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WINNERS OF 14TH ANNUAL ROLLING STONE/SMITH CORONA COLLEGE JOURNALISM AWARDS ANNOUNCED

(New York, NY, Dec. 1, 1988) -- The winners of the 14th Annual ROLLING STONE/Smith Corona College Journalism Competition were announced today by the editors of ROLLING STONE.

First prizes were awarded in three categories: General Reporting, Essays and Criticism, and Entertainment Reporting. The winners, representing Louisiana State University, Vassar College, and the University of Florida, each received a check in the amount of \$1000, plus a word processor from Smith Corona. To be eligible, each entry must have been published in a college or university publication between April 1, 1987 and April 1, 1988.

The first prize in the General Reporting category went to Jeff D. Opdyke, a senior at Louisiana State University, for his article, "Coping With Chemicals: The St. Gabriel Story," about the frequence of miscarriages and infertility in St. Gabriel, Louisiana, a quiet, rural area near one of the nation's largest chemical complexes. It appeared in the October 14, 1987 edition of The Daily Reveille.

Winning first prize in the Essays and Criticism category was Adam Langer, a 1988 graduate of Vassar College, for his autobiographical essay, "I Was a Teenage Stand-Up Comedian," about his experience performing the comedy circuit near Chicago. Langer's essay ran as a two-parter in the Miscellany News.

University of Florida senior Michael J. Giltz was the 1988 winner in the Entertainment Category for his interview with composer Philip Glass. Giltz's article ran in the March 24, 1988 edition of <u>Applause</u>, a weekly entertainment supplement to The Independent Florida Alligator.

The three winners will receive their awards at a luncheon with the editors of ROLLING STONE and executives from Smith Corona at ROLLING STONE's offices today.

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