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Message From The Editor

This newsletter has been mailed to 247 IHSSBCA members; 28 vendors; and 71 coaches and tournament directors from 48 states and 4 U.S. territories.

Another 29 IHSSBCA members will be printing their own copy of the newsletter after downloading it from our Web site.

Since *Scholastic Visions* is now sent 'bulk mail' instead of First Class, delivery can take up to two weeks. Next year, we will notify every member with an e-mail address on file when the newsletter has been posted to the Web site. You can save \$5 on your membership fee if you opt out of the general mailing. "Early Bird" membership renewal notices will go out in the mail in a week or so.

Turnabouts Return Next Year

Turnabout Tournaments are those to which the perennial favorites and usual winners will not be invited, giving those attending a chance for their first tournament win. The list of teams **not** invited will be published in the September issue of *Scholastic Visions*. Eligible teams that (unexpectedly) do well at a fall tournament will be disinvented.

IHSA 2000 State Series Questions For Sale

The entire set of eleven rounds used at this year's Regionals, Sectionals, and the State Finals can be purchased from the IHSA for \$50. Call Anthony Holman or his assistant Debbie Van Gilder at 309-663-6377 or visit <www.ihsa.org>.

Wheaton North, Warrensburg-Latham Ranked #1

The final Coaches Poll of the season is on Page 13.

Conference Representatives and Independents to Attend IHSA Rules Meeting on September 12, 2001

59 Conference Representatives and 27 coaches of schools not in an academic conference will be invited to attend an IHSA Rules Meeting in Bloomington on Wednesday September 12. Look for an invitation in the mail this summer. Conference Representatives are being arranged via e-mail this spring.

IMSA Wins National QuizNet

The Illinois Math & Science Academy came away the winner of their third QuizNet title out of the last four. In so doing, they became the first school ever to win three championships. To earn the title, they had to get past two tough teams: Downingtown (Pennsylvania) which led after the first period; and Smithtown (New York) which had qualified for the Finals on a tie-breaker in their last regular season match with Seven Hills (Ohio). In the Finals, Smithtown took the lead briefly in the Bonus Round. The key to IMSA's win was grabbing three of the five toss-ups leading to bonuses in the second period, and sweeping two of the three. It was IMSA's correct answer to the fourth question of the "Stump the Experts" round that sealed the game for them: "What is Gregg's Light-line phonography?" (Answer: shorthand). The final score was: IMSA 450; Smithtown 395; and Downingtown 330.

Schools Change Class

From Class A up to AA – Woodstock (Marian).

From Class AA down to A – Chicago (Lourdes), Princeton.

For 2001-2002, 752 is the enrollment dividing A & AA.

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2000-01 Tournament Results

Cumulative results are on the IHSSBCA Web site.

1/20 John A Logan Tournament (20 teams)

1. Carbondale; 2. Herrin; 3. Carterville; 4. Nashville
Consolation: Campbell Hill Trico

2/14 NIC-9 Varsity Conference Results (7 teams)

Regular Season: 1. Boylan 11-1; 2. Auburn 7-5; Guilford 6-6
Conference Tournament: 1. Guilford; 2. Boylan; 3. Auburn

2/17 Decatur MacArthur Winter Classic (18 teams)

1. Maine East; 2. Quincy Sr; 3. Springfield Southeast; 4. Moline

2/17 Lake Zurich Varsity Tournament (18 & 8 teams)

Varsity A Teams:

1. Lake Zurich; 2. IMSA; 3. New Trier; 4. Chicago Latin

JV (Varsity B Teams):

1. Chicago Latin; 2. Wheaton North; 3. IMSA; 4. Lincoln-Way

2/17 Orion Frosh/Soph Tournament (20 teams)

1. Knoxville; 2. Moline A; 3. Sterling A; 4. Taylor Ridge Rockridge

Consolation: 1. Macomb A; 2. Monmouth; 3. Wilton;
4. London Mills Spoon River Valley

2/17 Lincoln Trail JVJ Tournament (16 & 15 teams)

Varsity: 1. Newton A; 2. Casey-Westfield; 3. Robinson;
4. Oblong. Consolation: Albion Edwards County

JV: 1. Marshall; 2. Mt. Carmel; 3. Albion Edwards County

Consolation: Effingham

2/17 Niantic-Harristown (16 small school teams)

1. Warrensburg-Latham; 2. Carlinville;
3. Rochester A; 4. Rochester B

2/17 2nd Annual Cahokia Jr High Invitational (24 teams)

1. Barrington Station MS; 2. Taylorville JHS;
3. Rochester JHS; 4. Cahokia Wirth MS

2/21 NIC-9 Frosh-Soph Conference Results (7 teams)

Conference Tournament: 1. Guilford; 2. Auburn; 3. Boylan

2/24 Masonic Regionals (173 teams state-wide)

@Fulton	Stillman Valley
@North Boone	Rockford Boylan
@Stevenson	Oak Park Fenwick
@Moline	Sterling
@Peru St. Bede	Streator
@Eureka	Peoria Richwoods
@Williamsville	Quincy Senior
@Decatur MacArthur	Decatur MacArthur
@Breese	Salem Community
@Rossville-Alvin	Rossville-Alvin
@Carlinville	Litchfield

Others advancing to Masonic State: Carbondale, Dunlap, Granite City, Moline, and Peru St. Bede

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2/27 Central Suburban League (11 teams)

Varsity Tournament: 1. Evanston; 2. New Trier

Varsity Final Standings:

1. Winnetka New Trier (10-0); 2. Evanston (8-2);
3. Park Ridge Maine East (7-3); 4. Skokie Niles West (7-3)

Frosh/Soph Tournament: 1. New Trier; 2. Evanston

Frosh/Soph Final Standings:

1. Winnetka New Trier (10-0); 2. Evanston (9-1);
3. Glenbrook South (7-3); Park Ridge Maine East (6-4)

3/2 Masonic State Tournament @ Springfield

1. Salem 2. Fenwick; 3. Moline; 4. Stillman Valley

3/3 Metro North League (12 teams)

Varsity Final Standings:

1. (tie) Chicago St. Ignatius (19-3, 5285 points)

1. (tie) Chicago Latin (19-3, 5153 points)

3. (tie) Wilmette Loyola (15-7, 4226 points)

3. (tie) Niles Notre Dame (15-7, 3333 points)

Frosh/Soph Final Standings:

1. Chicago St. Ignatius (20-2); 2. Chicago Latin (18-4);

3. Wilmette Loyola (17-5)

3/10 IHSA Sectional Results (state series)

Class A:

Sullivan

Carlinville

Chicago Latin

Winnebago

Carterville

Effingham St. Anthony

Warrensburg-Latham

Mackinaw Deer Creek

Class AA:

New Lenox Lincoln-Way

Aurora IMSA

Normal Community

Lincolnshire Stevenson

Wheaton North

Rockford Boylan

Salem Community

Oak Park Fenwick

3/13 Centralia Jr High Invitational (8 teams)

1. Cahokia Wirth; 2. Mt. Vernon Casey; 3. Centralia;

4. Highland. Consolation: Salem Franklin Park

3/17 IHSA State Final Results (high school state series)

Class A:

1. Warrensburg-Latham

2. Carlinville

3. Effingham St. Anthony

4. Sullivan

Class AA:

1. Aurora IMSA

2. Wheaton North

3. Lincolnshire Stevenson

4. Oak Park Fenwick

4/18 Knowledge Master Open Spring 2001 (computer-based)

Out of 31 Illinois Schools:

1. Rockford Auburn (1513); 2. Stillman Valley (1498);

3. Wheaton North (1489); 4. Mundelein (1466);

5. Naperville Central (1441); 6. Moline (1439);

7. Springfield High (1430); 8. Carbondale (1429);

9. Cary Grove (1415); 10. Schaumburg (1415).

4/21 Mind Games at Wheaton North (14 adult teams)

1. Diogenes; 2. Batteries Not Included; 3. Jesse's Kids

5/4 IESA State Final Results (junior high state series)

Up-and-coming players and towns to watch in a few years!

Class A:

1. Normal Metcalf

2. Colfax Ridgeiew

3. Decatur Lutheran

4. Toluca Fieldcrest West

Class AA:

1. Morton

2. Cahokia Wirth

3. Streator Northlawn

4. DeKalb Huntley

Correction: The IHSA Casebook for 2000-2001, page 36 (5.340) states, "An event in which teams of five students ... compete ... is considered a scholastic bowl contest." Therefore, Illinois schools may compete in "Nationals" in which four-player teams compete.

QBToC (May 25-29)

<www.morningside.edu/ascn/>

NAC (May 31, Jun 7, Jun 14)

<www.qunlimited.com>

HSNCT (Jun 9-10)

<www.naqt.com>

NSC (June 15-17)

<www.cwru.edu/orgs/trivia/pace/>

2001-2002 Tentative Tournament Schedule

Send corrections/changes/additions to David Riley <driley@loy.org> (847-920-2546)

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All tournaments are Varsity unless otherwise noted ... (F/S) = Frosh/Soph ... (VJV) = Varsity and JV, or Varsity and Frosh/Soph

<u>(Week) Date</u>	<u>Northeast (Regions 1-2-3)</u>	<u>Northwest (Regions 4-5)</u>	<u>Central/South (Regions 6-7)</u>
(14) Oct 6	- open date -	- open date -	STREATOR (VJV)
(15) Oct 13 (SAT Date)	- open date -	Orion	- open date -
(16) Oct 20	LOYOLA ULTIMA	- open date -	- open date -
(17) Oct 27 (ACT Date)	NU Wildcat Evanston	- open date -	OTTAWA MARQUETTE
(18) Nov 3 (SAT Date)	VON STEUBEN (F/S)	NIU Huskie DeKalb	Peru St. Bede
(19) Nov 10	NEW TRIER INDIVIDUAL	MOLINE (F/S)	U of I Phi Scholars
(20) Nov 11 Sunday	UIC Student/Parent		
(20) Nov 17	LOYOLA KICKOFF	STERLING KICKOFF	KICKOFF Carlinville (F/S)
(21) Nov 24	THANKSGIVING	THANKSGIVING	THANKSGIVING
(22) Dec 1 (SAT Date)	RICHARDS	Turnabout	Charleston U High Normal (F/S)
(23) Dec 8 (ACT Date)	FREMD (F/S)	Rockford Boylan (F/S)	River City Classic (VJV)
(24) Dec 15	VON STEUBEN	- open date -	- open date -
(25) Dec 22	WINTER HOLIDAY	WINTER HOLIDAY	WINTER HOLIDAY
(26) Dec 29	WINTER HOLIDAY	WINTER HOLIDAY	WINTER HOLIDAY
(27) Jan 5	Kaneland	Rockford Auburn (F/S)	- open date -
(28) Jan 12	Lake Zurich (F/S) Turnabout	STERLING Turnabout	Peru St. Bede (F/S)
(29) Jan 19	FREMD	Winnebago Macomb Rotary	John A. Logan
(30) Jan 26 (SAT Date)	WHEATON NORTH (F/S)	Rockford Boylan Galesburg	BLOOMINGTON TURNABOUT
(31) Feb 2	LOYOLA (F/S)	- open date -	Streator Rotary Eastern Illinois University
(32) Feb 9 (ACT Date)	---	STERLING (F/S)	Ultimate Scholar
(33) Feb 10 Sunday			TEAM ILLINOIS TRYOUTS
(33) Feb 16	Lake Zurich (VJV)	Orion (F/S)	Niantic-Harristown Lincoln Trail (VJV)
(34) Feb 23	Masonic Regionals	Masonic Regionals	Masonic Regionals
(35) Mar 2	---	---	Masonic State
(36) Mar 4 Monday	IHSA REGIONALS	IHSA REGIONALS	IHSA REGIONALS
(36) Mar 9	IHSA SECTIONALS	IHSA SECTIONALS	IHSA SECTIONALS
(37) Mar 16	---	---	IHSA STATE

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00-01 Profile of Champions

As in the past, *Scholastic Visions* presents these profiles of the teams that won the major year-end tournaments.

Salem Community HS Profile by Coach Joan Bazetta *Illinois Masonic Bowl Champions*

The 2000-2001 Scholastic Bowl season has been one of the most exciting and rewarding endeavors I have ever been a part of. With the return of Captain Gary Leuty for his final season, I felt this would be a special year – I just didn't know how special. His varsity teammates who had been together for the past three seasons were also returning, so you can see why I had such high hopes. This team has never disappointed me.

We started this year by capturing the Kickoff Tournament in Fairfield. At the same time, we entered the SIUC Scholastic Hi-Q television tournament comprised of 32 teams from all over southern Illinois. We had won this tournament two years in a row, and this year completed the hat trick. We set a tournament record, scoring 826 points. The Southern Illinois Academic Conference (SIAC) season also began at this time. As we began league play we lost our only match of the season, but we ended the season as conference champions!

Next up was our North Egypt Conference tournament. Three years ago our athletic league added Scholastic Bowl, and our win this year made it two out of three for Salem. Entering the Eastern Illinois University Honors Program Tournament gave us a big boost as we prepared to enter the Masonic Tournament. The Masonic Regionals had eluded us in prior years, but this was to be our year. We won the Regional and moved on to the State Championship. Facing and beating such renowned teams as Dunlap, Streator, Moline, and Fenwick was a genuine thrill and an enormous boost for our program.

We now felt ready to capture the one honor that had eluded us in previous years: We wanted to reach the IHSA State Tournament for the third year in a row, and bring home some hardware. We managed to achieve part of that goal, by winning the Regional and Sectional for the third consecutive year. After facing and defeating strong teams like Decatur MacArthur and Centralia in the Sectional Tournament, we felt we were on our way. Once again, however, the State Finals proved to be our downfall. Beating Fenwick again after defeating them at Masonic State proved to be too difficult; they took us in the first round of pool play. In the second match we eked out a win over Rockford Boylan, but then lost to Wheaton North in the third match. Once again, it was "close but no cigar" in the IHSA State Tournament.

Besides leading the team as Captain and high scorer, Gary Leuty was named season MVP of the SIAC, finished second at Ultimate Scholar, made Team Illinois for the second time, and was named a member of the All-State first team. He is also a National Merit Scholarship winner and will be attending the University of Illinois next year, majoring in math and physics. The other members of the varsity squad have played for four years, three of them on varsity. Seniors Bob Trieu, Jon Beasley, Linus Trippe, Tabitha Meador, Sundari Suppiah, and Ashley Maxey capably complemented Gary's leadership; without them we could not have done as well as

we did. I will sorely miss their hard work and success along with the fun it was to be with them. Bob is headed to Ohio State in their pre-med program; Linus goes to SIU-Edwardsville; Tabitha will attend University of Alabama-Birmingham; the others have not narrowed their choices down.

We have some strong players coming up to replace this exceptional team. Junior Chris Ham has been on the varsity for two years and is set to captain next year's team. Sophomores Rick Hocking and Richard Trieu along with freshman John Nelson have led a successful JV team this past year while also seeing plenty of varsity action. They are all looking forward to the new season, and want to add to our collection of trophies and plaques.

Finishing the season with a 51-3 record was a tribute to the dedication and hard work exhibited by this team. They have set a high mark for future teams to shoot for.



The Salem Community HS team after the Kickoff Tournament

Warrensburg-Latham Profile by Coach John Burke or ... "How a team went from 1-20 to 20-1 in four years" *IHSA Class A Champions*

When I came to Warrensburg four years ago, fresh off of an IHSA State Championship with Decatur St. Teresa, I was not originally slated to coach the Scholastic Bowl team. They had gone 1-20 the year before and they had never won a Regional. In fact, they had not had a winning season since the 1980's. We played them twice every year when I was at St. Teresa, and they had never come close to beating us. One month into the school year the Principal convinced me to take over the program. With some reservation I took the job, knowing that St. Teresa was loaded with great players for the next three years.

A total rebuilding job of any high school program is usually a three to four year process. However, because of the nature of Scholastic Bowl, quick fixes can be had. I initially looked to my senior physics class for player candidates. This was a mistake. They had the old attitudes and ideas about Scholastic Bowl. I was lucky to find three very good juniors who had played since their freshman year. The real trick was to recruit the very best freshmen I could find. Also, no basketball players allowed – I wanted all my players to concentrate on only one thing for the winter.

I scheduled regular Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after-school practices. This had never been done at Warrensburg-Latham. I also

introduced them to things like literature lists, music lists, types of math problems, and the little tricks to playing the game correctly. This was all alien to them.

In our first season, the varsity went 15-14 and we placed at a tournament. The JV placed third in the OKAW conference thanks to the freshmen. The next season, with the same players and methods, the varsity finished 29-15 and won the Regional; we lost to St. Teresa in the Sectional at Niantic-Harristown. The sophomores, now experienced, went 21-2 and finished undefeated in the OKAW conference. In only two seasons, the fortunes of the program had been drastically changed. The district was now starting to notice Scholastic Bowl.

In the third year, the sophomores moved up to varsity. We had a nice season at 21-9, but we faltered while hosting our own Regional and had to wait an entire year to make up for it. Also, we still had not beaten St. Teresa! Meanwhile, the JV won the OKAW conference tournament for the second straight year.

This year we expected a great deal going into the season. We had lost one of our better players to a move, but this senior class was deep and experienced. Brent Stanley, our leading scorer for the last two seasons was returning. Also, each class behind them had one exceptional player. Just before we began to practice, Lady Luck came our way in the form of two excellent player-transfers. Michael Feltes was coming in from IMSA and had started as a freshman on St. Teresa's 1998 runner-up team. (Talk about irony!) The other new player, Brandon Athey, was coming from a good program at Fithian-Oakwood. He is the most knowledgeable movie buff I have ever seen.

After three weeks of practice, we hit the ground running with an 11-1 start, our lone loss coming to Clinton. We started another run by winning tournaments at PORTA, Blue Ridge, and Niantic-Harristown, along with an undefeated run at the OKAW conference tournament. Along the way, we lost on the last question to Beth Young's fine Quincy Senior team at Streator. Our tournament run came to an end against Rossville-Alvin in the Masonic Regional. The drive home was a long one. We had finished the regular season with a 37-3 record, and Michael Feltes was All-State first team.

After the Rossville loss, the team practiced feverishly almost every day after school. Everyone had lists and note cards that they carried around at school and home. The competition at practice was fast and fierce. I strongly feel this contributed to our tournament success. The kids played like they practiced.

The team played like true champions throughout the state series. They demonstrated great courage down the stretch in close games with Litchfield and Normal University High at the Sectional. The team made great runs, like blitzing St. Anthony in the state finals with Feltes answering 13 toss-up questions in the game. The state championship game was a rematch of the Niantic-Harristown tournament championship. However, the question set was extremely difficult, resulting in low scores for both teams. In the end, we finished the season as State Champs with a 47-3 record.

The reaction in our district has been phenomenal. Pep rallies and newspaper articles followed, with the kids relishing their "15 minutes of fame." Scholastic Bowl is now receiving its due and the rebuilding job is complete.

In hindsight, I realize that this team was a once-in-a-lifetime group, brought together by luck and built over a four-year period. I also feel that every school in Illinois has good potential scholastic bowlers walking its hallways. The key is to actively recruit the younger kids into your program and be patient as they develop. Our program will struggle to replace this special group of seniors, but a sound program will always have trained players ready to step in and keep the ball rolling.



Warrensburg-Latham HS, IHSA Class A Champs

Kneeling: Brandon Athey, Nate John, Andy Heidel, Amy Taylor, and Kyle Brophy. **Standing:** Coach John Burke, Andrew Poppe, Ryan McAdam, Michael Feltes, and Brent Stanley.



Illinois Math & Science Academy, IHSA Class AA Champs

Kneeling: Chailee Mann-Stadt, Vaishalee Yeldandi, Captain Yogesh Raut, Julie (Hyun-Joo) Park, and Chris Young. **Standing:** Coach Julia Darnton, Wen Chen, Winn Wasson, Tom Rooney, Dan Gulotta, and Nichant Kumar. *No article was submitted by IMSA.*

On a Personal Note ...

- **Nick Pitz** of Moline HS sends this message: "Many thanks to those of you who expressed your condolences to me after the deaths of my mother and father-in-law this winter. Your kind words meant so much to us. I am so proud to be a Scholastic Bowl coach in Illinois and your colleague."
- **Teresa Granito**, assistant coach at Evanston Township HS, gave birth to Peter Orion Iachini, 7 lbs 0 oz, on February 20th.

Spotlight On ... Roma Reed

by Nick Pitz, Moline HS

With the retirement of Roma Reed, Illinois Scholastic Bowl is losing another outstanding coach. Roma has taught social studies at Rockridge High School since 1969 and has a total of 33 years classroom experience. A native of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, she earned her undergraduate degree in Colorado, where she also taught for one year.

For years Roma ran an excellent Masonic Regional for teams in western Illinois. The local Masons knew they could rely on her to fix problematic questions, find quality moderators, and arrange for local publicity. Her innate sense of fair play and her respect for opposing teams were reflected in the conduct of her players. Her teams were always competitive no matter how much experience they had.

Roma is one of those pioneers who began coaching "high school bowl" in the mid 70s. In the early 90s she helped us re-establish a program at Moline by inviting us to her team practices and giving us coaching pointers. She once said it was an act of charity she only occasionally regretted.

Before that time she lobbied the IHSA to form two school divisions for Scholastic Bowl, the A and AA format currently used. Roma's teams won a number of Masonic Regionals, including three consecutive ones, an area record which still stands. Her 91-92 squad won the inaugural class A state tournament.

This year she turned over the running of the local Masonic tournament to me and willingly shared her organizational skills to effect a smooth transition. (Her help was invaluable.) Roma leaves Rockridge with players who show a great deal of promise since both of her Frosh/Soph teams made our tournament's quarterfinals in November, with one finishing fourth.

Schools in western Illinois and throughout the state have benefited from her work to make Scholastic Bowl the viable and successful activity it is today. Roma, we wish you many years of happiness in your retirement and know you will remain a true friend and staunch supporter of Scholastic Bowl.



Roma with her High School Bowl team from 1974-75

Spotlight On ... Debbie Martin

by Rob Grierson, Coach, Team Illinois

Illinois' loss is Tennessee's gain, as Debbie Martin, coach of the PORTA high school Scholastic Bowl team for the past seven years leaves the Land of Lincoln for greener pastures in Kingston Springs, near Nashville. As a member of the IHSSBCA Steering Committee and the Assistant Coach for Team Illinois, she will be greatly missed; her contributions to Illinois Scholastic Bowl were many and significant.

Debbie played on the Scholar Bowl team as a high school student in Waverly, IL. She came to PORTA as a Special Ed aide then after two years started teaching in the Computer Resource Lab. She coached the Scholastic Bowl team for her seven years at PORTA, making Sectional runner-up in 1995 and State runner-up in 1999. For each of the three years that the IHSSBCA has sponsored District Meetings, hers had the best attendance.

A glutton for taking on tasks others would avoid, Debbie ran the Masonic State tournament for two years, the IHSSBCA Kickoff tournament for two years, and a Beta tournament and her own Invitational for one year each. As the Assistant Coach of Team Illinois, Debbie ran practices and in general looked after the southern contingent. While in Orlando, she managed to juggle the roles of "best friend" and "mother hen" with style and grace.

Debbie says she has loved coaching and becoming close with all her players, both at PORTA and on Team Illinois. She enjoys watching them mature and become young adults, and she feels great when kids keep in touch after they graduate. Her greatest "moments" in Scholastic Bowl include watching her 1999 team win Sectionals (they pulled together and played with great sportsmanship, recovering from the loss of several players late in the season) and watching Team Illinois in the Panasonic Finals.

Although Debbie admits she has great respect for the coaches and teams north of I-80, she was always a staunch advocate for teams from the southern regions and for Class A schools everywhere.

Debbie will be working in Brentwood for RE\MAX Elite as a Listings Manager. She will be starting a new chapter in her life with a wonderful man – Rich, who has helped with her Scholastic Bowl team this year at PORTA. Debbie and her son Jared look forward to starting a new life with Rich and his son Brent. The whole gang will be with Team Illinois in Florida, watching them make their bid for a National Championship.

Debbie plans on helping with the local academic team in Kingston Springs, and keeping in touch with her Illinois Scholastic Bowl "family." She will be watching the Web site and sending e-mail to check up on the kids. Debbie leaves with wonderful memories and sends special thanks to Nick Pitz, Cathy Groesch, David Riley, Kevin Palmer, Nancy Wrage, Tom Durbin, Wendell Walch, Anthony Holman, and yours truly.

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She will be keeping her same e-mail <dmartin@roe38.k12.il.us>.

Spotlight On ... Beth Young

by Tom Egan, IHSSBCA Ombudsman

It probably shouldn't be too much of a surprise to learn that the winningest coach in the history of Illinois Scholastic Bowl has spent much of her time prowling about libraries. In addition to her work as a teacher of English, literature, and history, Beth Young has served in various capacities in several libraries in the Quincy Public Schools for the past 31 years.

Entering her 24th year of coaching, Beth's career serves as the meter stick for statistical success. In the state series, her Quincy teams have captured three Regional and ten Sectional Championships; six times they have placed at State; and three times she has led her team to a State Championship. The 2000-2001 season saw Coach Young become the second coach in state history to win her 1000th career match.

I asked Coach Young if she had any advice for other coaches, especially rookies. She said that coaches (and players) should understand that winning comes only after hard work. Check and double-check arrangements, travel routes, and reservations. Praise your kids often, and listen to concerns and complaints. She also emphasizes that "what goes around, comes around," and that if a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well. She also emphasizes success as a team, and has not kept records on individual players.

When she isn't working with the buzzers, Beth deals with her many other interests. She serves as trustee on the local historical society as well as (surprise!) the local library board. She enjoys reading, postcard collecting, bird watching, and flower gardening. Her travel interests have allowed her to visit all 50 states, with a goal of visiting all seven continents before her 70th birthday (2 down, and several years yet to go!). She also works with Habitat for Humanity and the Optimists Club.

Spring 2001 KMO Top Twenty

A preview of strong teams going into Nationals

1. State College, **Pennsylvania** (1773)
2. Jefferson, Alexandria, **Virginia** (1765)
3. Walter Johnson, Bethesda, **Maryland** (1764)
4. Montgomery Blair, Rockville, **Maryland** (1753)
5. Dunbar, Lexington, **Kentucky** (1744)
6. Southside, Greenville, **South Carolina** (1718)
7. Richard Montgomery, Rockville, **Maryland** (1713)
8. Lyndon Baines Johnson, Austin, **Texas** (1713)
9. DetroitCentralCatholic, Redford, **Michigan** (1712)
10. Edison, Huntington Beach, **California** (1691)
11. Ames, Ames, **Iowa** (1675)
12. Enumclaw, Enumclaw, **Washington** (1669)
13. Lone Oak, Paducah, **Kentucky** (1668)
14. DD Eisenhower, Shelby Twp, **Michigan** (1667)
15. Hibbing, Hibbing, **Minnesota** (1662)
16. Kamiakin, Kennewick, **Washington** (1669)
17. Beaver creek, Beaver creek, **Ohio** (1641)
18. Indian Springs, Indian Springs, **Alabama** (1638)
19. Jesuit, New Orleans, **Louisiana** (1629)
20. Booker T Washington, Tulsa, **Oklahoma** (1624)

923 schools world-wide participated in this KMO

Beta Tournament Report

by Mark Cohen, Lincoln-Way HS, New Lenox

On Saturday, January 30, Lincoln-Way High School hosted one of the first ever Beta tournaments. Seven schools and 12 teams participated in the tournament, held the same weekend as some of the Turnabout tournaments. The purpose of these tournaments was to try out a new format for scholastic competition in Illinois. The basic team structure remained the same, with five players per team, but the match was separated into four quarters.

The first quarter contained easier toss-ups worth 5 or 10 points. There were only toss-ups in this round. The second quarter contained toss-up questions with bonuses that varied in value. The third quarter was a team activity that involved writing answers to ten questions in a particular category on paper and turning them in to the moderator. Finally, the match ended with a round that consisted of more difficult toss-ups, worth 10 to 20 points.

The questions were purchased from Questions Unlimited, and were based on the "four quarter" format that is used at the National Academic Championship tournaments hosted by Chip Beall. David Riley wrote the team activities, which substituted for the NAC's sixty-second round. The questions drew from all of the familiar Illinois categories, such as mathematics, literature, science, and social science, among others. Also included were questions about current events and popular culture. All questions (especially those on the team activities) were creatively written and challenging, and most were answered correctly by one team or the other.

The difference in format was considered to be a good thing by all participants at the tournament. Tom Phillips, a senior on the Lincoln-Way scholastic bowl team, noted that, "The variety of style between rounds, including rapid-fire toss-ups, kept the game moving. Group activities were different, and shifted to non-academic areas at times." Jeff Richardson, Scholastic Bowl coach at Marist High School, thought the format provided a welcome change of pace and that it was a lot of fun.

The Beta tournament was a great experience for me and my team, and I hope to host or participate in a Beta-style tournament next year. The variety of question styles made the game more fun to be a part of. It is my hope that the style becomes more popular in future years, as an alternative to the standard Illinois format.

2001 Ben Cooper Award

The Partnership for Academic Competition Excellence, a non-profit consortium of college and high school teams that organize high school academic tournaments around the country, has announced the winner of the 4th annual Ben E. Cooper Memorial Academic Ambassador Award.

The Award is given to that person or group who best promotes the spirit and honor of quiz bowl competition.

This year's winner is Rob Grierson of Evanston, Illinois for his service as coach of the Scholastic Bowl team at the Latin School of Chicago; as Treasurer of the Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association (IHSSBCA); and in particular as founder and editor for *Scholastic Visions*, the official IHSSBCA newsletter.

IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee Minutes

Disclaimer: These minutes have been edited by Rob Grierson, combining meeting notes, information from the IHSA web site, and E-mail exchanges with Anthony Holman. Every attempt has been made to provide accurate information, however, **this information is unofficial**. The only official documents are those that are issued by the IHSA.

The Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office on April 4th. Attending: Anthony Holman (IHSA), David Riley (Loyola), Shirley Mertz (Principal, Fremd), Tom Egan (Case Manual), Rob Grierson (Moderator), Tom Holbrook (Normal U High), and Kevin Palmer (Fremd).

[The IHSA **Board of Directors** met on April 30th to consider and take action on the recommendations. Their **decision is listed in bold** after each recommendation below.]

Terms & Conditions Recommendations

- To add the statement, "Schools will not rate/seed themselves at the seed meeting." **Approved.**
- To allow for one hour per round, and a 30 minute break after the second round, at the State Finals. **Approved.**
- To adopt Pool Play at the Sectional level, with 24 questions per match, just like the State Finals. **Not Approved.**
- That the name on a player's nameplate must match the name on the team roster. Nicknames are not acceptable, but diminutive names are (e.g. Bob for Robert). **Approved.**
- That Language Arts be rolled into Literature; that the words "Vocational Education" be removed from the title of the Miscellaneous category; that the Fine Arts/Performing Arts category be renamed to simply Arts; and that the breakdown for 30-question matches be 6-6-6-6-3-3, and for 24-question matches be 5-5-5-5-2-2. **Approved.**
- To give each of the final four teams 13 medallions instead of the current 12 – adding one for the coach. **Approved.**

The following recommendations appear in the IHSA-issued minutes of the Advisory Committee, but are not mentioned as being approved or not approved on the IHSA Web site:

- To change the wording in the section on State Final Format to read, "The winner and runner-up from each pool will compete in the Consolation and Championship," as opposed to "Semi-Final and Finals."
- To add the phrase, "Categories for toss-up and bonus questions will include, but not be limited to, the following areas," before the list of subject areas.
- That there shall be no more than six computational toss-ups, and six computational bonus questions, from all categories (math, science, and so on) combined, per round of 30.

The following additions and changes were approved by the Advisory Committee. Since they are for clarification only, the changes will be made by Anthony Holman and do not require action by the IHSA Board of Directors:

- A coach may question the correctness of an answer, but may not delay the match; moderators will recognize players by their first name; a handout for each player is required when handouts are used; the "wait" gesture is not considered illegal talking; saying "clear" or "reset" during the reading of a toss-up is not illegal talking; a buzzer is inadvertent prior to the first word of the question; the person answering a toss-up may continue to write as they answer, but may not use this as a stall tactic; the 30-second and 60-second time-outs will be identical – i.e. coaches may consult with their teams during each type; the tie-breaker will be a toss-up and a bonus question; players must enter the match with a blank sheet of paper – bonus grids are acceptable; signaling from coaches is illegal; teams will change sides at half if either coach requests; only the captain may ask for a bonus part to be repeated; and talking among players is legal during time-outs.

- Any remaining "rules" in the Case Manual will be rolled into the Terms & Conditions. The Case Manual will be for illustrations only, not for interpretation of the rules.

Other Matters Discussed By The Advisory Committee

- Regionals to move from Monday to Tuesday evening.
- The IHSA and IHSSBCA will write to Principals and ask them to urge coaches to attend the Seeding Meetings.
- Dave Fry verified that participation in four-on-four summer "nationals" is allowed by Rule 5.340 on page 36.
- The Terms & Conditions will be ready in August 2001.
- The IHSA will host a Rules Meeting for representatives of conferences, and independents, on September 12, 2001.

Statement of Income and Expenses July 1, 2000 through May 6, 2001

Submitted by Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA Treasurer

Income	
Membership Dues	\$6,875.00
Advertising	1,120.00
Handbooks & Updates	<u>1,535.00</u>
Total Income	\$9,530.00
Expenses	
PAC Team IL, 2000	\$ 661.50
PAC Team IL, 2001	3,117.51
Newsletter	1,722.05
Tournaments	1,556.88
Handbooks & Updates	995.63
Membership Mailings	561.96
Scholastic Bowl Week	146.05
Web Site	213.35
All-State Awards	183.09
Miscellaneous	<u>17.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,175.02
Net Income	<u>\$ 354.98</u>
From Last Year (99-00)	\$ 294.14
Bank Balance 5/6/01	\$ 649.12

Towards Compensation Parity

by Donald Sprague, Loyola Academy

Having served as Latin Team coach, tutoring corps coordinator, National Honor Society Moderator, and yearbook adviser, I bring a special insight to my duties as Director of Student Activities. My experience working with previous directors had not always been a pleasant one. Indeed, I had personally experienced and witnessed others treated more as adversaries than as colleagues.

The supervision of non-athletic co-curricular activities is one of my major responsibilities as Associate Headmaster for Student Life. I see my role as one of advocate for students who wish to establish an activity, and for teachers and staff members who choose to take on the duties of activity moderators. While some Student Activity Coordinators might focus simply on numbers and percentages, my mission is to promote substantive activities and committed participants. In pursuing this, I have set a higher level of expectation for moderators and have called them to a more significant commitment.

In order to raise the bar, it was essential that moderator stipends be reviewed and improved. As they were, little consistency or parity seemed to govern the amount of a stipend for a given activity. It appeared that stipends had been granted based on an individual's persistence and personal lobbying rather than systematic criteria.

Coaches' stipends have traditionally been healthier than the stipends for non-athletic co-curricular activities. In order to establish a fairer basis for compensation, the freshman volleyball coach's stipend became the basis for re-working the activity stipends. The freshman volleyball coach tallied the hours involved in a season so that we could establish a base hourly rate. Non-athletic co-curricular activity moderators similarly self-reported their hours in the course of a school year. This phase I of stipend improvement earned everyone a minimum of \$8.00 per hour – not a high hourly wage but a significant improvement vs. prior years. For moderators earning a greater hourly wage, their stipends have been frozen and their job expectations have been expanded.

While phase I brought a unified baseline to stipends, phase II granted five-year service awards of \$275 to major club moderators and \$150 to moderators of less intensive clubs. The service award becomes a yearly add-on beginning with year six and every five years thereafter. Currently, we are in the process of formulating a phase III upgrade, which will attempt to align our stipends more closely with those of neighboring public schools and also to establish yearly increases similar to our own coaches' annual raises.

Overall, our stipends more fairly reflect the time and, to a lesser extent, the energy involved in moderating a club. We are resigned to the reality that the stipends will never fully compensate our moderators but they will be a better measure of the value of co-curricular activities to Loyola's education of the whole person.

Along with analyzing and restructuring stipends, we have been engaged in a similar analysis of club budgets based on the nature of the activity and its needs. Thus, we have been happy to fund transportation, lodging, and partial meal reimbursement for Scholastic Bowl team tournaments as we have for forensics, Latin Team, etc. We have attempted to provide funding commensurate to the scope of a club's activities and to the size of its membership.

The lessons of leadership and teamwork provided by co-curricular activities are ones critical to an adolescent's total development as a person and student of life. We hope that our stipends and budgeting reinforce this premise.

Donald Sprague is in his 24th year at Loyola, which includes 20 years as moderator of a consistently award-winning Yearbook. Coach David Riley says "Every Scholastic Bowl coach should have such a supportive administrator!"

IHSA All-State Academic Team

At least eight Scholastic Bowl participants are among the 26 students named to the 2001 All-State Academic Team by the IHSA Board of Directors. Those we are aware of are:

Eric Bellm, Carlinville
Ellen M. Chrisman, Sterling Newman
Stephen P. Ford, Orland Park Sandbug
Blake Grider, Maroa-Forsyth
John Hinrichs, Rochester
Ben Stiers, Deer Creek-Mackinaw
Joseph Winston Victor, Springfield High
Ying Wu, Normal Community West

The IHSA chose one boy and one girl from each of the seven IHSA regions, plus twelve at-large selections, from among 508 nominations. Those chosen were honored at a Recognition Banquet in Bloomington on April 30, 2001. Another 50 students earned Honorable Mention. Each IHSA member school may nominate one male and one female. Nomination forms are mailed to the Principals in November each year. A 3.5 out of 4.0 GPA, participation in two or more IHSA activities, and outstanding citizenship are among the criteria.

Chicago Tribune Illinois HS All-State Academic Team

Scholastic Bowlers **Sara Bondioli (Herrin)**, **Yogesh Raut (IMSA)**, and **Florence Twu (Naperville North)** are three of the ten members of the Tribune's 2001 All-State Academic Team, profiled in the May 6 Sunday Tribune.

At least nine Scholastic Bowl participants are among the 60 students named as "regional winners." Those we are aware of are:

Eric Bellm, Carlinville
Erin Berger, Edwards County
Tobias Karłowicz, Macomb
Lindsay Martin, Lincolnwood Raymond
Ryan McAdam, Warrensburg-Latham
Diana Vercler, Gridley
Lindsay Walker, Carterville
Stephen Walker, Loyola
David Werner, Lake Zurich

Students were chosen for this honor by a panel of 36 educators (teachers, administrators, school board members, and college admissions officers) from all over the state of Illinois.

Tournaments in N.E. Illinois

by David Riley, Loyola Academy, Wilmette

On February 3, I hosted my sixth annual tournament for frosh/soph teams. Everyone who has ever hosted a tournament knows that the preparation involved is immense and time-consuming, but rewarding. Once you've hosted, it gets easier and easier (but it's *still* time-consuming!). Throughout our corner of the state (defined as Cook and the so-called "collar counties" of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will) we have a variety of invitational tournaments. Yet this has not always been the case.

When I first started to coach eight years ago, there were only two tournaments in our area. One of them was at Richards in Oak Lawn. This was, and continues to be, an extremely popular tournament. Coach Mike Cleary (nobly assisted by faculty members!) never has any trouble getting 64 teams for his tournament ... often with a waiting list! Highlights of this tournament have been imaginative questions (e.g. "What does one call a hairless, visaged untruth?" Answer: a bald-faced lie), recorded musical selections, and Mike's willingness to experiment with alternative formats. Like many of us, he includes special categories such as the Art Institute, the United Nations, and the Olympics. Let's hope this tournament continues for a long time to come!

Alas, the other tournament, at Homewood-Flossroom, is no more. For a number of years, Will Oldaker ran this challenging and exciting tournament. If you had strong math and science students, this was their time to shine. He also featured musical selections and art handouts. Endurance was a key; the H-F tournament featured five morning rounds, followed by a double-elimination playoff with sixteen teams. Per formula, those who played in the consolation match would have played *ten* matches by the end of the day! Yet, the one time my team got this far, we weren't even tired ... we were exhilarated. Will has cut back on his Scholastic Bowl endeavors and is slated to retire soon. (Hint to Tom Cunningham: Any chance of reviving this tournament in the future?)

Frosh/soph tournaments were nonexistent. Then, Lucy Mueller of Fremd in Palatine started the first frosh/soph tournament in our area during my first year as coach. Why should Varsity have all the fun? When she retired the next year, her assistant coach Kevin Palmer became head coach and continued this new tradition. Several years later, he began to host a varsity tournament as well. Kevin's tournaments have always been marked by a willingness to try new question vendors – one never knows what to expect. He, too, is always willing to experiment with new formats, and his tournaments are always fun and competitive.

In 1996, Phyllis Kidd and Susan Martin of Wheaton North and yours truly hosted their first frosh/soph tournaments. We are always willing to try new things. I hope Phyllis will bring back the "not-quites" – bonus questions with puns as clues. For example, "not quite apiary" would have answers that had something to do with bees or the letter B. Some of my alumni still remember these!

Ken Dentino of Kaneland in Maple Park is in his second year of hosting a varsity tournament, and has had no trouble fielding enough teams, which shows that our teams are eager to play at every opportunity! This year, Bob Brown of Lake Zurich hosted both a frosh/soph and a varsity tournament, featuring special cate-

gories (1980's music and ice hockey) and challenging questions. I couldn't attend either of his tournaments, and had to send a sub with my teams. Why? Because they conflicted with two long-standing tournaments in other parts of the state. Thus, we've come a long way in several years – from a paucity of tournaments to so many that we have to pick and choose. Scholastic Bowl is alive and well in Northeastern Illinois.

The College Quiz Bowl Scene

by David Presberry, University of Wisconsin

My first year of College Bowl at the University of Wisconsin at Madison has definitely been a learning experience. Not only have I learned how the College Bowl game is played, I've also picked up tons of information that I never would have learned in high school.

I received my first taste of College Bowl at an intramural contest. My future teammates put on an intramural event in the fall. I put together a team of freshmen, and we ended up placing 4th out of 13 teams. I then joined the UW-Madison team, and played in tournaments at universities in Minnesota, Illinois, Chicago, and Iowa. The UW-Madison team plays mainly in the Midwest.

Coming into the university, I greatly underestimated the depth of my new colleagues' knowledge. Based on my play in high school, I thought that I would be a formidable opponent in college. How quickly I was proved wrong. Not only did I only know the answers to about 3% of the questions, on material that I did know I rang in considerably late. I also failed to recognize that people majoring in certain fields would know *much more* about that field than I would.

Graduate student team members, in particular, have an extraordinary high level of knowledge. Playing with them can be quite depressing to one's ego. Usually, I don't even think of buzzing in when I play against a grad, because 99 times out of 100 I will get beat to the buzzer anyway. Also, a good graduate student's knowledge spills over into other areas, so they will end up dominating the match. However, just by playing with grad students, I have expanded my quiz bowl knowledge base.

Writing questions is a sure-fire way of gaining permanent knowledge. My team put on a tournament in late February, and I was one of several people who had to write a round of questions. I had *never* heard of François Rabelais, or the Schwartz-Child radius, or the six Mexican territories that border the United States – but I had to research these, so I can now tell you all about them.

Think of College Bowl as just a continuation of high school Scholastic Bowl, except that it is more in depth, and much more competitive. I plan to continue representing UW-Madison in Midwestern tournaments. Here is my team's Web page, which explains much more of the College Bowl experience (including rules, format, results, and so on): www.sit.wisc.edu/~collegebowl

David graduated from Rockford Auburn High School in 2000.

Puzzle Corner

What is the next number in this series: 6, 28, 496, 8128, ?
3,355,036 is the fifth and next perfect number.

What scale is used to measure the intensity of earthquakes?

IHSSBCA Meeting Minutes

from Debbie Voorhees, IHSSBCA Secretary

The Executive Committee of the IHSSBCA met at Wheaton North High School on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 11:30 am.

Present: David Riley, Kevin Palmer, Cheryl Christianson, Tom Egan, Robert Brown, Debbie Voorhees, David Reinstein, Rob Grierson, Phyllis Kidd, and Susan Martin.

Absent: John Rathbun, Cathy Groesch, Bob Schrepf, Nick Pitz, Michael Hendricks, David Bibb, Linda Monge, Jane Snyder, Mark Cohen, and Ken Dentino.

The February 11 minutes were approved as published.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** We ended the year with 276 members. Our goal is 300 next year. There were roughly 530 schools entered in the IHSA State Series. The group made suggestions for changes to the membership renewal form. Discounts were approved. Early Bird notices will go out in May to this year's members. Bob Brown suggested we ask for the URL for any team's Web site.

- **Treasurer's Report:** The bank balance as of May 5th was \$746.32 after revenues of \$9,824.14 and expenses of \$9,077.82. About \$600 in bills for this year will not be paid until after July 1. It was noted that advertising covers 65% of the newsletter expenses, and that the Coaches Handbook nets us about \$500. The expense of \$1500 for tournaments was deemed well worth it, and the group agreed that we should keep the entry fees low. We will seek some donations for next year to supplement membership fees.

- **Newsletter:** Tom Egan is coordinating a new regular column called, "Spotlight On ..." Suggestions were made for who should be included; Tom will seek different authors for each person. David Reinstein and Cheryl Christianson will ask team alums if they will write college bowl articles next year. We are always looking for supportive administrators to write articles. Let Rob know.

- **IHSA Update:** David Riley explained that, since the IHSA Case Book defines a Scholastic Bowl contest as one between two teams of five players, "nationals," which use a four-on-four format, fall outside the season limitation rule. Even so, Dottie Berry of Streator is working with her Principal on a season limitation amendment that will permit Illinois teams to compete in "nationals."

The IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory committee recommended numerous minor changes to the Terms & Conditions, all of which were approved. The committee also recommended pool play at Sectionals; this was not approved. A recommendation to move Regionals from Monday (Casmir Pulaski Day) to Tuesday is still pending. Attendance at the Seeding Meetings will be encouraged via letters to the Principals from the IHSA (asking for their support) and from the IHSSBCA (explaining the new All-Section team selection process, which will require that coaches attend the Seeding Meeting or, at the very least, fax in their information.

- **Coaches Poll:** Kevin will continue this project next year. We will allow coaches to rank as few as five teams for Class A; Kevin will still compile a top ten list from that information. It was suggested that Kevin ask coaches to rank teams at the September 12 IHSA Rules Meeting, to which the 59 Conference Representatives

and the 28 coaches of not-in-a-Conference schools will be invited.

- **Web Site:** Bob Brown presented a bar graph showing hits and unique visits per month. Traffic this March and April was three times the traffic a year ago. Past newsletters will be made public on the web site after one year. Bob will also add the current Coaches Poll and the IHSSBCA Constitution. Sister John has offered to contact tournament hosts to remind them to submit results. The Web site will include all afternoon results and the All-Tournament team. If a tournament host has full results on their own school's Web site, Bob will include a link to that page.

New Business:

- **Tournaments:** Kickoff Tournaments will be November 17th. We are looking for a school to host a Kickoff in the Central/Southern regions. Deb Voorhees offered to assist the host if necessary. The group discussed sources for the questions. Cost of trophies was discussed; the average IHSSBCA tournament spent around \$85 on trophies. The cost of invitations and awards for all the IHSSBCA tournaments last year was roughly \$1500.

Turnabout Tournaments are scheduled for January 12th in the North and Northwest regions, with hosts to be announced. Deb Voorhees at Bloomington will host a Central/South Turnabout on January 26th. Other sites were suggested, and the group discussed sources for the questions. David Reinstein will follow up. A few schools that were "on the bubble" were discussed and either added to, or removed from, the "Not Invited List" for 2001-2002.

- **Calendar:** David Riley presented the tentative schedule of tournaments for 2001-2002. Tournaments whose dates have not been confirmed are listed for the same weekend as last year. After a long discussion the group agreed that the best dates for the Masonic Bowl will be February 23rd for Regionals and March 2nd for State. David Riley will follow up with Wendell Walch.

- **Special Projects:** Tom Egan presented the plans for All-Section awards, which will be handled at the Seeding Meetings next year. The top players in each Section will be eligible for All-State.

The Scholastic Bowl Record Book will be made available on the IHSSBCA Web site, and published in the Coaches Handbook.

Deb Voorhees will be working to create an official scorebook this summer. Coaches are urged to send sample score sheets to Deb.

Tom Egan will prepare letters from the IHSSBCA that will be mailed to the Boards of Education of each school that finishes in the final four of each tournament next year.

Tom has also begun plans for a Coaches Hall of Fame. The idea of having an Annual Banquet to recognize the inductees, as well as the All-State winners, Team Illinois, IHSA final four teams, and others, was well-received. Survey questions regarding a banquet should probably be added to the membership renewal form.

- **Administrative Structure:** David Riley suggested moving the Steering Committee meetings to different locations to allow for local participation. Pros and cons of this idea were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. Next meeting will be hosted by Cheryl Christianson on Friday August 10th in Sterling.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Voorhees, IHSSBCA Secretary

Best Quiz Bowl Contest in America, Best Location

By James Kroll, Ph.D., Rufus King HS, Milwaukee

Another weekend, another Quiz Bowl tournament, another location? At the Fourteenth Annual Gulf Coast Academic Challenge, held March 18th to March 20th, there were more differences than just the balmy air. With fourteen teams, the skills ran the gamut from teams equivocal to the best in the Illinois Quiz Bowl League to teams that appeared to have been thrown together that morning. The tournament includes the top southern teams, including Dorman, Walton, Brookwood, and usually Irmo.

Each game, however, was a story unto itself. A four-round match consisted of two team worksheets and two sets of toss-ups. For the team worksheets, up to six team members worked together to answer twelve questions on a related topic in two minutes. For the four-player toss-up rounds, consisting of thirteen questions the first day and twenty questions the second day, the timing was a consistent ten seconds (thirty for math) yet the answer of the first team was included in the time. This limited the amount of bounce-back time, sometimes leaving the other team with no chance to answer. (There were no bonus questions in toss-up rounds). The buzzer system is unique as it only lights up the moderator's lockout system.

This year, the top three finishers were Eisenhower (Michigan), Brookwood (Georgia), and Dorman (South Carolina).

All tournament questions, particularly the team event questions, were extremely well written. Bill Willis made them multi-media, with interesting thematic patterns. Without a strict rubric of subjects and questions, the rounds tended to be biased towards topics such as literature and Norse mythology. In spite of all these idiosyncrasies that the teams had to adapt to, the competition was very well run, challenging, and enjoyable.

This annual tournament is held at the University of West Florida in Pensacola – one of the most beautiful areas in Florida, with beaches rated among the best in the world. The \$175 entry fee includes a banquet, T-shirts, and a traveling trophy for the winners. For more information contact Linda Thompson (850-469-5409) or <lthompson@escambia.k12.fl.us>, or Bill Willis (850-944-5167).

Here's a sample question from the written round entitled, "I CAN SEE DEAD PEOPLE!": After class is over you go to the school cafeteria to get some lunch. When it comes time to pay for it, you reach into your pocket and pull out two one-dollar coins and you realize, "I can see dead people, again!" One of the coins is the newest dollar coin and features a Native American. The other dollar coin features a famous American suffragette. What two dead women do you see? (Answer: Sacajawea and Susan B. Anthony)

Jim is the Guidance Director at Rufus King. He has coached teams in academic competitions since 1979. He has taken teams to quiz bowl contests in Atlanta, Charleston, Nashville, New York City, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Philadelphia (National LifeSmarts 1st place 1997), Cleveland, Ann Arbor, Fargo, Orlando (Panasonic 3rd place 1992 & 1997, 2nd place 1994), and Edinburgh Scotland. Rufus King won the Wisconsin LifeSmarts Championship in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 and was 3rd in the 1983 National AcaDec.

All-Sectional, All-State New Plans for 2001-2002

By Tom Egan, IHSSBCA Ombudsman

Building on the tremendous success of the first All-State recognition program this year, the IHSSBCA will be expanding the program to include more players next year.

With the blessing of the IHSA, coaches will vote on an All-Sectional team at the sectional Seeding Meeting. Coaches will need to be present, or will have had to have faxed in team seeding information and information about their players. Each sectional in the state (8 Class A, 8 Class AA) will vote for up to ten players to be on the All-Sectional team. All-Sectional team members will receive certificates. The top vote-getters in each section will be eligible for nomination for All-State. From among those nominated, a Selection Committee will choose the All-State teams.

It is important for coaches to realize that, for All-State selection, two of the criteria that will be considered will be number of toss-ups answered correctly and All-Tournament honors at local tournaments. If coaches do not have written records, it will be difficult to honor their players. We encourage all coaches to keep accurate records so their players will not be excluded from consideration.

We will also be looking for interested persons (Class A and AA) to serve as members of an All-State Selection Committee. The time commitment should be relatively small. If you are interested in serving, contact Tom Egan at <eganphysics@aol.com> or by writing to him at 5511 Azalea Ct, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Please add us to your list of providers of questions. Thanks!

Mike Henninger, Big Six Enterprises, Victoria, MN
<sales@bigsixquestions.com>

Dear Editor,

Please add us to your list of providers of questions. Thanks!

Eric Huff, Oracle Questions, Spartanburg, SC
<oraclequestions@lycos.com>

Dear Editor,

At the IHSA State Finals I overheard the moderators discussing a situation where a contestant buzzes in at the same moment 'time' is called, thus forcing the moderator to decide if the buzz was late. NED's lockout systems have a pushbutton for the timekeeper; pressing it locks out all contestants and makes a "time's up" tone.

Also, a coach recently called to ask if he could purchase a red lens cover for one of our responder boxes. I had him look in the side pocket of the carrying case where, to his delight, he found the bag of spare parts that we include with every Tournament Master.

Durwin Nigus, Novel Electronic Designs, Chillicothe, IL
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Coaches Poll

by Kevin Palmer, Fremd HS, Palatine

Here are the results of the **post-season** coaches poll. Ten points were awarded for a #1 ranking, 9 for #2, and so on.

Class A (small schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Warrensburg-Latham	30	3	3
2. Carlinville	25	3	0
3. St. Anthony (Effingham)	22	3	0
3. Latin (Chicago)	22	3	0
5. Sullivan	15	3	0
6. U High (Normal)	14	3	0
7. Stillman Valley	10	2	0
8. Peru St. Bede	8	2	0
9. Robinson	7	2	0
10. Herrin	5	2	0

Others receiving votes: Rochester, Winnebago, Deer Creek (Mackinaw), Carterville.

Class AA (large schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Wheaton North	67	8	3
2. Stevenson (Lincolnshire)	65	8	1
3. Lake Zurich	64	8	0
4. IMSA (Aurora)	40	4	4
4. New Trier (Winnetka)	40	8	0
6. Fenwick (Oak Park)	33	7	0
7. Loyola (Wilmette)	27	7	0
8. Salem	24	6	0
9. Lincoln-Way (New Lenox)	21	6	0
10. Larkin (Elgin)	13	2	0
11. Fremd (Palatine)	12	4	0
12. Downers Grove North	10	3	0
13. Evanston	9	3	0
14. Moline	5	2	0
15. Marist (Chicago)	2	2	0

Others receiving votes: Springfield Southeast, Streator.

To join the Panel, contact Kevin at <kcp1963@yahoo.com>.

Kevin teaches World History, American Studies, and A.P. U.S. History. Now in his 11th year of coaching, he has run a varsity tournament for five years and a frosh/soph tournament for eight. Fremd won Sectionals in 94, and Regionals in 97, 98, 99, and 00.

Scholastic Bowl Week Recap

Q: What did your team do for Scholastic Bowl Week?

Our Scholastic Bowl team played the faculty/administration in a 20 question match with a large crowd. The kids won, 246 to 180.

Jim Stankevitz, Wheaton Warrenville South

We had pictures taken for our yearbook, sent out informational letters to division teachers, and got lists from our program office and counselors to help us identify prospective team members for next year. We had an awards assembly and an awards dinner attended by our principal, staff, parents and community leaders.

Michael Hogan, Roberto Clemente Academy

We had a school-wide contest with ten teams from various clubs and classes – the Super Scholastic Challenge. My team wrote the questions and moderated; we had trophies for the top two teams.

Jane Rice, Downers Grove North

We had our Fourth Annual Student vs. Faculty Match. Unfortunately, the students won for the third time in a row.

David Reinstein, New Trier HS, Winnetka

We set up displays and had daily announcements about the team. The Student Council hosted a breakfast to honor the team.

Mike Hendricks, Blue Ridge High School, Farmer City

We had announcements about the team going to Masonic State, and an article appeared in the local paper.

Nick Pitz, Moline HS

We had a daily trivia question and a student vs. faculty match.

Anne Kidwell, Charleston High School

I moderated a student-teacher Scholastic Bowl match in front of the entire student body. The students defeated the teachers.

Judy Turner, Schlarman HS, Danville

Our Varsity played against the Teacher Trivia Team. Teachers earned a spot on the team by correctly answering the “scholastic bowl week question of the day” for five consecutive days. The TTT narrowly won, despite many illegal-talking warnings.

Deborah Voorhees, Bloomington HS

In conjunction with F.F.A. week, we held our third annual meet in front of the student body (ag-related questions). For the first time, the farmers won, much to the chagrin of the scholars.

Mary Jo Grau, Flanagan HS

We copied fun trivia questions onto colored paper, and posted them around the school. It sparked some interest for the team.

Joan Linneman Bishop McNamara HS, Kankakee

Our teams challenged the faculty in separate matches. The combined score had the students winning by about 20 points!

Jan John, Alan B. Shepard HS, Palos Heights

Our team held their fourth annual Faculty/Student Scholastic Bowl Meet. Faculty members from different subject areas were invited as well as all those interested in attending. Everyone had a good time.

Marlene Rubinow, Oak Park River Forest

During exam week the faculty does the Senior KMO. This is our best non-alcoholic faculty event twice a year. We have always beat the student score, plus several quiet faculty members shine and receive needed praise from colleagues about their recall and speed.

Dr. James Kroll, Rufus King HS, Milwaukee Wisconsin



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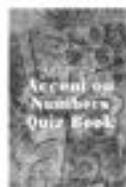
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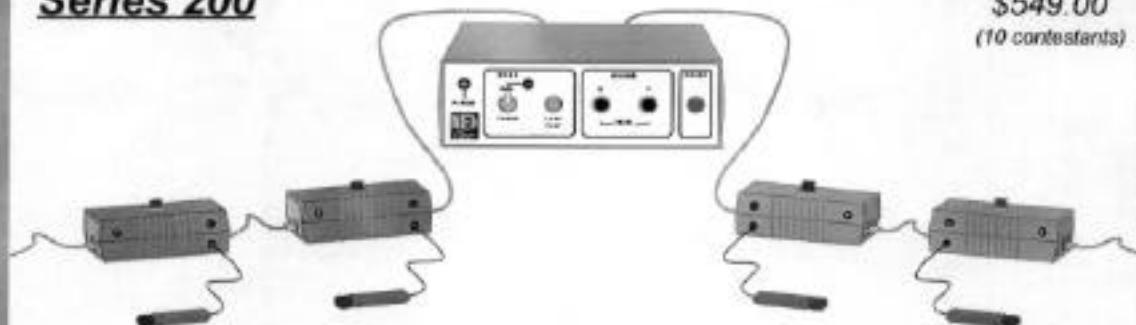
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