CMA censures Western Oregon

College Media Advisers, Inc. has censured Western Oregon University for its handling of the case of the former student newspaper adviser at the school.

The board of directors of College Media Advisers voted the censure following a lengthy investigation by CMA into the August 2007 firing of Susan Wickstrom, adviser of the Western Oregon Journal.

Wickstrom's firing followed the June 2007 Journal publication of a story concerning a university computer security breach. A file containing the names, Social Security numbers, grade point averages and other sensitive information of former students was discovered by student journalist Blair Loving in a public area of the university computer system. He opened the file thinking it was information about the College of Education.

Wickstrom's contract was not renewed in August 2007 because university officials felt she mishandled a copy of the file.

The letter of censure, sent to WOU President John Minahan, raises concerns about the way the university handled Wickstrom's case. In addition, CMA is concerned that the present academic and student affairs environments are not conducive to healthy journalism and student media programs at WOU.

Specific concerns raised in the letter of censure include the following:
- The search by university officials of the student newspaper newsroom without notifying the students or the adviser.
- The university blaming the newspaper staff and its adviser for exposing the security lapse on its computers.
- The handling by university officials of the security investigation and Wickstrom's case, both of which indicate a lack of understanding of the basic philosophy, principles and ethics that guide CMA advisers.

CMA has been working with WOU for more than a year, offering to assist admin-

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Spring 2009: It’s CMA in the City

In the spring, CMA starts a week in mid-March with three days in a convention of unconventional education and learning opportunities with movers and shakers in the media center of the world. The New York experience provides top notch educational opportunities as well as giving delegates a chance to explore New York City. Use the CMA’s convention Web site to register your delegation, pay convention fees online, and more. It’s all available at www.collegemedia.org.

World Class Keynoters

A hallmark of the Spring National College Media Convention is the appearance by some of the tops in the media world for keynote addresses.

Byron Pitts, CBS News National Correspondent, will be giving a unique take on national issues in what was a transformational year in 2008 and a year of change in 2009.

Innovator Brian Storm, founder of the Media Storm web site, will be giving his unique take on new media and its impact during a keynote address.

ABC World News Anchor Charlie Gibson will be wrapping it up with a closing keynote addresses on March 17.
CMA bookends...

The year was 1988. CMA and ACP were holding the Fall National College Media Convention in Atlanta, and former President Jimmy Carter was the keynote speaker. I had a front-row seat. I don’t recall what he said to us, but I do remember that he was taller than I had thought he would be. And I remember how impressed I was.

Fast forward to 2009 and CMA’s Spring National College Media Convention in New York. Our top keynote will be Charlie Gibson, anchor for ABC Evening News. It will be my honor and pleasure to join him on stage and to introduce him to our delegates. I’m sure the experience will be memorable.

While I’m not overly prone to the magic of celebrity, I still get excited about meeting notables — people in the spotlight. Shucks, I still feel pretty wired about having been part of a group of only several hundred who heard Vice President-Elect Joe Biden speak on our campus last fall.

My point here is that one event in our lives often ends up bookending to another event, offering the “that was then, this is now” kind of perspective. I’ve got a handful of those from my 29-year CMA experience.

It was the mid-1980s, and I was getting ready to board a flight at Kansas City International to one of our conventions when I met the adviser from Kansas State University. His name was David Adams. We became fast friends and shared many CMA experiences.

Fast forward to 2008 in New York where we were back at the Marriott Marquis for our spring meeting. I was on stage when we presented the first David L. Adams Apple Awards, honoring him for his many years of service to CMA until his untimely death in 2007.

It was 1985. CMA’s fall meeting was in Dallas, and I mustered up the courage to introduce myself to Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver and then-CMA President David Knott of Ball State University in the lobby of the convention hotel. I asked Lillian what I could do to be more involved in CMA. She and Dave helped to line me up with on-site critiques, which I ran for five years, beginning in 1987, at both our fall and spring conventions.

Fast forward to 2008 in New York. I presented Lillian the Ronald E. Spielberger Service to CMA Award for her longtime contributions to CMA — particularly for her many years serving as director of the New York meeting.

In 1999 when the convention was again in Atlanta, I was tending bar at one of our informal adviser receptions in the presidential suite. I especially remember Linda Owens, who was adviser for many years at the University of South Carolina-Aiken. She was dressed as Southern belle Scarlett O’Hara and suggested I reminded her of Rhett Butler — understand, I wore a mustache then.

Fast forward to our convention Kansas City in 2008. The CMA board recognized Linda — along with Richard Lytle, who retired from Southern Methodist University — as lifetime CMA members.

It was 2003, and we were meeting in Dallas. I was on a panel “So you want to write a textbook,” organized by Rachele Kanigel of San Francisco State. By coincidence, she and I happened to be writing textbooks for Iowa State Press, which became part of Blackwell Publishing and then part of Wiley.

Fast forward to our Kansas City convention last fall, when I had the pleasure of swearing in Rachele, who has become a real CMA go-getter, as the new CMA secretary.

I could go on with such examples. What’s clear to me, though, is that in every one of these bookends, I couldn’t have anticipated the later event as a follow-up to the first. I trust many of your own lives are peppered with similar experiences. If not, especially for you younger folk, they will be.

With our Spring National College Media Convention on the near horizon, make the most of opportunities presented to you. Sit in on the keynotes — Byron Pitts, CBS News National Correspondent; Brian Storm, president of MediaStorm; and, of course, Charlie Gibson. Come a day early and attend one of the digital media preconvention workshops — great training for advisers and students who need to upgrade or polish their new media skills.

The program will include hundreds of sessions running the gamut of topics that advisers and students need to know to do their best.

Bring copies of your publications (and broadcasts). You and your students can enter them in competition for the David L. Adams Apple Awards. Or you can sign up for an on-site critique of them. Or you can place copies of them on the Publication Exchange tables, sharing your work with others attending the convention.

Herd a few of your students over to the signup for Editor-in-Residence, where Bill Eilen, longtime Washington Post editor will offer free advice and feedback on various subjects, including management and leadership, ethical and legal dilemmas and internships and jobs.

Help out for a few hours at the registration table and get a nifty bag of goodies for your time. You’ll also be entered into a raffle for a bunch of swell gifts, including Broadway show tickets and a Tiffany crystal apple. Just email Regina Cassell (regina.cassell@washburn.edu) to let her know you’re available.

Both formal and informal adviser receptions will give you a chance to enjoy a beverage, a snack and some swell camaraderie with other CMA advisers, both old friends and new.

You never know. Any one of these might become one of those memorable, meaningful bookends of your life.
Spring ‘09 Convention/Workshops At A Glance

Who: Students and advisers from coast to coast and beyond.  
What: The annual 2009 National College Media Convention, the largest spring assembly of student journalists in the world who gather together for three days to attend over 200 educational sessions, hear inspirational keynote addresses from media movers and shakers, participate in a trade show, learn from onsite critiques and competition, and much more, including preconvention Media Pro Workshops  
When: Sunday-Tuesday, March 15-17, 2009, with workshops starting Saturday, March 14, 2009.  
Where: Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City at Times Square, the crossroads of the world.  
Why: Because we have to provide leadership for our students who will be charting the course of an exciting and evolving new world of media.  
How: Visit our web site at www.collegemedia.org and click on the Big Red Apple to register online using our secure server. Or, use the form on Page 4 of this newsletter to fax you registration information to CMA Headquarters.  

Registration Type  
- Student Delegate ............ $ 90  
- CMA Member ................. $ 100  
- CMA Member (Renewing Now $100 Registration and $90 dues included) .................... $ 190  
- Non-member ................ $140  

Convention Hotel  
Book your room at the Marriott online at the CMA rate. Or use the hotel form on page 5 of this newsletter.  

Media Pro Workshops  
This year marks the return of the popular and educational Media Pro Workshops, taught by some of the leaders worldwide in the art and craft of media.  

Six pre-convention workshops will be launched Saturday, March 14, including some that will be offering hands on training using CMA’s new mobile computer lab as part of CMA’s Digital CAMPUS initiative. And, for the first time, CMA will sponsor an advisers’ workshop on New Media Essentials to better equip advisers on how to provide leadership and training for the newsroom of the future.  

Tentative workshop schedule for March 14, 2009, is listed below. Please visit the CMA web site www.collegemedia.org for updates. Select the workshops you will be attending. Plan carefully – no refunds will be made but substitutions are permitted. Act now as workshop space is limited.  
- New Media with Soundslides  
- New Media Storytelling & Systems  
- Narrative Writing  
- Advanced News Writing  
- Advanced Design  
- Adviser New Media Essentials  

Workshops are $59 each. Registration numbers are limited so register soon to ensure availability. The price for workshops goes to $79 after February 9, 2009, provided space is available.  

Workshop registrations are on a first come, first served basis. Some restrictions may apply.  

Early Bird Registration Rates  
Act now to save big. Special registration rates and the lowest hotel rates in Manhattan are in effect through February 9, 2009.
## CMA Spring National Convention

**March 15-17 2009 - Registration Form - ONLINE REGISTRATION**

[www.collegemedia.org](http://www.collegemedia.org)

### College Media Advisers

Send this form to: College Media Advisers Headquarters (address below)  
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### Registration Summary

(List attendees in right column)

- **Student delegates** # _____ @ $ 90 each ($120 each after 2/9/09) = $ ______
- **CMA Advisers** # _____ @ $100 each ($120 each after 2/9/09) = $ ______
- **Non-CMA Advisers** # _____ @ $140 each ($160 each after 2/9/09) = $ ______
- **Pre-Convention Media Pro Workshops** # _____ @ $59 each ($79 each after 2/9/09) = $ ______
- **Apple Awards** # _____ @ $ 10 per category = $ ______
- **CMA dues paid now** # _____ @ $ 90 for one year membership = $ ______

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE** = $ ______

Please Plan Carefully. NO REFUNDS can be made. (Substitutions Are Permitted)

### Billing Information

Please bill CMA Registration to an associated credit card:

| Name on card: ______________________ |  |
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Please bill CMA Registration to Address: □ Same as above □ Use address below for billing

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Make registration checks payable in U.S. funds to: College Media Advisers  
CMA is a not for profit educational corporation. Tax ID #35-1394342
Mail fees or fee arrangements with this form (or fax for credit card payments) as soon as possible to:

College Media Advisers, Department of Journalism, The University of Memphis  
3711 Veterans Ave., Room 300, Memphis, TN 38152  
Fax: 901-678-4798

### Convention Delegate Profiles

Please name all delegates and check applicable boxes to describe the makeup of your delegation:

| Delegate 1: | Classification: □ Student □ CMA member □ New CMA member (Paying Dues Now) □ Not a member |
| Medium: □ News □ Yearbook □ Magazine □ TV □ Radio □ Online □ Ad/Business |
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All convention delegates MUST be listed; if needed, please attach a separate sheet.

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Check here if any members of your delegation have a disability that may affect participation in this event. Attach a statement to your registration regarding your disability-related needs. CMA will contact you to discuss accommodations. We cannot assure availability of appropriate accommodations without prior notification by February 9, 2009.
**CMA Spring National Convention**  
**March 15-17 2009 - Hotel Registration**

**COLLEGE MEDIA ADVISERS**  
Only a limited numbers of rooms are available at this special rate.  
Send this form to: The Marriott Marquis (address below) as soon as your travel arrangements can be confirmed (and no later than February 9, 2009)  

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**PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE OF ROOMS DESIRED (Summary)**

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- **Doubles/Triple:** __ __ @ $ 276 per night plus tax* = $ ______

**TOTAL ENCLOSED for first night’s deposit** = $ ______

**GUARANTEE THE FIRST NIGHT VIA (Check One)**

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**MARIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL INFORMATION**  
from SPRING NATIONAL COLLEGE MEDIA CONVENTION (March 15-17, 2009)

* Current taxes are 13.375% plus $3.50 per room occupancy tax, per night. If tax exempt in New York State, college must provide a New York Tax-Exemption Form with this registration form.

Make hotel checks payable in U.S. dollars to The Marriott Marquis.

Reservation deadline for these special rates is February 9, 2009. Rooms are subject to sellout before this date.

Call for hotel rates and availability of space. Be sure to ask for the CMA convention rate.

SPECIAL NOTE: There will be charges for baggage handling of $6.50 per bag per person for groups of 10 or more arriving by bus or van. Each group leader will be expected to present payment in full for their party. Large groups that offload their transportation a block away from the hotel and carry their own bags will not be subject to these charges.

Hotel Address: Marriott Marquis, Attention: Reservations, 1535 Broadway, New York, NY 10036
Telephone: 212-398-1900 (General Hotel Info) + 1-800-843-4898 (Reservations) + Fax 212-704-8934
ONLINE AT: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_el_new&eventID=80798

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Please attach a sheet or duplicate this form if more rooms are needed.
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In June 2008, CMA sent a formal letter of concern to Minahan, offering the assistance of CMA adviser advocate Mark Witherspoon of Iowa State University to help develop the new student media governance documents and guidelines that would create a healthy environment for the WOU student media program.

The university president initially seemed to be receptive to the offer. However, after a series of delays and lack of communication, Minahan refused to cooperate with Witherspoon or any other CMA representative.

Ms. Wickstrom, who has made clear in the interim that she is not interested in getting her WOU adviser job back, was honored last summer by the Oregon and Southwest Washington chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists with its First Freedom Award, in recognition of her exemplary service to the First Amendment.

The CMA Adviser Advocacy Program, established in 1998, is designed to help mediate issues that may arise when advisers are punished in the performance of their duties and while following CMA standards. Since inception of the program, the CMA board of directors has censured seven schools, six of which remain in effect. Letters of concern have been sent to three other schools.

Briefly speaking

TRIP OF A LIFETIME TO D.C. – Sixteen students and adviser David Swartzlander of Doane College in Nebraska spent two weeks in Washington, D.C., in January, culminating in coverage of the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama. The Doane delegation will visit all the sites plus tour media properties “at least the ones still in business,” said Swartzlander. “We have tickets to the inauguration. It’s standing-room only, but it’s better than nothing. We plan to be at the swearing in plus watch the parade from the balcony of an apartment on Pennsylvania Avenue that belongs to a Doane grad. The group is scheduled to publish stories through the Omaha World-Herald, the Crete News (a small weekly in Nebraska), the Doane Line, the student news Web site, and reported live on KLIN radio in Lincoln.

NEW SPORTS BOOK IS ICED – A long-time student media adviser has joined the ranks of authors of books on professional sports. The book, *Rochester Americans: The First 50 Years*, written by Warren “Koz” Kozireski, is now available from AuthorHouse.com. The volume chronicles The Americans, the second oldest franchise in the American Hockey League and one of its most successful with six Calder Cup Championships, 16 Calder Cup Final appearances and 39 postseason appearances. Kozireski has been covering the American Hockey League and the Rochester Americans in various capacities since 1981. From his free-lance work writing for the Amerks Magazine and Western New York Hockey Magazine to producing the Amerks radio broadcasts to an occasional cameo filling in on radio, he has seen first-hand much of the history contained inside. In his spare time he is the radio adviser at College of Brockport and a founding member of Collegiate Broadcasters, Inc.

TEXAN IN THE ‘HUNT’ FOR HONORS – San Antonio College Journalism Professor Emeritus Chet Hunt was honored by the Texas Association of Journalism Educators this fall with the Trailblazer Award. Hunt was honored for his years of service to journalism students, including 28 years at San Antonio College before his retirement in August 2006. He also taught high school journalism in the Texas communities of Pleasanton and Port Lavaca and at Lee High School in San Antonio. Hunt was named a Texas Legend of Scholastic Journalism and selected Teacher of the Year in 1976 by the Texas Interscholastic League Press Conference. When the award was presented, the contingent of journalism advisers from San Antonio high schools stood and cheered. Hunt continues to volunteer as an adviser to The Ranger Online at www.th ranger.org as well as running his own online site http://cfhunt.googlepages.com/chuntonline.

HALL OF FAME IN ILLINOIS – The 20th anniversary dinner for the Illinois Journalism Education Association was held in the fall on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill. Linda Puntney, Journalism Education Association executive director, was the keynote speaker. Highlights of the evening were the installation of the inaugural class of the IJEA Hall of Fame, and a speech by 2005 Illinois Journalist of the Year Erin Wood. A permanent display and tribute to the Hall of Fame members will be on the second floor of Buzzard Hall on the EIU campus, home of the IJEA headquarters since its inception. The following were

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inducted: Candace Perkins Bowen, St. Charles High School; Sarah Doemer, DuQuoin High School; Dana Ewell, University of Illinois; Melinda Foyes, Conant High School; Diana Peckham, Pekin Community High School; Randy Swikle, Johnsburg High School; Susan Santillo, Wheeling High School; James Tidwell, Eastern Illinois University; Tom Winski, Monmouth High School.

FIRST SECRETARY’S WORK EARNS PRAISE – “What we have in our records about the history of IUEA is because of the meticulous work of the first Illinois Journalism Education Association secretary, Tom Winski. Tom’s impeccable notes and organizational files are a reminder of the work that went into this organization and suggest that his vision for what IUEA could become was realized through diligence and attention to detail. We have all his notes, including handwritten notes on a 5 by 7 Hyatt Hotel notepad that told of the three goals of the new organization: To better serve high school journalists; To better serve high school publications advisers; To coordinate and avoid duplication,” said IUEA Executive Director Sally Turner.

DOCTORAL MILESTONE – Yuk-kwong Edmund Lo, instructor of journalism-photography at San Antonio College, completed his Ph.D. in journalism at Ohio University during the summer of 2008. Lo teaches courses in photojournalism, Web design and Photoshop. He is one of four advisers to the San Antonio College student newspaper, The Ranger, and the Ranger Online. “As a photojournalist for more than two decades, I considered myself a visual person,” Dr. Lo said. “I was never fond of digging into mountains of literal books and statistical data. But getting a Ph.D. is just a means to a bigger end — to learn to develop visual knowledge. After all, knowledge has no boundaries; everything is connected.”

CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER IN NEVADA – The Globe-Pequot Press recently released “Nevada Curiosities,” a volume that spotlights the offbeat, unusual and weird people, places and events in Nevada. The book was authored by Richard Moreno, director of Student Publication at Western Illinois University. “It’s my eighth book. All have been about Nevada, where I lived for 26 years and served as publisher of Nevada Magazine for 14 years,” said Moreno.

ELBOW TO ELBOW NO MORE – New news digs support the work of the Pacer Times news staff at the University of South Carolina Aiken. The office moved this fall from an academic building to expanded space with new furnishings in the Student Activities Center. “The offices - with windows! - were part of the university’s renovation of the SAC,” reports Peggy Elliott, Instructor, Department of Communications and Adviser of the Pacer Times student newspaper. “It’s terrific to see the pages coming together without all of those elbows vying for space,” said Elliott.

SPLC EYES NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP – The Student Press Law Center Board of Directors has unanimously selected Virginia Edwars as its new Chair, and appointed Patrick Carome and Mike Godwin, both of whom are accomplished lawyers in the online publishing field, to its Board of Directors. The Student Press Law Center (SPLC) is a Washington, D.C.-area non-profit whose mission is to advocate for free-press rights for high school and college journalists. It also provides legal information and referral assistance to teachers and the educators who work with them. “I’m looking forward to helping the SPLC complete the strategic planning process that will serve as our blueprint for moving into the next decade. I’m also looking forward to the prospects of expanding our advocacy work and our youth outreach into the digital publishing age,” she said. Carome and Godwin

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replace outgoing board members Rosalind Stark, formerly of the Radio and Television News Directors Association, and Shawn Chen of the Associated Press. “The addition of two respected online media experts, Mike Godwin and Pat Carome, to SPLC’s board perfectly positions the organization as we modernize our programs to keep pace with the way young people gather and share information today,” Edwards said. For more information on the SPLC, go to www.splc.org.

WHAT’S THE FREQUENCY? – WOBN-FM, the student-run radio station at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, has changed its frequency from 101.5 FM to 97.5FM, reports Janice Windborne of the Department of Communication at the school.

MILESTONES – Judi Linville, faculty adviser to The Current at the University of Missouri-St. Louis since 1994, retired in September. Judi was twice named the Missouri College Media Association’s Adviser of the Year, and The Current has won the MCMOA’s Best in State designation three times since 2002. She is busy blogging, quilting, gardening, making travel plans and lurking on the CMA-L list.

TRANSITIONS – Tammy Merrett-Murry is now the Program Director for Student Publications at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. She teaches journalism courses and is the faculty adviser to The Adestle, the award-winning student newspaper. Previously, Merrett-Murry was the faculty adviser for The Montage, the student newspaper at St. Louis Community College-Meramec in St. Louis, Mo. Meritt-Murry succeeds Immediate Past CMA President Lance Speere, who relocated to Florida.

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