

HINTZ AWARD RECIPIENTS

A total of 22 schools, representing the top 5% of the 428 schools in attendance at the State Speech meet earned the William Hintz Memorial Award for Excellence in Speech at this year's meet. This compares with the 26 schools earning this plaque in 1986.

The range of points necessary to achieve this honor ranged from 54-72, compared with 53-80 last year.

The schools, listed in alphabetical order, and not representing ranks or points earned, are:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Algoma | Lodi |
| Altoona | Menomonie |
| Columbus | Oshkosh West |
| Delavan-Darien | Rib Lake |
| Hartford Union | Ripon |
| Hartland Arrowhead | Sheboygan Christian |
| Holmen | South Wayne Black Hawk |
| Hudson | Superior Senior |
| Kiel | Waukesha Catholic Memorial |
| Lancaster | Winneconne |
| Livingston-Iowa Grant | Wrightstown |



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BOARD OF CONTROL HOLDS MEETING

The spring meeting of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association was held on April 30, May 1 at the Olympia in Oconomowoc. Various agenda items that were discussed included:

- *** Theatre Advisory Committee reported on recommendations regarding the subdistrict workfest, collecting of theatre adjudicator names, the development of guidelines for "on-site" resource people, and the allocations of monies for a theatre task force to develop long range goals and plans. (See related stories, this issue.)
- *** Debate Advisory Committee reported on recommendations regarding language changes regarding visitors in debates, change in order in which state trophies are awarded, and a change in the State "Bad Weather Policy." (See related stories, this issue.)
- *** Announcement of 1987 "Hintz Award for Excellence in Speech." (See story, this issue.)
- *** Speech Advisory Committee reported on recommendations to reduce number of Group Discussion entrants necessary from 2 to 1, and to establish a committee to look into the possibilities of establishing Student Congress as a separate event in the Association. (See related stories this issue.)
- *** Approved a two-year calendar. (See calendar, this issue.)
- *** Listened to an explanation of the services offered by the National Federation Association presented by Richard Fawcett, and moved that WHSFA should distribute information to our membership. (See related story, this issue.)
- *** Announcement of 1987-88 Debate Resolution. (See story, this issue.)

MARK YOUR 1987-1989 CALENDARS

1987-88 CALENDAR

Subdistrict dates and the dates for District Theatre, Debate and Speech are the latest dates those events may be held. Dates for all State Senior Division events are firm.

| 1987-88 | Theatre (1987) | Debate (1988) | Speech (1988) | JR Division (1988) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Subdistrict | Oct. 24 | | Mar. 5 | |
| District | Nov. 6-7 | Jan. 9 | Mar. 26 | Feb. 20, Level I |
| Section | Nov. 20-21 | | | Mar. 12, Level II |
| State | Dec. 4-5 | 4SP Jan. 22-23 2SP Jan. 29-30 | April 22-23 November 26 | |
| Board Meetings | Oct. 27-28, 1987 May 5-6, 1988 | Thanksgiving Easter | April 3 | |

1988-89 CALENDAR

| 1988-89 | Theatre (1988) | Debate (1989) | Speech (1989) | JR Division 1989 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Subdistrict | Oct. 21 | | March 11 | February 18 Level I |
| District | Nov. 3-4 | Jan. 7 | April 8 | Mar. 11, Level II |
| Section | Nov. 17-19 | | | |
| State | Dec. 1-2 | 4SP Jan. 20-21 2SP Jan. 27-28 | April 28-29 | |
| Board Meetings | Oct. 24-25, 1987 May 4-5, 1989 | Thanksgiving Easter | November 24, 1988 March 26, 1989 | |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THEATRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED

Beginning with the 1987 Fall Theatre Festival, the subdistrict workfest will be conducted in a different manner. Schools will be offered three options for conducting this event. They will be:

- Participate in a subdistrict festival workshop (as per current practice),
- Receive criticism from an on-site resource person referred to them by the District Chair,
- Forfeit the opportunity for evaluation before participating in the District Festival.

The committee will be meeting during the summer to develop guidelines for use by the on-site resource people.

In further action, the Board approved of the State Office collecting names of people now being used as adjudicators throughout the state for the development of a resource list that can be used by hosts seeking well-qualified judges.

Finally, the Board also approved the allocation of monies in the 1988-89 budget for the development of a task force to establish long range goals for the theatre education program in the State of Wisconsin.

THEATRE FESTIVAL ETN

If you've been wondering about what's involved in preparing to participate in the WHSFA fall Theatre Festival series, we hope you were on the Educational Teleconferencing Network lines May 4 and 11.

These two sessions offered practical step-by-step information about how to "do" Theatre Festival.

During the first session Pat Barlow of Lake Geneva Badger, Ted Moskonas of Wisconsin Rapids-Lincoln, and Sue Lauterbach of St. Joan Antida-Milwaukee shared practical information about selecting scripts, auditioning students, rehearsing, planning transportation, and working in a variety of settings. The second session featured information from an evaluators point of view. Professor Tom Goltry, J. Peter Shaw and Virginia Newcomb, who have served as judges for State Theatre Festival, discussed "what the judges look for" in a Theatre Festival performance.

If you missed this ETN, plan on participating next May.

If you are concerned about whether a specific script is suitable for the Theatre Festival series, Professor Goltry has offered to review such scripts, and give you his recommendations. If you are interested in this sort of assistance, contact us at the State Office for details.

BOARD ACTS ON DEBATE ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS

At the suggestions of the committee, the rule regarding visitors attending debates was amended to read:

"Visitors and the general public may attend debate at the pleasure of the participating teams. However, debaters and/or judges may require disruptive nonparticipants to leave the room during the course of the debate."

In further action, the Board also approved a recommendation to change the order in which the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place awards are determined. The criteria, in order, will now be: (1) win-loss record, (2) opposition records, (3) total combined speaker points, (4) total team points. Previously, the order was 1, 4, 3, 2.

LINCOLN/DOUGLAS STATE TOURNEY

Eight schools entered the State Lincoln/Douglas tournament held on the Saturday of State Speech. Students were from Marquette, Superior, St. Croix Falls, Appleton East, Brookfield Central, Sheboygan South, Durand and Green Bay Premontre.

Quarterfinalists were Mark Richards, Sheboygan South; Nicole Bauer, Durand; Baj Kochar, Marquette; David Brandenberger and Gary Arendt, Appleton West; Cynthia Williamson, St. Croix Falls; Paul Onsager, Brookfield Central; and Eric Osterman, Green Bay Premontre.

Semifinalists included Richards, Brandenberger, Williamson and Arendt. Progressing to the finals were Richards and Williamson, with the eventual winner being Mark Richards from Sheboygan South, coached by Robert Leet.

Our congratulations to all the participants in this event.

BOARD APPROVES CHANGES IN SPRING SPEECH

As a result of Speech Advisory recommendations, the Board approved of the following items:

- Reduced the number of school entries necessary in Group Discussion on the subdistrict level from two to one.
- Established a committee that would be an adjunct to the Speech Advisory Committee to study the possibilities of establishing Student Congress as a separate event in the Association structure.
- Recommended that committee continue to study critique rules for all categories, with particular attention to Demonstration and Group Interpretation.
- Turned down a recommendation increasing the points necessary to advance from Subdistrict to District from 14-15.

The Board also approved the Association distribute materials regarding teacher membership in the National Federation of High School Associations. Those materials will be included with the fall mailing of the Teacher Handbook in Theatre, and the addendums for Debate and Speech.



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STATE SPEECH RESULTS

| | Schools | Entries | CC | AS | F | NS | Hintz |
|-------------|---------|---------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|
| District 1 | 26 | 327 | 23 | 131 | 164 | 9 | 1 |
| District 2 | 32 | 336 | 33 | 137 | 156 | 10 | 0 |
| District 3 | 30 | 332 | 46 | 150 | 125 | 11 | 2 |
| District 4 | 33 | 250 | 46 | 105 | 90 | 11 | 1 |
| District 5 | 39 | 419 | 51 | 180 | 181 | 7 | 1 |
| District 6 | 30 | 348 | 47 | 149 | 145 | 7 | 2 |
| District 7 | 32 | 254 | 40 | 120 | 90 | 4 | 1 |
| District 8 | 35 | 389 | 50 | 143 | 180 | 16 | 3 |
| District 9 | 30 | 332 | 53 | 146 | 121 | 12 | 4 |
| District 10 | 34 | 360 | 64 | 155 | 127 | 14 | 3 |
| District 11 | 36 | 327 | 56 | 134 | 120 | 17 | 0 |
| District 12 | 23 | 253 | 53 | 109 | 77 | 14 | 2 |
| District 13 | 20 | 135 | 16 | 52 | 41 | 26 | 0 |
| District 14 | 28 | 328 | 48 | 138 | 126 | 16 | 2 |
| | 428 | 4390 | 626 | 1849 | 1743 | 174 | 21 |
| | | | 14% | 42% | 39% | 4% | |

BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Elections were held in Districts 6, 9, 10, 11, 13 and Section 2 during April. All current Chairs were unanimously reelected to their positions, and will begin another three-year term with the 1987-88 school year. They are:

- District 6 - Glenn Snyder, Green Bay Preble High School
- District 9 - William Ott, Director of Curriculum, Menasha;
- District 10 - Terry Wiseman, Pecatonica/Blanchardville High School
- District 11 - J. Peter Shaw, Evansville High School
- District 13 - Priscilla Kuehn, Milwaukee Juneau Business High
- Section 2 - Ron Steinhorst, New London High School



University of Wisconsin-Madison's SCHOOL OF THE ARTS at RHINELANDER

Courses in storytelling, story dramatization and improvisational drama as well as playwriting and a play analysis lab will be offered July 20-24, 1987 at the UW-Madison's SCHOOL OF THE ARTS at RHINELANDER. All classes have been preapproved by the Department of Public Instruction for their equivalency clock-hour program. Instructors for the courses will be Joan Lazarus, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts and State Extension Youth Theatre Specialist; and Professor Edward L. Kamarck, Professor of Theatre Arts.

For a complete brochure about the classes, write School of the Arts, 610 Langdon, Room 722F, Madison, WI 53703.

DEBATE TOPIC FOR 1987-88 CHOSEN

On the basis of preferential balloting completed in mid April, Wisconsin Debate schools have chosen the following proposition:

RESOLVED: That the United States should adopt a policy to increase political stability in Latin America.

The State Office has been informed that surrounding states also chose this proposition.

JUNIOR DIVISION UPDATE

It has been a growing year for our Junior Division Program!

We have 108 schools on our membership list; 17 schools are new members this year. Nearly 3000 entries registered for Level I Festivals and over 2000 were invited to advance to Level II. We had 461 more entries at Level I than we had in 1986 and nearly 200 more at Level II.

Our growth has provided the learning and fun of participating in forensics to so many more students, and that's great! However, our rapid growth created some challenges for us, as well.

In the northern and north central areas where we have the largest concentration of new members, some festivals were attended by 20 schools! At one festival site, an additional building had to be rented to accommodate the 700 students registered to participate at a school built for 350 students!

The Advisory Committee of the WHSFA Junior Division sent out a letter to all Junior members requesting additional festival sites for next season. If your school wishes to volunteer to host a "normal sized" Junior Festival of 4 to 8 teams, please contact the State Office by June 1.

Thanks for letting people know what the WHSFA Junior Division has to offer!