



**1997 NFPW High School Communications Contest
national winners**

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CARTOONING

First -- Patrick Sellers, University High School, Chicago, IL, "The Stately Life"

Second -- Brandon Bernard, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, NM, "Today's Execution"

Third -- Chris Pangle, Mountain View High School, Bend, OR, "Halloween Illustration"

Honorable Mentions -- Jason Lotto, Our Lady of Providence High School, Clarksville, IN, "Due to Vandalism in the Bathroom"

Nate Bocchicchio, Lakewood High School, Lakewood, OH, "Woody Allen"

Kevin Jones, Robinson High School, Fairfax, VA, "The Horn (Wizard of Oz)"

COLUMNS

First -- Nate Schweber, Hellgate High School, Missoula, MT, "Nate Schweber of the Lance"

Second -- Hillary W. Ward, James Island High School, Charleston, SC, "Smash," "The Voice"

Third -- Jennie Kennedy, Grace King High School, Metairie, LA, Columns

Honorable Mentions -- Carla Hays, Mansfield High School, Mansfield, TX, "Commentary"

Rachel McKibban, Puyallup High School, Puyallup, WA, Columns

Lindsay J. Spolan, West Bloomfield High School, West Bloomfield, MI, Columns

EDITORIALS

First -- Randy Snyder, Mountain Home High School, Mountain Home, AR, "Reactions Must Be Tempered with Reason"

Second -- Sariah Choucair, Marshfield High School, Marshfield, WI, "Honor Roll Breeds Competition among Students"

Third -- Katharine Chan, Washington High School, South Bend, IN, "Bookbags: Study Aid or Weapon Concealer?"

Honorable Mentions -- Louise Rainone, Grosse Point North High School, Grosse Point Woods, MI, "Our Side--State Tests"

Melissa Fry, Wayne High School, Wayne, WV, "WHS Campus Infested with Litter Bugs"

Stephanie Bleyer, Beachwood High School, Beachwood, OH, "Recycling? Rubbish"

GRAPHICS: SINGLE PAGE LAYOUT

First -- J. R. Lyke, Northrop High School, Fort Wayne, IN, "Election '96"

Second -- Jason Tyler, Rachel Zapf, Dan Shaefer, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, MO, "Star Wars: AT-AT Walker; Darth Vader"

Third -- Matt Cordell, Chris Hayes, West Henderson High School, Hendersonville, NC, "Life of the Party"

Honorable Mention -- Marley White, Jen Tan, Columbia High School, Maplewood, NJ, "Shout Outs"

FEATURES

First -- Erica Saelens, Utica High School, Utica, MI, "To Test or Not to Test..."

Second -- Meghann York, Avon High School, Avon, IN, "Gift of Life: Organ Donation Gives Second Chance to Many"

Third -- David Brown, Woonsocket High School, Woonsocket, RI, "Still the Greatest: Ali Displays Heroism While Teaching Tolerance in Boston"

Honorable Mentions -- Lori Silverstein, Grace King High School, Metairie, LA, "Smoking Among Teens Continues to Increase Despite Warnings"

Sara Yerkes, Upper Arlington High School, Columbus, OH, "Bittersweet Success" Lee Bullock, Broughton High School, Raleigh, NC, "Getting Ahead: Why Students Lie, Cheat and Steal"

NEWS

First -- Stephanie Bleyer, Beachwood High School, Beachwood, OH, "Recycling: City's Waste Program Trashed"

Second -- Richard Just, Princeton High School, Princeton, NJ, "Princeton Stores Nailed for Selling Cigarettes to Youths"

Third -- David Danielson, Cupertino High School, Cupertino, CA, "Student Hackers Access District Server"

Honorable Mentions -- Hao Lo, Jordan High School, Durham, NC, "Valedictorian May Be Named"

Allison Perkins, Huntington North High School, Huntington, IN, "Getting Away With It"

FEATURE PHOTOS

First -- Henry Rodatz, Bloomington High School South, Bloomington, IN, "Junior Brad DeStefano Gets Some Serious Air"

Second -- Gregg Blais, Woonsocket High School, Woonsocket, RI, "President Clinton Acknowledges the Enthusiasm of the Rally Held to Promote..."

Third -- Eric Riedsel, West High School, Davenport, IA, "Open Wide"

Honorable Mentions -- Jas Robertson, Hillcrest High School, Dallas, TX, "In Shock After Five Gallons" Jake Heustis, Trinity High School, Louisville, KY, "The Homeless -- On the Outside Looking In"

Matt Dwyer, Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School, Wichita, KS, "Grinning with Intensity"

SPORTS STORY

First -- Anna Meyer, Hamilton Southeastern High School, Fishers, IN, "Gender Equity"

Second -- Megan Manfull, Washington High School, Washington, IA, "Demon Sportsmanship Hits Rock Bottom in State Ratings"

Third -- Whitney Larkins, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, TX, "The Will to Win"

Honorable Mentions -- James Cordes, "Wood River High School, Hailey, ID, "Varsity Basketball Revolt Ends"

Shawn Skillman, West Henderson High School, Hendersonville, NC, "Swim Team Forfeits ACC Title"
Emily Eagan, Masconomet Regional High School, Topsfield, MA, "(Athlete of the Week) Laura Daly:
Masconomet Track"

High School Contest National Judges

TINA LESHER, judge for the News category, is associate professor and chairperson-elect of the Department of Communication at William Paterson College, Wayne, NJ. She holds a master's in journalism from the University of Missouri and a doctorate in English education from Rutgers University. A past president of New Jersey Press Women and a former newspaperwoman, she returned to the newsroom last summer when, as a fellow of The ASNE, she worked for the Columbus Dispatch.

Judge for the Features category, LINDA POWERS BIANCHONE teaches journalism at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. She holds a bachelor of arts in radio-TV-film from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, an M.A.T. in humanities from Converse College, and an M.A. in journalism from the University of South Carolina. She is a founding member of the Piedmont Media Professionals, an NFPW affiliate chapter.

The Photography category judge, HEIDI HODGES is the photo editor at the Door County Advocate, a large twice-a-week newspaper in Sturgeon Bay, WI. She interned with the Advocate for two summers before graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a degree in technical communications and minors in journalism, photography, and German. At the university, she was editor of the campus newspaper, The Exponent. After her internship ended, she continued to show up at the Advocate every day for a year doing odd jobs, before she finally was hired as a fulltime editorial department staff member. She was the NFPW national contest sweepstakes runner-up in 1992 and is president of Wisconsin Press Women. She is a member of the National Press Photographers Association and the Wisconsin Photographers' Association.

ALICE SKY, web editor for Wichita On-Line, judged the Graphics: Single Page Layout category. A staff member of the Wichita Eagle for several years overseeing the photography and design departments, she holds a journalism degree from Kansas State University. Early in her career she was a member of newspaper staffs in Salina, KS, and Colorado Springs, CO. Sky has won numerous newspaper design awards and is a frequent newspaper and web design lecturer, consultant, and instructor.

Judge for the Columns category was JIM KONKOLY, a special assignment reporter and columnist for the Sun Newspapers in Cleveland, OH. After graduating from Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1973, he began his newspaper career as a reporter and photographer with the Mansfield (OH) News journal. He has been with Sun Newspapers since 1978 and has been writing his column, "City Streets," since 1979. He has won one national and one state award for feature writing and one state award for in-depth public affairs reporting.

SAM JOHNSON judged the Editorial category. He is Devils Lake (ND) High School English teacher and media and technology specialist. He is the 1997 North Dakota Teacher of the Year. He also has been recognized with the Wall Street Journal National Journalism Teacher Award and state Journalism

Teacher of the Year in 1987; was named Martin Luther King Educator of the Year for North Dakota; has won honors for his weekly newspaper column from 1985 to 1993 and for acquiring grants worth more than \$275,000 for technology programs that he now directs for schools. He has a B.A. in English, a B. S. in library science A/V instruction and an M.Ed., all from the University of North Dakota.

The Cartooning category was judged by JOHN HOLLADAY, owner of John Holladay Prints Led in Davenport, IA. Since he was in elementary school, Holladay has been entertaining his friends by drawing cartoons. While in college, he began doing watercolor paintings, which took him to shows through the Midwest. On the advice of a friend, he began taking some of his cartoons with him and the demand grew with every show he attended. He formed his company in 1976 and began selling his cartoons locally and has continued to develop new ideas and products. Holiday's latest works include professionals, hobbies, cities, the NFL and commercial artwork. His designs can be found on greeting cards, shirts, jigsaw puzzles and the list goes on. He continues to see the funnier side of life.

ROBIN FAMBROUGH, prep sports writer for The Advocate newspaper in Baton Rouge, LA, judged the Sports category. Prior to the present assignment, Fambrough was a general assignment writer/desk from November, 1990 to June, 1991. Awards include many from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, National Federation of Press Women and Louisiana Press Association, which recently awarded second place for Outstanding Sports Story in 1997. Professional honors include serving as secretary of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.