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Pre-judgement Day

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MEDINA COUNTY GAZETTE

On Sunday February 3rd, photographers converged on Kent State University for the second annual pre-contest editing seminar. The seminar is an informal get together that allows shooters to have their work critiqued by their peers before the year end contest in plenty of time to make any needed changes.

Kent State University photographer Gary Harwood, one of the co-founders of the

seminar, and says the critiques give photographers "a new way of looking at their pictures." Photographers brought images on Zip and floppy discs that were projected for all to see. Anyone in the room was welcome to comment.

"I was real nervous at first, but when they don't cut your stuff apart too bad and think it's OK you get a little feeling of pride" says *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* staff photographer Bob Christy.

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President's Message

It's the start of another year and hopefully ONPA will continue to get better, if only in small increments.

Congratulations are in order for Doug Oster and Gary Harwood for our 2nd annual

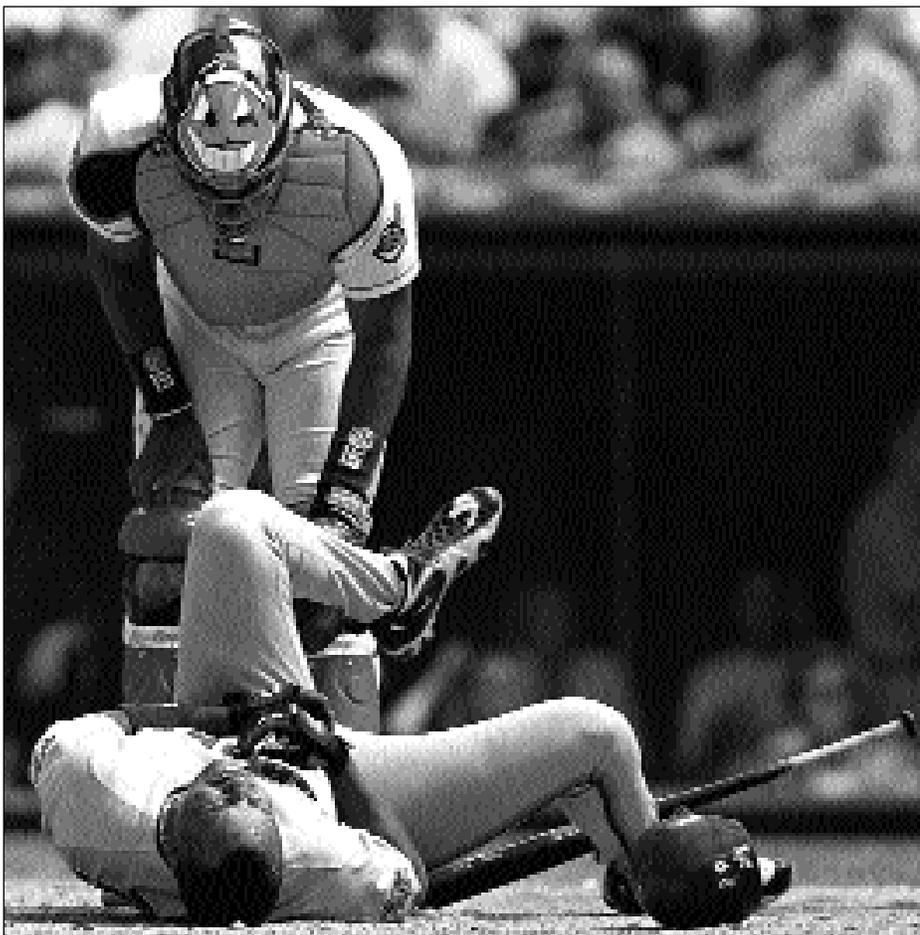


portfolio review and editing session at Kent State. Fairly well attended with many new faces (thanks to Mark Duncan, Dave Andersen and Susan Kirkman for taking time to help out). What was good to see was that the quality of work was getting better. Though the traditional weakness in most of us as far as cropping and editing was still evident, the images were very interesting and strong. Everyone was eager to learn and the seven hours we spent at the School of Journalism went by quickly.

The convention report is still sketchy but will be the first weekend in April in Cincinnati. We are still trying to figure out how to make everything work so keep an open mind about the whole weekend. The logistics may change a bit but the spirit of the event remains the same. It's always fun to see the work and old friends from around the state. I especially look forward to the "official" ONPA parties. If you've never been to one you don't know what you're missing. If you get the chance, try and come and tell a few friends.

One item that the new block of officers will be talking about is trying to start a membership drive. (Actually this is something I want to try and do but others have expressed interest) Please let other photographers now about the ONPA. I think it is one of the best organizations around and we are trying to work out ways to improve it. We would love any suggestion from members and if you make the convention, please attend the business meeting and let us know

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AFP/KIM BARTH

The "people's choice" award from the editing seminar went to Kim Barth's photo of Indians catcher Sandy Alomar looking down at Toronto's Joe Carter in pain after being hit by a pitch.

Changing of the guard

Thirty two years of leadership experience will give way to three new board members who will take office at the ONPA Annual Meeting April 4 in Cincinnati.

Bob DeMay of *The Vindicator* in Youngstown will take over as chairman of the board replacing long time office holder Skip Petersen of *The Dayton Daily News*. Petersen has been an officer in the organization for 18 years. He has served as chairman since 1992 and had been president for 12 years prior to that.

Allan Detrich of *The Block News Alliance* is stepping down as still vice president after serving eight years in that capacity. Douglass Oster of *The Medina County Gazette* has been elected to fill Detrich's seat on the board.

Ron Strah of WJW-TV in Cleveland will be the new television vice president, a position held by Phil Drechsler of WTOL-TV in Toledo since 1992.

The remainder of the board remains unchanged with Ed Suba, Jr. of *The Beacon Journal* in Akron to serve his second term as president.

Kimberly Barth of *The Chronicle-Telegram* in Elyria retains the treasurer post she has held since 1994 and David I. Andersen of *The Plain Dealer* remains as the organization's secretary.

The new board members were unopposed in the December election.

In other changes past president Mark Duncan and his wife Terry have turned over the newsletter editors job to Bob DeMay.

The Duncans had served as editors since 1990, a job they inherited from Tom Hubbard, professor at Ohio State University.

Duncan will continue to serve as the official webmaster for the ONPA web site on the world wide web.

VOTE TOTALS

Chairman	Bob DeMay	90
President	Ed Suba, Jr.	90
Still VP	Douglass Oster	89
TV VP	Ron Strah	85
Treasurer	Kimberly Barth	88
Secretary	David I. Anderson	88

Clip Contest Rules

1. Photos must be entered in the month published. A photo can be entered only after its initial publication and can be entered only once.
2. Sort clips by category - News, Sports, Feature, Feature Picture Story. Clip each category together.
3. Remove your name and affiliation from the front of the clip.
4. Affix a label with your name, affiliation, address, category and date of publication on the back.
5. Include a separate sheet of paper with your name, address and total number of clips entered.
6. Layouts are judged as a single entry but single pictures from a layout can be entered also. You must enter another clip of the single image from the layout in this case.
7. Wire service photographers and stringers may enter prints but they must be signed on the back by a supervisor noting they had been transmitted.
8. Mail clips by the 7th of the month following publication to:

Scott Shaw
The Plain Dealer
1801 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

9. Each entrant is limited to a total of nine clips per month.
10. The clip contest is open to all ONPA members in good standing who live or work in Ohio during the month entered. The ONPA clip contest is **not** affiliated with the NPPA Region 4 Clip Contest.

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Cincinnati to host annual meeting

You've heard all about it, but when you ask is the big event. The event is the annual ONPA annual convention and the when is April 3-5. The where which you already knew is Cincinnati.

Events will begin Friday at the Quality Inn Riverview Hotel in Covington, KY with the open still contest judging beginning at 5 p.m. followed by the kick-off party in the hospitality suite.

Convention chairmen Steven Herppich, Kevin J. Miyazaki and Glenn Hartong from *The Cincinnati Enquirer* have scheduled a full day of activities on Saturday that begin at the Cincinnati Museum Center and conclude with a cruise on the Ohio River.

For still photographers the remaining portion of the open judging begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and will continue until noon.

Video judging chair Ron Strah has put together a top flight slate of speakers for television members.

The television program begins at 9 a.m. with Ken Hamilton, assistant chief photographer at WXIA-TV in Atlanta as the first speaker. Hamilton worked at WAVE-TV in Louisville and KUSA-TV in Denver where his work contributed to the staff being recognized as NPPA station of the year in 1992.

Hamilton is followed by Jim Wilson of WITI-TV Milwaukee. Wilson was the

recipient of the Edward R. Murrow award for best sports reporting in 1996 and 1997 as well as NPPA Region 5 Photographer of the Year in 1996.

Still and video photographers will come together at noon for a lunch break and the ONPA business meeting.

The afternoon sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. with Joe Picciotto of WTVH-TV in Syracuse for television photographers. Picciotto is the 1995 NPPA Region 2 Photographer of the Year.

After looking at ONPA members work for two days the still contest judges will show some of their own following the lunch break.

First out of the gate is J. Kyle Keener of *The Detroit Free Press*. Keener has won the title of NPPA Regional Photographer of the Year six times in three different regions. He has taken the Region 4 title the past two years.

Following Keener will be Brian Peterson of *The Minneapolis Star-Tribune*. Peterson was the 1996 winner of the NPPA's Canon Photo Essay award and an eight time winner of the Minnesota Press Photographer of the Year title.

The final speaker for the day is former ONPA POY Natalie Fobes who worked at *The Cincinnati Enquirer* and *The Seattle Times* prior to her current position at *National Geographic*.

Festivities Saturday windup with an Ohio River cruise aboard Celebration Riverboats sponsored by *The Cincinnati Enquirer* and *The Cincinnati Post*.

An awards brunch will be held at the hotel Sunday morning at 10 a.m. This event is sponsored by Cincinnati television stations WPCO-TV (ABC), WKRC-TV (CBS), WLWT-TV (NBC) and WXIX-TV (FOX).

Technical representative chairman Phil Long reports that commitments from Wilson's Camera Shop, Photo Systems, Inc., Cabbage Cases and Nikon are in hand. Also expected to attend are representatives from Canon, Kodak, Fuji and Nikon Digital.

Registration for ONPA members is \$35 prior to March 20. The non-member rate is \$45 with the student fee \$25. Registration includes one ticket to the Saturday evening Ohio River cruise and one ticket for the awards brunch on Sunday.

Registration after March 20 is \$45 and does not guarantee tickets for the cruise and awards brunch.

Additional tickets for spouses and significant others are \$25 for the cruise and are \$8 for the awards brunch.

The ONPA room rate at the Quality Inn Riverview is \$79 and reservations can be made by calling 1-800-292-2079.

Convention '98 Cincinnati

April 3-5

Mail registration applications to:

Peggy Turbett, Photo dept. Attn: ONPA Convention
The Cincinnati Enquirer, 312 Elm St. Cincinnati, OH 45202-2770

Name: _____

Registration includes one ticket for the Ohio River cruise and awards brunch if submitted by March 20. Late registration does not guarantee tickets for these events.

Address: _____

Registration

Members: \$35 Non-members \$45 Students \$25 _____
Registration after March 20 \$45 _____

Affiliation: _____

Additional tickets

Riverboat Cruise @ \$25 per person _____
Award s brunch @ \$8 per person _____

Phone: _____

Total including registration fees _____

Make checks payable to ONPA Inc.

Last year Christy was one of the many photogs that had their pictures edited at the seminar and won in the contest with the new edit. His news picture story on Campaign 96 was edited down quite a bit, and many of the pictures were cropped differently. The story hit in the ONPA year end contest and he had a feature win in the AP contest.

Pre-judgment Day • continued

Harwood adds the biggest change the pre-judges made was in cropping. "They want it tight for more immediate impact. It seems that contest judges don't give much time to a photo that doesn't hit them right away."

The five main pre-judges were ONPA president Ed Suba Jr. and Susan Kirkman of *The Beacon Journal*, Past President Mark Duncan of the *Associated Press*, Secretary David Anderson of *The Plain Dealer*, and Pam Panchak-Cohn of *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Panchak-Cohn was formally photo editor of *The Medina County Gazette*.

Anderson was the most adamant about crops and liked everything very tight, but all five changed crops dramatically. Looking at many of the images for the first time, the editors would crop a picture in half to evaluate its impact (sounds like a newsroom doesn't it?).

The entire room worked hard for a good half hour on editing one photographers story. Trying to get the images down the the 12 maximum allowed for a picture story entry.

The crowd erupted in cheers when Kim Barth's picture of Indians Catcher Sandy Alomar looking down at a batter that was hit by a pitch. Suba added later, "during the judging we should just all yell "IN" when that picture comes up."

"It has the feeling of a contest but the pressure of your photo being out wasn't there" said Christy. It will be interesting to see if judges for the year end contest concur with their pre-contest peers.

A pre-contest editing seminar can be done anywhere in the state, for next to nothing. It just takes a couple volunteers and a day to kill.

what's on your mind. We've also talked about returning the still contest judging to Kent State on a separate weekend. I, personally think this is a good idea, but it will be open for discussion.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with anything you might be interested in. Even little thing like collecting information for the newsletter. We have been looking into revamping it into an every-other-month publication with news from around the state and industry as well as ONPA business. Again pitching in and helping out is what helps our organization get better and stronger, so think about it.

President's Message * continued

No, I still do not have a computer (though I have entertained and actually tore out ads for the damned machine and begun looking at prices.) Not having E-mail has certainly made me feel like a social outcast. But then again I hate the digital cameras, too.

Phil Masturzo (Sports Boy as we call him at the BJ) says hello. I only mention this because he has no life. Please humor him.

Thanks to Matt Detrich who decided to keep it all in the family and become the new still contest chairman. He is busy with the entries as you read this. He has always said he wanted to do something to give back to the ONPA and he is doing just that by pitching in.

And while we're on the subject, lets keep the contest in perspective. I have been guilty of this in the past but photojournalism is what you make of it. Contest and winning them are fun and a positive. Too many photographers put too much emphasis on winning. I know this is a touchy subject buy I've seen "famous" photographers take themselves too seriously when judging. I have heard numerous accusations of staging or setting up photos. I have been around photographers who think that "getting the wood" is the be all end all of the profession. With anything, there is a dark side to the contests. It took me awhile to get away from thinking that I had to win and keep on win-

This was just something that a couple photographers thought would be a good idea. Who wouldn't want a chance to get edited by photographers that you respect and have done well in the contest before.

Next year it would be great to have this event in other parts of the state. If you like the idea, just do it. Use the talent in your area to be pre-judges, they'll be honored you asked.

Christy puts it best when he says "it was a blast, being around other photographers. You show what you've been up to and they show you. Being exposed to all the different styles, that,s pretty interesting."



Kent State University Gary Harwood

Jeff Camarati prepares another set of images for viewing while Ken Blaze and Bob Christy look at projected images.

ning in order to be part of the profession; to be considered one of the "good" photographers in the state. This isn't meant to be a lecture but everyone needs to realize that improving yourself through your photography is the best lesson to learn. Competition is fine just as long as it doesn't turn into an obsession.

Last but not least, a get well message to Lisa Dutton at The Toldeo Blade. She had surgery recently and should be fine and back taking pictures soon.

I hope to see most of you at the convention or somewhere. (or send me an E-mail.....Oh I forgot, never mind)

Shedding some light

With newspaper reproduction light years ahead of most of the high school gyms we work in the biggest challenge facing photographers today is lighting.

Recently *The Columbus Dispatch* rented a local YMCA gym and held a lighting clinic for its sports stringers and students from Ohio University. Staff photographer Doral Chenoweth III with the help of Tyler Wirken covered everything from hardware set up to exposures.

Several lighting arrangements were used and photos taken with an electronic camera to give the 40 participants an immediate look at the results.

According to Greg Peters of The Dispatch Chenoweth's idea was, "that if we're going to have these guys do this, then lets show them how to do it right."

The resulting clinic produced a ten page manual complete with lighting set-ups and the pictures that each produces.

Thanks to the folks in Columbus the manuel will be available for those attending the ONPA convention, in Cincinnati. For those who can't make the convention call Doral or Greg at *The Columbus Dispatch*.

MONTHLY NEWS CLIP CONTEST RESULTS

July Results

NEWS

- 1st **Scott Heckel**, The Canton Repository
- 2nd **Dave Polcyn**, Mansfield News Journal
- 3rd **Steve Rosenberg**, Tribune Chronicle

SPORTS

- 1st **Scott Shaw**, The Plain Dealer
- 2nd **Steve Rosenberg**, Tribune Chronicle
- 3rd **Bruce Palmer**, The Vindicator
- HM **Paul Walsh**, The Lorain Journal
- HM **Douglass Oster**, Medina County Gazette
- HM **Matt Detrich**, The Beacon Journal

FEATURE SINGLE

- 1st **Fred Squillante**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 2nd **Tom Puskar**, Mansfield News Journal
- 3rd **Matt Detrich**, The Beacon Journal
- HM **Fred Squillante**, The Columbus Dispatch
- HM **Fred Squillante**, The Columbus Dispatch
- HM **Bob DeMay**, The Vindicator

FEATURE STORY

- 1st **Steve Herppich**, Cincinnati Enquirer
- 2nd **Douglass Oster**, The (Medina) Gazette
- 3rd **Tanya Ackerman**, The (Medina) Gazette

JUDGES

Paul Efrid, Byron Small, Michael Patrick and Margaret Bentlage of the Knoxville (KY) News-Sentinel.

NEWS

Nicole Cappeilo, Julia Petersen, Cheryl Spilman and Ted Sickler of the York (PA) Daily Herald.

September Results

NEWS

- 1st **Patrick Reddy**, Cincinnati Enquirer
- 2nd **Matt Detrich**, The Beacon Journal
- 3rd **Fred Squillante**, The Columbus Dispatch
- HM **Kimberly Barth**, The Chronicle Telegram

SPORTS

- 1st **Steve Herppich**, Cincinnati Enquirer
- 2nd **Mark Duncan**, Associated Press
- 3rd **Ernest Coleman**, Cincinnati Enquirer
- HM **Matt Detrich**, The Beacon Journal
- HM **Bill Reinke**, Dayton Daily News

FEATURE SINGLE

- 1st **Ken Blaze**, The News Herald
- 2nd **Chris Russell**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 3rd **Lynn Ischay**, The Columbus Dispatch

FEATURE STORY

- 1st **Eric Albrecht**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 2nd **Skip Peterson**, Dayton Daily News
- 3rd **Chris Russell**, The Columbus Dispatch

JUDGES

Tim Myers, Adele Chavez, Stacia Spregg, Kevin Weinstein and Toby Jorin of The Albuquerque Tribune.

October Results

NEWS

- 1st **Chris DiVitto**, The Lima News
- 2nd **Rachel Rice**, Mansfield News Journal
- 3rd **Scott Heckel**, The Canton Repository

SPORTS

- 1st **Steve Rosenberg**, The Tribune Chronicle
- 2nd **Scott Shaw**, The Plain Dealer
- 3rd **Scott Shaw**, The Plain Dealer
- HM **James Mahan**, Springfield News Sun
- HM **Ken Blaze**, The News Herald
- HM **Tom Dodge**, The Columbus Dispatch

FEATURE SINGLE

- 1st **Ken Love**, The Beacon Journal
- 2nd **Jim Witmer**, Dayton Daily News
- 3rd **Ken Love**, The Beacon Journal
- HM **Fred Squillante**, The Columbus Dispatch

FEATURE STORY

- 1st **Eric Albrecht**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 2nd **Jonathan Quilter**, The Newark Advocate
- 3rd **Yoni Pozner**, Cincinnati Enquirer
- HM **Chris DiVitto**, The Lima News

JUDGES

Mike Fender, Paul Sancya, Steve Healey and Joe Vitti of The Indianapolis Star-News.

November Results

NEWS

- 1st **David Sturman**, The Marion Star
- 2nd **Shirley Ware**, Medina County Gazette
- 3rd **Matt Detrich**, The Beacon Journal
- HM **Chris Russell**, The Columbus Dispatch
- HM **Wally Nelson**, Dayton Daily News

SPORTS

- 1st **Ernest Coleman**, Cincinnati Enquirer
- 2nd **Jef Camarati**, The Lorain Journal
- 3rd **Fred Squillante**, The Columbus Dispatch
- Ty Greenlees**, Dayton Daily News

FEATURE SINGLE

- 1st **Ty Greenlees**, Dayton Daily News
- 2nd **Chris Russell**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 3rd **Matt Detrich**, The Beacon Journal

FEATURE STORY

- 1st **Chris Russell**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 2nd **DISQUALIFIED**
- 3rd **Eustacio Humphrey**, Dayton Daily News

JUDGES

Rich Jandra, Phil Johnson and Kiley Cruse of the Omaha World Herald.

August Results

- 1st **Fred Squillante**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 2nd **David Polcyn**, Mansfield News Journal
- 3rd **Bill Reinke**, Dayton Daily News

SPORTS

- 1st **Matt Detrich**, The Beacon Journal
- 2nd **Lynn Ischay**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 3rd **Stephen Counsel**, The News Herald

FEATURE SINGLE

- 1st **William Bretzger**, The Marietta Times
- 2nd **Tim Revell**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 3rd **Chris Russell**, The Columbus Dispatch

FEATURE STORY

- 1st **Chris Russell**, The Columbus Dispatch
- 2nd **Steve Rosenberg**, The Tribune Chronicle
- 3rd **Gus Chan**, The Plain Dealer

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