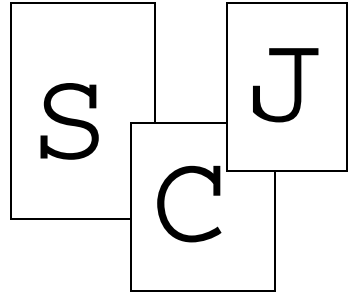


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SCJ Does Its Part

At the 2006 ACP/CMA Convention at St. Louis in October, the national office of SCJ contributed \$1,000 to the Student Press Law Center, our chosen philanthropy. When SPLC asked for a boost to its Tomorrow's Voices endowment campaign in December, we contributed \$250 more. SPLC reports that its goal for matching funds has been achieved, and when all the pledges are received, the endowment will total more than \$3.75 million, an important measure of security for the organization.

No gift given to the SPLC cause is too small. If your chapter can engage in an activity designed to raise some money for this work, be assured it will go to an important ally in journalism. Over 2,500 students and advisers received free legal assistance in 2005 from staff attorneys through the SPLC Legal Hotline and online legal requests; SPLC staff attorneys authored seven friend-of-the-court briefs in court cases that could affect the rights of student journalists. Learn more at www.splc.org.

One more thing: in 1981, Dr. Louis E. Ingelhart helped form the Student Press law Center in Washington, D.C., and was named to its national executive board.

– Dr. Bill Ruehlmann
SCJ Executive Director



Congratulations, Evangel University Chapter!



Send us a 4x6 inch snapshot of your chapter or a 500 pixel jpg.

Dr. LOUIS E. INGELHART (1921-2007)

(SCJ named its Freedom of Expression Award for courage in journalism after Dr. Ingelhart, lifelong teacher, scholar and champion of student rights.

Former SCJ executive director Dr. Arthur H. Barlow offers these

thoughts on his death at 86 on Jan. 8.)

We sadly take note of Dr. Louie Ingelhart's passing.

In the '80s I met him through SCJ. Year after year Louie would appear at CMA/ACP conventions, SCJ Biennial Conventions and any other venue where he could aid and inspire student journalists. I had the privilege of working with him at one of his finest venues: The First Amendment Congress.

In an era where tough hides and cynical spirits seem to prevail, he was an inspiration to idealism.

His presence is felt by any of us who commit ourselves to preserve, protect and defend the First Amendment. Keeping fighting the "good fight"; it is his finest legacy.

Thanks, Louie.



Dr. Louis Ingelhart
In 1978

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START PLANNING FOR OUR 2008 BIENNIAL CON IN WILSON, N.C.!



Congratulations, Loyola Marymount
University Chapter!

Just like Virginia Beach in 2004, Valdosta was beautiful in 2006. These conventions were unlike the big-city, over-priced, over-booked professional conventions I had been to as part of major academic outings. Instead of paying an arm and a leg for lunch and visiting an over-hyped tourist attraction, the campus cons allowed opportunities for real networking and fellowship. The sessions were programmed with industry pros who were delighted to

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The 2008 Biennial Convention is set for March at Barton College in Wilson, N.C. Rick Stewart and his gang there are preparing a really great event. Rick is not only a journalism professor and campus newspaper adviser but also, with his wife, editor and publisher of two professional newspapers beyond the college. He's the perfect host for 2008.

Now's the time for you to prepare. Check your map; work out the logistics. Make some choices about chapter representatives (bring as many as you like, but only two per college will receive stipends for the work they do). Remember that SCJ also provides a modest travel stipend to each chapter that attends - but we expect you to cover most of your expenses. So start fund-raising to help delegates cover costs. And by all means ask department chairs, deans and vice presidents for money -- this is an academic honors enterprise!

Those advisers who need to be listed on the program to receive travel funds, let us know and we'll work with you.

I'll be there to greet you.

- Dr. Mary Beth Earnhardt
SCJ President

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