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Quick Facts

- Winthrop will host a summer institute sponsored by the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) July 9-21 for the third year.
- Five Winthrop mass communication professors will teach throughout the program.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - For the third year, Winthrop University will train high school journalism teachers and newspaper advisers during a summer institute sponsored by the **American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE)**.

Seventeen teachers from 13 states will undergo training at the Rock Hill campus from July 9-21, according to William Click, chair of the Department of Mass Communication. Organizers said a concerted effort was made to target teachers from schools where scholastic media is foundering or nonexistent and from resource-poor urban and rural districts.

Julia Wallace, editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and chair of ASNE's high school committee, will keynote the institute July 9-10. In addition, **Diana Mitsu Klos**, senior project director for the organization, will lead a session.

Funding for the institute comes from the **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation**. Participating teachers incur no expenses because the grant pays their round-trip transportation, housing, meals, materials and graduate tuition. This will be the final year of the grant.

Click said the purpose of the institute is to strengthen school newspapers because research shows that students who work on school newspapers do better in college.

The **ASNE program** attempts to better inform teachers about the operations of daily newspapers and practices, news values and ethical decision-making; to impart basic writing, editing, design, photo and graphics skills so teachers can advise students to start or strengthen a school newspaper; and to shift the focus of many high school newspapers to fair and balanced news reporting and writing and away from essay writing, public relations and personal opinion pieces.

Five Winthrop mass communication professors will teach throughout the program. They are: Haney Howell, associate professor; Guy Reel, assistant professor; Marilyn Sarrow, associate professor; Larry Timbs, associate professor; and Click.

Reporters and editors from The Charlotte Observer, The (Rock Hill) Herald and other **ASNE**-member newspapers also will guest lecture over the two-week period.

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