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Irish editor is this year's Greenslade Bursary



Eddie Coffey

Eddie Coffey, editor of the Nationalist group of newspapers in the Republic of Ireland, is this year's Greenslade Bursary Editor and will be attending the ISWNE conference in Joplin June 26-30.

The three titles in the Nationalist group, *The Nationalist & Leinster Times*, *The Kildare Nationalist* and *The Laois Nationalist*, are part of the Thomas Crosbie Holdings group, which also publishes the daily *Irish Examiner*, *Evening Echo* and six other regional weekly titles.

Coffey began his journalistic career freelancing with the *Roscommon Champion* and took his first staff job at *The Longford Leader* under editor **Eugene McGee** in 1984. McGee was ISWNE's Greenslade Bursary Editor in 1998.

"Eddie Coffey was only a kid when he arrived at the offices of *The Longford Leader* one day looking for work," McGee said. "He said he was fed up working in a fast-food joint in his native county Galway. I took a chance by employing

him and he turned out to be an excellent journalist with *The Leader* for the next seven years. He had a remarkable ability to attune himself with the feelings of local people and transmit those feelings onto the newspaper's pages, which is at the core of all community newspaper reporting."

Apart from a brief return to the *Roscommon Champion*, Coffey continued to work for McGee and became his deputy editor. He was named the Provincial Journalist of the Year in 1990 in winning the prestigious AT Cross award.

Coffey moved to the Nationalist group in 1991 as editor of its *Kildare Nationalist*, which was launched as a separate title within the group in 1992. He was appointed group editor in 1997.

"Eddie inevitably moved on to greater things when he was headhunted to go as editor of the Nationalist group of newspapers that covers three counties toward the east of Ireland — Carlow, Kildare and Laois," McGee said. "There he showed great flair and enthusiasm in a most demanding role and revitalized these weeklies with touches of modernization which pleased the mainly rural readership without in any way upsetting the long-established bond between reader and newspaper — which is always delicate line to tread."

Coffey has a keen interest in sport, especially the Gaelic sports of hurling and football as well as playing a bit of (bad) golf.

History of Greenslade Bursary

In recognition of **David Greenslade's** outstanding service and interest in the goals of ISWNE, the Society established a scholarship in 1977 to bring a British Isles editor to the annual conference. Greenslade, a member of ISWNE for many years and a distinguished British journalist, died Jan. 16, 1977.

Greenslade was president of the Newspaper Society — representing all the British provincial newspapers — in 1975-76. He was the only person to have held that post and the office of president of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors (in 1967). Greenslade was editorial director of the *Nottingham Chronicle Advertiser and Guardian*.

His association with ISWNE began in 1960, when he took **H.R. Long**, the Society's founding father, to lunch at a pub. Long was in Great Britain on a month-long tour of newspapers. Greenslade attended four ISWNE conferences in the United States: three at Pere Marquette State Park in Illinois and one in Carbondale, Ill. At Greenslade's urging, ISWNE members spent three weeks touring England, Scotland, and Ireland in the fall of 1976.

"His precise choice of language, clarity of thought and breadth of information made a deep impression on the Society," wrote ISWNE member **Karl Monroe** of the

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By **Bill Haupt**
Lodi Enterprise, Lodi, Wis.

President's Report

By the time you read this column, I expect we will have completed our second ISWNE traveling editorial critique session. Our ISWNE Executive Secretary/Treasurer **Chad Stebbins**, Past President **Tim Waltner** (*Freeman Courier*, Freeman, S.D.) and I will be heading to Louisville for an April 18 soiree with about 45 editorial-type folks from Landmark Community Newspapers.

I'll report on the session in our next newsletter. But I wanted to alert you that we'll be actively promoting ISWNE and placing a few bets at Churchill Downs.

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More good news on the editorial critique front. We have been booked to appear at the Wisconsin Newspaper Association's annual meeting early next February. We will be conducting this session in concert with our friends from the National Conference of Editorial Writers. As you may recall from our last newsletter, I met with NCEW President (and new ISWNE member) **Phil Haslanger** to discuss possible opportunities for our groups to work together. The Wisconsin meeting will be our debut duet performance. Phil and I, along with **Dick Mial**, the editorial page editor of the *LaCrosse (Wis.) Tribune* will be leading the charge in the Badger state. I also expect to recruit an ISWNE member or two to assist our efforts.

When we hatched this concept last summer, it was our hope to arrange two or three sessions over the course of the next year or so. It appears that we have met this objective. Thanks also to ISWNE member and WNA Executive Director **Sandra George** with her cooperation on the Wisconsin effort.

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Good news from our veep **Nancy Slepicka** (*Montgomery County News*, Hillsboro, Ill.), who missed our New Orleans meeting due to eye surgery. Nancy reports that the surgery was successful, the macular hole is gone and central vision has returned to her left eye. She's so grateful that she can see typos clearly again.

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Our money woes these days focus on return on investment — isn't that something? A recent memo to the board from Chad concerned the current low rate of return on a CD we own. A few years ago, we were more likely to have an overdraft notice than a CD account. Financial times have changed for the better.

Chad reported in late March that we had a \$21,000 CD, \$7,241 in the ISWNE checking account and another \$1,828 in our Foundation account. We're RICH!

Well, maybe not rich, but a few bucks in the sock sure gives us some flexibility, security and the opportunity to make some investments. Thanks to everyone for their support.

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Speaking of investments, congrats to newspaper moguls **Bix** and **Tim Waltner** on their purchase of the *Hutchinson Herald* in Menno, S.D. Menno is a few pheasant fields from Freeman, and should be a nice complement to the *Courier*.

We wish them great success in their new venture. Everyone in ISWNE knows that this is good news for Menno.

Also on the Waltner front, ISWNE veteran **Jeremy Waltner** was the featured artist at this year's Schmeckfest celebration in Freeman. Jeremy demonstrated his award-winning photography at the annual eating and gathering fest.

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As I've noted in this column previously, ISWNE has certainly enjoyed an outstanding relationship with the folks at Missouri Southern State College. We have invited MSSC President **Julio León** and Vice President **Larry Martin** to attend our board meeting on June 26 to personally thank them for our partnership. We have also invited them to attend our annual banquet.

ISWNEWS

Canfield Peters relocates to Washington

Vickie Canfield Peters, after leaving her position as editor of *The Albion* (Pa.) *News* in October, has surfaced in Valleyford, Wash. — 17 miles from Spokane.

"I'm looking for something to turn up, someone who will make use of my multiple talents," Vickie says.

Vickie reports that her daughters, ages 28 and 26, are now living in Manassas, Va.

ISWNE members may contact Vickie at 509-924-4484 or at vcanfieldp@hotmail.com.

Edith Boys Enos salutes Dick Lee

Edith Boys Enos, 96 and living in Plymouth, Ind., writes:

"The news of the Freedom Forum's Administrator of the Year Award to **Richard W. Lee** was most welcome. Thank you especially for publishing in full Lee's inspiring acceptance speech, given in London on Jan. 7.

"I have been an admirer of Dick Lee and his remarkable family since the first days of ISWNE conferences in Carbondale when, as a graduate student, he was **H.R. Long's** assistant in shepherding us unwary conference members.

"Lee's career has been a wonderful example of the spirit and philosophy of ISWNE put into action. **Malcolm McLean's** challenge to journalism educators, which Lee quoted, should also be a challenge to other professions: "...to be able to analyze objectively and communicate what it means to be poor among the rich, to be hungry among the well-fed, to be black among the white, to be degraded among the smug, to be sick among the healthy, to be unheard, unheard, unheard — in a society noisy with messages.

"I am keeping these words and thoughts as a guide for my family, not journalists but workers for a just world."

Edith sold her paper, the *Mishawaka* (Ind.) *Enterprise*, in 1977 but has remained an active member of ISWNE.

Greenslade Bursary from page one

Collinsville (Ill.) *Herald*, who knew Greenslade and participated in the 1976 tour. "He was recognized in England as one of the bright stars of the profession, although his unassuming, open style belied the honors he earned."

The first recipient of the Greenslade Bursary Scholarship was **Drew Cochrane**, editor of the *Largs & Millport Weekly News* in Largs, Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1977.

Last year's Greenslade Bursary Editor was **Bob Satchwell**, executive director of the Society of Editors in Cambridge, England. The 2000 recipient was **Peter Long**, editor in chief of *Celtic Newspapers* in Cardiff, Wales.

Your ISWNE photos wanted

ISWNE is searching for old photos to run in our newsletters and post on our web site. If you have photos from old conferences or board meetings, please send them our way. We are particularly interested in obtaining photos of the following: **H.R. Long, Houstoun Waring, Malcolm Coe, Gene Cervi, Karl Monroe, David Greenslade, Bill Rannie, Landon Wills, Bob Bliss, Bill Rotch, Edward DeCourcy, Burt Freireich, Rick Friedman, Don Pease, Garrett Ray, Edith Boys Enos, Mary Jane Schneider, Don Brod, and Irv Kummerfeldt.**

Additionally, we would like photos of all Cervi and Golden Quill winners.

Please label all photos with full identities. Complete captions would be helpful.

As you know, ISWNE's 50th anniversary is approaching. If someone steps forward to write a history of the Society, these photos would come in handy. We might even be able to publish a book.

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ISWNE new members



Eric Wise is publications director for the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association. In this position he serves as editor of PNA's bi-weekly newsletter, *Report*, and the tabloid newspaper, *Press* (published 10 times annually). He is a graduate student at Temple University, where he is pursuing a master's degree in journalism.

Prior to joining PNA, Wise was a reporter for the weekly *Hershey Chronicle*. His writing and photography have appeared in *Muscle Car Review* magazine and several daily and weekly newspapers in south central Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Elizabethtown College, in Elizabethtown, Pa., where he majored in communications and minored in English.



Greg Harman is the publisher/editor of the *Alpine Observer* in the Big Bend of Texas.

In his four years of reporting experience in West Texas and Las Vegas, Nev., he has been awarded numerous state and national awards, including the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club's Environmental Reporting Award in 1999, second place news story from Association of Alternative

Newsweeklies and a second place "editorial excellence" for his editorial writing from Inland Press Association. He was named publisher of the *Observer* in 2000.



David L. Burton is employed as civic communication specialist for University of Missouri Outreach and Extension. He is headquartered in Greene County, Springfield, Mo., but has responsibilities extending throughout the 16 counties of southwest Missouri that make up the southwest region.

As civic communication specialist, Burton can assist the media, individuals and communities in gaining a better understanding of local issues and approaches available to citizens for public decision making to address those issues. Burton also manages the Southwest Region News Service, which serves media outlets throughout the area.

Born and raised in Ash Grove, Mo., Burton is proud to call the Ozarks home. He completed a master's degree in communication from Drury University in 2001. That degree complements his 1984 graduation from Ash Grove High School and his 1988 Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and communication/journalism from Drury College.

Burton's past work experience includes the following: five years as the managing editor of *Cross Country Times*, an award-winning weekly newspaper in Willard, Mo., three years as the assistant director of development in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at Southwest Missouri State University and six years as public relations specialist for Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. of Springfield, Mo.

Burton and his wife live near Willard with their son **Matthew**. Most of their spare family time is spent at their church, Second Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo., where they are active members. David's hobbies include golf, woodworking (when time allows) and maintaining his own personal website. His special interests include Civil War history, historical preservation and Ozarks folklore.

He is the author of numerous non-fiction stories and fictional short stories that have been published in both local and regional magazines and newspapers. He is the author of two self-published books: *A History of the Rural Schools of Greene County, Mo.* and *Official Guide to the Registered Historic Sites of Greene County, Mo.* Burton also had, from 1989 to 2000, a syndicated weekly newspaper column.

Joel Patenaude is the editor of *The Mille Lacs Messenger*, based in Isle, Minn. He replaced **James Baden**, who is working on a master's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri. Patenaude oversees a newsroom staff of eight for the independently owned weekly tabloid and covers a range of North American treaty issues, the sport fishing scene and local government.

Patenaude's previous jobs include *The Daily Camera* in Boulder, Colo., October 2000 to June 2001; *The Beacon-News* in Aurora, Ill., August 1997 to October 2000; and *The Telegraph Herald* in Dubuque, Iowa, September 1995 to August 1997.

He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He received the Joe Alex Morris Jr. Journalism Internship awarded by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations and spent a year working for *The Middle East Times* in Cairo, Egypt.

Steiner helps make Bluffton 'a little more interesting'

By **Vince Sweeney**
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Perhaps the most important aspect in being an editor of a community newspaper is to first know the community from top to bottom. **Fred Steiner**, editor and assistant publisher of *The Bluffton News* (Ohio) *News*, looks at himself as a master of being on top of the community, because of one obvious reason.

"My background is a bit of an unusual situation," Steiner said. "I grew up in Bluffton and have lived here all my life."

In his second stint as editor of *The Bluffton News* (the second-oldest continually operated business in Bluffton), Steiner is a 1972 graduate of Bowling Green State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in journalism but began in broadcast.

"There were 50 other guys who had lower voices than me, and maybe looked better than me," Steiner said with a laugh. "Then I just realized I wasn't in for the fight."

He then turned to his true calling.

Steiner was with *The Bluffton News* from 1978-89, and returned in 1994. Before going to *The Bluffton News* the first time, Steiner was editor of *The Pandora* (Ohio) *Times* from 1972-73. He then served as assistant for news services at Goshen (Ind.) College from 1973-76. After leaving Goshen College, Steiner was editor of *The Berne* (Ind.) *Daily Witness* from June 1976 to August 1976. In August 1976, he assumed the position of director of public information at Bluffton College. After leaving *The Bluffton News* in June 1989, Steiner was director of editorial and marketing at CSS Publishing Co., in Lima, Ohio.

"Because I was a journalism graduate, early in my career I read the AP Stylebook page for page," he said. "I tried to follow AP rules as closely as possible because a strong newspaper needs strong writing. We also take photography very seriously."

The Bluffton News has been an award-winning newspaper for the past four years. Honors from the National Newspaper Association have come in column writing, photography and advertising.

The 20- to 24-page paper comes out on Wednesdays. *The Bluffton News* has a circulation of 2,900, with a population around 3,300. There is also a personal bonus to its editor.

"We generally have readers in all 50 states, believe it or not," Steiner said. "We've usually had that because people who moved away wanted to keep a piece of Bluffton with them. And I try to keep those people in mind when I'm working on the paper. They grew up here and they still know a lot of people and they know me."

When dealing with a community paper, Steiner believes it is crucial to keep readers as interested as possible. Therefore, his goal is to get as many names as he can of community members in the paper each week. Because of this, *The Bluffton News* devotes much of its space to wedding announcements, birthdays, engagements, anniversaries, and several photos.

In addition to making the community happy, Steiner has to keep another part of Bluffton in the back of his mind.

"We also have a four-year liberal arts college," he said. "So our audience is well-educated, and we have to keep in mind that there are a lot of college students reading our news."

Steiner's wife, **Mary**, is a staff member at Bluffton College. They have two daughters. **Lindsay** is a freshman at Ohio University, with a major in visual communication/photography, and **Anne** is a sophomore in high school.

When he is not up against a deadline, Steiner spends time away from *The Bluffton News* as a member of the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton. He is also a senior high Sunday school teacher.

Some of his activities include being a volunteer director of the Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce's visitor and new residents' program. He recently assembled and published a 128-page history book called *A Century of Pirates*, featuring outstanding 20th century sports teams and athletes of Bluffton High School. Steiner is also a member of the Bowling Green State University Department of Journalism Alumni Advisory Board.

Steiner has been an elected member of the Bluffton Village Council, a leader of the Bluffton Daisy Girl Scout Troop, and was the editor/author of an 80-page Bluffton community history book. Some of his hobbies include collecting stamps, railroads (big steam locomotives and passenger trains), and Duke Ellington music.



Fred Steiner

As far as his involvement with the ISWNE, *The Bluffton News* was a member before he joined the staff in 1978. Steiner attended an ISWNE summer session in the early 1980s in Colorado, where he was one of the Golden Dozen editorial winners.

"Over the years, through the society newsletter, I've stayed in touch with issues of other editors, and often these issues are the same ones facing me," Steiner said. "In a way, the ISWNE is a support group for guys like myself."

Steiner hopes from his weekly perspective, he has made Bluffton a better community.

"I'd like to think that I've made the newspaper interesting. So maybe Bluffton is a little more interesting. I'd like to think Bluffton is more interesting because of *The Bluffton News*."

Does Steiner ever have any regrets about the field he decided to pursue? Absolutely not!

"I haven't found another job like this," he said. "I'm paid to go to things like parades. I'm on Main Street and watching a parade of Bluffton go by, and my task is to tell people about it, and I enjoy doing that. I love to see someone's refrigerator just covered with *The Bluffton News*. Then I know I've accomplished something. When someone comes in and buys five copies because of something that was in there, it makes you feel good. It's like looking at a final product. I feel good and say "something happened in Bluffton this week."

Reporting the news was more fun in my great-grandfather's day

By **Nancy Slepicka**
ISWNE Vice President
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Hillsboro, Ill.

When the local radio station here reports an arrest — involving, say, a fight in a bar or a burglary — the announcer always refers to “the alleged incident.”

And our newspaper is always careful to report that a defendant is sitting in jail because he was allegedly drunk and allegedly beat up his wife (allegedly again).

My great-grandfather, **Charles Wesley “C.W.” Bliss**, had more fun when he reported the police and court news. Before buying *The Montgomery County News* in February 1892, C.W. was an attorney with a sense of humor — hence, he switched to journalism.

C.W. not only put the foibles of human nature into the proper perspective, he often did it in rhyme.

For example, here is an incident reported by Great-Granddad Bliss a century ago in *The News*: “Uncle Johnnie Denham doctored Harry Roberts’ swine, which is said to be the reason Denham had to pay a fine. It seems that Harry Roberts thought that Denham charged too high, and Denham said the next time he’d let the darned hogs die, and then he tackled Roberts and he fussed about his pay, and Harry paid him but a part, then ordered him away. Although Uncle Johnnie Denham is three score years and ten, he’s not afraid of Roberts or two or three such men, and he grabbed a great big dornicka and he flung it hard and straight, and if Harry hadn’t quickly dodged, it would have cracked his pate! So they dragged him into court and assessed five dollars fine, just because he wanted pay for treating Harry’s swine! It jars our town officials and their sense of justice shocks, to see a man attempting to collect a debt with rocks.”

C.W. even penned his “poetic justice” on what today would be assault and battery. The dispute this time was between a postal patron and Hillsboro postmaster Ben Boyd.

They had had an earlier altercation and Boyd paid a fine. Another argument erupted when Brown went to get his mail the next time. According to the report in *The News*: “The feud between Jess Brown and Boyd, has busted out again, and if they keep this combat up some feller will be slain! We spoke about their little fight a week or two ago; well, Boyd plead guilty and was fined, but then he didn’t know that Jess still had it in for him, although it seems he had, and pulled him in another case, for Jess was good and mad. On Tuesday Boyd was tried again and this time made a fight, and set up every thing he could and every plea in sight. He plead his former trial and fine, and then he justified; he claimed that for the same offense he could not twice be tried. He swore that Brown came for his mail and spoke up raw and rank, and in contempt of Uncle Sam, said “blankity blank blank blank!” “Whereas,” Boyd said, “I felt impelled to punch his lineament, and teach him to respect an arm of this great government.” The law was deaf to Boyd’s appeal and he was fined again; although he had been fined before and paid the money then. The costs he had to pay, I’m told, piled up in great big chunks, for they were footed up and came to over eighteen plunks! Now look here, boys, this thing must stop, and it must stop right soon, or some one will get hurt and there’ll be blood upon the moon.”

Nowadays, with readers and defendants ready to sue and lawyers poised to represent them, we’d never get away with inserting such light heartedness in court news — but it’s fun to imagine.

For example, I recently reported the dismissal of charges against two local horsemen who’d been cited for violating a new village ordinance that prohibited keeping certain animals, including horses, inside the village. The judge ruled the ordinance was invalid because of improper wording. Maybe C.W. would have reported this news like this:

The notables of Taylor Springs did pass a law last year, that cows and pigs and horses, too, could not in town pasture. They

then sent off their lawman to spread the word around, that in the village starting then, no horses should be found.

The officer warned once, warned twice, but two men said, “No way. Our horses they are dear to us, and with us they will stay.”

“I will not move my horse,” said a stubborn Harry Logan, who wanted his best horse to stay right beside his hogan. Defendant No. 2 agreed, the horseman Joe L. Petty, “My horse is where it should be, right here and at the ready.”

When Lawman Hall heard Joe and Harry say where he could stick it, he felt he had no other course and wrote them both a ticket. The horsemen galloped into town and hired the Lawyer Rundle, to defend them in the circuit court, though it might cost a bundle.

They went to court and pled “not guilty” before the good Judge Eder. Said Harry, “She’s a real fine horse, this is no way to treat her. The horses they don’t bark like dogs, why are the neighbors bothered? Our steeds were there before the law, so they should be grandfathered.”

Judge Eder listened to them all, the blamees and the blamers, and as fine judges usually do, retreated to his chambers.

After pondering for days real hard, he returned with this sound verdict, deciding for the horsemen, as you prob’ly did predict. The judge ruled that the village law lacked the word “ordain” — and many other words like it an ordinance MUST contain.

So Joe and Harry are real glad the judge threw out the case. The horses could care less, you see, as long as they can graze.

So if the village board wants to run things like a jockey, they need a law with ALL the words, or its just some horse hockey.



Nancy Slepicka

Missouri's long-ago editors not short on humor

By **Jim Sawyer**

I talked to the legendary **Bill Taft** the other day, which always is a pleasure. Dr. William H. Taft, the Missouri Press Association's 86-year-old historian with the presidential-sounding name, is a retired University of Missouri journalism professor and prolific book author. And he's as quick-witted and spry as ever. Taft and his wife of 61 years, **Myrtle**, live in Columbia and still attend a good many journalism conferences.

What we chatted about was his 1996 book, "Wit and Wisdom of Missouri's Country Editors." Although skipping through its 150 pages from time to time, I had just read it cover to cover as I lay recuperating from being a bit under the weather. And I'll swear it cured me, other medicines aside.

"Mind if I use some of the material for a column?" I asked Taft.

"It won't cost you a dime," he quipped in a hearty voice that defies his years. "I stole all of it myself."

And I guess he did, sort of. But he spent many hours pouring through old newspapers gleaning some choice items — some of which wouldn't be deemed politically correct in today's times.

I'm not hawking the out-of-print book, but it's only fair to say that some copies are still available from Pebble Publishing in Columbia at (573) 698-3903. The Web site is www.pebblepublishing.com.

A few of Taft's compiled gems follow, including the name of the newspapers and the year they appeared. His book includes specific issue dates:

"When I die," said a married man, "I want to go where there is no snow to shovel." His wife said she presumed he would. (*Memphis Conservative*, 1878.)

A young woman in Chicago who had lost her speech because of a severe cold had 20 offers of marriage in one week. (*Versailles Morgan County Banner*, 1867.)

A preacher who visited the pen and talked to the convicts on Sunday began his remarks with, "My friends, I'm glad to see so many of you here today." (*Fulton Callaway Gazette*, 1878.)

Some women pay more attention to their dogs than they do their husbands, but then maybe the dogs growl less. (*Salem Dent County Post*, 1912.)

It's sometimes difficult for a girl to find her ideal man, but she's nearly always willing to accept a substitute. (*Marshall Saline Democrat*, 1898)

Some of the fish caught last summer are now 6 feet long. (*Jefferson City Capital News*, 1922.)

Eve is the only woman on record who never turned around to see what the other women had on. (*Hartsburg Truth*, 1903.)

Man was made a little lower than the angels a good while ago, and he hasn't kept up well since. (*Ashland Bugle*, 1921.)

There are more rooster-pecked wives than hen-pecked husbands. (*Hallsville Eagle*, 1903.)

It is said that Congress is about to investigate the high cost of living. It will not have to go very far to find one of the causes. (*Aurora Advertiser*, 1910.)

The man who gets mad at what the newspapers say about him should return thanks three times a day for what the newspapers know about him but don't print. (*Fulton Sun*, 1893.)

"A Chicago man has been sent to the penitentiary for marrying 50 women," says the *Johnson Democrat*. It is sometimes necessary to adopt heroic measures to protect men from themselves. (*Graham Post*, 1909.)



Jim Sawyer

A man stopping his paper wrote the editor: "I think folks ottent to spend ther muny for payper mi daddy diddent and everybody sed he was the intelligenst man in the country and had the smartest family of boyz that ever dugged taters." (*Paris Monroe County Appeal*, 1919.)

China is a remarkable country. The mother of the emperor was recently taken sick and was attended by 423 doctors, yet she recovered. (*Fulton Sun*, 1893.)

Men are generally like wagons — they rattle prodigiously when there is nothing in them. (*Kansas City Star*, 1880.)

A medical student asked a famous surgeon: "What did you operate on that man for?" "Two hundred dollars," replied the surgeon. "Yes, I know that," said the student. "I mean what did the man have?" "Two hundred dollars," replied the surgeon. (*Auxvasse Review*, 1910.)

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Born in Scotland, raised in Canada and California, Mary Owen brings varied experiences to her job

By Virginia Fairchild
Sophomore Communications Major
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Teacher, writer, counselor, missionary and drummer are just a few of the many pastimes that decorate the résumé of **Mary Owen**, editor of *The Stayton Mail* in Oregon.

Owen earned her first degree, a bachelor's in psychology, from UCLA in 1967. Following graduation, she worked on and off in the field of counseling developmentally disabled children and adults. Owen also volunteered by running a Girl Scout troop for developmentally disabled girls, and several times volunteered to work in institutions with severely challenged children. Owen was also a counselor at an adult group home.

When rough times hit home for Owen, she decided to change careers.

"I always loved to write," she said. "So when I was offered a column for a newspaper, which I did not take, that perked my interest to start journalism school and I never looked back."

One of the perks of her experiences was that her counseling background often gains people's trust easily, allowing her to get stories that others may not be able to, she said.

While going back to school, Owen was a single mother raising two teenagers, held a part-time job, and worked as a stringer for several newspapers.

"Sometimes I wasn't around," she said. "My daughter told me she hardly ever saw me anymore. But, you do what you can for your family. Sometimes it doesn't seem like the best, right away, but it worked out for us."

Owen graduated for a second time in 1985 from UCSU with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She was the only student in her department elected to the honor society, "and that felt good."

After graduation Owen began her writing career with *The Davis* (Calif.) *Enterprise*, where her beat was religion for seven years.

"I have done pretty well climbing to the top of religion writing field,"

Owen said. "I want people to read my work and say, 'Gee, God's in her life and that's good.'"

In 1989, Owen won the Outstanding Award of Merit from the AMY Foundation and was named the Religion Writer of the Year from the Religion News Writers Association.

"It was like winning the Olympic gold being recognized by my

peers."

She parted ways with *The Enterprise*, and jumped around from different newspapers and publications. She wrote locally, nationally, and internationally, freelancing for publications across the globe.

Owen also writes for the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series.

"After some troubling times," she said, "I folded. I returned to *The Enterprise* for a year and then I started missions work with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Salem, Ore."

She was involved in missions work for six years, teaching journalism and participating in media outreaches, before connecting with *The Stayton Mail*.

YWAM is an interdenominational Christian organization with more than 500 different bases worldwide. During these years, Owen developed a seminar for Christians and others on how to access the secular press. Through the YWAM organization, Owen was able to travel to Germany, Brazil, China, and England. She is still involved with this group today and is part of the media team that covers YWAM events worldwide.

"I am a very diverse person, seeing as how I was born in Scotland and raised in Canada and California. I have also traveled the globe and witnessed a lot of tragedy and good," she said. "These experiences have made it easy to understand what's behind certain stories. They have also made it easier to write in a way people will appreciate."

After her six-year break from the



Mary Owen



news, Owen returned to the community journalism realm and began work at *The Stayton Mail*. She started off as the editor and has been at it ever since. Not only has she been *The Mail's* editor, she has put together workshops that she refers to as "Journalism 101" for her new staff writers or other people who are interested.

"When the reporters do well, it lets me know I have passed a little of what I know to the next generation," she said.

Stayton, a town of around 6,000, is located in the heart of the North Santiam Canyon.

"Our paper's motto is that we're 'The best little daily once a week,'" she said. "We like to give a touch of 'big style' to the paper in the production. We're doing it like a daily, but bringing it down to the grass-roots, to the nitty gritty."

The Mail tries to put a feature on the front page of every issue.

"Most people don't like to get a cold

bite of news for breakfast," she said. "I probably should say dinner, because we publish in the afternoon."

Owen said she likes being involved in community journalism because it has more opportunities and diversity in writing than that of larger newspapers.

"Most young journalists want to be the big and the best," she said. "I got there, and that's not the best for me. I am a community journalist at heart. It gets in your blood, because everybody knows you, and you always wear your work on your sleeve."

Owen said there is a place for every size of newspaper.

"To me, the larger circulation dailies are the arms and legs, while community weeklies are the heart of newspaperdom," she said.

"I truly believe the secret of being successful is to love what you're doing and do it well, along with being fair, balanced, and objective."

Along with working 40-50 hours a week at *The Mail*, Owen has, since her late 30s, been teaching and playing snare drums for the Scottish Pipe Band. She also plays the piano, guitar, banjo, and recorder.

"I have covered a lot of goals in my life. I joke that I would like to some day win the Pulitzer, but I don't count on it," she said. "But, you never know what might come around so I don't want to shut anything out."

Owen leads a full life with many different hobbies and obligations, but she loves the "regular things."

"I don't have a lot of time left over," she said, "so the rest is spent with my family and with grandchildren."

"I am doing what I wanted to do and living the way I dreamed and expected. If I follow the path the Lord wants me to lead, I am never going to miss. I believe that God is the author, and I am his tool."

Missouri Southern students come to rescue of town's newspaper

By **Connie Farrow**

CARL JUNCTION, Mo. (AP) A group of college students took over a weekly southwest Missouri newspaper when its publisher was called to military duty and its chief staffer fell ill.

The *Jasper County Citizen* in Carl Junction was left short-handed when owner and publisher **Michael Myers** was told to report to his unit of the Kansas Army National Guard in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Things got worse when **Tracie Skaggs**, who serves as reporter, assistant editor and advertising sales representative, learned that she needed abdominal surgery.

"We couldn't go without a paper," Skaggs said. "I was in a panic, and I didn't know what to do."

The paper had only begun publishing in June, and Skaggs didn't want to lose any of its 800 readers.

Myers, who had been overseeing layout of the newspaper, had hired someone to cover his duties before he left in December. But Skaggs was solely responsible for content.

Skaggs went to **Chad Stebbins'** community journalism class at Missouri Southern State College in nearby Joplin in hopes of hiring a couple of students to cover for her while she was off.

Stebbins did her one better. He volunteered his 14 students as interns.

With guidance from Stebbins, students took over the weekly paper Jan. 24. They wrote all the stories and took all the photographs for the next six weeks, until Skaggs returned.

"It's been a fabulous experience.

Some of the students write for the college's newspaper," Stebbins said. "Writing for the *Jasper County Citizen* is a real world experience."

Students did everything from covering the board of aldermen and school board to police and fire. They got a taste of covering "breaking news" with the sale of a golf course and country club to a Joplin businessman.

Some students are still working to complete their required 20 hours of service.

Skaggs said there's no question Carl Junction — population 5,500 — wouldn't have had a paper every Thursday without the students' help.

"I'm out trying to sell more advertising now," she said. "I would like to be able to keep a couple of them on part-time."

Joplin, Mo., as I remember it

By **Al Seiler**
Pittsfield, Ill.

Can a person write about a boyhood hometown and avoid the tiresome **Archie Bunker** refrain, "those were the days"? I'm going to try.

My family moved to Joplin, Mo. from Chillicothe, a much smaller town, in the summer of 1929, shortly before the celebrated market crash of that year. As with most adolescents who are similarly uprooted, I did not want to leave my Chillicothe friends and move to a strange, much larger city where I knew nobody.

However, soon after we moved into our modest Joplin home on North Byers, a neighborhood kid came around to visit me. To this day, 73 years later, **Dick Craig** is still my friend, and we keep up an irregular correspondence.

A trolley-operated streetcar ran past our house. At one end was Smelter Hill, where they refined lead and zinc, and polluted the air with noxious fumes. But they employed people. What else mattered? For a nickel, you could ride all the way from my house down Main Street and far out to the county line. Halloween provided a boyhood challenge: grab the bar that held the wheel to the overhead line and then run like hell. The streetcar management and the cops soon got wise to this trick, and several of us ended up one night in the city slammer. Our folks came to rescue us, but I had used an alias (didn't **Jesse James?**) and the police had a problem finding my dad. End of lesson.

In one sense, my high school of 1,200 students had a rowdy-ass reputation. For one thing, we had fraternities and sororities with Greek names. Our initiations would be

called hazing today and not tolerated. In their defense, however, the societies each held a dance during the nights between Christmas and New Years with a live band in the rooftop ballroom of the majestic Connor Hotel. Our parents didn't worry about where we were. They knew.

Yes, we had beer parties and Sunday afternoon crap games at a cul-de-sac at the north end of town where the usual bet was a quarter. But drugs? We didn't even know their existence, let alone their meaning. One kid had a car at school, an open-air Franklin he needed to deliver newspapers.

I was not a good student. My interests lay elsewhere. But I did become editor of the *Spyglass*, the student newspaper, and so began a career in journalism! My high school curriculum was strong on debate and speech contests. I don't claim to be a fluent public speaker, but unlike so many people who are petrified at the thought of having to say "a few words" in public, I have never suffered from stage fright, and I give credit to my high school speech teachers. For that same reason, I urge high school students today to take every speech class and enter every contest they can.

As with many comparable cities of that time, Joplin's Main Street was a vibrant thoroughfare from one end to the other, filled with specialty shops, two department stores, and fine restaurants. Two mid-town railroad stations, the Frisco and the Kansas City Southern, could take you any place in the U.S. you cared to go. We had one of the finest hotels anywhere, with a massive marble staircase as the lobby centerpiece. And there were four first-run movie theaters for a quarter each, plus two second-run movie

houses for a dime, often with a double feature.

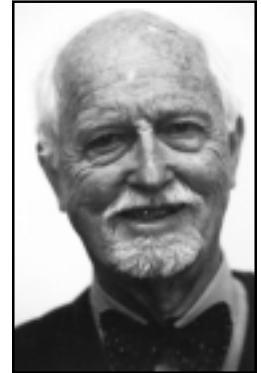
At the time, Missouri was a "wet" state while nearby adjoining Kansas and Oklahoma were "dry."

The natural result was that Saturday night brought the thirsty Kansans and Okies to town, headed for the numerous watering holes. Long gone, however, was Joplin's most famous attraction: its nationally known House of Lords. Its reputation enthralled any red-blooded youth: food and drink on the first floor, gambling on the second floor, girls on the third. Wow!

Seventh Street, U.S. Route 66, the "Mother Road" from Chicago to California, ran straight through the center of town.

Joplin today is a prosperous, thriving city and I'm proud of it. But like many other cities and small towns of America, it has sacrificed some of its character to the homogenized, sterile, all-alike malls that have sprung up at the edges. Pittsfield, where I live now, is one of them too.

Novelist **Thomas Wolfe** said "you can't go home again." And he was right. I don't want to. Joplin may not be Camelot. But it's still my "home town" and I hope you'll join me and enjoy the fine program lined up for the summer ISWNE conference there. You won't be disappointed.



Al Seiler

Getting to Joplin

American Airlines offers four flights daily from St. Louis (STL) to the Joplin Regional Airport (JLN). St. Louis departure times are 8:41 a.m., 11:24 a.m., 2:07 p.m., and 8:18 p.m. Arrival times are 10:01 a.m., 12:44 p.m., 3:27 p.m., and 9:38 p.m.

On Sunday, June 30, American has three return flights to St. Louis — at 10:55 a.m., 1:43 p.m., and 4:38 p.m.

Northwest Airlines (Northwest AirlinK) offers three flights daily from Memphis (MEM) to Joplin. Memphis departure times are 8:40 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 9:15 p.m. Arrival times are 10:20 a.m., 2:25 p.m., and 10:55 p.m.

On Sunday, June 30, Northwest has two return flights to Memphis — at 10:35 a.m. and 2:40 p.m.

The Joplin Regional Airport is only 10 minutes from the Missouri Southern campus. Let us know your arrival time, and we'll arrange for pickup. Or, if you prefer, Hertz (417-623-6242) and Avis (417-624-6360) have rental booths at the airport. If you come on Northwest's flight that arrives in Joplin at 10:55 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, it would be best to take the free shuttle to the Joplin Holiday Inn (417-782-1000) and spend the night there.

The Springfield-Branson Regional Airport (SGF) is 70 miles from Joplin, an easy drive on I-44. It is served by American Airlines, American Eagle, Northwest AirlinK, United Express, and US Airways Express.

The Tulsa International Airport (TUL) is 100 miles from Joplin, also an easy drive on I-44. The Kansas City International Airport (MCI) is a three-hour drive from Joplin.

Approximate driving times to Joplin: from Kansas City, 2 1/2 hours; from St. Louis, 4 1/2 hours; from Tulsa, Okla., 1 3/4 hours; from Memphis, Tenn., 6 hours; from Dallas, Texas, 7 hours.

The Editorial Critique

One of the highlights of ISWNE conferences is a half-day exercise called "the editorial critique." A long-standing part of ISWNE conferences over the years, the critique is a small group discussion in which conference attendees exchange their editorial pages and offer reactions and suggestions. Often the discussions explore related issues including editorial policies, ethics and community dynamics.

Upon registration, each newspaper will be assigned to an editorial critique group. Each member will be sent the mailing addresses of their fellow group members. Each group will have four to six papers included (one per participant) with two to four retired or otherwise non-active participants.

Each member is to mail — immediately — each member of the group three consecutive issues from the month of April. The copies must arrive absolutely no later than June 1 in order to be included in the critique. Please note: one paper per registrant; if you publish more than one paper, you must choose the one you want to be included in the editorial critique.

In addition, six copies of each issue should be bulk mailed to ISWNE, Missouri Southern State College, Institute of International Studies, 3950 E. Newman Road, Joplin, MO 64801-1595.

Each member of the group is expected to have read the editorial pages of the papers in the group prior to arriving in Joplin. The complete papers are exchanged for background; the editorial critique will focus exclusively on the editorial pages. Please bring at least the editorial pages of all the members of your group with you to the conference.

Each group will include a mix of active and retired newspaper people. The critiques will be a group discussion with sufficient time allocated for a group critique of each paper. Each newspaper representative should be prepared to give a brief background description of the paper and the community. The role of the critique leaders will be to facilitate discussion.

Topics will include:

- Reaction to each of the editorials from the group
- Strengths and weakness of each of the editorials
- What about the rest of the editorial page?

Everyone should be prepared to respond with:

- What I like about this editorial/page is:
- One suggestion I would make to improve this page is:

Each editorial writer/newspaper representative should be prepared to respond to these questions:

- Why did you choose this subject?
- Why do you use this writing style?
- What was your motivation to write this editorial?
- Where did you get background and information for editorial?
- What impact did this editorial have on the community?
- What is your process of writing?
- Who is involved in the writing process?

Joplin Conference Registration

To register, please complete this form and send it with your check in U.S. funds to:

Registration Fees

	By May 15	After May 15
Adults	\$395	\$450
Children (ages 6-17)	\$195	\$250
2 Adults & 1 Child	\$900	\$1,150
2 Adults & 2 Children	\$1,000	\$1,400
2 Adults & 3 Children	\$1,200	\$1,650
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TOTAL \$ _____ U.S.

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Any special dietary needs or other considerations: _____

Names of children for June 27 Roaring River trip:

Check tour you prefer for afternoon of June 28: Trucking industry _____ King Press _____

Check activity you prefer for June 29: Silver Dollar City (all day) _____ Music Show _____



2002 ISWNE Conference – Joplin, MO (USA)

Wednesday, June 26

8 a.m. - noon	Registration	Student Life Center
9 a.m.	ISWNE board meeting	Webster Hall 357
Noon	Lunch	Student Life Center
1 p.m.	“Joplin’s Colorful History and Scientific Wonders” — Brad Belk, director of the Joplin Museum Complex	Webster Hall Auditorium
2:30 p.m.	“Ozarks Culture & Folklore” — Kim McCully, editor of <i>The Aurora Advertiser</i>	Webster Hall
4 p.m.	Depart from Student Life Center for John Moore cabin on James River, near Galena, Mo.	Galena, MO
6 p.m.	Dinner — A fish fry, hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, hushpuppies, and watermelon	Galena, MO
7 p.m.	An Ozarks Hootenanny — Bluegrass music, storytellers, and the Mountain Maid	Galena, MO
10:30 p.m.	Expected return to campus — Hospitality suite open until midnight	College Skyline Center

Thursday, June 27

7-8 a.m.	Breakfast	Student Life Center
7-9 a.m.	Swimming — Available in the Missouri Southern indoor pool	Gymnasium
8-9:30 a.m.	ISWNE business meeting	Webster Hall Auditorium
9 a.m.	Children depart for Roaring River State Park	Cassville, MO
9:30 a.m.	“Romancing the Mother Road” — Michael Wallis, author of <i>Route 66: The Mother Road</i>	Webster Hall Auditorium
11 a.m.	“When the Big One Lands on Your Doorstep” — David Burke, <i>Tuam</i> (Ireland) <i>Herald</i> ; Betty Stanley, <i>Ozark County Times</i> ; Don Ginnings, <i>Hermitage Index</i> ; Gerald Elkins, McDonald County Press Inc.	Webster Hall Auditorium
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	Student Life Center
1:30 p.m.	“Trends in Community Journalism” — Jock Lauterer, director of the Carolina Community Media project at the University of North Carolina; Gloria Freeland, director of the Huck Boyd National Center for Community Media at Kansas State University; Harry Hix, the Engleman/Livermore professor of Community Journalism at the University of Oklahoma; and Jim Sterling, Missouri Community Newspaper Management Chair at the University of Missouri	Webster Hall Auditorium
3 p.m.	Presentations — Greenslade Bursary Editor and Brian Burmester, editor and publisher of <i>Local News New Zealand</i>	Webster Hall Auditorium
5 p.m.	Depart for George Washington Carver National Monument	Diamond, MO
5:30 p.m.	Brisket dinner — Sponsored by the Missouri Press Association, with program to follow	Diamond, MO
8:30 p.m.	Expected return to campus — Hospitality suite open until midnight	College Skyline Center

Friday, June 28

7-8 a.m.	Breakfast	Student Life Center
8-10:45 a.m.	Editorial critiques	Webster Hall
11 a.m.	“The Young Brothers Massacre” — Holds the record for the most law enforcement officers killed in a single incident, Tony Stephenson	Webster Hall Auditorium
12:15 p.m.	Lunch — Youth team-building rope exercises with Susie Cook, from Branson	Student Life Center
1:30 p.m.	Children depart for the The Swimmin’ Hole Water Park	Water Park
1:30 p.m.	“The Human Truman” — A 45-minute monologue by Niel Johnson, a retired archivist and oral historian from the Truman Library	Webster Hall Auditorium
2:45 p.m.	Depart from Webster Auditorium for the “war room” at Contract Freighters, Inc., an international truckload carrier based in Joplin, and a program on the Joplin trucking industry OR	Contract Freighters
2:45 p.m.	Depart for a tour of King Press, one of the principal manufacturers of web offset presses for newspapers	King Press
5:30 p.m.	Children return from The Swimmin’ Hole Water Park	
6:30 p.m.	Dinner and Banquet in the Connor Ballroom	Billingsly Student Center
6:30 p.m.	Pizza party for the children	Student Life Center
9 p.m.	Hospitality Suite — open until midnight	College Skyline Center

Saturday, June 29

8-9 a.m.	Breakfast	Student Life Center
9 a.m.	Depart for Branson, MO	Student Life Center
11 a.m.	Arrival at Silver Dollar City	Branson, MO
11 a.m.	Lunch at the Hard Luck Diner for the music show group	Branson, MO
12:15 p.m.	Shopping at The Grand Village for music group — 26 unique shops	Branson, MO
1 p.m.	Music show group departs for “Lost in the Fifties”	Branson, MO
2 p.m.	“Lost in the Fifties” music show begins	Branson, MO
4 p.m.	Music show group departs for Factory Merchants Outlet Mall — 90 shops	Branson, MO
6 p.m.	Silver Dollar City & music/shopping groups both depart	Branson, MO
7 p.m.	Arrival of both groups at Showboat Branson Belle	Branson, MO
8 p.m.	Dinner cruise	Branson, MO
10:30 p.m.	Depart for Joplin	Branson, MO

Sunday, June 30

8-9 a.m.	Breakfast and goodbye(s)	Student Life Center
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ISWNE Foundation

ISWNE members should consider making a tax-deductible contribution to one or more of the Society's conference scholarships:

- Greenslade Bursary Scholarship, to fund the conference visit of a British Isles editor.

Amount: \$ _____

- Hazel Brannon Smith Scholarship, to fund the conference visit of a weekly newspaper editor.

Amount: \$ _____



Hazel Brannon Smith, winner of the 1964 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing, was one of the most courageous weekly newspaper editors ever. As publisher of the *Lexington Advertiser* and three other weekly newspapers in Mississippi, she called for integrated schools, churches, libraries, public transportation and work places, as well as demanding that blacks be accorded the right to vote, hold public office, serve on juries, and even to intermarry. As a result, she was shunned by most of her former friends, a boycott was launched against her by the white power structure, a rival newspaper was established, one of her newspaper offices was dynamited and another torched by arsonists, a cross was burned on her lawn, she was harassed by lawsuits, and she was subjected to smear attacks by the Ku Klux Klan and the white Citizens' Council. Hazel was ISWNE president in 1981-82. She died in 1994 at the age of 80.

- H.R. Long Scholarship, to fund the conference visit of a weekly newspaper editor.

Amount: \$ _____



Dr. Howard Rusk Long, ISWNE co-founder and longtime leader, served on the faculty of the University of Missouri for 10 years before coming to Southern Illinois University in 1953 as chairman of the Department of Journalism. He was instrumental in the growth of the journalism program at SIU and in the development of the campus newspaper. ISWNE began with 13 weekly editors meeting in Carbondale, Ill., in 1955. H.R. founded *Grassroots Editor* five years later, created SIU's Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award for courage in journalism, and gave life to the Golden Quill Award for excellence in editorial writing. He stressed the international aspect of ISWNE and organized a trip to England and Ireland in 1965 and a tour of the Orient in 1969. H.R. retired from SIU's School of Journalism in 1974 and died in 1988 at the age of 82.

- Houstoun Waring Scholarship, to fund the conference visit of a weekly newspaper editor.

Amount: \$ _____



Houstoun Waring co-founded ISWNE in 1955 and served three terms as president. His 40-year career at the *Littleton Independent* in Colorado made the small-town weekly famous and influenced several generations of journalists. Hous insisted that local newspapers should nurture a sense of community and link Main Street with the world, principles reflected in many of his 6,000 editorials. He was one of the few weekly newspaper editors chosen for a Nieman Fellowship to study at Harvard and was the subject of a United States Information Agency film that identified him around the world as a grassroots editor. He also started Denver University's journalism department. Hous retired in 1966 but continued to write editorials and the *Independent's* obituaries – more than 13,000 in all. He died in 1997 at the age of 95.

Please make your checks payable to the ISWNE Foundation

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The ISWNE Board of Directors has set a goal of raising \$3,200 for scholarships for the 2002 and 2003 conferences by June 30. To date, we have raised

\$1,935

Our goal is \$3,200

The following people have made donations:

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Quill is embroidered in gold and ISWNE in blue.

Thanks to the efforts of **Bob Whetstone** and **Carol O'Leary**, ISWNE denim shirts are now available. These classy shirts are available in adult small, medium, large, extra large, and extra-extra large. Children's shirts may be available; please contact Bob and Carol with specific sizes needed.

The price is \$32 if ordered before May 15, which would allow delivery at the Joplin conference. If the shirts have to be shipped, the price is \$36 in the U.S. and \$38.50 elsewhere.

Orders can be mailed to Bob Whetstone, N5009 Sackett Dr., Medford, WI 54451-9494 or emailed to carolo@dwave.net if using Mastercard or Visa.

ABOUT THE ISWNE

The International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors (ISWNE) was founded in 1954 at Southern Illinois University (SIU) by Howard R. Long, then chair of SIU's Department of Journalism at Carbondale, and Houstoun Waring, then editor of the *Littleton (Colo.) Independent*. ISWNE headquarters were at Northern Illinois University at Dekalb from 1976 to 1992, at South Dakota State University in Brookings from 1992 to 1999. Missouri Southern State College in Joplin became the headquarters in 1999.

ISWNE's purpose is to help those involved in the weekly press to improve standards of editorial writing and news reporting and to encourage strong, independent editorial voices. The society seeks to fulfill its purpose by holding annual conferences, presenting awards, issuing publications, and encouraging international exchanges. There are ISWNE members in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Japan, and India. There are subscribers to *Grassroots Editor*, the society's quarterly journal, in still more countries.

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