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-- DEBATE INFORMATION -- "DEBATE QUARTERLY"

"The Debate Quarterly is one of the few remaining debate publications which is published from an educationally sound perspective. Readers are encouraged to think for themselves - and to do their own research. Coaches and students are guided to important lines of inquiry, but left to conduct their own research from original source materials."

The WHSFA State Office will again be the source for the Debate Quarterly, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations. An order form may be found below. Please note the ordering deadline of MARCH 15th!!

DEBATE COACHES - ORDER THE 2003-2004 QUARTERLY - OCEAN POLICY

If your school will be participating in the Debate series in 2003-2004, and wish to order copies of the Debate Quarterly, please fill out and return this order blank to the State Office no later than March 15, 2003.

NAME _____
SCHOOL _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Cost: \$24.00 for four issues

CHECK: ☐ Is enclosed
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Mail to: WHSFA 10 East Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536 • Fax: 608/882-6661

WHSFA STATE DEBATE AWARDS:

Awards recognizing the best affirmative and best negative team at the WHSFA State Debate Tournament are presented in honor of the long service provided to the Association by the late Professor Emeritus Grace Walsh of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

THE TRAVELING AWARD PLAQUES FOR 2003 WERE PRESENTED TO:

Best Affirmative Team - With a 7 - 0 record: Annelise Nelson and Tom Wichman (**Neenah**), coached by Bill McBride.

Best Negative Team - With a 7-0 record: Megan Degeneffe/Kristin Degeneffe (**Neenah**), coached by Bill McBride.

RECIPIENTS OF THE TOP SPEAKER AWARDS FOR THE WHSFA STATE TOURNAMENT WERE:

Top 1st Affirmative Speaker:
Brandon Hahn - Appleton West

Top 2nd Affirmative Speaker:
Dave Watson - Appleton West

Top 1st Negative Speaker:
Tim Maylander - Appleton West

Top 2nd Negative Speaker:
Kristin Degeneffe - Neenah

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FIRST PLACE

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SECOND PLACE: Appleton West, with an 11 - 3 record - Brandon Hahn/David Watson (Aff), Coach: Steve Gargo, Maria Putzer/Tim Maylander (Neg)



THIRD PLACE: Beaver Dam, with an 11 - 3 record - Bret Bostwick/Staci Budde (Aff), Coach: Jeri Kimmell, Josh Lunde/Andy Hanson (Neg)



FOURTH PLACE: Wausau West with an 8 - 6 record - Shawn Lin/Heather Lemke (Aff), Coach: Marilyn Deppe, Mark Nemke/Andy Hogue (Neg)



Fifteen schools entered the WHSFA State Debate Tournament. Schools participating were: Appleton West, Beaver Dam, Cedarburg, La Crosse Central, Mequon Homestead, Merrill, Milwaukee Marquette, Neenah, Rhinelander, Sheboygan South, South Milwaukee, Waukesha South, Wausau West and West Allis Nathan Hale. Appleton North qualified, but chose not to participate.

Teams Placing in the 2003 WHSFA State Debate Tournament were:

FIRST PLACE: Neenah, with a 14 - 0 record - Kristin Degeneffe/Megan Degeneffe (Neg) - Coach: Bill McBride, Annelise Nelson/Tom Wichman (Aff).



FIFTH PLACE: South Milwaukee, with an 8-6 record - Peris Flagg/Amanda Albert (Neg) - Coach: Eric Van Ert, Kevin Arts/Mike Lawson (Aff)

NOTE: 1st - 5th place awards go to a single school in accordance with the following criteria, in descending order:

(1) win-loss record; (2) head to head competition (when possible); (3) strength of opposition records; (4) total adjusted speaker points (dropping high and low for each team member); (5) total combined speaker points.

The Association extends CONGRATULATIONS to all of the teams participating in the 2003 WHSFA State Debate Tournament!

TOO SHORT?

The question: "When is a forensics presentation too short?" is often raised by many at speech festivals at all levels. (The maximum time with a grace period, is firmly delineated.)

According to the WHSFA guidelines/ rules for speech found in Section 16.e (p. 14) in our Speech Handbook, "There are no minimum time limits." We know, however, "those presentations which are unduly short may be regarded as insufficient responses to the burden of the category and may affect the overall evaluation."

In order to do adequate evaluation it is necessary (in my opinion) to have a MINIMUM of at least THREE-FOURTHS of the time allowed. (i.e. 9 minutes for play or group, 6 minutes for 8 minute events; 4 ½ minutes for moments; 8 minutes for demonstration and 3 minutes for four minute speaking.)

Maximums were set, it seems, because we had many participants going over-time. Now we need to concentrate on using the time provided. Our students should not sell themselves short!

-D. Berg, Pittsville

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AT RHINELANDER

The UW-Madison School of the Arts at Rhinelander, a multi-disciplinary summer arts program, will hold its 40th Annual Session, July 28 - August 1, in Rhinelander. More than 65 beginning to advanced workshops will be offered for adult students with an interest in creative writing; theatre and drama; photography; dance, movement and relaxation; music; visual and folk arts; and computer skills.

and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are offered for teachers and others who want to earn credit or professional development units.

For a listing of classes and instructors, visit the School of the Arts WEB site at <http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/lsa/soa>. For more information contact the UW-Madison School of the Arts at Rhinelander, Kathy Berigan, administrative coordinator, 715N Lowell Center, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703, 608-263-3494; Fax 608-262-1694; or E-mail: kberigan@dc.wisc.edu.

The School of the Arts is sponsored by the UW-Madison Department of Liberal Studies and the Arts. University credit

THEATRE FESTIVAL 2003

Mark your calendars now for November 20, 21, 22, 2003, and set your sights on UW-La Crosse, our host campus for the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival. The Theatre Departments at UW-La Crosse and Viterbo University have graciously accepted the responsibility of providing us with the facilities necessary to hold the myriad of workshops and performances that are designed to create a truly educational three-day event.

You are greatly encouraged to attend this event with your students for the entire time to benefit from the many learning opportunities that will be made available.

Watch your mailbox this spring for more detailed information. In the meantime, if you have any questions please call the WHSFA State Office at 608/882-6004.

STATE SPEECH JUDGES

Each school must provide a qualified judge(s) (one for up to 12 entries - two for 13 or more entries) for one time slot at the State meet at their own expense. For State Speech 2003 there will be a charge of \$75.00 per judge for schools not providing a qualified judge(s).

WHSFA REMEMBERING

20 Years Ago - January 1983

The Directors of eight shows at the State Theatre Festival received plaques indicating that at least one of the three judges felt their efforts to be exemplary. The recipients were: Brookfield Central - Jeanne Streiff; La Crosse Logan - Dorina Lukins; Menomonie - Ellwyn Hendrickson; St. Mary's Academy - Claire McCain; Mosinee - Robert Hansen; Richland Center - K. Beatty and J. Moadush; Waunakee - David Conroy; Whitewater - S. Burgess and K. Lempart

15 Years Ago - January 1988

The coveted "Critics Choice" was awarded to eight performances by at least two of the three critics at this year's State Festival. The schools and their productions were:

Brookfield Central "A Battle of Wits"; Grafton - "Postponing the Heat Death of the Universe"; Greenwood - "The Lottery"; McFarland - "Limehouse"; Richland Center - "Brighton Beach Memoirs"; Superior - "Eden"; West Salem - "Spoon River Anthology"; Whitewater - "The Long Christmas Dinner"

The Association extends congratulations to the schools who have supported their directors and their students in their efforts to achieve a truly educational experience in theatre.

10 Years Ago - January 1993

WHSFA will participate in the 1993 Wisconsin Education Conference sponsored by: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, and the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials. This convention will be held at MECCA in Milwaukee on Wednesday and Thursday, January 20-21, 1993. WHSFA will join a variety of organizations in an Arts Imaginarium where the groups will feature the arts in education through exhibits, performances and an information exchange. Encourage your school administrators and district board members to visit the Arts Imaginarium located on the main floor of the convention hall.

5 Years Ago - March 1998

Awards recognizing the top affirmative and top negative team in the Four-Speaker Division are presented in honor of the long service provided the Association by Professor Emeritus Grace Walsh of the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire.

The traveling award plaques for 1998 were presented to:

Top Affirmative Team: 6 - 1 record - David Glisch and Alexis Twito, (Milwaukee Rufus King High School), coached by John Derge.

Top Negative Team: 7-0 record - Christopher Harwood and David Hager, (Neenah High School), coached by Bill McBride.

WHSFA STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT GRACE WALSH AWARDS

BEST AFFIRMATIVE TEAM

Neenah - 2003
Mequon Homestead - 2002
Appleton West - 2001 (tie)
Mequon Homestead - 2001 (tie)
Cedarburg - 2000 (tie)
Stevens Point Area - 2000 (tie)
Cedarburg - 1999 (tie)
Milwaukee Bay View - 1999 (tie)
Milwaukee Rufus King - 1998
West Bend East - 1997
Madison Memorial - 1996
Mequon Homestead - 1995
Neenah Shattuck - 1994
Eau Claire Memorial - 1993
Neenah - 1992
Rhinelander - 1991
Durand - 1990
Rhinelander - 1989
Durand - 1988
Durand - 1987
Wausau West - 1986
Wausau West - 1985
Sheboygan South - 1984
Wausau West - 1983
Rhinelander - 1982

BEST NEGATIVE TEAM

Neenah - 2003
Mequon Homestead - 2002 (tie)
Waukesha South - 2002 (tie)
Neenah - 2001
Madison Memorial - 2000
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - 1999
Neenah - 1998
Milwaukee Juneau - 1997
Fond du Lac Goodrich - 1996
Neenah - 1995
Cedarburg - 1994
Eau Claire Memorial - 1993
Cedarburg - 1992
Rhinelander - 1991
Slinger - 1990
Durand - 1989
Neenah - 1988
Madison West - 1987
Kaukauna - 1986
Durand - 1985
Sheboygan North - 1984
Sheboygan North - 1983
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln - 1982

2003 STATE SPEECH - APRIL 11 - 12, 2003

Postcards have been sent to all schools that returned the "time preference lottery card" to the State Office. The card indicated the time slot that all students from your school will be

scheduled. If you have not received an assigned time slot postcard, contact the State Office for assignment to an available Saturday time period.

ARTS DAY 2003

ARTS DAY 2003 will bring together artists; arts organizations, arts supporters and elected officials to celebrate the rich variety of Wisconsin's arts and culture. The seventh annual Arts Day will take place on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at the State Capitol in downtown Madison.

Everyone who believes the arts help build strong communities are invited to participate in ARTS DAY 2003 including staff, board members and volunteers of arts and cultural organizations, artists, arts educators and teachers, students, audience members and community leaders. Wisconsin High School Forensic Association is a sponsoring partner for this event. For more information on Arts Day 2003, contact the Wisconsin Assembly for Local Arts, 608 255-8316/ akatz@wisconsinarts.org

REMINDER

For WHSFA Subdistrict, District and State Speech Festivals, any person that is to serve as a judge must be a "WHSFA Certified Speech Adjudicator". Certification is accomplished by successfully completing/passing the WHSFA Adjudicator Orientation Program.

2003 -2004 DEBATE TOPIC & RESOLUTION

TOPIC: OCEAN POLICY

Resolved : That the United States federal government should establish an ocean policy substantially increasing protection of marine natural resources.

STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL BOOKLET

At the District Speech Festival, you will receive a State Speech Booklet, Vol. XIII. This is a very important document in relationship to your participation in the WHSFA State Speech Festival - April 11 - 12, 2003.

The following information is included:

* Your WHSFA State Speech Registration Form. Mail this to the State Office as soon as possible.

* A form indicating who you are providing as your School Provided Certified Judge(s) and a form for Additional Certified Judges. Return with Registration Form ASAP.

* UW-Madison building location map.

* General information on parking and a two-day schedule.

Your confirmation materials will include specific information about performance locations, a schedule for your school and a specific information sheet for your bus driver.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1, 2003
Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech

March 15, 2003
Latest date for WHSFA District Speech

April 11- 12, 2003
WHSFA State Speech Festival (UW-Madison)

May 1 -2, 2003
WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Appleton)