

JOURNALISM

2009 HIGH SCHOOL PRESS CONVENTION

South Dakota State University, Brookings

September 28, 2009

The 2009 High School Press Convention was held on the SDSU campus in Brookings on September 28th. Over 299 high school journalists and their advisors from 28 schools attended the convention.

During the morning sessions the students attended programs lead by Candace Perkins Bowen and Jael Trieb.

Candace Perkins Bowen is assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Kent State University.

Jael Trieb is the owner of Jael Photography in Brookings.

The Convention concluded with the "General Awards Session in the afternoon". This session included the announcement of the results for the "On-the-Spot" contests that were held that morning, and the Annual Publications Contest for Newspapers, Yearbooks and Literary Publications.

2009 ALL-STATE ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS CONTEST AWARDS

(Awards for high school publications published during the 2008-09 school year)

Submitted publications are judged and given All-State, First Class, Second Class or Third Class ratings. Each school receiving All-State honors receives a plaque. The All-State award winning publications in the various classifications are as follows:

A. ALL-STATE YEARBOOKS

Class 1 (Enrollment: 425 & above)

Brookings – BOBCAT – Becky Ekeland, Advisor
Brookings – MULTIMEDIA YB – Barbara Walder, Advisor
S.F. Lincoln – HERITAGE – Mary Tranberg & Sarah Winterscheidt, Advisors
S.F. Washington – WARRIOR – Alison Halgerson, Advisor
Watertown - ARROW – Dodie Bemis, Advisor

Class 2 (Enrollment: 140 to 425)

Redfield – THE PHEASANT – Kaylin Frost, Advisor
Vermillion – CHANGES – Cindy Heckenlaible, Advisor

Class 3 (Enrollment: 75 to 140)

Northwestern – THE WILDCAT – Nora Groft, Advisor

Class 4 (Enrollment: 45 to 75)

Emery – EMERY EAGLE – Judy Hamaker, Advisor
Wilmot – WOLFPACK – Ruth Settje, Advisor

Class 5 (Enrollment: under 45)

None

B. ALL-STATE NEWSPAPERS

Class 1 (Offset, Enrollment: 300 & above)

Brandon Valley –BV ECHO – Deb Rothenberger, Advisor
Mitchell – THE KERNEL – Brooke Begeman, Advisor
S.F. Lincoln - STATESMAN – Virginia Olson, Advisor
S.F. O’Gorman – THE O’GORMAN KNIGHT SCROLL – Jason Van Engen, Advisor
Watertown – PURPLE AND GOLD – Shanon Manley, Advisor

Class 2 (Offset, Enrollment: 175-300)

None

Class 3 (Offset, Enrollment: under 175)

Roslyn – THE VIKING – Carol Gaikowski, Advisor

Class 4 (All Self-Published)

None

Class 5 (All Departmental)

Emery – THE EMERY WHEEL – Judy Hamaker, Advisor

C. ALL-STATE LITERARY PUBLICATIONS

Yankton – THE CELLAR DOOR – Sandra Hoffner, Advisor

D. MOST IMPROVED PUBLICATIONS AWARDS

Newspaper
None

Yearbook
None

E. TOP OF CLASS

The top of Class Award for newspaper and yearbook is presented to the school whose newspaper accumulated the highest All-State rating score and to the school whose yearbook accumulated the highest All-State rating score.

Newspaper

Brandon Valley – ECHO - Deb Rothenberger, Advisor

Yearbook

Brookings – BOBCAT – Becky Ekeland, Advisor

F. SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

The Sweepstakes award is given to the school accumulating the greatest total combined points in newspaper and yearbook in all divisions.

Sioux Falls Lincoln High School
Newspaper Advisor: Virginia Olson
Yearbook Advisors: Mary Tranberg & Sara Winterscheidt

G. HALL OF FAME AWARDS

The Hall of Fame Award is given to any school newspaper or yearbook that accumulates ten consecutive “All-State Awards”.

Newspapers (1999-00 through 2008-09)

None

Yearbooks (1999-00 through 2008-09)

Brookings High School – BOBCAT
S.F. Lincoln High School – HERITAGE

2009-10 FIRST EDITION CONTEST

This contest is designed to evaluate the first edition of each school's newspaper for the school year.

Enrollment: 175 & Over

First Place: Brandon Valley – ECHO

Deb Rothenberger, Advisor

Second Place: Watertown – PURPLE AND GOLD

Shanon Manley, Advisor

Third Place: S.F. Lincoln – STATESMAN

Shawn Bogart, Advisor

HM: S.F. O’Gorman – THE KNIGHT SCROLL

Jason VanEngen, Advisor

Enrollment; Under 175

First Place: Canistota – THE HEADLIGHT

Melissa Weber, Advisor

Second Place: Northwestern – THE SCRATCHIN’ POST

Nora Groft, Advisor

Third Place: Estelline – ESTELLINE INFORMER

Kristy McAninch, Advisor

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2009-10 “ON-THE-SPOT” CONTESTS

Each year, the students that attend the High School Press Convention are offered the opportunity to compete under deadline conditions. This competition is the “On-The-Spot” contests for “News Writing”, “Feature Writing”, “Yearbook Design” and “Photography”.

NEWS WRITING CONTEST

First Place: Kayla Prasek, Watertown
Second Place: Kelcy Curtis, Pierre Riggs
Third Place: Hilary Krein, Eureka

FEATURE WRITING CONTEST

First Place: Jeffrey Mettler, Eureka
Second Place: Zach Forsberg, Luverne, MN
Third Place: Cari Meyer, Bridgewater

YEARBOOK DESIGN CONTEST

First Place: Sundra Xaphakdy, Luverne, MN
Second Place: Jerra Olson, Deuel
Third Place: Ashley Siebenahler, Luverne, MN

PHOTOGRAPHY

First Place: Caitlyn Brandt, Deuel
Second Place: Jean VanDriel, Mitchell
Third Place: Jenna Freese, Deuel



“On-The-Spot News Writing” Contest Winners:
(l to r) Kelcy Curtis, Pierre Riggs; Kayla Prasek,
Watertown; Hilary Krein, Eureka



“On-The-Spot Feature Writing” Contest Winners:
(l to r) Jeffrey Mettler, Eureka; Cari Meyer,
Bridgewater



“On-The-Spot Yearbook Design” Contest Winner:
Jerra Olson, Deuel



“On-The-Spot Photography” Contest Winners:
(l to r) Caitlyn Brandt, Deuel; Jenna Freese, Deuel

2010 SPRING WRITING CONTEST

ADVERTISING

-Schools 175 & Over

None

-Schools under 175

None

ARTS REVIEW

-Schools 175 & Over

1st – Nick Karber, Brandon Valley

2nd – Erin Williams, Watertown

3rd – Wendy Sivik, Mitchell

-Schools under 175

1st – Brooke Begalka, Estelline

2nd – Chechi Rang, Estelline

CARTOONS

-Schools 175 & Over

1st – Kelsey Sandvold, Brandon Valley

2nd – Becca Ekern, Brandon Valley

3rd – Sam Fosness, Mitchell

-Schools under 175

1st – Megan Taylor, Estelline

2nd – Jeremy Gorder, Estelline

EDITORIALS

-Schools 175 & Over

1st – Alexa Moeller, Watertown

2nd – Kaila Nordmeyer, Brandon Valley

3rd – Brittany Knutson, Watertown

-Schools under 175

1st – Tierra Roper, Roslyn

2nd – Christopher Prosch, Estelline

3rd – Becky Stromseth, Roslyn

FEATURE STORY

-Schools 175 & Over

1st – Erin William, Watertown

2nd – Kayla Prasek, Watertown

3rd – Courtney Nolz, Mitchell

HM – Emily Crowe, Brandon Valley

-Schools under 175

1st – Vicky Lesner, Roslyn

2nd – Damian Freudenthal, Estelline

3rd – Becky Stromseth, Roslyn

FRONT PAGE LAYOUT

-Schools 175 & Over

1st – Kelsey Sandvold, Brandon Valley

2nd – Kelsey Sandvold, Brandon Valley

3rd – Kayla Prasek, Watertown

HM – Kate Lippert, Mitchell

-Schools under 175

1st – Christopher Prosch, Estelline

GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN/OPINION ARTICLE

-Schools 175 & Over

1st – Courtney Nolz, Mitchell

2nd – Aaron Eggert, Mitchell

3rd – Lauren Teal, Brandon Valley

-Schools under 175

1st – Becky Stromseth, Roslyn

2nd – Jessica Nordquist, Estelline

3rd – Abby Licht, Estelline

IN-DEPTH NEWS FEATURE

-Schools 175 & Over

1st – Kaila Nordmeyer, Brandon Valley

-Schools under 175

1st – Megan Pushov, Roslyn

2nd – Ashley Gruba, Roslyn

INFOGRAPHICS

-Schools 175 & Over

1st – Wendy Sivik, Mitchell

-Schools under 175

1st – Jeremy Gorder, Estelline

NEWSWRITING

- Schools 175 & Over

1st – Megan Breitag, Watertown

2nd – Dakota Gamber, Mitchell

3rd – Cody Flier, Brandon Valley

-Schools under 175

1st – Vicky Lesner & Ashley Gruba, Roslyn

2nd – Christa Wik & Chelsea Kortleever, Roslyn

PHOTO: NON-SCHOOL SUBJECT

-Schools 175 & Over

1st- Kate Lippert, Mitchell

2nd – Mallory Prasek, Watertown

3rd – Wendy Sivik, Mitchell

-Schools under 175

1st – Aric Hamilton, Gregory

2nd – Jessica Sedillo, Gregory

PHOTO: PORTRAITS

-Schools 175 & Over

1st – Kate Lippert, Mitchell

2nd – Tessa Richmond, Brandon Valley

3rd – Courtney Nolz, Mitchell

-Schools under 175

1st – Dominic Parshall, Gregory

2nd – Lexi McAllister, Gregory

PHOTO: SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**-Schools 175 & Over**

1st – Katie Carlson, Brandon Valley
 2nd – Wendy Sivik, Mitchell

-Schools under 175

None

PHOTO: SPORTS**-Schools 175 & Over**

1st – Tessa Richmond, Brandon Valley
 2nd – Kate Lippert, Mitchell
 3rd – Wendy Sivik, Mitchell
 HM – Lauren Teal, Brandon Valley

-Schools under 175

None

PHOTO: STORY**-Schools 175 & Over**

1st – Dustin Bickley, Tessa Richmond & Melissa
 Ledebner, Brandon Valley
 2nd – Brennan Kranz, Watertown

-Schools under 175

None

SPECIAL EDITION**-Schools 175 & Over**

None

-Schools under 175

None

SPORTS COLUMN**-Schools 175 & Over**

1st – Austin Manzey, Watertown
 2nd – Rebecca Ekeren, Brandon Valley

-Schools under 175

1st – Jordan Fuller & Tyler Block, Roslyn

SPORTS STORY/SPORTS FEATURE**- Schools 175 & Over**

1st – Dakota Gamber, Mitchell
 2nd – Kayla Prasek, Watertown
 3rd – Jordan Bakken, Watertown
 HM – Aaron Eggert, Mitchell

-Schools under 175

1st – Adam Barnhardt, Roslyn
 2nd – Becky Elliott, Estelline

HIGH POINT STUDENTS**Class 1 -Schools 175 & Over**

1st – Wendy Sivik, Mitchell
 2nd – Kate Lippert, Mitchell
 3rd (Tie) – Tessa Richmond, Brandon Valley
 3rd (Tie) – Kelsey Sandvold, Brandon Valley

Class 2 -Schools under 175

1st (Tie) – Becky Stromseth, Roslyn
 1st (Tie) – Vicky Lesner, Roslyn
 2nd – Christopher Prosch, Estelline
 3rd – Ashely Gruba, Roslyn

WRITING SWEEPSTAKES

The "Writing Sweepstakes" reflects the highest total scores received by a school after combining the points earned in the writing categories.

Class 1 -Schools 175 & Over

None awarded for 2009-10

Class 2 -Schools under 175

None awarded for 2009-10

OVERALL SWEEPSTAKES

The "Overall Sweepstakes" reflects excellence and balance by a school throughout all the areas of the Spring Writing Contest competition, including the writing, photography, cartoons, front page layout, and special edition categories.

Class 1 - Schools 175 & Over

1st – Brandon Valley High School
 Deb Rothenberger, Advisor
 2nd – Mitchell High School
 Brooke DeJong, Advisor
 3rd – Watertown High School
 Shanon Manley, Advisor

Class 2 -Schools under 175

1st – Roslyn High School
 Carol Gaikowski, Advisor
 2nd – Estelline High School
 Kristy McAninch, Advisor
 3rd – Gregory High School
 Sherrie Kafka, Advisor

FOUNDER'S AWARD

Each year, during the Annual High School Press Convention, the Founders award is presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding service to high school journalism education through the teaching of the principles of good journalism in South Dakota. The recipient of the award is selected by the Journalism Advisory Committee of the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

2009 Founders Award – Robert Trewatha South Dakota Newspaper Association

The 2009 Founder's Award was presented to Robert Trewatha during the Annual High School Press Convention. At the time of his death in the spring of 2009, Trewatha was the yearbook advisor at Deubrook High School. He will always be remembered for his dedication to journalism, students, family, and community.

Trewatha's involvement with the Deubrook Dolphin Yearbook is long and rich. He started out as the technical advisor, spent six years as the assistant advisor and was the head advisor for the last ten years. His yearbook's serve as a pictorial and verbal history of Deubrook Area Schools. During his tenure as head advisor, he was proud to have five All-state yearbooks and several All-State Journalists.

The yearbook at Deubrook is self-supporting. The yearbook staff is responsible for raising the funds necessary to pay for all of the publication costs without being subsidized by the school district. During his years as advisor, Trewatha worked to increase the size of the yearbook from 64 pages to 88 and in 2008 was able to produce the first all-color yearbook for Deubrook Area Schools. His leadership inspired the students to generate the additional income needed for the increase publication costs.

Monte Rougemont, Josten's Yearbook representative, said, "Bob always made editorial decisions based on what was best for editors, the staff and what would make for the best yearbook possible at Deubrook High School. He was never one to make choices based on what would be easiest for him or to choose to do what would lessen the quality of the yearbook experience for students or the quality of the product for the members of the community."

Yearbook was a family activity for the Trewathas. Bob's wife Mary has served as his assistant, and all three of their daughters were All-State Journalists and served as senior editors. Their daughter, Katherine, was selected to Girls State as a member of Journalism City.

Trewatha was recognized for his commitment to journalism when he was asked to serve on the SDHSAA Journalism Advisory Committee. He was looking forward to representing high school yearbook advisors on the committee. Unfortunately, he was unable to fill this position due to his untimely passing.

Although Trewatha will be missed, his legacy of high quality journalism and his dedication to the Deubrook Area students and yearbook will always reflect his commitment to education and will serve as his legacy for years to come.

FORMER FOUNDER'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

1961 Dorothy Hanson	1978 Hal Coleman	1994 Rebecca Stapert
1962 E. L. Kaufman	1979 Darell Pribyl	1995 Dr. Richard Lee
1963 Dorothy Fosness	1980 Dorothea Edgington	1996 Deb Rothenberger
1964 Maxine Wiseman	1981 Kenneth Saeger	1997 Julie George
1965 Nellie Moe	1982 Mary Jewel Ledbetter	1998 Becky Ekeland
1966 Bernice Speh	1983 Jean Fylling	1999 Judy Hamaker
1967 John Aldrich	1984 David McFarland	2000 Lois Wells
1968 Iva C. Rames	1985 D.J. Cline	2001 Carol Gaikowski
1969 Ruth Morgan	1986 Richard Anderson	2002 Liz Vogt
1970 Russell Johnson	1987 Carol Stobbs	2003 Ken Steinken
1971 Helen Morganti	1988 Janelle Klapperich & Ralph Wilkinson	2004 Jan Johnson
1972 Merlin Hiaring	1989 Margie Peters	2005 Richard Anderson
1973 Vincent Penning	1990 Eugene Borland	2006 Ann Lundquist
1974 Elsie Haddock	1991 Terry Peterson	2007 Sandy Gant
1975 Lorraine Norman	1992 Jeanette Lusk	2008 David Bordewyk
1976 Bernice Schultz	1993 Deb Merxbauer	2009 Robert Trewatha
1977 Mavis Haverly		