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WHSFA DEBATE ASSIGNMENTS - 1996

DATE: January 9, 1996 (2:00 p.m.)

Host: Tom Workman **Site:** UW-Eau Claire
152 Hibbard Hall - Eau Claire, WI 54702
Tel: 715/836-3305

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| Chippewa Falls | Rhineland |
| Eau Claire Memorial | St. Croix Falls |
| Hudson | Wausau East |
| La Crosse Central | Wausau West |
| Merrill | Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln |
| Onalaska | |

DATE: January 13, 1996

Host: Michael Biddick **Site:** Madison Memorial H.S.
201 S. Gammon Road - Madison, WI 53717
Tel: 608/829-4000

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| DeForest | Madison LaFollette |
| Janesville Craig | Madison Memorial |
| Janesville Parker | Madison West |
| Juneau Dodgeand | Middleton |
| Madison East | Mukwonago |

DATE: January 6, 1996

Host: Duaine Bosin **Site:** Appleton North H. S.
5000 N. Ballard Road - Appleton, WI 54915
Tel: 414/832-4300

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| Appleton North | Green Bay |
| Appleton West | Southwest |
| Fond du Lac Goodrich | Kaukauna |
| Green Bay East | Neenah Senior |

DATE: January 6, 1996

Host: John Washbush **Site:** Sussex Hamilton H.S.
W220 N6151 Town Line Road - Sussex, WI 53089
Tel: 414/246-6471

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| Glendale Nicolet | Pewaukee |
| Glendale | Slinger |
| Mequon Homestead | South Milwaukee |
| Milwaukee Juneau | Sussex hamilton |
| Milwaukee King | Waukesha South |
| Milwaukee Madison | Wauwatosa East |
| Milwaukee Marshall | West Allis Nathan Hale |
| Milwaukee Plus XI | West Bend East |
| New Berlin West | West Bend West |

District Eligibility - Registration forms have been mailed to all schools registered above. Please mail the E-R form to the host at your assigned site ASAP. Notify the State Office if you are planning to enter a District Debate Tournament, but are not listed above.

THEATRE WEEKEND PACKAGE

UW-Stevens Point is offering a theatre package next spring that includes three productions, overnight lodging and breakfast - Students will be able to see Hamlet, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead and I Hate Hamlet on four different weekends in late April - early May. Call 715/346-4429 for more information.



WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

"Celebrating 100 years of serving students in theatre, debate and speech activities."

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Celebrate Theatre! '95

by: JoAnn Groves, Marilyn Clauson, Sherri Yttri
Kickapoo High School

Want the secret for a million dollar recipe?



Start with three basic (vital) ingredients:

- The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association
- UW-Madison Department of Continuing Education in the Arts
- Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Education

Mix... You will find these work exceedingly well together and make a solid base for the rest of the ingredients.

Add... generous amounts of a variety of workshops. Whether you were a first-time participant or attending the State Theatre Festival for years, there were workshops for everyone. The variety of topics encompassed most aspects of a theatrical production. The presenters were very professional and created an atmosphere of learning that everyone of all ages could enjoy. It was a top-notch educational experience.

Add... the exciting flavor of 47 one-act plays. Top quality high school theatre productions representing all regions of the state, as well as a variety of types of plays, were shared with appreciative audiences. Several productions were recognized with special acting and directing awards. A few well-deserving productions were honored with the coveted "Critic's Choice" award, recognizing shows which had combined all the elements of good theatre to produce an outstanding performance!

Sprinkle throughout... with showcase performances. And what performances! From fairy tales in the woods to Paris in 1669 to the old west (and Shakespeare?), these full performances lent another dimension to a delightful festival.

Spice... with the enthusiasm of a great group of high school students. One of the outstanding things we observed at this festival was the participation of the students. They performed in the plays with talent, poise, and verve. They worked hard and eagerly in the workshops. And, perhaps best of all, they were attentive and supportive as audiences to everything presented. Kudos to the students!



Frost... with the free 100th birthday cake and cupcakes. Three delicious varieties -- all "yummy" (we know, we tried them all). Happy 100th Birthday, WHSFA!

Cook for two and one half days, and you will come up with a product that is sparkling, exciting and a real crowd pleaser.

SPEECH ADJUDICATION

The following adjudication workshops are still available:

Tomahawk - January 6, 1996
(9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
Appleton West - January 11, 1996
(4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

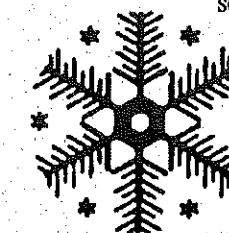
It is not too late to let us know of your interest in hosting an Adjudication Workshop! We take care of all registration and instruction-host provides a room, chalkboard, VCR and monitor. If interested, please contact J. Peter at the State Office 608/882-6004.

SPEECH FESTIVAL SCHEDULING PROGRAM

A computer scheduling program is again available to WHSFA member schools. This program will be restricted for use to schedule only WHSFA Subdistrict/District Festivals. A program is also available for Level I and II festivals for Middle Level Division member schools. If hosting a WHSFA festival and need the program, please contact the State Office.

1996 STATE SPEECH

April 19-20, 1996 UW-Madison
Postcards will be sent to all schools that returned the "time preference lottery card" to the State Office. The card will indicate the time slot that all students from your school will be scheduled.



If you do not receive an assigned time slot postcard by January 5, 1996, contact the State Office for assignment to an available time period.

WHSFA BOARD OF CONTROL

The WHSFA Board of Control met on Tuesday, October 24, 1995, in Madison.

* New board members: Terry Grippen-Niagara, Orin Mueller-Fond du Lac Goodrich, John Washburn-Sussex Hamilton and Mary Mead-new WHSFA secretary were welcomed.

* Roger Klug was elected new Board Chair.

* Roger Foegen was elected new Vice Chair.

*Charles Grover, Advisor in Theatre, reported for the Theatre Advisory Committee.

- Theatre Advisory will present a panel at the WI Association of School Boards convention in Milwaukee on January 17, 1996.
- UW-Whitewater will host the State Theatre Festival in November 1996.

* Michael Price, Advisor in Speech, reported for the Speech Advisory Committee.

- Committee agreed with the decision to prohibit the use of electronic recordings at any WHSFA event.
- Dramatic literature such as movies/television/radio scripts are prohibited in Group Interpretive Reading.

*Kay Neal, Advisor in Debate, reported for the Debate Advisory Committee.

- The Michigan Plan will be used again in 1996.
- Lincoln/Douglas Debate Tournament will be held at State Speech, Saturday, April 20, 1996.

*Speech Adjudicator Update:

- Certified Speech Adjudicators required at the District level by the 1996-1997 school year and Subdistrict level by 1999-2000 school year.
- Speech Adjudication Workshops continue to be held around the state.

*WHSFA 100th Anniversary

- District/Sectional Chairs, Advisors, Advisory Committee members and the State Office will work to promote celebratory events as much as possible during the 1995-96 school year.

STATE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Forty-seven productions were chosen to perform at the State Theatre Festival on November 17-18, 1995 at UW-Stevens Point. All areas of the state were represented. The school, play title and playwright, as well as the director are:

SCHOOL

Algoma

Ashland
Altoona
Appleton North
Appleton West
Ashwaubenon
Bay Port
Brookfield Central
Colby
DeForest
Delavan-Darien
Edgar
Eagle River Northland
Pines
Green Bay Notre Dame
Greenwood
Iola-Scandinavia
Kenosha Reuther
Kenosha Tremper
Loyal
Maple Northwestern
Mequon Homestead

Montello
Mosinee
Muscodia Riverdale
Niagara
Oshkosh West
Owen-Withee
Park Falls
Peshtigo
Platteville
Plymouth
Port Washington
Pulaski

Richland Center
River Falls
Stevens Point Area
Superior Senior
Tomahawk
Verona
Viroqua
Waukesha North
Waukesha South
Waukesha West
Waunakee
Waupun
West De Pere
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln

TITLE/PLAYWRIGHT

The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe/Jane Wagner
The Fifteen Minute Hamlet/Tom Stoppard
Division Street/Steve Tesich
Attack of the Moral Fuzzies/Nancy Beverley
The Mask of Hiroshima/Ernest Ferlita
Reunion on Gallows Hill/Tim Kelly
Frumpled Fairy Tales/William J. Springer
A Christmas Carol/Charles Dickens
Who Am I This Time?/Christopher Sergel
Canterbury Tales/Adp. Arnold Wengrow
Little Women/Lewy Olsson
Voices from the High School/Peter Dee
Just a High School Play/E. Eugene Perry

This Is A Test/Stephen Gregg
The Insanity of Mary Girard/Lanie Robertson
This Is A Test/Stephen Gregg
The Medium/Gian Carlo Menotti
This Is A Test/Stephen Gregg
Who Am I This Time?/Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.
The Madwoman of Chaillot/Jean Giraudaux
Loving is Such Sweet Sorrow/
Adp. Gregory/McCain
Impromptu/Tad Mosel
A Merry Regiment of Women/Rae Shirley
Competition Piece/John S. Wells
Glimpses/Young Playwrights/Walden Theatre
Alice/Jerome McDonough
Love, Death, and the Prom/Jon Jory
Bottom's Dream/William Shakespeare
The Girl in the Mirror/Bruce Jacoby
The Bridge Watcher/M. Willis
The Tolstoy Story Play/V. Glasgow Koste
The Great American Cheese Sandwich/B. Cohen
The Infamous Soothing System of Professor Maillard/Raleigh Marcell, Jr.
Personal Effects/John McNamara
Duck Variations/David Mamet
The Apple Tree/Harnick & Bock
Fools/Neil Simon
A Small Wooden Horse/Ev Miller
A Company of Wayward Saints/George Herman
No Fading Star/Celeste Raspanti
Out Of Our Fathers' House/Adp. Daniel Schrier
This Is A Test/Stephen Gregg
Sunday, Sunday/Sandra Fenichal Asher
The Whole Shebang/Pat Cook
The World of Love/Adp. M. Chute/E. Perrie
Present Tense/John McNamara
The Actor's Nightmare/Christopher Durang

DIRECTOR

David Loos

Liz Woodworth
Tamara VonHaden
Roger Danielson
Michael Daehn
Dave Shalkhauser
J. Robinson/N. Lange
Tom Thaney
Diane Duffy
Janis Williams
Jennifer Brennan
Richard Guenther
Judith Wainwright

Brenda Brayko
Linda Winch
Jennifer Kopecky
Holly Stanfield
Ron Parker
Karl Wallin
Pat Luostari
Mary Sharon Gregory &
Clare McCain
Barclay Hesselberg
Michael Sherfinski
Chris Simonson
Tom Little
Tom Lynch
Dorothy Harris
Sharon Sanderson
Mike Willis
Herb Stoltenberg
Ralph Lohse
Amy Tubbs

Ken Beatty
Danette Caldwell
Dena Mercer/J. Beckland
Joy Bashara
Michele Balda
Steve Nibbe
Sherry Getter
Mary Ann Krause
Gregory Carpenter
Bob Rammelt
Rick Braun
Alan Wallisch
Jane Johnson
Ted Moskonas

OUTSTANDING ACTING AWARDS

Forty-two actors met the criteria and received an "Outstanding Acting" award at State Theatre-1995. The award recipients are:

SCHOOL

Algoma

Altoona
Appleton North
Appleton West
Ashland
Brookfield Central
De Forest

Delavan-Darien
Greenwood
Iola-Scandinavia

Kenosha Reuther

Kenosha Tremper
Mequon Homestead
Montello
Mosinee

Park Falls

Peshtigo
Platteville

Port Washington

River Falls

Superior

Tomahawk
Verona
Viroqua
Waukesha North
Waukesha South
Waukesha West

Waunakee
West De Pere
Wisconsin Rapids

PLAY TITLE

The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe
Division Street
Attack of the Moral Fuzzies
The Mask of Hiroshima
The Fifteen Minute Hamlet
A Christmas Carol
Canterbury Tales

Little Women
The Insanity of Mary Girard
This Is A Test

The Medium

This Is A Test
Loving Is Such Sweet Sorrow
Impromptu
A Merry Regiment of Women

Bottom's Dream

The Girl in the Mirror
The Bridge Watcher

The Great American Cheese Sandwich

Duck Variations

Fools

A Small Wooden Horse
A Company of Wayward Saints
No Fading Star
Out of Our Fathers' House
This Is A Test
Sunday, Sunday

The Whole Shebang
Present Tense
The Actor's Nightmare

ACTOR/CHARACTER

Jackie Schmiling (Trudy)

Andrea Millard (Dianah Adrian)
Chris Vanderlinden (Ramon)
Kristin Hoffman (Woman)
David Hymans (Hamlet)
Michael Matarrese (Scrooge)
Don Neufuss (Knight)
Katie Saur (Old Woman)
Janine Jones (Jo)
Lonie Gregorich (Mary Girard)
Seth Lengkeek (Alan)
Melanie Jones (Test Voice)
Emi Ridenour (Monica)
Timm Nolan (Toby)
Natasha King (Madame Flora)
Kenton Vensor (Alan)
John Gralton (Petruchio)
Rachelle Street (Tony)
Stacy Bahl (Juliet's Nurse)
Teresa Baumann (Lady Macbeth)
Michelle Ruder (Kate the Shrew)
Missy Riley (Tilania)
Kristen Houkom (Puck)
Jeana Stillman (Susan Conors)
Megan Faivre (The Jumper)
Jon Courtemanche (The Watcher)
Betsy Skowbo (Mother)
Jason Altendorf (Father)
Jamie Wittwer (Man #2)
Kathryn Pierson (Man #3)
David Greene (Leon Tolchinsky)
Aaron Berchild (Dr. Lubritsky)
Ryan Hussong (Mr. Anderson)
Katie Ruede (Ruffiana)
Emily Menn (Mother Franziska)
Kathleen Dreyfus (Actress One)
Patrick Schroedl (Alan)
Jaime Jacobs (Mildred)
Erin Johnson (Anna)
Julie Harris (Marge)
Lee Heike (Norm)
Dean Alft (George Spelvin)

OUTSTANDING DIRECTING AWARDS

Seventeen directors earned the "Outstanding Directing" award for the 1995 State Theatre Festival. The individuals recognized are:

SCHOOL

Ashland
Appleton North
Appleton West
Kenosha Reuther
Kenosha Tremper
Mequon Homestead
Owen-Withee
Platteville
Plymouth
Port Washington
River Falls
Superior
Waukesha West
Waunakee
Wisconsin Rapids

PLAY TITLE

The Fifteen Minute Hamlet
Attack of the Moral Fuzzies
The Mask of Hiroshima
The Medium
This Is A Test
Loving Is Such Sweet Sorrow
Love, Death and the Prom
The Bridge Watcher
The Tolstoy Story Play
The Great American Cheese Sandwich
Duck Variations
Fools
Sunday, Sunday
The Whole Shebang
The Actor's Nightmare

DIRECTOR

Liz Woodworth
Roger Danielson
Michael Daehn
Holly Stanfield
Ron Parker
Mary Sharon Gregory/Clare McCain
Debra Lulloff/Ann Luhm-Franke
Mike Willis
Herb Stoltenberg
Ralph Lohse
Danette Caldwell
Joy Bashara
Robert Rammelt
Rick Braun
Ted Moskonas

CRITICS CHOICE AWARDS

Of the forty-seven schools at the Theatre Festival, twelve were recognized for exemplary theatrical skills by receiving the "Critics Choice" award. The Schools awarded were:

Appleton North
Appleton West
Brookfield Central
Kenosha Reuther
Kenosha Tremper
Platteville
Plymouth
River Falls
Superior
Waukesha West
Waunakee
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln

WHSFA MIDDLE LEVEL FESTIVAL SITES

Level I and Level II festivals will be held January - March 1996. More sites are needed!! Please consider hosting a Festival. The Association reimburses you for expenses incurred while hosting a Festival. Please call the State Office (608) 882-6004, if you are willing to serve as host!

VOTE FOR DEBATE TOPIC

A reminder to Debate Coaches - be sure to return your ballot marked with your choice for the 1996-1997 Debate topic. Ballots should be returned to the State Office no later than January 5th. The nationally selected topic will be announced in the next WHSFA NEWSLETTER.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2ND SEMESTER

- January 13 - Latest date for WHSFA District Debate
- January 25,26,27 - WHSFA State Debate (UW-Oshkosh) (2-Speaker and 4-Speaker)
- February 17 - Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level I
- March 9 - Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech
- March 9 - Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level II
- March 23 - Latest date for WHSFA District Speech
- April 7 - Easter
- April 19,20 - WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)
- May 2, 3 - WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Oshkosh)

Still available - official embroidered WHSFA polo (\$15.00) and/or cotton crew neck sweater (\$28.00) in white. Call 608/882-6004 with size needed - hurry ... last order being placed on January 5th.

Also, 1995 STATE THEATER FESTIVAL T-shirts are available (\$10.00) each (Call the State Office) first come, first served!