



**TIM HUME**

## Top writer going to top school

**SUNDAY STAR-TIMES** reporter Tim Hume, 26, is going to New York in August to study for a year at the world's top journalism school, Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

Hume won the junior and senior feature writing sections of the Qantas Media Awards on Friday night.

At Columbia, he will study for a master's degree in journalism, focusing on feature writing techniques and longer-form, magazine-style journalism, with the aim of improving his skills as a writer.

"I'm thrilled about the prospect of studying at Columbia and excited about what the whole New York experience has in store for me," he said.

"Being immersed in that environment - exposed to a different journalistic tradition, different writing styles, and a very different society with its own interesting set of debates going on - promises to make for a rewarding year."

He has been granted a Fulbright scholarship and a scholarship from Columbia University, and will also receive assistance from the *Sunday Star-Times*/Fairfax NZ. On graduation, he plans to return to the *Sunday Star-Times* as a feature writer.