Humboldt High School Regional Journalism results

By Kim Isbell, adviser

Thirteen Humboldt High School journalism students competed in the Kansas Scholastic Press Association’s Regional journalism competition Thursday, Feb. 21 at Wichita State University. These students competed in 17 different journalism categories such as advertising, design, writing, and photography. As a team, at least one person placed in each category, leading the team to a first place finish. Individually, 11 students placed and qualified to compete in one or more categories at the state level at the University of Kansas on Saturday, May 3.

Those who placed and will continue to State competition are: Senior Karna Carlson, Yearbook Copy Writing 3rd place, Theme Development 3rd place, Junior Megan Dillow, Sports Photography, 3rd place, Infographic, honorable mention, Senior Emily Hauser, Sports Photography 1st place, Editorial Writing 2nd place, News Writing 2nd place, Sophomore Alexis Hosack, Editing 1st place, Yearbook Sports Writing honorable mention, Theme Development 3rd place, Senior Haley Huffman, Editorial Cartoon 1st place, Newspaper Design 1st place, News Writing 1st place, Headline Writing honorable mention, Junior Bailey Myers, Feature Writing 1st place, Newspaper Sports Writing 2nd place, Junior Shelby Novotny, Yearbook Layout honorable mention, Senior Bethany Wolverton, Feature Photography 1st place, Editorial Cartoon 2nd place, Cutline Writing honorable mention, Infographics honorable mention, Senior Michelle Sollars, Advertising honorable mention, Senior Sarah Works, Theme Development 3rd place, Sophomore Kassidy Young, Yearbook Sports Writing honorable mention, Theme Development honorable mention.

"We went up against some of the best student journalists in the state at our Regional. All of these students should be proud of the outcome and should look forward to the upcoming State competition. Publications students work hard not only when contest comes around, but also throughout the entire school year to ensure that the high standards of Humboldt’s publications department continues. The student body can be proud of the journalism work produced by its school.”
NAFSA: Association of International Educators, announced that Pittsburg State University is a recipient of the 2008 Sen. Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization.

Chuck Olcese, director of International Programs and Services at PSU, says the university is being honored for its internationalization work in the classroom, its efforts to offer international programming to the community, and its work in reaching out to school districts.

“IT’s bigger than just recruiting international students,” Olcese said, praising academic departments across campus for implementing programs that allow students to study abroad. “This is a really nice recognition for everyone who has been supportive of the international programs at Pitt State. It shows the high level of collaboration and the activity we have in the Four States region.”

International enrollment numbers at PSU have consistently been on the rise. Since 2001, international enrollment has grown 25 percent. Last year, 117 students studied abroad in 17 countries.

“I am impressed with the university’s commitment to internationalization, which is so important to many of our students who have grown up in the Midwest,” said William Ivy, dean of enrollment management and student success. “It’s great that this prestigious organization has recognized PSU and will help tell our story nationwide.”

In a press release, NAFSA said the Sen. Paul Simon Award “recognizes outstanding and innovative efforts in campus internationalization.” The award is named for the late Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), who was a strong supporter of international education throughout his life. Other recent winners of the award are Purdue University, Michigan State University, the University of Kansas, Georgia Tech, and the University of Oklahoma.

Four other universities also received the award. They are the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Valparaiso University, Nebraska Wesleyan University and Goucher College. The five will be featured in “Internationalizing the Campus 2008: Profiles of Success at Colleges and Universities,” which will be published this fall. The awardees will also be recognized at the NAFSA annual conference in Washington, D.C.

According to NAFSA, its annual report “recognizes institutions that are leaders in the growing effort across higher education to better prepare students for a global economy and an interconnected world.”
Several members of the student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy visited 16 independent pharmacies in central and southwest Kansas during their semester break.

Tyson Wade Mullen, a fifth-year pharmacy student from Leoti, was part of the group. The Wichita County High School graduate earned his associate degree from Hutchinson Community College.

He is the son of Kevin and Kathy Mullen.

Southwest Kansas pharmacies visited included Clark Pharmacy in Cimarron, Plaza Pharmacy in Garden City, Bloodhart Drug in Hugoton, J&J Pharmacy in Lakin, Scott City Pharmacy in Scott City and Grant County Drug in Ulvsses.
Holcomb student performs with choir

Logan Russell Walker, of Holcomb, is part of the University of Kansas concert choir, which was selected to perform at the Southwest Division of the American Choral Directors Association convention Feb. 20 to 23 in Kansas City, Mo.

The Southwest Division is made up of seven states: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The KU choir was chosen out of all the university choirs in the region.

Walker, a senior vocal major at KU, is the son of Lynn and Cindy Walker of Holcomb.
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Watts enjoyed 16 years with Navy Band

SALINA (AP) — Some people have watched the U.S. Navy Band in live performances, and others have listened to the prestigous band’s recordings.

But when Larry Watts hears the band’s 3 p.m. performance Sunday at Stiefel Theatre for Performing Arts, he’ll likely be the only one in the audience who has heard the band from the unique position of being in its midst.

Watts, who grew up on a dairy farm just south of Bennington, found his tuba was a ticket to see the world.

After attending the University of Kansas from 1957 to 1959, Watts decided to join the Navy and go into its music program.

“I wanted to learn more about music theory,” he said of the decision. “That helps you when you audition for music programs.”

He had intended to stay in for the usual four-year enlistment, learn the music theory, and then continue on with a civilian music career — but as often happens, life overrode his life plans.

Like anyone else, he first had to go through boot camp, then on to the Navy’s music school and assignment to a 17-piece unit band.

His first two tours of duty were ship assignments, first on the attack carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt and then a second cruise on the attack carrier USS Wasp.

It was on one of those cruises that he met his future wife, Jenny, in England, and brought her to the United States when he was assigned to Pensacola, Fla.

By that time, his four years of service were nearly complete.

“Then we decided to have a baby, and have it while we were in the service because the medical expenses were cheaper,” Watts said. “So we extended for a year.”

During that year, he auditioned for the U.S. Navy Band. He was accepted in 1964 and transferred to Washington, D.C.

“Since I’d been accepted into the Navy Band, I re-enlisted for six more years, and then decided to make a career of it,” said Watts, who retired in 1980 with the rank of chief petty officer.

Being in that elite musical group means he was at the center of history in many cases, performing at the inaugura tions of presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, and “lots of reception work at the White House and State Department.”

He also played in a variety of other groups related to the Navy Band, including a marimba band, in which he played bass guitar, and a country and bluegrass group called The Country Current.

All had nautical names, he said. “They were trying to decide between Country Tide and Country Current and picked Country Current.”

He was on stage at the Grand Ole Opry at least twice, he said, and played at the Country Music Awards in Hollywood in 1976, as well as at two national Boy Scout jamborees.

Along the way, he picked up additional instruments — there’s little call for a tuba in some forms of music, he said, so tuba players were expected to learn the string bass and other instruments, as well.

For various engagements at Arlington National Cemetery, he played the sousaphone, for example.

One thing he couldn’t recall was high school students playing with the band, but he said he supports it as a way for young people to play alongside “the cream of the crop” and learn from them.

Ten students from high schools in Saline County — two from each school — were picked by their band directors to play one piece, “The Washington Post March,” on stage with the Navy Band.

“Oh, gosh, yes,” Watts said. “It will be a great experience for them.”

“I thought it was pretty neat they’re allowing people from Salina, Kansas, to play with one of the most prestigious ensembles in the country,” said Mike O’Donnell, a sophomore trombone player from Salina Central High School who is among the 10 selected.

O’Donnell said he’s heard recordings of the Navy Band before but has never seen the band perform live. He is looking forward to both seeing the performance and being part of it.

So is Amanda Reed, a freshman alto sax player from Ell-Saline High School who said she’s looking forward to being involved in Sunday’s performance, will have many relatives in the audience.

“I’m excited. I’ve gone to some of their performances in the past, and they’re really good,” said Eric Ross, a sophomore trumpet player from Salina South High School. “It’s an honor, really, and I’m hoping to learn something.”

“It’s really an honor,” said Michelle Kejr, a freshman flute player from Ell-Saline. “I know it’s a once-in-a-lifetime chance to be chosen for this.”

She, too, is hoping to pick up some tips from musicians who may well have
been playing longer than she’s been alive.

Band directors agree it should be a great learning experience.

“It shows them how high the bar can go,” said Richard Koshgarian, band director at Sacred Heart High School. “They get these kinds of experiences to a lesser extent at places like regional honor bands, but for them to sit next to players who play this well will be a real top-notch experience for them.

“There are lots of worthy experiences,” Koshgarian said. “But when you sit next to professional musicians, it takes it to a whole different level.”

In addition, Koshgarian said, performing with such a group can be a “life lesson — especially for seniors who have reached a certain level — and now they can see there’s still a long ways to go.”

Quentin Breese, band director at Southeast of Saline, agrees.

“The caliber of musicianship in the military bands is amazing, and I truly believe this will be a very rewarding experience for my students,” Breese said. “I believe the students will see the work and commitment it takes to be a musician in this type of an organization. I hope they will bring that knowledge and leadership back to our program here at Southeast of Saline that will mentor to the youngsters in our program.”

Editor’s Note: The Navy Band played a free concert Monday night at Barton County Community College. The Tribune was one of four sponsors of the event.
German-themed events planned for PX Station

The public is invited to attend a free program at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site. Dr. William D. Keel of the Kansas Humanities Council will present “Hurrah, Free Kansas! Germans Struggle Against Slavery in Kansas Territory, 1854-1861.”

In 1854, the New England Emigrant Aid Society recruited German settlers to Kansas in support of the freestaters. Nearly 80 German settlements in the northeastern counties were established.

This program will illustrate how Germans participated in the Bleeding Kansas period in the summer of 1856, including their involvement in the territorial constitutional debates, and eventually joining the Union Army in great numbers.

Dr. Keel is professor of German and chair of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literature at the University of Kansas, and has researched the many German settlements and dialects in Kansas, including the Washington County area.

Following the presentation, a free program on German paper star weaving, or Papiersterne, will be presented.

Deborah Heuer Burkhart of Marysville will demonstrate the technique and discuss the history of the art. She learned the process from her father, Rev. Werner John Heuer, when she was nine years old. He learned it from his grandfather, Rev. Werner Frederick Henry Heuer, who immigrated to the U.S. from Germany in 1891.
People hungry for information can listen to an advocate discuss changes needed in the Kansas judicial system today while feeding their stomachs.

Stephen Ware, a professor of law at the University of Kansas, will speak at noon today at Sirelone Stockade, 325 E. Poyntz Ave., to the public and members of the local Americans for Prosperity chapter.

Ware will speak about the selection of Kansas Supreme Court justices.

Jennifer Rezac, communications director for Americans for Prosperity-Kansas, said the luncheon will inform the attendees about how Kansas currently selects its justices and to show that there are better ways to do it.

"People will mingle and eat for a little bit, and then he'll speak and open it up for questions at the end," she said.

In November, Ware published "Selection to the Kansas Supreme Court," and Rezac said he will speak about a different system to select Kansas justices, which he advocates as requiring Senate confirmation of Kansas Supreme Court justices.

Rezac said the event is open to the public, though attendees will need to pay for their own lunch.

"It's informal, and it's something we want people to feel comfortable at," Rezac said. "We've had it at various types of places and a lot of restaurants."

According to a Jan. 9 article in the Lawrence Journal-World, Ware has been giving policy receptions around the state since the beginning of the year.

The article reported that Ware discusses the benefits of changing the current system to where "the governor would nominate a candidate, whose appointment would then be subject to confirmation by the state Senate — similar to the process used by the federal government in selecting federal judges.

Paul Barkey, Manhattan coordinator for the local AFP chapter, said this is the first time Ware will speak to the Manhattan chapter.

He said the members listen to speakers about economic or political issues every three or four months during lunch or with appetizers in the evening.

"We'll eat lunch and have some stimulating input," Barkey said.

While Manhattan AFP members will attend the event, Barkey said he hopes the Manhattan general public also will come to the open meeting.

"We hope that there will be people particularly interested in this topic and concerned about what's going on in the judicial system, particularly the control the judicial system is exercising in our culture," he said.

Barkey said the mission of AFP is to help the state of Kansas, as well as the United States, move ahead as a culture and commit to economically sound practices to remain stable.
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