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Board of Control Holds Biannual Meeting

April 30 and May 1 were the dates of the spring WHSFA Board of Control Meeting held this year in Green Bay. Voting members in attendance represented Districts 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and all Section Chairs. They conducted business regarding diverse interests in each area of WHSFA activity. Articles dealing with some of these issues are provided in this Newsletter. A capsulized account of actions include:

- Announcements of 1992-1993 Discussion and Debate Topic and survey results
- Membership and participation results from all activities
- Pending elections report
- Committee meetings to be scheduled for summer
- Acceptance of two-year calendar for WHSFA
- Development of a centennial committee for planning of celebration in 1995 of founding of Association
- Report on meetings with WIAA and WSMA regarding development of a two-year combined calendar
- Report on meetings with Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Grover
- Update on Speech Adjudication program
- Approval for workshop to be held to "orient the orientors"

Shows Chosen for Madison Youth Arts Festival

Fifteen shows made application for consideration to participate in the Madison Youth Arts Festival June 12-13, 1992.

We are pleased to announce that two were chosen for performance at the Festival.

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"Home" from Oshkosh West, directed by Tom Lynch features Megan Behm and Shannon Behm.

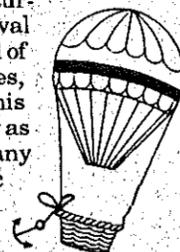
"Vanities" from DeForest, directed by Janis Williams features Dana Shimpach, Andrea Anders and Valerie Rick.

They will be performing in "The Crossroads" at the Madison Civic Center at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13.

A very special thank you to all of the schools who participated in this project.

'92 The Flight Continues

Beginning Thursday evening, November 19 with a special performance and continuing into Friday and Saturday November 20-21, the 1992 Theatre Festival will once again soar into the wonderful world of theatre. Featuring high school performances, workshops and showcased productions, this weekend promises to provide fun and fantasy as well as education for students, directors and any one wishing to learn more about the dramatic arts.



UW-La Crosse will serve as our host this year. We will have two performance areas as well as room for hands-on student and teacher oriented workshops.

Plan now to join theatre people from across the state in the continuation of our flight into new horizons.

1992-94 WHSFA TWO-YEAR CALENDAR

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

| | 1992-93 | Theatre (1992) | Debate (1993) | Speech (1993) | Middle Level Division (1993) |
|----------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Subdistrict | Oct. 17 | Oct. 17 | January 9 | March 13 | February 20, Level I |
| District | Oct. 23-24 | Oct. 23-24 | January 9 | March 27 | March 13, Level II |
| Sectional | Nov. 6-7 | Nov. 6-7 | Jan. 28-30 (4 & 2SP) | April 23-24 | (Latest Dates) |
| State | Nov. 20-21 | Nov. 20-21 | Jan. 28-30 (4 & 2SP) | April 23-24 | |
| Board Meetings | October 27-28, 1992 April 29-30, 1993 | Thanksgiving Easter | Nov. 26, 1992 April 11, 1993 | | |
| | | | | | |
| | 1993-94 | *Theatre (1993) | Debate (1994) | Speech (1994) | Middle Level Division (1994) |
| Subdistrict | Oct. 16 | Oct. 16 | Jan. 8 | March 12 | February 19, Level I |
| District | Oct. 22-23 | Oct. 22-23 | Jan. 8 | March 26 | March 12, Level II |
| Sectional | Nov. 5-6 | Nov. 5-6 | Jan. 27-29 (4 & 2 SP) | April 22-23 | (Latest Dates) |
| State | Nov. 19-20 | Nov. 19-20 | Jan. 27-29 (4 & 2 SP) | April 22-23 | |
| Board Meetings | Oct. 26-27, 1993 May 5-6, 1994 | Thanksgiving Easter | Nov. 25, 1993 April 3, 1994 | | |

* 1993 Theatre dates are subject to possible change following a 2-year trial period.

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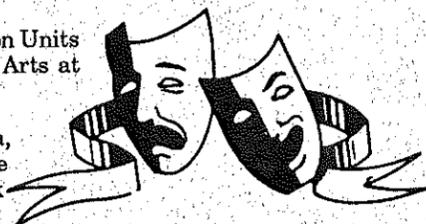
1992 State Speech Festival Results

| | <u>Schools</u> | <u>Entries</u> | <u>Gold</u> | <u>Silver</u> | <u>Bronze</u> | <u>Cert.</u> | <u>NS</u> | <u>Hintz</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| District 1 | 24 | 270 | 43 | 94 | 101 | 26 | 6 | 0 |
| District 2 | 31 | 351 | 80 | 129 | 106 | 24 | 12 | 2 |
| District 3 | 32 | 327 | 114 | 110 | 72 | 20 | 11 | 2 |
| District 4 | 29 | 272 | 69 | 104 | 78 | 14 | 7 | 1 |
| District 5 | 35 | 334 | 68 | 111 | 94 | 33 | 14 | 0 |
| District 6 | 27 | 293 | 75 | 100 | 88 | 18 | 12 | 1 |
| District 7 | 32 | 274 | 72 | 88 | 81 | 26 | 7 | 0 |
| District 8 | 34 | 459 | 102 | 164 | 150 | 25 | 18 | 5 |
| District 9 | 27 | 349 | 104 | 123 | 89 | 21 | 12 | 3 |
| District 10 | 33 | 402 | 98 | 92 | 155 | 39 | 18 | 3 |
| District 11 | 35 | 263 | 61 | 78 | 83 | 21 | 20 | 0 |
| District 12 | 20 | 224 | 88 | 116 | 87 | 21 | 12 | 3 |
| District 13 | 20 | 211 | 47 | 72 | 53 | 19 | 20 | 1 |
| District 14 | <u>31</u> | <u>346</u> | <u>93</u> | <u>112</u> | <u>89</u> | <u>27</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | 410 | 4375 | 1114 | 1493 | 1326 | 334 | 194 | 23 |
| | | | (25%) | (34%) | (30%) | (7%) | (4%) | (5%) |

School of The Arts at Rhinelander

Teachers interested in improving their theatre/drama skills may earn Continuing Education Units or Department of Public Instruction clock hours for classes taken at the School of the Arts at Rhinelander, July 20-24.

Workshops in improvisational drama, acting, storytelling, playwriting, social action drama, directing, comedy puppetry, and clowning will be among the many classes offered at the school. Other courses given include creative writing, photography, the visual arts, and folk dance, music and crafts.



For a complete brochure, write: School of the Arts, Continuing Education in the Arts, 610 Langdon Street, Room 727, Madison, WI 53703.

Dr. Grover Applauds WHSFA

The following article by State Superintendent Herbert Grover appeared in the April 1992 issue of *Wisconsin School News*.

The Value of Forensics

One of the most useful skills people can attain is the ability to communicate in a logical and effective way. A corollary skill is the ability to listen and analyze what others are saying.

These skills are emphasized and sharpened through student participation in forensics, debate, and theater. Participation in these extracurricular activities promotes critical thinking and analysis, effective interaction with others, as well as the presence that comes from the experience of being in front of a live audience.

These attributes, as they are gained, will serve students well in all areas of learning and will carry over into higher education, technical training, and the work place.

In our state we are fortunate to have the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association, the oldest association of its kind in the United States, with a heritage dating back to 1895. The association provides support and coordination for activities in speech, debate, and theater in our middle and secondary schools, both public and private.

More specifically, the association offers programs of adjudicated contests and festivals and sponsors inservice opportunities, workshops, and certification programs.

Currently, nearly 1,700 teachers and other school staff are

WHSFA Activity Calendar

| 1992 | |
|----------------|---|
| October 17 | Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre |
| October 24 | Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre |
| October 27-28 | WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Madison) |
| November 6-7 | WHSFA Sectional Theatre |
| November 20-21 | WHSFA State Theatre (UW-La-Crosse) |
| 1993 | |
| January 9 | Latest date for WHSFA District Debate |
| Jan. 28-29-30 | WHSFA State Debate (UW-Oshkosh) (2-Speaker and 4-Speaker) |
| February 20 | Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level I |
| March 13 | Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech |
| March 13 | Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level II |
| March 27 | Latest date for WHSFA District Speech |
| April 23-24 | WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison) |
| April 29-30 | WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Wisconsin Rapids) |
| October 16 | Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre |
| October 26-27 | WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Madison) |
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| March 26 | Latest date for WHSFA District Speech |
| April 22-23 | WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison) |
| May 5-6 | WHSFA Board of Control Meeting |

involved in directing these activities. In 1991 more than 15,000 students from some 700 middle- and senior-level public and private schools participated in one or more of the numerous activities sponsored by the association.

But there ought to be more. Impressive as the figures may be, there are only about one-fifth as many students participating in forensic activities as those who join in school-sponsored athletics.

There is no Wisconsin school district that does not sponsor athletic programs, but far too many do not sponsor forensics. This void is unfortunate because forensics is a low-cost investment that can add a valuable dimension to formal classroom instruction. There are no uniforms, equipment, or instruments to buy, and travel cost are minimal.

To board members in those districts that now sponsor forensic activities, I urge your continued personal and financial support. To board members in districts without forensics, I urge you to consider the many advantages that will be gained by your students if given the opportunity to participate in forensic activities.

Lincoln Douglas State Tournament Held

Twenty-six students representing ten schools participated in the Lincoln-Douglas Tournament held in conjunction with the WHSFA State Speech Festival held on April 10-11, 1992 in Madison.

Kay Neal, WHSFA Advisor in Debate scheduled and conducted this tournament.

Entering the semi-final round of competition were Lindsay Schoenbohm and Roxanne Herb from Appleton East and Heidi Weingart, Durand and Andy Coan, Neenah Shattuck Junior High.

Schoenbohm and Coan faced off in the finals with Schoenbohm emerging as the winner.

Coaches of the top teams are:

Appleton East - Sandy Hoecherl
Shattuck Junior High - Don Weinmann

The Association extends congratulations to all students and coaches involved and encourages them to continue to develop the skills required for effective value debate.

Debate Institute Planned at Marquette

July 19 through August 1 Marquette University will be host for the 13th Annual Summer High School Debate Institute. This institute provides two weeks of intensive work in the areas of research, compiling evidence, constructing cases, improving delivery skills as well as all areas of debate technique will be covered.

For a brochure detailing all aspects of this institute, contact Marquette University, Department of Continuing Education in the Arts, Milwaukee, WI 53223.

William Hintz Award for Excellence in Speech - 1992

- District 2: Niagara High School - Terry Grippen, Coach
Shawano High School - Lynn Aprill, Coach
- District 3: Durand High School - Barbara Kallstrom, Coach
Menomonee High School - John Abraham, Coach
Eau Claire North - Bonnie Knight, Coach
- District 4: Pulaski High School - Diane Sabo, Coach
- District 6: Columbus High School - Ed Zahn, Coach
DeForest High School - Jeff Steward, Coach
Lodi High School - Mark Kohl, Coach
Watertown High School - Daniel Griffen, Coach
Waunakee High School - Sandy Faivre, Coach
- District 9: Fond du Lac Winnebago Lutheran - David Lauber, Coach
Oshkosh West High School - Tom Lynch, Coach
Mt. Calvary St. Lawrence Seminary - Rev. Paul Craig, Coach
- District 10: Darlington High School - Leona Havens, Coach
South Wayne Black Hawk High School - Gerald Meier, Coach
Lancaster High School - Sam Jonas, Coach
- District 12: Hartford Union High School - Chris Schoggen, Coach
Hartland Arrowhead High School - Donna Anderson, Coach
Sussex-Hamilton High School - Penny Komatz, Coach
- District 13: Milwaukee Divine Savior Holy Angels - Rita Nawrocki-Chabin, Coach
- District 14: Burlington High School - John Oberwetter, Coach
Greendale High School - Sharon Sharko, Coach

ETN Programs Planned

The Association will once again be offering programs via the Education Teleconferencing Network (ETN)

Middle Level Forensics: Changing with the Times
November 30 - December 7 - Mondays, 4:00-5:20 p.m.

These sessions are planned to help teachers, forensic coaches, and group leaders of grades 6-8 incorporate oral communication skill building activities into their students' educational experience. WHSFA Middle Level materials will provide the model for use in the curriculum.

Instructors: Mary Torgeson, Members of WHSFA Middle Level Advisory Committee

Contact for further information and registration materials, J. Peter Shaw at (608) 262-2313.

A brochure detailing ETN programs will be mailed to WHSFA members in late August.

Debate Resolution Chosen

The Debate Resolution for 1992-93 will be:

Resolved: That the United States government should reduce worldwide pollution through its trade and/or aid policies.

The discussion question will be:

Global Environment: What should the United State do to improve the global environment?

Torgeson will be attending the National Debate Topic Selection Committee meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 7-9. Policy topic study suggestions as well as possible L/D topics should be sent to the State Office prior to that time.

Speech Adjudication Workshops Planned

For 1993, any person that is to serve as an adjudicator at the 1993 WHSFA State Speech Festival must be a "Certified Speech Adjudicator." Certification is accomplished by successfully completing/passing the Adjudicator Orientation Program. The following workshops for Speech Adjudication have been planned for next school year:

ADJUDICATION WORKSHOPS 1992-93

| Date | Site | Dist. |
|------------------|---|-------|
| Aug. 27 | Green Bay West | 6 |
| Sept. 9 | Clintonville | 6 |
| Sept. 10 | Winter | 1 |
| Sept. 12 | Highland | 10 |
| Sept. 15 | Baraboo | 8 |
| Sept. 16 | Mineral Point | 10 |
| Sept. 18 | Mukwonago | 14 |
| Sept. 21-Oct. 12 | Via the Statewide Educational (Mondays, 4-5:20 p.m.) Teleconferencing Network (ETN) | |
| Sept. 23 | Laconia-Rosendale | 8 |
| Sept. 26 | Oconto Falls | 2 |
| Sept. 28 | Rosholt | 5 |
| Sept. 30 | Howards Grove | 9 |
| Oct. 8 | NWEA Convention - Eau Claire | 4 |
| Oct. 14 | Bonduel | 2 |
| Nov. 9 & 16 | Milwaukee Marshall | 13 |
| Dec. 5 | Lodi | 8 |
| Jan. 9, 1993 | Lancaster | 10 |

Information/registration materials for all workshops will be sent from the State Office to all member schools prior to the date of the workshops. Please plan to share this information/registration material with colleagues and especially with non-school personnel that you know are interested in judging.

Speech Adjudicator Orientation - ETN

This program is offered for all WHSFA Speech Festival Series Adjudicators to gain certification which is necessary to judge the State Festival in 1993. The course will include discussion of philosophy of judging, applying current WHSFA rules and procedures, learning the qualities expected of an adjudicator as well as the qualities desired in students, and learning how to write a critique which is kind, instructive and constructive.

September 21/28; October 5/12 - Mondays
4:00 - 5:20 p.m.

Instructors: State Office Staff and WHSFA Speech Advisory Members

Contact for further information and registration materials, J. Peter Shaw at (608) 262-2313.

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Advisory Committees to Meet

Committees for theatre, debate, speech and middle level division will meet during the summer. If you have any questions/concerns you wish to have addressed, please contact the State Office as soon as possible (608) 262-2313.