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## ✓ IMPORTANT STATE SPEECH REMINDERS

- Individual medals will be made available after each time period on 2nd floor of Bascom Hall. The Coach or one designated person should bring all evaluation sheets to the medal distribution area for verification and to collect the awards. Please have all evaluation sheets in alphabetical order according to category name.
- Judges will give oral critiques, announce ratings and hand out written evaluations at the close of each section. Students are urged to remain in their section throughout all the presentations. Results of the various sections will NOT be posted. There will be no general meeting at any time.
- Please remember that bus parking is available in Lot 60. Buses should not be parked on Observatory Drive at any time. A campus bus is available and runs between Lot 60 and the main campus. Information for bus drives will be included with school confirmation materials.
- Certificates of Participation for all three WHSFA series - Theatre, Debate and Speech - may be picked up at Festi-

val Headquarters if you have ordered them in advance. Use the order form found on the back page of this Newsletter.

• Each school will receive a School Information Sheet. This sheet will include a section number, room number, building and speaking order for each of your State entries. This confirmation packet will also include a campus map. Materials will be mailed to you in mid-April.

• Coaches - please return the postcard asking for your home address. Due to the wide variety of Spring Break dates, we will mail all confirmation material, bus drivers information sheet and your school judge's assignment to the address you provide us on that card.

• The phone number at WHSFA State Speech Festival Headquarters will be (608) 444-4006. This State Speech Festival number is only accessible on April 21 & 22 and is courtesy of Cellular One.

• WHSFA State Festival T-shirts will be available on 2nd floor - Bascom Hall. Cost is \$10.00 each (\$12--XXL) - while supplies last.

## HINTZ AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

Once again, the top five percent of schools participating in the WHSFA State Speech Festival will receive the "Excellence in Speech" award. This plaque, given in honor of William Hintz, a former theater and speech coach, as well as a member of the WHSFA Board of Control, has been in existence since 1980.

A school must earn team points in order to receive this award. The WHSFA State Award system in place for the 1995 Festival is: **Gold - Critic's Choice - 25; Silver - All State - 23-24; Bronze - Finalist - 20-21-22; Small Bronze - Achievement - 19 and below.** Point value for determination of the Hintz award in 1995 will be: **Critic's Choice (4 points); All State (3 points); Finalist (2 points); Achievement (1 point).**

As an example, if your school has 15 entries (keeping in mind that groups count as one entry), and you receive two (2) "Achievement", five (5) "Finalist", five (5) "All State" and three (3) "Critic's Choice" awards, your team total would be 39 points. These points will be tallied after the Festival and recipients will be notified. An announcement of schools achieving this award will appear in the May Newsletter.

## JUDGE MEETINGS - WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL

Friday, April 21	5:00 p.m.	Room 165-Bascom
	6:30 p.m.	Room 165-Bascom
Saturday, April 22	8:00 a.m.	Room 165-Bascom
	9:30 a.m.	Room 165-Bascom
	11:00 a.m.	Room 165-Bascom

All judges should attend the meeting prior to beginning their first judging assignment. Judging packets will be distributed.

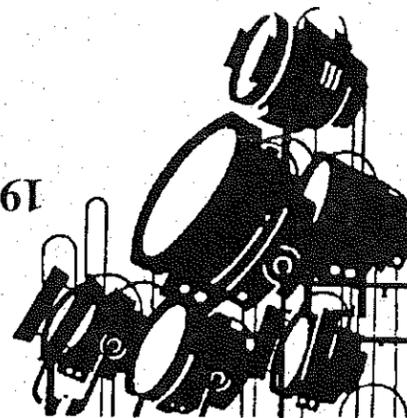
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1995 Wisconsin High School THEATRE FESTIVAL  
November 16-17-18, 1995  
UW-Stevens Point

## PLAN TO ATTEND

### SPEECH - THEATRE - DEBATE CERTIFICATES

Please use this form to order Certificates of Participation for your students involved in WHSFA activities during the 1994-1995 school year. Please give the numbers needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ THEATRE CERTIFICATES To be picked up at the State Speech Festival

\_\_\_\_\_ DEBATE CERTIFICATES  YES  NO

\_\_\_\_\_ SPEECH CERTIFICATES -OR-  YES  NO

Must have by: \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## STATE SPEECH PLANS BEING MADE

### BASCOM 272 - STATE SPEECH HEAD QUARTERS

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will be utilized as headquarters for the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 21-22, again this year.

State Office personnel will be at Bascom during the entire Festival. Even though you do not need to check in before you attend your assigned sessions, we will be there to answer questions, give directions or help in any way we can. Remember - all judges must attend a judges meeting one hour prior to their first judging assignment. Please be certain your students have the phone number of (608) 444-4006 - Festival Headquarters.

You can do a great deal prior to arrival in Madison to help insure that students do not get lost. Providing each of your students with a written copy of his/her building name and room number as well as a copy of the building location map (page 3 of Festival Primer) will be a great help. If you have any questions about your assignments, please call the State Office in advance of the Festival for clarification.

Setting a specific location and time frame for meeting your students after they have completed their round will also help alleviate some anxious moments for everyone.

Providing as much information to the students in advance of the Festival will help ensure a smoother, more comfortable experience for everyone.

## SORRY . . .

In the February Newsletter, we announced the Two-Speaker Debate Awards. However, a recording error in one round of the WHSFA State Debate Tournament has created a reversal of announced placement positions. The correct order of awards is:

**1st Place:** Alyssa Glass - Glendale Nicolet

**2nd Place:** Evan Moffic - Glendale Nicolet

**3rd Place:** Hugh Francis - Chippewa Falls

## WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION 1995-1996 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

"Celebrating 100 years of Serving Wisconsin Students in Forensic Activities"

1995	October 14	Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre
	October 21	Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre
	October 24-25	WHSFA Board of Control Meeting ( <i>Madison</i> )
	November 3-4	WHSFA Sectional Theatre
	November 17-18	WHSFA State Theatre ( <i>UW-Stevens Point</i> )
1996	January 13	Latest date for WHSFA District Debate
	January 25-27	WHSFA State Debate ( <i>UW-Oshkosh</i> ) (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 19-20	WHSFA State Speech ( <i>UW-Madison</i> )
	May 2-3	WHSFA Board of Control Meeting

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS

UW-Whitewater is sponsoring a Forensics Workshop July 30 - August 4, 1995. For more information contact: Continuing Education Services, UW-Whitewater, Roseman 2005, Whitewater, WI 53190; 1-800-622-0350

Marquette University will be holding a Policy Debate Program July 16 - July 30, 1995 and a Lincoln-Douglas Program July 16 - 22, 1995. For more information contact:

Dr. Greg Olson (414) 288-6350 or Matthew Payne (414) 288-6352

## WAMLE CONVENTION

The Middle Level Advisory Board and Chair Margie Stone will be presenting a panel discussion at the WAMLE (Wisconsin Association for Middle Level Education) Conference - Holiday Inn, Stevens Point on Friday, April 28th, from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Al Schancer, Advisory Board Member from Rice Lake Middle School will serve as panel moderator. The focus of the presentation will be "Speech/Theater Activities in the Classroom". Other panel participants include; Cheryl Campbell (DeForest), Kathy Kupfer (Whitefish Bay) and Ken Thames (Eau Claire).

## WHSFA ELECTIONS

Due to the proposed changes being presented to the WHSFA Board of Control at their Spring Meeting (see article), the elections for Board of Control and Advisory Committees will not take place until early Fall.

Madison International Youth Arts Festival

WHSFA has been invited to participate in the Madison International Youth Arts Festival on June 17, 1995 at the Civic Center in Madison. If you would like your state entry Play Acting group to be considered for possible participation in this Festival, you must complete and return FORM 6 (page 22) in the State Speech Festival Primer.

The following procedures will be used to select the performing Play Acting groups for this Festival:

A. Your group which has qualified for the WHSFA State Festival will be evaluated by an additional judge.

## WHSFA SERVICE AWARDS AVAILABLE

The State Office has available at no charge, a service award plaque. This plaque is to recognize individuals who have given their time, energy and expertise to the development of communication skills in their students. Member school teachers/coaches should recommend potential recipients to their District Chair.



WFC CELEBRATES 25  
YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHSFA extends  
congratulations to the  
Wisconsin Forensic Coaches  
Association on their  
25th Anniversary.

B. This same judge will view all rounds of the WHSFA Festival in which potential Youth Festival participants who applied are considered.

C. At the conclusion of the WHSFA Festival, the judge will select the shows to be chosen to be invited to attend the Madison International Youth Arts Festival. Schools will then be notified.

D. Shows will be able to augment their performance for this summer event by the addition of costumes, props and sound.

It is very important that before you make application you can ensure that your students and an adult will be available to travel to Madison for this June 17th event. If I can help answer any questions, please call J. Peter at (608) 882-6004.

## WHSFA BOARD OF CONTROL TO MEET

The WHSFA Board of Control will hold their Spring Meeting on May 4-5, 1995 at the Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells. Sessions will be held on Thursday from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. These are open meetings and you are welcome to attend.

## PROCLAMATION

Included with this Newsletter is a copy of a Proclamation from State Superintendent John Benson proclaiming the week of April 16-22, 1995 as Wisconsin High School Forensic Association State Speech Festival Week. Please share this proclamation with your local newspaper.

## FEEDBACK NEEDED!!

We need your help!! We would like feedback from those member schools who requested a copy of the WHSFA SpeakEasy Scheduling disk.

Please drop us a line telling likes, dislikes, problems, etc. you had with the Scheduling disk. Send comments to: WHSFA, 14 West Main Street, Suite A, Evansville, WI 53536.

## ADJUDICATOR RECERTIFICATION UPDATE

Notification of the need for recertification was sent to all adjudicators that were originally certified three (3) or more years ago. These individuals were asked to return a postcard requesting a Speech Adjudication Self-Test and handbook if needed. Two hundred ninety-eight (298) recertification notices were mailed, one hundred fifty-two (152) responded and one hundred thirty-three (133) have been recertified. There is no cost for recertification - only for handbooks (if requested).

If you think that your certification has expired or you need to complete the Self-Test, please contact the State Office at (608) 882-6004.

Individuals whose certification will expire at the end of 1995 will receive information regarding recertification in early Fall!

## 1995-96 DEBATE TOPIC & RESOLUTION

**TOPIC - China:** What should be the policy of the United States government toward the People's Republic of China?

**RESOLUTION - Resolved:** That the United States government should substantially change its foreign policy toward the People's Republic of China.

## SITES NEEDED FOR ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS!

Please let us know if your school is interested in hosting an Adjudicator Workshop for the 1995-96 school year. We take care of registration and instruction. Host simply provides a room, chalkboard, VCR and monitor. Call the State Office for more details (608) 882-6004.



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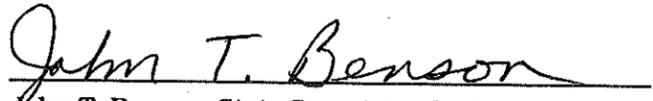
WI Rapids East Middle School 1994

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A Proclamation

- Whereas, Wisconsin schools need dedicated teachers and forensic leaders to provide direction to students of all ages in developing effective communication skills; and
- Whereas, the individuals employed by school districts in Wisconsin to direct forensic programs have unselfishly given their time and talent to ensure communication skills are taught to students of Wisconsin schools through these programs; and
- Whereas, student participation in Wisconsin High School Forensic Association activities has contributed to their developing effective communication skills; and
- Whereas, forensic activities and the skills they teach have enhanced the ability of these students to achieve success in the work place, in post secondary scholarly efforts, and contribute to their personal growth;
- Therefore, be it resolved that, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction recognizes the considerable efforts of all individuals involved in Wisconsin High School Forensic Association programs by proclaiming the week of April 16-22, 1995 as Wisconsin High School Forensic Association State Speech Festival Week.

  
John T. Benson, State Superintendent

April 1, 1995  
Date