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EASTERN HOSTS ON-SITE NEWSPAPER, YEARBOOK CONTEST

CHARLESTON, IL.--More than 100 students from 11 Illinois high schools are participating in the Eastern Illinois High School Press Association on-site newspaper and yearbook contest Friday, March 11 at Eastern Illinois University.

EIHPA Director James Tidwell said this is the first year Eastern has hosted a contest where students complete their assignments on campus.

Students can compete in nine contests, including news writing, feature writing, sports writing, front page makeup, editorial writing, headline writing, editing, advertising and photography.

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"The on-site contest is designed to promote scholastic high school journalism and to provide students with feedback on how they can improve their skills," Tidwell said.

EIHSPA member schools may enter students in each contest. Each student may compete in two contests, with the exception of photographers, who may compete only in the photography contest.

Students competing in a given contest will go to an assigned room at an assigned time and will be given instructions on their assignment. Entrants will then complete the assignment in the allotted time.

"The students get a feel for how they can do against each other and how they will react to a timed/deadline situation," Tidwell said.

After the assignments are completed, they will be judged by Eastern journalism faculty. First, second and third place awards will be determined for each contest. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in the afternoon.

The high schools participating in Friday's contest are Sparta, Charleston, Peotone, Centennial, Effingham, West Richland (Noble), Belleville West, West Chicago, Henry-Senachwine (Henry), Pekin and Oakwood (Fithian).

In addition to the on-site contest, EIHSPA sponsors a week-long summer publication workshop to acquaint students with basic techniques and principles of journalism, Tidwell said.