

COME FLY WITH US TO: FANTASY, ADVENTURE, COMEDY, TRAGEDY MYSTERY,  
INTRIGUE AND  
NEW HORIZONS OF THEATRE EXPERIENCES

FEATURING:

THEATRE PERFORMANCES REPRESENTING WISCONSIN'S FINEST HIGH SCHOOL SHOWS.

A POTPOURRI OF PERTINENT, PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS TO LAUNCH A BEGINNING THEATRE PROGRAM, GIVE LIFT TO THE THEATRE PROGRAM ON HOLD, AND TO PROVIDE NEW THRUST TO THE THEATRE PROGRAM ALREADY IN FLIGHT.

FEATURED SHOWCASED PRODUCTIONS THAT WILL RAISE YOUR SPIRITS AND PROPEL YOUR THEATRE PROGRAMS UPWARD.

START YOUR COUNT DOWN, AND SET YOUR COMPASS FOR OSHKOSH, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21-23, 1991. LAND AT THE FREDRIC MARCH THEATRE, UW-OSHKOSH FOR THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT OF A FULL WEEKEND OF WISCONSIN THEATRE.

The old was good.  
The new can enhance the old.  
Tradition and innovation  
Blended to create a learning  
Environment for students and  
Teachers in the most essential  
Art of theatre education.

"INFORMANCE" HIGHLIGHTS

(includes informal discussion and performance within workshop timeblocks)

UW-MADISON HERITAGE ENSEMBLE, *SONG OF THE INLAND SEA*  
KETTLE MORaine HIGH SCHOOL, *VOICES OF OUR ANCESTORS*  
DANCING MOON THEATRE, *A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALBS*

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

Attend 80 minute workshops scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days taught by theatre professionals with extensive backgrounds and experiences. Most will be repeated. Also visit backstage and tour the renovated Grand Opera House in downtown Oshkosh. Enjoy the unique mix of education, entertainment and socializing with students from throughout Wisconsin!

PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

RACINE THEATRE GUILD	<i>POXPIRE</i>	Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Fredric March Theatre
This award-winning community theatre recently returned to the states from an extensive tour throughout Russia with their community cast of <i>POXPIRE</i>		
WHSFA THEATRE FESTIVAL PLAYS	OVER 35 SHOWS	Friday from 8:00 a.m. Saturday from 8:00 a.m. Fredric March Theatre Experimental Theatre
scheduled every 45 minutes each day in both theatres		
UW-MILWAUKEE	<i>THE CHERRY ORCHARD</i>	Friday at 2:30 p.m. Experimental Theatre
Acting students completing requirements in the UWM Professional Theatre Training Program produced the classic drama as part of their fall season.		
SHOREWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	<i>MOONCHILDREN</i>	Friday at 7:30 p.m. Fredric March Theatre
A frequent participant in the Milwaukee County High School Theatre Festival, Shorewood produced this full-length production this fall.		
COMEDY SPORTZ	A FESTIVAL SHOW	Friday at 9:40 p.m. Reeve Student Union
A company of players from the Oshkosh area including high school, university and community actors. They're sure to entertain!		



# WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## BOARD SETS PLANS FOR 1991-93

At the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control many business items were conducted, reports given, as well as plans for the future discussed..

Business items included:

- The election of William Ott as Chair and Roger Klug as Vice Chair for 1991-92.
- Appointment of Stan Ore to serve as Finance Chair with members Roger Klug and Bill Ott. Ad hoc member Joan Lazarus, Chair of Continuing Education in the Arts also serves on the committee.
- Continued appointment of Ron Steinhorst, David Miskulin and Margaret Doering as members of the Nominations Committee.
- Continued appointment of Kay Neal and Tom Kaye to the Eligibility-Review Committee.
- Appointment of Roger Klug as Chair of the Personnel Committee with members Michael Price, Neal and Doering.
- Approval of the 1990-1991 State Audit/Financial Report.
- Notification to Board members Ken Brittingham, Robert Houg, Miskulin and Gerald Trochinski of expiration of term of office as of June, 1992.
- A decision reached to not grant the request of the Sauk Prairie school system to transfer District assignments.

## Reports given included:

- A preview of the plans being made for "The Inaugural Flight" Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival." (See separate story.)
- A review was given for Board members of the inconclusive results from the Debate survey conducted last spring and reported in the May Newsletter.
- A report was given on the Neal, Torgeson attendance at the National Debate Topic Selection Committee as reported in the September, 1991 Newsletter.
- A report was given on the activities of the Personnel Committee regarding their procedures in the search and screen process for new position and resulting job description refinements.
- A report was given by Torgeson regarding the growth and scope of programs in WHSFA since her appointment. (See separate article.)

- A report was given regarding La Crescent, MN having fulfilled all necessary obligations for membership status with the Wisconsin system.
- A report was given on the status of the Adjudicator Orientation sessions. (See separate article.)
- A report was given on the status of the availability of District medals. The matter was referred to committee.
- A report was given regarding requests received for a name/logo change for the Association to make it more inclusive of all activities. (See separate article.)

## Plans for the Future included:

- Acceptance of a balanced budget for 1991-92 which reflects no increases in dues or fees.
- District Debate Tournament Hosts for 1992 were determined. (See separate article.)
- A request that all Advisory Committees meet together to plan for Adjudicator Orientation in each of our series.
- A request from the Speech Adjudicator Orientation team that a class be held to "train new trainers," as the broadening spectrum of numbers of people and geographic locations necessitates having more instructors available.
- Development of a brochure which tells the story of WHSFA to be used as a means of advertising and fund seeking.

## ADJUDICATION UPDATE

The following workshops for Speech Adjudication have either been held or are planned.

If you are interested in hosting an adjudicator certification workshop, please notify the State Office as soon as possible to allow us to make plans to accommodate this learning experience and coordinate the details with you.

ETN - September 16-October 14 (4 sessions)  
ETN - October 21-November 11 (4 sessions)  
October 11 - Eau Claire  
October 14 - Pittsville  
October 24 - McFarland  
November 6 - Wausau  
November 7 - Glidden  
November 11 & 18 - Milwaukee Marshall  
November 23 - Greendale  
December 13 - La Crosse  
February 21 - Cazenovia Weston

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**BOARD AT FULL POWER**

A full complement of District and Sectional Chairs is now in place on the WHSFA Board. Joining us for their first meeting held October 22-23 were:

- District 2: Ken Brittingham, District Administrator
- Niagara School District
- District 5: Michael Young, Principal
- Stratford School District
- District 11: Jeff Gibson, Principal
- Edgerton High School
- District 14: Ryan Champeau, Principal
- Waukesha North High School
- Section V: Walter Daumler
- Delavan-Darien High School

We also welcome back Dru Munson as District 12 Chair after a year's leave of absence.

It is good to have all of you serving in this capacity.

**TO CHANGE OR NOT TO CHANGE**

As the Association has grown and expanded its programming to more than just high school activities, the suggestion has been made that perhaps it is time to change our name to be more inclusive for all groups represented. The Board has referred the matter to a committee consisting of Middle School Advisor Martin Tadlock, Section V Chair Walter Daumler and District 14 Chair Ryan Champeau. Before the May Board meeting they will be drawing up a proposal reflecting possible answers to these questions.

**THEY NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are asking that you submit your reactions and any possible suggestions for their consideration either to them directly or to the State Office at your earliest convenience.

Any possible change approved by the Board will be presented in a referendum vote to the entire membership before any change can be made. (Please refer to Article V, Section 1 & 2, a.b. of your constitution for the rules governing decisions.)

If I receive letters in defense of the status quo and/or change, I will accept as many as possible for inclusion in the January publication of this Newsletter.

**FAMILIAR FACE OF FORTIER IN NEW LOCATION**

The Department of Public Instruction has taken John Fortier, a stalwart in the Wisconsin Debate circuit from his teaching/coaching position he held from 1969 and moved him to Madison to become a part of the Pupil Assessment program. Fortier reports that he is looking forward to his new assignment and hopes to be instrumental in changing what he calls a "testing mentality" to an "assessment mentality."

In reference to his years as a debate coach he commented, "I think debate is the best educational activity a student can have, as a competitive event or as a class. You must speak, listen, read and write and you must think rapidly on your feet. All are language arts skills. These are things you need to perform well in other areas."

Thank you for your years of service to Wisconsin students, John. It has been a pleasure working with you. The Association wishes you well.

**A DECADE PLUS WITH WHSFA**

**Mary Torgeson**

In reviewing the events that have occurred since I came to work for the Association, the following thoughts, and realities, became evident.

- Educational opportunities for teachers grew by leaps and bounds including ETN classes in Debate, Theatre and Speech were developed.
- A Task Force was formed to establish the viability of our speech programming. This involved over 50 well-qualified individuals from across the state in the process.
- The constitution of the Association was changed to include Advisory committees in each of our areas to better represent the particular disciplines with which they were involved.
- Redistricting occurred, increasing district representation from 11 to fourteen and increasing the number of sections from three to five.
- A Newsletter was created, written and published five times a year during the school year.
- A new Division, initially called the Junior Division now known as the Middle Level Division, was created, offering the opportunity for teachers to involve youngsters grade 6-8 in the educational process of skill development in communication.
- The "One-Act" Theatre Contest was transformed to the Theatre Festival, involving more schools and more students than ever before This year an even greater series is being planned which will involve more teachers and students in the learning processes attached to the theatre experience.
- A second Task Force was developed to study each of our programs and to make suggestions for improvements and change. As a result, each of the series now has a Handbook that is a teaching tool and not just a rule book. A State Speech Festival primer was also written and published.
- More and continued contact with State and National Associations, including holding officer positions and serving on the Executive Committee of Wisconsin Communication Association, serving on the Executive Committee to help develop speech contest guidelines with the National Future Farmers of America organization, attendance and involvement with the National Federation of High School Association - Debate Committee are a few.
- Greatly improved and more direct involvement with WFCA and WDCA, WSMA, WIAA has been evident through communication and meetings.
- Even the idea and establishment of a "tee shirt" for state participants was innovative. The idea that they would be money producing was not the impetus, but a welcome fringe benefit.
- Perhaps most significant among all of my efforts has been to see the establishment of the Speech Adjudicator Orientation workshops which has also resulted in the writing and publishing of a "workbook" for use by participants. To date, over 200 individuals have been involved successfully in this process. It truly is one of the Associations finer moments.

-- It has been a busy 10 plus years. They have not always been pleasant. We are not done yet, people. There is more to do. Just as the things listed were not done in a vacuum, neither can our future efforts. To accomplish the tasks outlined by your personnel committee, I will need the involvement and support of each of you. Ideas, contacts, direct access to information are going to be of extreme importance in the months ahead if we are going to accomplish the task of our Mission Statement as accepted by the Board at the October meeting, 1990.

**"The mission of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association is to provide support and coordination for quality communication and theatre education in Wisconsin middle and secondary schools (both private and public), through curricular and co-curricular activities in Speech, Debate and Theatre, by offering a quality program of adjudicated contests and festivals, publications and inservice programs, workshops and certification programs.**

Together, we can accomplish these goals.

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Every year students and teachers have conflicts with festival, contest, tournament dates on all levels of participation. What can you do to help avoid the problems that arise? Here are some general ideas to keep in mind:

- (1) Remember that all dates for all WHSFA events below the state level are latest dates. This offers flexibility in determining the best date.
- (2) WHSFA publishes a two year calendar in May of each year. Read it. Save it. Get state events dates on your school calendar as soon as possible.
- (3) Hold a fall meeting with the other forensic coaches in your subdistrict area. Each of you bring the dates of other activities that you know are already determined and that likely will not change. Find a mutually satisfying date, determine the host, and get it on the school calendar.
- (4) Provide your students with a schedule of events and dates they will need to keep free if they are going to participate. Mail a copy to the students place of residence. Let everyone know your expectations.
- (5) Don't make unreasonable demands on hosts for special scheduling requests.
- (6) Allow for the fact that students may still have to make choices.

Many of you have wondered why the State Office asks you to choose a time slot for April State Speech in October. It is to help you and your students in planning ahead. That is what you need to do for the District/Sectional level events as well.

**DEBATE ASSIGNMENTS - 1992**

**NORTHWEST/CENTRAL**

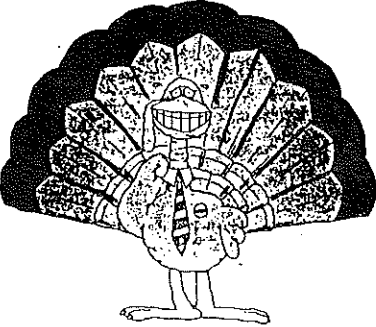
Host: Carla Traun  
Site: Eau Claire Memorial

Chippewa Falls Senior  
Eau Claire Memorial  
Hudson  
La Crosse Central  
Merrill  
Rhinelander  
St. Croix Falls  
Wausau East  
Wausau West  
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln

**NORTHEAST**

Host: Bill Ott  
Site:

Appleton East  
Appleton West  
Green Bay Ashwaubenon  
Green Bay East  
Green Bay Preble  
Kaukauna  
Little Chute  
Neenah Senior  
Neenah Shattuck  
Sheboygan North



If you have not notified the State Office of your "Intent to Participate" in the District Tournament, please do so immediately. An accurate count is necessary for both the State Office to send adequate materials and for the host to acquire adequate facilities and hire appropriate judges. Call, please, both the State Office and your host school.

If your school originally indicated a desire to participate, but have now changed your plans, it is also necessary to inform both the State Office and the host.

Please remember that seven schools are necessary to conduct a debate tournament. This may necessitate reassignment before the District meet.

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Host: Jeff Gibson  
Site: Madison Memorial

Janesville Craig  
Madison Memorial  
Madison West  
Middleton  
Monona Grove  
Palmyra-Eagle

**MILWAUKEE NORTHEAST**

Host: Dru Munson  
Site:

Brookfield Central  
Brookfield East  
Glendale Nicolet  
Juneau Dodgeland  
Mequon Homestead  
Mukwonago  
Oconomowoc  
Slinger  
Sussex Hamilton  
Waukesha North  
Waukesha South  
Wauwatosa East  
West Bend East  
West Bend West

**MILWAUKEE SOUTHEAST**

Host: Dru Munson  
Site:

Greendale  
Kenosha Bradford  
Milwaukee HS of the Arts  
Milwaukee Riverside  
Milwaukee Rufus King  
Milwaukee Tech  
Marquette University  
Milwaukee Pius XI  
South Milwaukee  
West Allis Central  
West Allis Nathan Hale

**SOAR INTO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF THEATRE**

***WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL***

***"THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT"***

produced by the  
WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION  
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