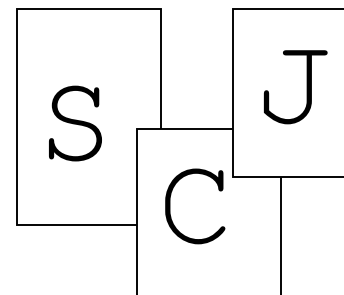


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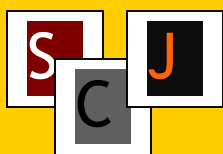
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SCJ adviser Rick Stewart, editor and publisher of The Kenly News, has a great convention lined up at Barton College.

What: The Society for Collegiate Journalists 2008 National Biennial Convention

When: March 13 to 15

Where: Barton College, Wilson, N.C.

Who: Rick Stewart and members of the Barton College Chapter, your hosts

Why: SCJ business and SCJ fun

How: Show up to register March 13 at 5-7 p.m. at Hardy Alumni Hall next to the bell tower on campus and get on board – **itinerary, lodging information and maps enclosed in this mailing.** Two delegates from each active chapter will receive a \$30 stipend toward travel expenses; additionally each chapter will receive a nominal bonus, pro-rated according to distance traveled.

For further information call Rick Stewart at 252-230-8282 or e-mail him at rstewart@barton.edu and LET HIM KNOW YOU'RE COMING, SO WE HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD READY!

CONGRATULATIONS and welcome to our brand-new SCJ chapters at Lindsey Wilson College in Kentucky and Mercer University in Georgia!

A NOTE TO ADVISERS



President Earnhardt

The spring semester is the right time to begin thinking about the future. I always feel renewed after the winter break. Maybe it's because I get to see my family, maybe it's because the end of the fall semester rush has left me feeling invigorated – I'm not sure. The event this spring that has me most excited is the SCJ Biennial Convention in Wilson, N.C.

For years I avoided going to conventions. I thought that the prospect of driving to an out-of-the-way college in the spring was unappealing. I felt this way until I went to Virginia Beach in 2004 and found out what I was missing.

The Biennial is an incredible experience for advisers and students. Its charm is that it isn't a big city convention. Through my career I've had loads of opportunities to go to big cities, but I had more fun in Valdosta, Ga., than I've ever had in NYC.

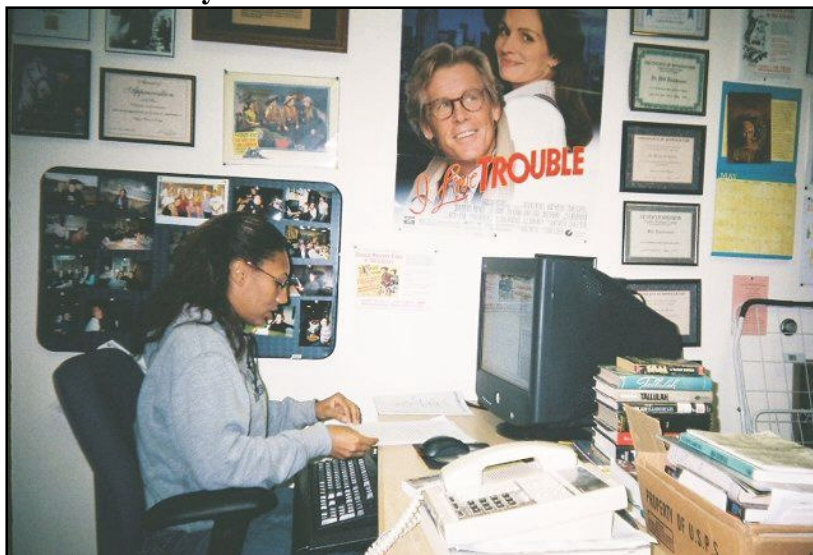
This year we're heading south again to Wilson, N.C., in 2006. I'm going. I'm taking students. I can't wait. We have a lot of business to address this year. We want to talk about the contest, maybe look at changing a few of the categories. We need to make decisions about the leadership of SCJ, by nominating the slate of officers. We also need to define a list of schools who willing to host the 2010 biennial. It's a lot of work, but also a great deal of fun. We need our dedicated advisers and their hard-working students to make the decisions that will guide us into the future.

If you are an adviser or chapter president who has never gone to the convention and are unsure about how to make it work, **please call me at 330-941-1655 or email me at mearnhardt@ysu.edu.**

I can give you advice on finding money to go and talk to you about the benefits of attending I wish I had talked to someone before I missed so many great opportunities.

See you in Wilson,

Mary Beth Earnhardt, Ph.D.
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Student editor Jennifer Valentine works in the spirit of SCJ.

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