled overwhelmingly that this yearbook was a "limited public forum" and that confiscating it was "brutal censorship." But, the Kincaid case was not on the books before Dean Carter took her actions at Governors State.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, says the Hosty decision further "muddies the waters" for student journalists. The end result of the case was that the Seventh Circuit found that Dean Carter's actions were protected and

shielded by "qualified immunity" because the law was not clear at the time she took action against the paper. Margaret Hosty immediately filed an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, and the case may well be heard this term.

All this is all the more confusing because two recent high school cases, also in the Midwest, seem to have carved large holes in the Hazelwood decision. In 2003, a federal court in Ohio ruled in *Draudt v. Wooster* that the school's student newspaper has a history of operating as a "limited public forum" and that school officials had acted improperly by removing an issue of the paper that continued coverage of the school's disciplinary actions against athletes and cheerleaders.

And last November, in *Dean v. Utica*, a Michigan federal court ruled school officials had erred in censoring stories about a lawsuit filed against the school district from a cancer survivor who claimed the district's bus barn fumes were aggravating his illness. Again, this court ruled that the paper had a history of operating as a "public forum," and even if it had not, the Hazelwood decision would not have allowed censorship of these public-interest stories because "there was no valid educational ground for censorship."

In reading this, you might start to get a bit confused. Is the legal world of student journalism turning upside down? Do public high school journalists have more "free expression" rights than those in some public colleges? Who knows? Right now, the courts seem to be all over the page on this one. We may have to wait for future court decisions to see if the waters clear a bit or perhaps become even murkier.



Dr. David Adams is president of the Student Press Law Center board of directors, chair of the Scholastic Journalism Division's PF&R Committee, and a journalism professor and student media director at Indiana University of Bloomington.

Member News

Cristina Azocar, director of San Francisco State University's Center for the Integration and Improvement of Journalism, was named one of four "local heroes" by KQED Public Broadcasting in its celebration of American Indian Heritage Month. She was honored for her promotion of diversity in newsrooms and thoughtful and fair news coverage of minority issues and communities. For more information, see www.sfsu.edu/~news/2005/fall/130.htm.

Dorothy Bowles was named the winner of The Thomas Jefferson Prize earlier this year at the University of Tennessee. This is one of the top faculty awards for research and public service at the university. The prize is a three-year grant for funds to promote Dorothy's research and public service activities. Last year, in addition to being president of the East Tennessee chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, named in October as the best small chapter in the nation, Dorothy continued to serve on the founding board of the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government. She coordinated a statewide open records audit for Tennessee.

Monica Hill, director of the North Carolina Scholastic Media Association, received the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Key award this year for her work in journalism education.

Sharon Hartin Iorio, associate dean and professor of communication at Wichita State University, co-chaired the sixth annual Media Agenda Setting Conference held Oct. 26-29 in Lugano, Switzerland.

SJD Calendar

Jan. 6-7, 2006
Mid-Winter Meeting, Poynter Institute, St. Petersburg

March 15, 2006
Convention program copy to AEJMC

April 1, 2006
Journalism Educator of the Year nomination deadline to Karen Flowers; Knight Multicultural Award nomination to Calvin Hall; Research paper submission deadline to Tom Dickson; Innovative Outreach submissions to Julie Dodd.

Aug. 2-5, 2006
AEJMC Convention in San Francisco

Mid-Winter Meeting Registration Form

Jan. 6-7, 2006, Poynter Institute

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School/Business/University: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

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\$40 special registration fee for graduate students

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Mail check and form by Thursday, Dec. 15.

A block of rooms is reserved at the Poynter Institute contract hotel, the Hampton Inn on Beach Drive. Reservations should be made by Dec. 5. Rate is \$139 per night, and valet parking is \$10 per night. To reserve your room, call 727-892-9900. Mention AEJMC and Poynter to ensure you receive the special rate.

Directions to hotel from Tampa Airport, 275 South: Take Exit 23A. Take Fourth Street Exit. Turn right onto Beach Drive. Hampton Inn is on the right, at the corner of First Avenue North and Beach Drive.

I will drive my car/my rental car as part of the carpool to dinner Saturday evening.

