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Message From The Editor

This issue of our newsletter is being distributed to 303 IHSSBCA members; 28 vendors; and 30 tournament directors and heads of academic associations in other states.

79 of the above recipients will be printing their own copy of the newsletter after downloading it from our website.

Early Bird membership renewal notices were sent out last week. Reminders will be sent in August and September. Please urge any new coaches in your conference to join.

Conference Representatives and Independents to Attend IHSA Rules Meeting on September 18, 2002

Conference Representatives and coaches of schools not in an academic conference will once again be invited to attend an IHSA Rules Meeting in Bloomington on Wednesday September 18. Look for an invitation in the mail in August.

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.

Pool Play at Sectionals in 2003

This, and other rule changes are detailed on Page 8

Wheaton North, Latin Ranked #1

See the Coaches Poll on Page 2

Schools Change Class

17 of the 74 IHSA-member Chicago Public Schools will move from Class AA to Class A next year. (None of those 17 schools have had Scholastic Bowl teams in the past.)

For 2002-2003, 752 is the enrollment dividing A & AA.

02-03 Invitational Tournaments

Tentative Schedule Appears on Page 3

IHSA 2001 & 2002 State Series Questions For Sale

Question sets from the 2001 or 2002 IHSA State Series (eleven rounds each) can be purchased from the IHSA for \$50 each. Call Anthony Holman or his assistant Debbie Van Gilder at 309-663-6377 or visit <www.ihsa.org>.

Intel Talent Search Winner!

Emily Riehl of University HS (Normal), Scholastic Bowl player, won third place and a \$50,000 scholarship in the Intel (formerly Westinghouse) 2002 Science Talent Search for her study of graphs of a mathematical set known as the Coxeter group. The winners were announced at a March 11 banquet in Washington DC, where the 40 finalists met President Bush and presented their research at the National Academy of Sciences. Each finalist had an asteroid named in his or her honor.

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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 down to 1 point for #10. Nine polls were sent in.

Class A (small schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Latin (Chicago)	20	2	2
2. U High (Normal)	18	2	0
3. Stillman Valley	16	2	0
4. Carterville	13	2	0
5. Pleasant Plains	10	2	0
6. Cuba	6	2	0
6. C Catholic (Bloomington)	6	1	0
8. Warrensburg-Lathan	5	1	0
8. Unity (Tolono)	5	1	0
10. Carlinville	4	1	0

Other teams receiving votes: Mt. Carmel, Fairfield, Decatur St. Teresa, and Dunlap.

Class AA (large schools)	total pts	mentions	# of #1
1. Wheaton North	70	7	7
2. New Trier (Winnetka)	61	7	0
3. St. Ignatius (Oak Park)	38	6	0
4. Homewood-Flossmoor	34	6	0
4. Auburn (Rockford)	34	7	0
6. Downers Grove North	31	6	0
7. Hinsdale Central	19	4	0
8. Fremd (Palatine)	16	3	0
8. Maine East (Park Ridge)	16	5	0
10. Sterling	15	4	0

Other teams receiving multiple votes: Fenwick, Libertyville, Loyola, Springfield Southeast, and Stevenson. Other teams receiving votes: Rockford Boylan, Rockford Guilford, Bradley-Bourbonnias, and IMSA.

To join the panel, e-mail me <kcp1963@yahoo.com>; I'll contact you in late August and ask for your picks. Panel members are expected to attend tournaments and to follow results on our website.

Kevin teaches AP European History and American Studies. Now in his 12th 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, 00, and 01.

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All-State Players Honored

Congratulations to the following honorees, listed alphabetically. Certificates and medals were presented following the IHSA Awards Ceremony in Peoria on March 16.

Class A, 1st Team: Logan Bell, Rock Falls; John Burkardt, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic); Tom Burke, Bloomington (Central Catholic); Adam Crandall, Winnebago; Anna Creswell, Normal (University); Jim Davis, Chicago (The Latin School); Nick Johnson, Dunlap; Nick Tonozzi, Peru (St. Bede); Kelly Tourdot, Stillman Valley; Derek Zabronsky, Princeton.

Class A, 2nd Team: Thane Floreth, Litchfield; Scott Gercken, Farmer City (Blue Ridge); Eric Grebing, Bunker Hill; Katharine Hardy, Cuba; Ruthi Houseright, Carlinville; Jacob Mauck, Sullivan; Ben Pierce, Orion; Phillip Puritt, Breese (Central); Dustin Schwenk, Tolono (Unity); Adam Trebs, Peru (St. Bede).

Class AA, 1st Team: Parag Bhayani, Flossmoor (Homewood-Flossmoor); Griffith Chung, Chicago (St. Ignatius); Mariusz Galczynski, Downers Grove (North); Matt Keenan, Winnetka (New Trier); John Keig, Moline; Michael Lommler, Springfield (Southeast); Nick Mann, Rockford (Auburn); Eapen Mathew, Sterling; Lori Sommars, Wheaton (North); Ben Taylor, Rockford (Guilford).

Class AA, 2nd Team: Perry Abbasi, Oak Park (Fenwick); George Astaves, Park Ridge (Maine East); Robert Brown, Lake Forest (HS); Dann McKeegan, Chicago (Von Steuben); Ravi Palakodety, Libertyville; David Raines, Oak Lawn (Richards); Jacob Straub, Palatine (Fremd); Jared Suttles, Cary (Cary-Grove); Chris Temple, Bloomington; David Vock, Wheaton (North).

A complete list of *All-Sectional* honorees, including corrections and updates to the list published in the February issue of *Scholastic Visions*, is on the IHSSBCA website <www.ihssbca.org>.

2002 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 5th 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 PACE has chosen two winners:

- Douglas A. Tyson of Benjamin Banneker High School (Washington DC) for his efforts in bringing academic competition to high school students in the Washington DC metro area.

- The "It's Academic" television program (produced by Sophie Altman and family) which is primarily based in Washington DC with programs run in other parts of the country (including Baltimore, Cleveland, and Raleigh) for its influence in raising and maintaining interest in academic competition for at least four decades.

2002-2003 Tentative Invitational Tournament Schedule

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

CAPITAL LETTERS = DATE IS SET ... Small Letters = best guess - historical date - not confirmed

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>
(13) Oct 5	- open date -	- open date -	- open date -
(14) Oct 12 (SAT Date)	- open date -	- open date -	- open date -
(15) Oct 19	LOYOLA ULTIMA	- open date -	Ottawa Marquette
(16) Oct 26 (ACT Date)	NU Wildcat Evanston	- open date -	- open date -
(17) Nov 2 (SAT Date)	VON STEUBEN (F/S)	NIU Huskie DeKalb	U of I Phi Scholars
(18) Nov 9	LINCOLN-WAY EAST	MOLINE (F/S)	- open date -
(19) Nov 16	VON STEUBEN KICKOFF	Sterling Kickoff	FAIRFIELD KICKOFF
(20) Nov 23	- open date -	ORION	- open date -
(21) Nov 30	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
(22) Dec 7 (SAT Date)	RICHARDS	- open date -	River City Classic (VJV)
(23) Dec 14 (ACT Date)	FREMD (F/S)	ROCKFORD BOYLAN (F/S)	CHARLESTON
(24) Dec 21	VON STEUBEN	- open date -	- open date -
(25) Dec 28	WINTER HOLIDAY	WINTER HOLIDAY	WINTER HOLIDAY
(26) Jan 4	KANELAND	ROCKFORD AUBURN (F/S)	- open date -
(27) Jan 11	- open date -	STERLING	- open date -
(28) Jan 18	- open date -	Winnebago	- open date -
(29) Jan 25 (SAT Date)	FREMD	ROCKFORD BOYLAN	- open date -
(30) Feb 1	WHEATON NORTH (F/S)	- open date -	- open date -
(31) Feb 8 (ACT Date)	- open date -	STERLING (F/S)	Ultimate Scholar
(32) Feb 9 Sunday			TEAM ILLINOIS TRYOUTS
(32) Feb 15	LOYOLA (F/S)	ORION (F/S)	- open date -
(33) Feb 22	- open date -	- open date -	- open date -
(34) Mar 1	- open date -	- open date -	- open date -
(35) Mar 8	- open date -	- open date -	- open date -
(36) Mar 10 Monday	IHSA REGIONALS	IHSA REGIONALS	IHSA REGIONALS
(36) Mar 15	IHSA SECTIONALS	IHSA SECTIONALS	IHSA SECTIONALS
(37) Mar 22	---	---	IHSA STATE

The September issue will include contact information, but will only be as complete as the information that is sent in by our members. Please notify David Riley of other tournaments.

2002 IHSA Team Academic Achievement Awards

The IHSSBCA congratulates the following Scholastic Bowl teams for earning IHSA Team Academic Achievement Awards for 2002:

Alton (Marquette), Fairfield, Mundelein (HS), Quincy (Sr), Savanna, Tremont, Warren

Check with your AD or Principal, or go to the IHSA website <<http://www.ihsa.org/announce/010809.htm>> for more information.

2001-02 Tournament Results

1/12 Big 12 Conference Tournament (4 teams)

1. Bloomington; 2. Normal Community;
3. Decatur MacArthur; 4. Normal West

1/19 Winnebago Varsity Tournament

1. Sterling; 2. Rockford Auburn A; 3. Cary-Grove;
4. Stillman Valley. Consolation (5th place): Moline

2/6 West Suburban Conference (14 teams)

1. Downers Grove North (11-1); Hinsdale Central (11-1);
3. Lyons Township (9-3); 4. Hinsdale South (8-4);
5. Oak Park River Forest (8-4); 6. Leyden (8-4)

2/7 Pike County Conference Tournament (5 teams)

1. Pittsfield (4-0); Griggsville-Perry (3-1)

2/9 Regional Science Bowl @ Crystal Lake

1. Winnetka New Trier; 2. Rockford Auburn

2/13 NEC Conference Tournament (5 teams)

1. Flora

2/17 Lake Zurich Varsity Tournament (20 & 12 teams)

Varsity A Teams:

1. Chicago Latin; 2. Homewood-Flossmoor;
3. Lincolnshire Stevenson; 4. Oak Park Fenwick

JV (Varsity B Teams):

1. Wheaton North; 2. Rockford Auburn;
3. Rufus King (Milwaukee); 4. Chicago Von Steuben

2/16 Orion Frosh/Soph Tournament (20 teams)

1. Loyola A; 2. Taylor Ridge Rockridge; 3. Macomb A;
4. Monmouth Yorkwood. Consolation: Sterling

2/16 Lincoln Trail VJV Tournament (16 & 16 teams)

- Varsity: 1. Fairfield; 2. Toledo Cumberland; 3. Charleston
Consolation: Oblong

- JV: 1. Albion Edwards County; 2. Charleston; 3. Fairfield
Consolation: Newton

2/16 Williamsville Tournament (20 small school teams)

1. Decatur St. Teresa; 2. Sullivan; 3. Carlinville;
4. Alexander Riverton A

2/18 Fox Valley Conference (10 teams)

- Varsity: 1. Cary-Grove; 2. Lake Zurich; 3. Crystal Lake Central

FVC Frosh-Soph Classic Tournament:

1. Cary-Grove A; 2. Cary-Grove B; 3. Lake Zurich Blue

2/21 Mid-Suburban League (12 teams)

1. Prospect; 2. Fremd (Palatine)
Prospect was the East half winner (of 6 teams)
Fremd (Palatine) was the West half winner (of 6 teams)

2/22 North Suburban Varsity Conference (12 teams)

1. Libertyville; 2. Lake Forest HS; 3. Stevenson; 4. Mundelein

2/22 River Valley Conference (10 teams)

Regular Season:

1. Momence (15-3); 2. Manteno (14-4); 3. Beecher (12-6)

Tournament @ Kankakee Community College:

1. Herscher (6-2); 2. Manteno (5-3, 515 pts);
3. Beecher (5-3, 500 pts); 4. Donovan (5-3, 490 pts);
5. Peotone (5-3, 420 pts); 6. Momence (5-3, 415 pts)

2/23 Masonic Regionals (195 teams state-wide)

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| @ Bloomington | Danville |
| @ Carlinville | Springfield HS |
| @ Macomb | Springfield Southeast |
| @ Carbondale | Carbondale |
| @ Paris | Sullivan |
| @ Winchester | Cuba |
| @ Breese Central | Granite City |

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| @ Galena | Rock Falls |
| @ Streator | Streator |
| @ Stevenson | Wheaton North |
| @ Moline | Moline |
| @ Rockford Boylan | Rockford Guilford |
| @ St Bede | Rockford Auburn |

Others advancing to Masonic State: Bloomington Central Catholic; Bartonville Limestone; and Pleasant Plains

2/27 NIC-9 Conference (8 teams)

Varsity Regular Season:

1. Rockford Guilford (14-0); 2. Rockford Auburn (12-2);
3. Freeport (9-5)

Frosh-Soph Tournament:

1. Rockford Boylan; 2. Rockford Auburn; 3. Rockford Guilford

Varsity Tournament:

1. Rockford Auburn; 2. Rockford Guilford
3. Rockford Boylan; 4. Machesney Park Harlem

2/27 Central Suburban League (11 teams)

Varsity Regular Season:

1. New Trier (9-1); 2. Maine East (8-2); 3. Niles West (8-2)

Varsity Tournament:

1. New Trier; 2. Maine East
Semifinalists: Glenbrook South and Maine South

Frosh/Soph Regular Season:

1. New Trier (10-0); 2. Deerfield (9-1); 3. Evanston (8-2)

Frosh/Soph Tournament:

1. Deerfield; 2. New Trier
Semifinalists: Maine East and Niles North

2/28 Sangamo Conference Tournament (9 teams)

- Varsity: 1. Pleasant Plains; 2. Athens; 3. Rochester;
4. Alexander Riverton. Consolation: Williamsville

2/28 Cahokia Conference Tournament (7 teams)

1. Freeburg; 2. Breese Central. Semifinalists: Carlyle and Dupo

2/28 Midstate Conference Tournament (10 teams)

1. Tremont; 2. Fieldcrest (Minonk)

3/2 Masonic State Tournament @ Springfield

1. Springfield Southeast; 2. Bartonville Limestone;
3. Rockford Guilford; 4. Rockford Auburn
Consolation: Danville

3/5 South Central Conference (12 teams)

1. Litchfield (11-0); 2. Carlinville (10-1)

3/16 IHSA State Series Finals in Peoria

Class AA:

1. Wheaton North; 2. Hinsdale Central;
3. Winnetka New Trier; 4. Rockford Auburn
Other Sectional Winners advancing to Peoria:
Granite City, Homewood-Flossmoor,
Libertyville, and Springfield Southeast.

Class A:

1. Chicago Latin; 2. Carterville;
3. Normal U High; 4. Pleasant Plains
Other Sectional Winners advancing to Peoria:
Cuba, Fairfield, Stillman Valley, and
Tolono Unity.

4/13 Mind Games @ Wheaton North (16 adult teams)

1. Diogenes Club; 2. No Brainer;
3. Batteries Not Included; 4. Jessie's Kids

4/17 Knowledge Master Open Spring 2002 (computer-based)

Out of 37 Illinois Schools (925 world-wide):

1. Wheaton North (1572, 38th world-wide);
2. Rockford Auburn (1552, 42nd world-wide);
3. Crystal Lake Central (1503); 4. Naperville Central (1498);
5. Stillman Valley (1477); 6. Moline (1449);
7. Palatine Fremd (1442); 8. Schaumburg (1438);
9. Von Steuben (1411); 10. Skokie Niles West (1403).

Tournabout 2002

by Libby Letterly, Williamsville HS

Turnabout tournaments were started by IHSSBCA three years ago to meet a desire many of us coaches and the kids we coach feel: To place in and/or win a tournament in spite of the legacies that build up throughout Illinois. Teams that advanced to state or won a major tournament in the prior year are not invited to the Turnabouts, giving the rest of us more of a fighting chance.

Williamsville High School is typical of many smaller schools. We have the talent on the team to go places. Consistency in winning, consistency in individual play, and showing up for scheduled practice times, however, are often negated by the other talents and interests that take up the players' time. My top talents play football, write poetry, serve as Boy Scout troop leader and editor of the yearbook, play a variety of instruments in the Illinois Youth Symphony and high school concert and jazz bands, and have roles in the school musical and our annual madrigal. They volunteer and are active in their church groups. Like almost all kids, too, they have jobs. And, like many other small school coaches, I'm not about to tell my kids that their focus can only be on Scholastic Bowl.

Williamsville, this year, too, had the blessing/problem of too many kids. Our season began with 27 kids on the roster, and all of them wanted to play. That Saturday was no different than many other tournament mornings: Sixteen kids showed up in team dress and only ten could play.

Thirty teams entered the IHSSBCA Turnabout Tournament at Bloomington High School on January 26. Deb Voorhees, host, divided the teams into two divisions – Scholastic and Academic – basing these divisions, I believe, on both size of school and reputation. I put together a roster made up primarily of seniors and juniors with one sophomore still strong in geometry, a math skill that seems, for Williamsville, at least, to go by the wayside once our students begin the study of algebra II.

The question format was 20 questions. We played three matches, winning each of the three by a strong margin, before getting a bye. As so often happens after a downtime, the team lost its match after the break, but the loss was by a mere 20 points. We weren't sure if we qualified for afternoon play, and we weren't sure how we'd do; our captain, Molly McLay, almost always our strongest player, was leaving to hear two friends in state IMEA choir. Saturday morning, however, hadn't been one of her best playing times, and she felt sure that the team would do well.

A junior who had been playing spectacularly well – Tedd Hawks – took over as captain for the afternoon play. Tedd, also, before afternoon rounds began, received an All-Tournament medal. His medal and the size of the trophies (Wow!) fired our team up and got them ready for afternoon rounds. Three other players had also played well in the morning round, so our confidence was high.

The first team we played was from our first match in the morning and, although at the end of the first half we were behind by 5 points, by the end of the match we were ahead by 100 points. The second match against Flanagan was close and we won by only 5 points, but that victory brought us to the final against

Athens High School, our neighbor only 8 miles away and a long-time friendly rival.

At half we were far behind, trailing Athens by 100 points. The kids rallied though and, at question 18, led by 5. The score was 185 to 180. No one answered question 19. Athens won the toss-up on question 20, got 15 on the bonus, and won the match by 20 points.

That's the way it goes. First place was oh-so-close, but my players didn't lose heart when Molly left, and the team played well. All ten players on the roster got to play and, with Tedd leading the pack with 23 correct toss-ups for the day, seven of the ten answered toss-ups correctly. Five answered five or more. All, even the six who didn't get to play, had fun the entire day. The shiny, big second-place trophy that sits now in a place of honor – it's second place to the fun of coaching kids like mine – well-rounded, fair, and so very bright.

Libby has been the District Librarian at Williamsville for 8 years. She has coached Scholastic Bowl for 7 years, with 6 winning seasons and 3 years going to Sectionals. In the off-season and in her free time Libby enjoys reading, gardening, walking the dogs, and playing cards.

IHSSBCA Financial Report

from Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA Treasurer

Statement of Income and Expenses July 1, 2001 through May 15, 2002

Submitted by Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA Treasurer

Income

Membership Dues	\$6,715.00
Advertising	1,000.00
Handbooks & Updates	1,465.00
Scorebooks	862.31
Mailing List Sales	17.22
Donations	<u>290.00</u>
Total Income	\$10,349.53

Expenses

PAC Team IL, 2001	\$829.49
PAC Team IL, 2002	2,291.62
Tournaments	1,365.66
Handbooks	1,192.71
Membership Mailings	504.39
Newsletter	1,439.47
Scorebooks, 01-02	1,062.00
Scholastic Bowl Week	258.28
Web Site	95.70
Gift Membership	25.00
General	<u>90.07</u>
Total Expenses	\$9,154.39

Net Income \$1,195.14

From 00-01 \$ 330.12

Scorebooks, 02-03 (\$1,254.00)

Bank Balance 3/15/02 \$271.26

01-02 Profile of Champions

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

Springfield Southeast Profile by Coach Larry Zobrist and Retired Coach Cathy Groesch

Illinois Masonic Bowl Champions

We knew coming into the 2001-2002 season that it would be a special one for the Southeast Scholastic team. Four starting players returned from one of the most successful years in the team's history. The team entered the season knowing they were going to be a power to be reckoned with.

In October the team won the Central Illinois Scholastic league and season-ending tournament. Then followed a first place finish in the IHSSBCA Kickoff tournament at St. Teresa. The Central State Eight tournament came next; the team finished with a perfect 14-0 record. They competed in the River City tournament in December and came away with the consolation championship. At Streator the team finished third.

Next up for the team was the Masonic Regional at Macomb. They won that in a close match with Bartonville-Limestone. The following week the team played well again against the competition, winning a close match in the semi-finals against Rockford Guilford and meeting Bartonville-Limestone once again for the championship. The guys did their jobs and well and brought home the first place trophy.

They carried their momentum into the IHSA state series. They wanted to make it to the state finals. After losing to an excellent Normal Community team in the Sectional finals the year before, they were ready to take on the competition. They won the Regionals and met the number two seed Mahomet-Seymour in the Sectional finals. In one of the best come-from-behind wins in the school's history, the team was down 204-177 going into the final question. They got the tossup and when the moderator announced the topic for the bonus ... Theater ... an audible groan came up from the team ... not their best area. They called time, gave their answers, and when the moderator said "twenty points" a loud cheer erupted from the audience and the team. They couldn't believe they had pulled it out. That was not a match for the faint of heart!

Unfortunately, during the IHSA state finals, the team was visibly flat. They pulled out a three point win over Granite City, but couldn't keep up with Hinsdale Central or Rockford Auburn. The team has nothing to hang their heads over. They had a marvelous year, finishing with a record of 62-6 and they deserve all the accolades that have come their way as a result. The Board of Education has honored the team twice this year at its meetings. They have appeared before the city council and made an early-morning appearance on a local radio show.

The heart of the team is its captain, Brian Draper. He has gone above and beyond this year to lead practices and to keep the team playing as a unit. He was named to the All-Sectional team. Brian scored a perfect 36 on his ACT, and recently competed in the WYSE state test at the U of I. The go-getter and top scorer of the team (more than 200 tossups) is Mike Lommler. He was named to every All-Tournament team this year, was the number one player

on the All-Sectional team and was named to the All-State team by the coaches' association. Alex Leach is the math expert and also has a good knowledge of classical music. He made the All-Conference team and was named to the All-Sectional team. Both Brian and Alex scored over 100 tossups each this year. The last of the senior starters is Gary Sharpe. He was able to get some important tossups this year in key situations. Gary's strengths are in math, but he helped the team in literature and science as well. He also scored a perfect ACT and is a finalist for student of the year in a local bank's scholarship program. Rounding out the starting five is Junior Steve Herrin. He will be the mainstay for next year's team. His base of knowledge is so broad, that it is difficult to say what his best areas are. He's good in everything! Steve also competed in the WYSE state test.

Next year's team has the potential to be very good as well. The sophomores and juniors who were relegated to supporting roles this year will finally have their turn to shine. Farah Zolghadr, Aaron Winger, Roger Sharpe, Dan Jansen, and James Garcia will be back to continue the Spartans' winning tradition.



Springfield Southeast

Dan Jansen, Steve Herrin, Andy Davis, Mike Lommler, Brian Draper, Alex Leach, Aaron Winger, and Gary Sharpe

Chicago Latin Profile by Coach Renée Alberico

IHSA Class A Champions

The Latin School of Chicago's Scholastic Bowl team had a great year. The team participated in many invitational tournaments in the Chicagoland area, and also participated in the Metro North League. The Varsity team took home a number of first place trophies from tournaments such as Richards, Fremd, Lake Zurich, and Loyola as well as winning first place in the League. The team's overall record for the year was 74-3. This year, a great camaraderie and work ethic was created in the team. They were very positive with each other, and had a good blend of knowledge.

The team's greatest success this season happened March 16, at the State Finals in Peoria. The team that represented Latin at the state tournament consisted of seniors Scott Bronner, Jim Davis, and Isley Markman, and juniors Oliver Bundy, Ben Garton, and David Wishnick (unable to participate was sophomore Nick Buttrick). Davis, the team captain, was selected to the All-State class A team; he is also a second year member of Team Illinois.

This self-motivated team was well prepared for the kind of stress a tournament of this magnitude might invoke. Going into the state final, team practices emphasized improving the speed of answering toss-up questions, and working together to correctly answer bonus questions. This team had a goal to learn as much as possible about a wide range of subjects, and their hard work paid off. They worked well together as a team, always congratulating each other for correct answers, as well as supporting each other in spite of incorrect responses.

Next year, three of the varsity players will be going on to bigger and better things. Isley and Jim are both attending Harvard, and Scott will be going to Amherst. They will be missed dearly. Before they graduate, the group will have one last chance to work together. In June, some of these same students will travel to New Orleans to participate in the National Academic Championship, hosted by Chip Beall and Questions Unlimited.



Chicago Latin

Standing: Coaches Renee Alberico and Emily Warren, Captain Jim Davis, Scott Bronner, Isley Markman.

Kneeling: Ben Garton, David Wishnick, and Oliver Bundy.

Wheaton North Profile by Coach Susan Martin
IHSA Class AA Champions

“I can’t believe that the year is over already” is such a trite and familiar refrain that I would hesitate to use it if it weren’t so true. I cautioned my team all year to enjoy it as it happened, and that a season is much like life in that it is a journey – not a destination. We did have a great time, enjoying being together and working hard to accomplish goals as they came up. While they had their differences as all people do, in this team I saw a team spirit and joy that I truly loved. While we were successful (and that was wonderful) I think that all of us drew great comfort and pleasure from the camaraderie as well. Before the state tournament I told them that we had enjoyed a successful season even if we didn’t go anywhere with IHSA. If we did that was terrific, but if we didn’t we still had a great year. I meant it then and I still believe it now. I also have to say that I am thrilled beyond my wildest dreams at winning the State Championship.

As wonderful as it was at Peoria it got even better when we got back to Wheaton North. The school had an assembly just for us and the students could not have been more excited and enthusiastic. When we marched in with the trophy they gave us a standing ovation. None of us will ever forget it and it made me realize how

much we do represent our school and students and that bringing it home to them was what it was all about. There is now a State Championship banner in *The Gym* with all of the athletic banners. I hope to see this enthusiasm continue not just for us but for Scholastic Bowl throughout the state. These students deserve recognition for all of their hard work. Just to put events into perspective I also pointed out to my team that we all have 15 minutes of fame and they had used up 14.

All good things must come to an end and we will be saying goodbye to our seniors who are heading to college in the fall. Captain Lori Sommars will be attending Wheaton College as an English major; Jim Young and Eric Livergood will both attend the University of Illinois and study computer science; Matt Kaschalk will be at Cornell University crunching numbers in math; while the following are undecided about course of study, Matt Peszek will be at Indiana, Matt Kane, College of DuPage, and Rob Brackett undecided.

Personally the one lesson I took away from all of this excitement is that one is never far from the basics. We were still in Peoria after we had won and were waiting for the awards ceremony to begin. I was almost beyond speech and was enjoying the afterglow, when one of my students urgently asked me, “Mrs. Martin, what are we going to do for supper?” Never forget your priorities!!

Our captain, Lori Sommars, wrote the following. I hope that you enjoy it as much as we did.

Wheaton at the Buzzers (with apologies to Ernest Thayer)

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Wheaton ten that day;
The record stood at two to one with no more rounds to play,
But when the points were added up came a sudden change of mood:
The fearless Falcons would advance through total points accrued

The Hawaiian-clad jumped for joy, then shouted out a cheer,
And groveled gratefully at the feet of students from New Trier.
With breathless smiles, away they ran to the championship game,
From which they emerged victorious, to tumultuous acclaim.

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light;
And somewhere men are laughing, with every hardship done,
That place, my friends, is Wheaton, for their Scho-Bowlers won.



Wheaton North

Standing: Coach Phyllis Kidd, Josh Laufenberg, Holly Jeffrey, Matt Kaschalk, Tim Werly, Jim Young, Coach Susan Martin, and Eric Livergood. Sitting: Rob Brackett, Matt Peszek, David Vock, Lori Sommars, Paul Gauthier, and Matt Kane.

IHSA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee Minutes

*Disclaimer: These minutes have been edited by Rob Grierson, combining meeting notes and information from the IHSA website. Every attempt has been made to provide accurate information, however, **this information is unofficial**. The only official documents are those issued by the IHSA.*

The Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office on April 3rd. Attending: Anthony Holman (IHSA), David Riley (Loyola), Phyllis Kidd (Wheaton North), Tom Egan (Case Manual), Rob Grierson (Moderator), Tom Holbrook (Normal U High), and Jane Snyder (Flora).

[The IHSA **Board of Directors** met on April 29th to consider and take action on the recommendations. Their **decision is listed in bold** after each recommendation below.]

Terms & Conditions Recommendations

- To adopt pool play at Sectionals involving the 8 first and second place finishers from Regionals. **Not approved**
- To change the Sectional pairings to match Regional winners and Regional runners-up in a seeded format that would result in 1v7, 4v6, 3v5, and 2v8 pairings. **Not approved**
- To adopt pool play at Sectionals with only the 4 Regional winners advancing to the Sectional. **Approved**

It is not clear whether Sectionals will have 30-question or 24-question matches. The Advisory Committee recommended 24-question matches for 8 teams and pool play but did not discuss what would happen with 4 teams and pool play. A change in the pay scale for moderators and a reduction to one adult helper per match were also discussed at the Committee level but it's not clear if that will be implemented.

The following recommendation appears in the IHSA-issued minutes of the Advisory Committee, but is not mentioned as being approved or not approved on the IHSA website:

- To eliminate sections V through FF of the Terms & Conditions. The Rule Book now covers all this information.

The following recommendation was made by the Committee but does not appear in any IHSA-issued minutes:

- A rewrite of section VII, paragraph H on seating, in order to conform more closely with current practice.

Rule Book Recommendations

Board action is no longer required for changes to the Rules since they are no longer part of the Terms & Conditions.

- (4-A-3a, 4-A-6a) The "wait" gesture is defined as anything that silently communicates the message, "do not trigger the lockout system" during second reading of a toss-up.
- (4-A-3g, 4-A-6g, 4-A-7c, 4-I-1a) A player may use a "time out" gesture (making a "T" with the hands) as a signal to her/his coach that time-out or an appeal may be warranted. Moderators should ignore this signal and continue the match as usual. The coach may choose to call a time-out, initiate an appeal, or do nothing (shaking his/her head or

any equivalent action to indicate "no" to his/her team).

- (4-C-1f) Leading articles in the titles of books, plays, and other literary or artistic works may be omitted or replaced with an alternate article even if the question requests the "exact" title. All subsequent words in the title, including articles, must be correct. Also, a player may include a subtitle or a pre-title as additional correct information and still have the answer ruled as correct.

- (5-C-3, 5-C-5) Scores and results from equivalent activities should be listed on the Team Stat Sheet that is submitted for seeding purposes. Scores and results from non-equivalent academic activities should not be listed, but may be mentioned by the coach in his or her presentation.

Case Book Recommendations

Board action is not required for changes to the Cases since they are not part of the Terms & Conditions.

- (4-B-2) A case will be added that explains the concept of cumulative hesitation, particularly as it applies to a math problem being done "on the fly."
- (4-C-1f) Cases will be added regarding exact titles.
- (4-C-3) Cases will be added that deal with moderator errors that subtly give away answers on the rebound either through body language, pause, or choice of words.

Other Matters Discussed by the Advisory Committee

- Regionals will stay on Monday even if it's Pulaski Day.
- Teams will not be seeded into pools at the State Finals.
- The IHSA should rethink the "not seed yourself" rule for Scholastic Bowl Seed Meetings. Because so many coaches fail to attend, under the current system it is possible for teams whose coaches attend to be hurt by the voting.
- Concessions for snacks and lunch should be available for Scholastic Bowl attendees at the State Finals physically outside the March Madness Experience.
- Should Scholastic Bowl teams wishing to enter the State Series be required to play a minimum number of matches or dates prior to the Seed Meetings and/or Regionals? More input from coaches is needed on this.
- Should different forms (noun, adjective) of an answer be acceptable, such as Norway for Norwegian or Populist for Populism? More input from coaches is needed on this.
- The IHSA will host a Rules Meeting for representatives of conferences, and independents, on September 18, 2002.

On a Personal Note ...

- **Robert Brown** will be leaving his teaching and coaching position at Lake Zurich HS and has accepted a teaching position at Maine East HS for 2002-03. Lake Zurich assistant coach, **Jason Campbell**, is also leaving Lake Zurich and has accepted a science position at Schaumburg HS.

Spotlight On ... Donna Pinson

by Tom Egan, IHSSBCA Ombudsman

Stat Sheet:

Head Coach, Byron (retired from coaching)
 Regional Championships: 96-97, 97-98, 98-99, 99-00, 00-01
 Sectional Championships: 89-90, 96-97, 97-98, 98-99, 99-00
 IHSA State 4th place: 97-98 State Runner-Up: 96-97
 State Championships: 99-00
 Career Record: 356-191 (0.651)

The Interview:

The theme song for the new series "Enterprise" opens with the lines "It's been a long road." The same could be said for the now former coach of the Byron Tigers, Donna Pinson.

As a high school student, young Donna participated in drama, speech, music, and cheerleading. Donna Pinson, educator, started her teaching career in 1979 in Norton, Kansas teaching high school English, before moving on to Hays, Kansas to teach both middle school English and high school English. 1984 saw Donna's arrival in Illinois, where she took up shop at Clifton's Central High School. In 1985 she moved on to Byron where she has spent the past 16 years teaching at the middle school level. For the past four years, she has been a counselor.

During this time, Donna spent her non-teaching time in a variety of ways. She coached volleyball at both the middle school and high school levels, in addition to directing several plays. It was in 1989 that she took on the duties of coaching Scholastic Bowl at Byron High School. Though not an easy task considering that she did not even teach at the school, it is a measure of her dedication that she kept with the job and averaged over 30 wins a season over her 11 year career.

Before coaching, Donna had been a moderator. It was the great relationships with the top-caliber kids and coaches that led her to coaching when the position opened at Byron.

Though Coach Pinson did not like the long bus rides (and from Byron those bus rides were only rarely short!), she enjoyed immensely working with her students. Her happiest moment occurred when she got to see her 2000 team come to the end of their long road by winning the State Championship. She describes it as an emotional moment that had been put on hold after two previous trips to the State Finals ended in second and fourth place; and that the team had been developing their knowledge base and skills not for just one year, but for their entire academic careers.

Over her career, she enjoyed sending her team into competition against two particular conference opponents in Winnebago and Stillman Valley. She also thought that the matches against Auburn High School of Rockford were particularly close and tough in a few match-ups in the Masonic Regionals.

Donna singles out two particular people to thank for her success in coaching. Carol Nauman was the founder of Byron Scholastic Bowl, from whom she inherited the job. She thanks her for establishing a strong program in the beginning, and allowing her to take over a great program. In addition, Larry Schnorr, her most re-

cent assistant coach, aided her as a liaison at the high school where she did not teach. With Larry's experience as a former head coach, Donna was able to lean on him for technical support as well as helping her to maintain calm and good humor in tense situations.

Now former Coach Pinson has some recommendations for other coaches in building a successful program. She emphasizes motivation, good organizing skills, and a positive attitude for a coach in attracting and developing young players. She also adds that getting support from the school and from the community are instrumental in building a strong program.

So why exactly is a successful coach who is still in the teaching ranks walking away from a great program that she has invested in? As the intro to this article suggests, she is walking a long road, and she has reached a fork. Donna is now well into her doctoral program in counseling education at Northern Illinois University. She is on schedule to end her coursework next year, when she will begin her dissertation. She will continue her job as counselor at Byron, but hopes to expand out into university teaching and consulting.

So let's speculate: Some day, you may be at Northern Illinois University's annual tournament. How many times do you look at the moderator and wonder why they aren't coaching ... how much can they know about Scholastic Bowl, or building a team, or dealing with these multi-talented kids. If the match is being moderated by Dr. Donna Pinson, formerly of Kansas, and formerly the head coach of an IHSA State Championship team, you should remember that she has been there, and most certainly done that on her personal long road.

Tom Egan is the Ombudsman of the IHSSBCA and a physics teacher at Maine South. If there is a coach you would like to see profiled, send him an e-mail at <Eganphysics@aol.com>.

IHSA All-State Academic Team

At least eight Scholastic Bowl participants are among the 26 Seniors named to the 2002 All-State Academic Team by the IHSA Board of Directors. Those we are aware of are:

Frank Cirone, Arlington Heights (St. Viator)

James Labuz, Chicago (St. Patrick)

Lindsay M. Murrow, Addison (Addison Trail)

Jessica Pruemer, Dietrich

John Rudolphi, Clay City

Scott A. Schaeffer, Wheeling

David Szakonyi, Palos Hills (Stagg)

Anne J. Yatco, Morris

The IHSA chose one boy and one girl from each of the seven IHSA regions, plus twelve at-large selections, from among 578 nominations. Those chosen were honored at a Recognition Banquet in Bloomington on April 29, 2002. 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.

Scholastic Bowl Week Recap

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

Our Varsity team played the faculty team at our monthly after school staff get-together. Our principal captained the faculty team. The faculty won a close match to avenge last year's loss.

Jim Stankevitz, Wheaton Warrenville South

We had an article published in the Moline Dispatch detailing the team's winning the Masonic Regional Championship and making a fifth consecutive trip to Masonic State.

Nick Pitz, Moline

We played our Fifth Annual Students vs Faculty Match. Also, "Kathy and Judy" interviewed me on WGN Radio in Chicago about the Scholastic Bowl State Tournament.

David Reinstein, New Trier, Winnetka

We sponsored a tournament for the local junior high schools. It is the third year of the tournament.

Dennis Wyatt, Maine East, Park Ridge

We had questions in the daily announcements and our team took on the teachers in a match. (The teachers won).

Tim Black, Wethersfield High School, Kewanee

Everyone had a great time at our annual teacher-student match.

Marlene Rubinow, Oak Park River Forest

We had a daily trivia contest.

Anne Kidwell, Charleston

Mrs. Hedges, our Frosh-Soph coach, had her class make posters for display in the hall.

Cheryl Christianson, Sterling

We had a super scholastic challenge with sixteen teams participating. We had eight rounds and gave trophies to the two top teams and to the person who answered the most questions. All teams wore specially designed T-shirts to incorporate team unity.

Jane Rice, Downers Grove North

We asked questions over the intercom and gave out prizes all week. The Scholastic Bowl team challenged the teachers to a match. We made posters and put an article in the paper. It was a great week.

Becky Rench, Nashville

We scheduled a community quiz bowl called *Chester Challenged*. Six local organizations participated. Senior students moderated, kept score, and ran the buzzer boards. We also had a concession stand. We plan to do this again next year as a way of raising community awareness of what goes on in a Scholastic Bowl match.

Craig Rigg, Colchester

College Bowl Differences

by Nick Poulos, New Trier '01; U of Chicago '05

During the school year, every so often I travel to tournaments over the weekend, leading people to wonder where I went. When I return and tell them that I was at a quiz bowl competition, their response is along the lines of, "we have a quiz bowl team?" or, "what?" Of course, the situation was the same back in high school, but you'd think that college would be different – since it's all about learning, education, and knowledge – but you'd be wrong.

Although this aspect of the "sport" (I was never comfortable calling it that) hasn't changed much, those of you who decide to participate in College Bowl will be surprised by the differences. For instance, the question quality at the college level is, on the whole, much better and a great deal tougher. I once answered a question at the high school level that started, "this organ has two nostrils ..." College level questions aren't usually that easy.

The majority of questions as you progress in the quiz bowl circuit tend to get longer (to about five or six lines). This allows for a more pyramidal structure – putting hard clues at the beginning, followed by easier ones. This tends to reward actual knowledge more than "fake" or list-based knowledge. Due to the tendency of genuine understanding of a subject to lead to points, you get much more specialization at the college level. It is much more difficult to be a great all-around player (although they do exist). Instead you have on a team a math-physics player, a history player, and so on.

Of course, team makeup can be a moot point depending on the question writers. Some tournaments get questions from a vendor while some have the participating schools submit packets. The former tend to produce questions of consistent quality (good or bad, depending on the vendor and what you prefer), but the latter can be somewhat problematic. Going from a round with difficult, well-written questions to a round with poor, easy ones can be very disconcerting and disappointing. But, if you continue on with quiz bowl, you'll end up learning from the questions you write, and on top of that, it can even be profitable after time.

Whereas in my experience, question quality has improved overall, tournament organization has unfortunately deteriorated. On the whole, the high school tournaments I went to were well run, generally on time, and quite enjoyable – and sometimes, the directors write the questions by themselves, which, having now written packets, seems quite a feat to me. The fact that the college tournaments usually are in such disarray is quite odd. However, this can be compensated for by location: so far, I've visited locales as varied as Ann Arbor, Stanford, and Chapel Hill in my journeys.

Another change I've found involves the players themselves. You'll find out quickly that there are people who are far more frightening than anyone you've ever met. You'll hear scary stories about sketchy people and compete against those who've been playing at the college level since you were in junior high. This may be discouraging, but it's all part of the process. Remember: you're a freshman again. You get to go through the process all over.

And to those who are sometimes frightened by the questions about sociologists you've never heard of or flatworms from mythology, there's always hope: one storied collegiate question from a national vendor asked about a "curved yellow fruit."

College Bowl Adventures

by Yogesh Raut, IMSA '01; Stanford University '05

College Bowl tournaments are a great deal different from ones in high school; for one thing, they take a lot longer. For my first, the Western Invitational at UC-Berkeley, I left Stanford at 8:00 AM Saturday morning and didn't get back until 2:00 AM on Sunday. Not only that, but travel time was only an hour each way, so it was a full 16 hours of Scholastic Bowl at a stretch! (Well, I guess we did take some time out to eat.) Anyway, I was placed on the Stanford C team, which was made up of all freshmen. Even though there were only three of us (four is a full team), we did respectably well, finishing with a 5-6 record which put us 6th in a field of 9. We also beat the Berkeley C team, thus earning a measure of pride for Stanford.

After that tournament came what's called a "trash" tournament, where all the questions deal with pop culture. My personal high point came when I correctly named the only movie to be scripted by one Nobel Prize winner and based on a novel by another (*To Have and Have Not*). My personal low came when I failed to answer a tossup where the correct answer was "*Because I Got High*." (What would Afroman think?) After this came a Beatles cover tournament, which consisted of listening to remakes of Beatles tunes by such personages as Telly Savalas, The Fat Boys, and "a chorus of barking dogs," and then attempting to identify the songs so mangled. I made it to the finals of this tournament, where I went head-to-head with several hardcore Beatles fans. Needless to say, there were a few who were able to identify nearly every song within a few seconds of hearing even the most obscure cover version. I did manage to salvage a bit of my pride, however, as there was one song I was able to correctly identify before any of my competitors - "*Yellow Submarine*."

After this came a singles tournament, where the players competed in pool play before the top 16 went on to single elimination. I held my own during the first two preliminary rounds, but in the third I was placed in a room with eight other players, and I needed to finish in the top seven in order to go on to the playoffs. I ended up finishing dead last (ouch!). I managed to keep myself occupied as a moderator for the next three rounds, and though it sounds silly, I did feel rather proud of moderating at what was, after all, my first College Bowl tournament. After the singles came the prizes for the original tournament, and I turned out to have done pretty well, finishing with the second-highest point total and the third-highest points-per-game average for an individual. My prize? A copy of the autobiography of Sammy Davis, Jr. I couldn't think of a more appropriate ending to the day.

My next College Bowl tournament was the ACF regionals at Scripps College at Claremont. My main memory of the event is of trying to find a men's restroom at this all-girls school. Next came the NAQT Nationals in North Carolina. I was reluctant (for good reason, as it would turn out) to travel all the way to the other coast on a weekend during the school season, but I had a couple of friends at Duke who I really wanted to visit, so I agreed to go. The tournament itself went over reasonably well, as Stanford finished a disappointing but still-respectable 13th place in Division A, and I got to see many of my old Scholastic Bowl colleagues from Illinois. I visited Duke on Saturday evening, and returned to my hotel room

ready to get a good night's sleep and fly back to San Francisco on Sunday. We left the Raleigh airport early that morning and arrived in Dallas for our connecting flight. It was then that the fun began.

Our connecting flight, as it so happened, was canceled. In fact, the entire Dallas airport was shut down for several hours due to weather, and flights were canceled left and right. We were put on standby for a later flight, but it was booked solid. Then we decided to try a flight to Los Angeles, hoping to catch a connection to San Francisco early Monday morning. After racing across the airport to the proper terminal, we discovered that due to the presence of pilots but the lack of a flight crew, the plane would be flying to LA *devoid of passengers*. This in spite of a terminal full of angry passengers who held tickets for that flight! Then the airport personnel informed the crowd that they would be closing the ticket counter in less than half an hour, leading to a general mob rush. We decided to split up our group, with two of us standing in the regular line and two in the much shorter line for first-class tickets. Needless to say, the first-class line moved much quicker, and my teammates soon moved up to the second spot. Then the man in front of them began arguing with the ticket clerks. Twenty minutes later, we had purchased 4 coach tickets.

The airport personnel informed us that there were no available hotel rooms in the area, so we were crowded into the terminal to sleep on cots. Then they ran out of cots. Anyway, to make a long story short, the next morning we flew to San Francisco via Las Vegas, and I arrived at Stanford just in time to miss my first classes of the quarter. But that's not to say that there's no upside to this story. After all, of all the airport floors I've ever slept on, I'd have to say that the one in Dallas was the most ... recent.

Writing Scholastic Bowl Articles for your Local Newspaper

by Fred Floreth, Litchfield parent and moderator

The Litchfield High School Scholastic Bowl team has received a great deal of news coverage the past two seasons. In fact, an article has been published about every match. While this may be due to the facts that the *Litchfield News-Herald* is a daily (Monday through Friday) paper in a town of some 7,000 and that the Purple Panthers have been relatively successful (33-8, 34-5, two IHSA Regional championships, two conference titles, one Masonic Regional championship), I will pass along a few ideas that you may find helpful in obtaining more coverage for your team.

First of all, at this point it is unrealistic to expect a newspaper to send a reporter to cover your matches. Whether you as the coach, a parent or a student write news articles about your team, be aware of the fine line one has to walk in writing articles about high school sports (and, yes, Scholastic Bowl is a sport!) Sometimes, even big-city reporters fail to strike the proper balance between being a shill and a critic.

For example, if you're able to start getting articles in the paper, don't just turn them in when you win! To keep credibility, you'll have to submit stories even when things don't go well.

Be careful never to criticize an individual, but at the same time, feel free to honestly report a shortcoming of the team as a whole.

You have to tell the bad with the good, but you don't want a student criticizing other students or (heaven forbid!) a parent criticizing you! A student or parent writer must understand that favoritism could undermine team morale, but at the same time, overcompensating the other way would be unfair to a friend or child.

To make the story compelling enough to convince the editor to publish it (much less to interest readers), one must explain what Scholastic Bowl is all about without getting bogged down in detail. In the first article of the season, I give a brief summary of the rules. I put it at the end of the story, so the editor can easily delete it if desired. To illustrate:

"A high school Scholastic Bowl game consists of thirty toss-up questions worth ten points each and a possible thirty bonus questions worth a total of twenty points each. Any of the five players from either team in the game may attempt to answer a toss-up question. The team which answers a toss-up question correctly has the first opportunity to answer a bonus question of three, four or five parts. The number of points scored on the bonus depends on the number of parts answered correctly. The other team may attempt to answer any parts of a bonus question answered incorrectly."

While a writer wouldn't feel compelled to explain the rules of baseball, a summary similar to the above is probably necessary to help the readers (and the editor) understand Scholastic Bowl.

Know your newspaper's deadlines. A story about a match played a week ago isn't news anymore.

Some papers set type directly from a computer program. If you can submit the story on a floppy disc in a format compatible with what your newspaper uses, it may help your articles get into print.

Every once in a while I drop in the question (and answer!) that was a turning point in a match. Over time, this can demonstrate to the public the wide variety of topics covered in Scholastic Bowl.

Since I find a Scholastic Bowl match to be exciting, I have no trouble making it so in my articles. I've been told that my articles make the matches seem like an athletic contest. I take my readers through the match, telling them, for instance, if the home team led all the way, pulled ahead early in the second half or won it with thirty points on the last question. Here is an example:

"The South Central Conference title bout was close for a while. Carlinville led 48-43 after eleven questions. Then on question twelve, Thane Floreth correctly identified the Quakers. Captain Jason Kozemczak organized the team's answers to the bonus."

"The Purple Panthers recognized that Family 18 on the Periodic Table of Elements was the noble gases and named five of them, sweeping all twenty possible bonus points. Two toss-up questions later, Will Hogsett came up with an answer that allowed Litchfield to build a 88-48 halftime lead."

"The packed room saw the Purple go on a tear starting the second half. Litchfield bolted to a 181 - 78 lead after twenty-one questions. Although no one knew it at the time, for all intents and purposes, the match and the conference race were over."

Quotes from the coach and, on occasion, players, make good copy. A tape recorder will help accurately record what was said.

Covering a Scholastic Bowl season is much like writing chapters in a book. Try to put the match you're writing about into context.

Explain if it was a conference match or a sixteen team tournament. Include the date, time, and place of your team's next game.

I suggest getting the names of as many players as possible into your articles. Depending on the circulation of the paper to which you are submitting your story, you may want to use the names of players from both teams. Always start off by using first and last names - and be sure to spell them correctly!

Identify the toss-up scorers in the match, giving how many questions each answered. The concept of "leading scorers" is something to which the reader can relate.

I used to include how many were scored out of how many attempts (e.g. "Hannah Langhoff answered three out of five toss-ups correctly.") I stopped doing so, however, when I realized that this might discourage some players from attempting an answer when they weren't sure if their response was right. As we know, with time running out, sometimes an educated guess is appropriate.

As far as the use of names goes, don't, however, go overboard and list every team member in every article. If the team has played especially well, winning a tournament or a big match, mention all the other team members who played with a comment like:

"Andy Thomack, Cameron Streitmatter, Colin West and Mike Weber also played for Litchfield and provided vital input on the bonus questions."

Along those same lines, I recommend including information about the JV team at the end of a story. Again, the editor can easily leave it out, but probably won't if you include players' names.

Next season, even if at first your articles aren't published, I encourage you to keep trying. A couple of people from Carterville asked for copies of my Sectional preview. Many local readers have mentioned to me how much they enjoy my articles (even though I don't have a by-line.) I always tell them to please contact the editor and let him know! On several occasions, the county tri-weekly newspaper in the neighboring town has reprinted the articles.

Progress is being made. There have been articles about the Springfield Southeast and Pleasant Plains teams in the *Springfield State Journal-Register*. We have to keep trying if our sport is to receive the media attention it deserves.

Fred Floreth is the parent of a sophomore on the Litchfield Scholastic Bowl team and serves as an unpaid Scholastic Bowl reporter for the Litchfield News-Herald. An IHSSBCA member, he has moderated at the high school Regional level. Last year Fred moderated the IESA Class A State Championship match. Former President of the Litchfield School Board, Fred is the Montgomery County Public Guardian and Administrator and has a private law practice.

Puzzle Corner

What happened on July 8, 1835?

The Liberty Bell cracked while tolling the death of Chief Justice John Marshall. Congratulations to Robert Brown of Lake Zurich and Christina Tracy of Rossville-Alvin who sent in correct answers to this question.

What future Presidents signed the Declaration of Independence?

Friends of Scholastic Bowl



Following the IHSA Awards Ceremony in Peoria on March 16, IHSSBCA Ombudsman Tom Egan announced that the "Friend of Scholastic Bowl" award had been named in honor of Rob Grierson, IHSSBCA founder and newsletter editor. Two awards were presented. The 2001 award went to Chuck Fabish (above, right). The inscription reads, "For promoting Scholastic Bowl in Central Illinois and across the state as Assistant Regional Superintendent for Peoria County." The 2002 award went to Barron Robinson (above, left). The inscription reads, "The Patriarch of Springfield Scholastic Bowl. A tireless worker in the early days of Scholastic Bowl. A long time coach, official and advocate for the activity."

Spring 2002 KMO Top Twenty

A preview of strong teams going into Nationals

1. Jefferson, Alexandria, **Virginia** (1772)
2. Richard Montgomery, Rockville, **Maryland** (1752)
3. Montgomery Blair, Silver Spring, **Maryland** (1742)
4. Dunbar, Lexington, **Kentucky** (1739)
5. Cabell Midland, Ona, **West Virginia** (1718)
6. Bergen County, Hackensack, **New Jersey** (1698)
7. Detroit Central Catholic, Redford, **Michigan** (1689)
8. Booker T Washington, Tulsa, **Oklahoma** (1681)
9. Ward Melville, Setauket, **New York** (1678)
10. Huntington Beach, Edison, **California** (1673)
11. Science School, Durham, **North Carolina** (1670)
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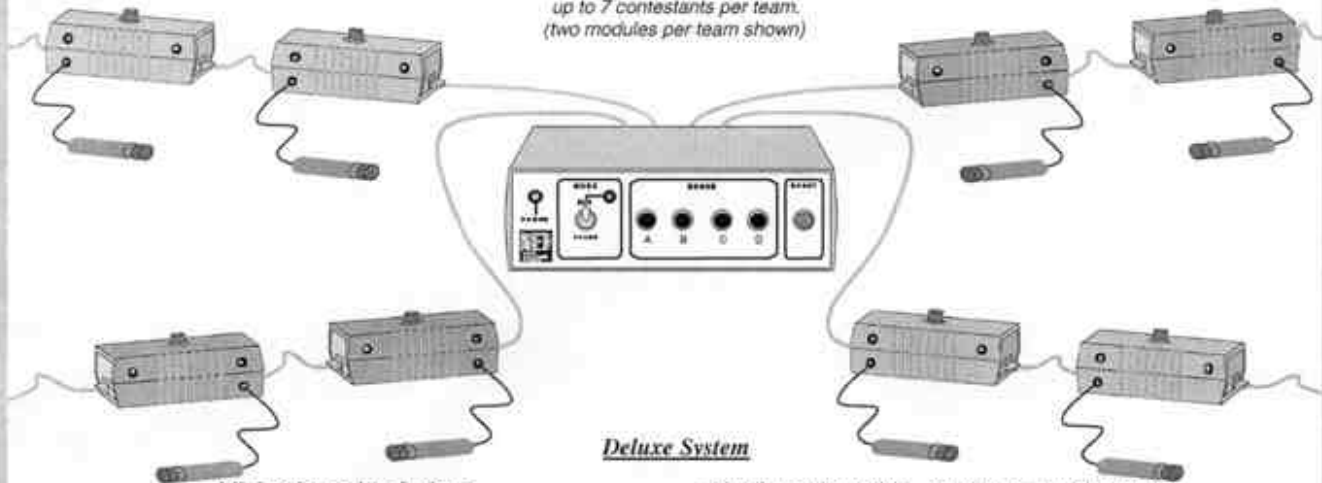
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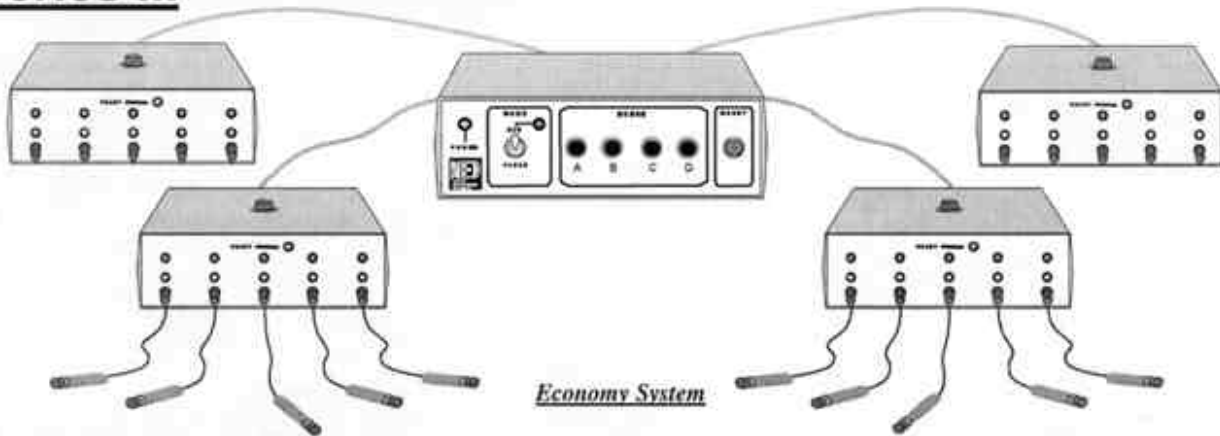
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