

'Trillium' named second best in New England

Seated in the lecture hall at the Boston University College of Communication May 2, six Trumbull High School students and two yearbook advisers waited anxiously for the awards.

"Highest achievement, second best book in all of New England-Trillium, Trumbull High School, Trumbull, Connecticut," announced Helen Smith, executive director of the New England Scholastic Press Association.

The Eagle contingent erupted in cheers. The five juniors, a sophomore and two advisers had driven to Boston early Friday morning to attend the annual NESPA convention and accept the awards for last year's Trillium "On the Verge."

Even as this year's book is being printed at the Herff Jones printing plant in Charlotte, N.C. for distribution in early June, last year's book continues to reap the honors. The student delegation: Hardeep Chana, Rebecca Gabor, Alexis Minniti, Shreya Nidadavolu, Caitlin Wilczynski and Ben Woessner accepted all

the certificates.

Named as a "Highest Achievement" yearbook for 2007, "On the Verge" was judged by NESPA against other books in the Class I category (schools of more than 1,000 students) and awarded second best yearbook in all New England.

The six Special Achievement awards included recognition for the following: Best Cover Design, best Theme Development and Cover, best Typographical Design.

Also, best Feature Story, "Attitude advances through the arts" (page 200-201) for the study of cultural activities by Trumbull students.

Also, best Sports Story, "Boys' Soccer" (page 218-219) for the analysis of the boys' soccer season.

Also, best Sports Spread, "Gymnastics" (page 220-221) for the presentation in writing and photojournalism of the gymnastics season.

Last year's assistant adviser, Catherine Larson, said, "The edi-

torial board in 2006-2007 started the year with little experience and limited training. As a result, this accomplishment is even more impressive. It was attained through a willingness to learn, hard work and excellent leadership."

She was referring to co-editors-in-chief Shayna Makaron and Jaime Spinelli, co-assistant editors Kenneth Metzger and Sarah Afifi and photography editor Emma Chory.

In addition to the awards ceremony in Boston, the Trumbull group attended two hour-long sessions about yearbook production and design and listened to the keynote address by Bill Greene, a renowned journalist from the Boston Globe.

Trillium adviser Susan Berescik and the 2007-08 assistant adviser Jordan Miller presented a one-hour talk about "Yearbook Staff Management" during the afternoon portion of the conference. The Trumbull students, all in line for top editorial positions next year, listened with interest. All

six have been involved in the production of the 2008 Trillium "Diffusion," the longest yearbook in Trumbull High history.

Berescik, who is a member of the NESPA Advisory Group, said, "Yearbook at THS attracts highly motivated students. Our editorial board for 2008 included 49 editors, each responsible for particular pages or sections of the yearbook. I guess that's why Helen Smith asked us to speak on the topic of management."

Miller added, "Yearbook is rewarding, because while the work is ongoing, so are the accolades." Currently yearbook editors are compiling the supplement of all spring activities, from early March through graduation in June.

Orders for the 2008 Trillium "Diffusion" will be accepted until May 16. Forms are available on the Trumbull High School Web site, and the cost is \$75. Books will be sold while supply lasts beginning on June 3 for seniors only and June 4 for everyone.