Going On in April

1: Deadline for SPJ Scholarship Applications

1: Nominations due for SPJ Awards

1-2: Regional Conference in Springfield, Missouri

4: Student Chapter Meeting

21-23: Gridiron

Annual Gridiron

Hosted April 21-23, SPJ will host the annual Gridiron, which will have an auction on Friday night where attendants will be allowed to bid on different items. Possible suggestions were lunch with area journalists or Wichita Mayor Carlos Mayans. Members will also have a silent auction with different items such as Robert Beattie's new book, an autographed Shockers basketball and Jamie Oppenheimer's prints. Definite items will be decided at April's meeting. Members are asked to volunteer to work any of the days. People are needed to work at the door each night as well as assist with the auction. Talk to Les about volunteering.

March Minutes

The last meeting was held March 7. Students discussed items that could be auctioned off at the Gridiron. A sign-up sheet was distributed for volunteers to help with the auction as well as work the doors. Janene Follmer, secretary, talked about the option of helping North High seniors with their portfolios as a possible community service project. Members were asked to think of other possible projects. T-shirt sales were decided on and students volunteered and sold the ESC shirts the week prior to spring break. Proceeds of the sale will go towards helping members to pay to attend regional and national conventions. The next meeting is April 4 and then one will follow May 2. The first meeting for the fall semester will be held in August.

Deadlines Coming Up

SPJ Scholarships
More than $10,000 will be awarded to students in scholarships, which are provided by SPJ. The SPJ Scholarship Applications need to be turned in to the ESC Office by April 1. The applications can be picked up in the office. All ESC students are invited to apply. SPJ Award Nominations
Every year awards are given to SPJ members for academics as well as contributions to the field of journalism. Details about the awards as well as forms to nominate someone are available online at www.spi.org/awards_all.asp

Regional Conference

This year's Regional Conference is being held in Springfield, Missouri. Ellen Soeteber, editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch is the keynote speaker. She also worked for the Chicago Tribune and the South Florida Sun-Sentinel and will speak about her experience as a journalist. There are also breakout sessions where students can learn about how to land internships, perfecting their portfolio, radio broadcasting or blogging. Students must register to attend. Fee is $45 for students who are SPJ members, $50 for non-members. The fee includes an opening night reception and a MOE luncheon. Registration form and fee should be sent to:
Regional 7 SPJ Conference
C/O Robert Leger
Springfield News-Leader
651 Booneville Ave.
Springfield, MO 65809
Checks or money orders only. Checks should be made out to SPJ Southwest Missouri Pro Chapter.

Members of SPJ who have paid dues should be receiving newsletters via e-mail. If you haven't yet received one, contact SPJ Membership Coordinator Kevin Schweikher at kschweikher@spi.org

If you are not yet a member of the WSU Student Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists but would like to be, visit www.spi.org online or talk to Les Anderson, SPJ sponsor.