

CSW Announces Fred Hechinger Award

Sarah Freedman, director of the Center for the Study of Writing and Literacy, has announced the establishment of the Fred Hechinger Award in honor of the late *New York Times* correspondent and co-chair of the CSW National Advisory Board.

The award will be presented annually to a Writing Project teacher consultant who, through classroom practice, workshop presentations, and professional writing, makes significant connections between research and practice.

Freedman said, "By co-chairing our board, Fred Hechinger showed his abiding concern for improving the dialogue between schools and universities. This award reflects what we are all about."

This fall, site directors will receive further information about the award. Each site will be encouraged to nominate one teacher consultant.

A committee consisting of CSW researchers, NWP site directors and teacher consultants will review the applications and select the first recipient.

The CSW and NWP thank Sybil Jacobson, executive director of the Metropolitan Life Foundation and a member of the Center's advisory board, for her generous contribution in Hechinger's memory, making this award possible.

NWP Launches *The Voice*

The NWP is pleased to announce the premier issue of its newest publication, *The Voice*. Targeted for teacher consultants, site directors and others with a special interest in the workings of the NWP, this exciting ten-page newspaper will be published three times a year and will include everything NWP mavens want to know. For more information, call (510) 642-0963.

Directors Brave Rapids

During the first week in June, Writing Project directors from several sites around the country gathered in Northern Arizona for a retreat which combined sharing, reflection and adventure.

The event, organized by Greg Larkin, director of the Northern Arizona Writing Project, and Sherry Swain, director of the Mississippi State Writing/Thinking Project, began with a rafting trip down the Colorado River. By all reports, this river trip was an exhilarating experience only slightly marred by an ambush, launched against the peace loving site directors by a group that Project Outreach Director Elyse Eidman-Aadahl characterized as "dirty dealing sidewinders armed with super-soakers" (as opposed to just your regular old generic soaker).

After the group dried off, they returned to Flagstaff where they shared ideas about conducting Summer Institutes. The directors then traveled to the Native American reservation in Ganado where they modeled a basic Summer Institute, reading and discussing Native American literature and persuasive writing.

The event concluded with a trip to the beautiful desert area around Canyon de Chelly. In addition to Larkin, Swain and Eidman-Aadahl, directors who attended the retreat included Michael Angelotti, Nick Coles, Bettye Farmer, Pat Fox, Dan McQuagge, Richard Sterling, Marcia Venegas-Garcia, Denise Van Briggles, B. J. Wagner, and Mark Wekander.

Almost all of the participants expressed an interest in pursuing more of the same next year — although, of course, with some minor variations.

"Next year," said Eidman-Aadahl, still seething over the sneak attack perpetrated against NWP innocents by super-soaker low-lives, "we will go armed to the teeth."