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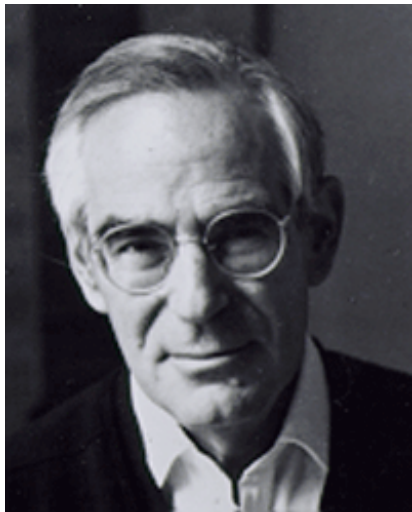
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Journalist, historian Halberstam featured at Baker Center



David Halberstam, Baker Center featured speaker

Renowned journalist, author and historian David Halberstam will be the featured speaker at the Baker Center's program, "The Press," at 7:30 p.m., April 26, in the University Center.

Halberstam is a Pulitzer Prize winner and the author of 14 books including *The Best and the Brightest* about Vietnam and more recently, *Firehouse*, the story of his local fire station, which lost 12 men on 9/11. He has also written *The Teammates*, a moving account of the 60-year friendship among four Red Sox players: Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr, Dom DiMaggio and Johnny Pesky. Another of Halberstam's books about sports is *Summer of '49* about the race for the pennant by the Yankees and Red Sox.

The Powers That Be was about the rise of the modern media, and *The Reckoning* detailed the challenge to our economy caused by Japan.

Halberstam is a frequent guest on television programs such as *Nightline*, *Charlie Rose*, and *Face the Nation*.

Because ETSPJ is providing financial support to the Baker Center for this event, we will be recognized in their program and other materials. Also, this will take the place of a meeting for April.

NBC's Don Teague to speak at Golden Press Card awards

NBC news correspondent, Don Teague, will be the keynote speaker at the East Tennessee Society of Professional Journalists' Golden Press Card awards program, 6:30 p.m., May 21, at the University Club.

Teague, who joined NBC in 2002, covered the tornadoes in Tennessee and the war in Iraq. He spent several months in Kuwait before the beginning of the war and covered humanitarian efforts in the southern part of Iraq after combat began.

Before working at NBC, Teague was the weekend anchor for the CBS affiliate in San Diego, Calif., and received the San Diego Press Club award for outstanding feature. Before working in San Diego, Teague was an anchor and reporter for the FOX affiliate in Cincinnati.

Teague contributed to two broadcasts of *Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*, both of which won Edward R. Murrow awards and a National Headliner awards in 2003. Teague has also received regional Emmy awards, 17 Emmy nominations and several Associated Press broadcasting awards.

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As a captain in the Army Reserve and National Guard, Teague has logged more than 1,000 hours of military and civilian helicopter pilot time.

He has also worked in Boston, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Tyler, Texas.

Teague has a master's degree in international relations from Troy State University and a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from San Diego State University. He did graduate work at Harvard in government and environmental management.

A heavy buffet will be available at the awards program. Cost is \$20 for those who reserve in advance and \$25 at the door. Please make your reservations with Sally Guthrie, sallyguthrie@mindspring.com or 588-1474 before May 17.

Several organizations enter GPC

ETSPJ received 135 entries from 100 journalists in 26 categories for the 2004 Golden Press Card awards competition. The New Orleans pro chapter is judging our entries. In exchange, Larry Aldridge and the staff at the Daily Times are judging entries for the New Orleans group.

Work was submitted by the following organizations: Chattanooga Times Free Press, Courier News, Crossville Chronicle, Daily Times, LaFollette Press, News Sentinel, UT Institute of Agriculture, Volunteer Times, WATE-TV, WTVC-TV, WUOT-FM, and WVLT-TV.

Nominating committee set

President Lisa Hood Skinner has appointed the following nominating committee to select candidates to serve as next year's officers and board members: Adina Chumley, chair; Larry Aldridge, Daily Times; and Jan Avent, former longtime board member and staffer at the News Sentinel.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please get in touch with one of the members of the committee.

Front Page Follies Update

Jackie Brown's brother, the Rev. Richard Brown, told Alan Carmichael, chair of the Front Page Follies, he is "happy and touched" that ETSPJ is honoring his sister this year.

Script meetings have gone well, and a rehearsal schedule will be set up soon, Carmichael reports. The Follies committee is looking for good items to be auctioned off this year to help raise money for scholarships. Please let a member of the board know if you have ideas that might work and people you might know (employer or otherwise) to help with an item.

Follies will be held at the Knoxville Convention Center on June 19. Even though invitations have not been sent, we have already received checks and reservations for 11 tables.

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UT students win MOE awards at conference

UT students picked up several Mark of Excellence awards at the SPJ Region 3 conference in Fort Lauderdale, March 27.

The winners were as follows: Christy Banks, second place (tie), editorial writing; Brett Edgerton, first place, sports column writing; Brett Edgerton, second place (tie), sports writing (note: it appears that he tied with himself); and Laura Headlee, first place, sports photography. The Daily Beacon tied for third place in the daily student newspaper category.

The following universities participated in the awards competition: University of Alabama, University of South Florida, University of Central Florida, Florida A&M University, University of Georgia, University of Miami, University of South Alabama, University of South Carolina, Troy State University, Walters State Community College, and the University of Tennessee.

Lisa Hood Skinner represented ETSPJ at the Region 3 conference in Fort Lauderdale in March.

Topics for sessions included the Patriot Act, the art of interviewing, and the impact of the Internet on journalism and investigative journalism. Local journalists participated in an Ethics Bowl to debate choices for handling various hypothetical ethical dilemmas.

The closing session on Sunday featured a session by visiting Armenian journalists at Florida A&M University on free press in the former Soviet Union.

A dinner on the beach (windy weather included) and a Polynesian luau with island dancers and fire twirlers gave visiting journalists a taste of South Florida fun.

According to Region 3 director, Holly Fisher, the South Florida Chapter, which put on the program, "worked hard and it showed."

Next year's conference will be in Charleston, S.C.



Christy Banks and Ryan Seals show off the MOE awards UT students won this year. Presentation of the certificates took place at the Region 3 conference in Fort Lauderdale.

Photo by Lisa Hood Skinner

Mark Your Calendar

April 26, 7:30 p.m., "The Press" with David Halberstam, University Center

May 21, 6: 30 p.m., Golden Press Card awards program, University Club

June 19, Front Page Follies, Knoxville Convention Center