

The “1856” Essay Contest

As a way of exploring the era of the 1850s and the founding of Newberry College, the provost’s office and the history faculty offer all students of the college the opportunity to compete for the Sesquicentennial Penny Prize (see exquisite specimen below) for the best history essay.

Rules:

1. Submit an essay of 1,500 words or less on an event that happened in the year of our College’s birth: 1856.
2. The essay should argue in a cogent, persuasive, and witty manner the reasons why the event described is important to American history, and how the founding of colleges in the 19th century may have had some impact on the event described and similar events over the past 150 years.
3. It should be double-spaced, in 12 point type, with appropriate footnote and bibliography citation according to the Chicago Manual of Style (Turabian).



The Penny Prize

All essays should be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2006, to Jessica Long in the Provost’s Office. The winner will be announced later in the week during:

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