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STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT, 1991 WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Tight races were the rule in both divisions of the WHSFA State Debate Tournament hosted by UW-Oshkosh and Professor Kay Neal, on January 24, 25 and 26.

Fourteen schools that qualified through District participation chose to enter the Four-Speaker Division. Twenty schools entered the Two-Speaker switch sides Division.

This tournament marked the first venture into computer scheduling of team and judge assignments. A more rapid flow of rounds was a direct result, as well as a more equitable use of judges. With many thanks to Neal, Ken Thames and Mike Czarnik, the program did work, but will be further improved for the 1992 tournament.

RHINELANDER DOES IT ALL

For the first time in the history of the Grace Walsh Debate Trophy award given to the top Affirmative and the top Negative at the Four-Speaker State Debate Tournament, one school placed both their Affirmative and Negative teams in this award position. Rhinelander High School debate team, composed of Scott Delaney and Wade Crow on the Affirmative and Art Barlow and Lynn Greico on the Negative received this accolade and were then asked to face one another in the Demonstration Debate held after the Friday noon luncheon. Coach John Fortier should be very pleased with their success at this event. Alternates Tony Mustacci and Greg Kowloski along with Kris Jackimino and Lisa Krohi should also be recognized.

In addition to achieving the Grace Walsh award, the team also earned an unchallenged **first place** in tournament, with a 12 win 2 loss record.

The remaining place winners were determined by "head to head" competition. As a result, the following places were determined:

Second Place: Monona Grove with a 10-4 record.
Team members included Affirmative Rindo Sironi and Lisa
Boyle with Alternate Jason Huberty and Negative Mark Hanson,
Melissa Howting with Alternates Sean Seagren and Jenny
Hanson. The team is coached by Steven Wendorff.

Third Place: Wausau East with a 10-4 record, but lost to Monona Grove in head to head competition. Coached by Michael J. Maher, team members were Affirmative Alicia Decker, Kristin Dietrich with Alternates Jon Layton and Tony Lombardo and Negative Matt Koschman and Pete Tomasi with Alternates Sara Hays and Jodi Hess.

Fourth Place: Greendale High School with an 8-6 record. Coach Sharon Sharko brought her team composed of Affirmative Michael Biddick and Joy Lammert and Negative Mark Donnelly and Greg Schick to this very respectable closure for their season.

Fifth Place: Milwaukee Riverside University High School with an 8-6 record, but defeated by Greendale in head to head competition. Team members included Affirmative William Woolf and Robert Ratayczak with Alternates Elizabeth Bierman and Negative Paul Spellman and Hy Ly with Alternates Peter Miller and Andrew Worm. These students are coached by Kate Stone.

Other schools in attendance providing the competitiveness necessary to such an event included Chippewa Falls, Neenah Shattuck, Neenah, New London, South Milwaukee, St. Croix Falls, West Allis Nathan Hale, West Bend West and Mukwonago.

SPASH TAKES TOURNEY

On a six-three decision in the final round of the WHSFA State Debate Two-Speaker Division tournament, Stevens Point Area Senior High School emerged victorious. The Director of Debate, Deb Swastrom, brought her team of Maggi Ksionsk, Stephanie Smith, Kari Thoe, Lori Whitt to this tournament. Thoe and Whitt reaching the final round to achieve this honor.

The **second place** plaque was taken home by Kaukauna High School. Roxanne Willis and Brett Bowers qualified for the final round through their exemplary performance in the prelims as well as the Octa, Quarter and Semi rounds of participation. Coached by Deni Johnson, other members of the team in addition to Bowers and Willis were Greg Feldkamp and Ge Vue.

Third Place honors were shared by Eau Claire Memorial, coached by Rick Mayne and Brookfield Central, coached by Sheryl Kaczmark. Memorial's team included Karen Fredrickson and Jayne Blodgett. Brookfield Central's group was Josh Heling, Amy Jester and the third place finisher Justin Heinrich and Rob Gifford. Other schools participating in this Division included Appieton East, Appleton West, Brookfield East, Glendale Nicolet, Hamilton-Sussex, Janesville Craig, La Crosse Central, Madison West, Milwaukee Marquette, Milwaukee Pius, Middleton, Sheboygan North, Sheboygan South, Waukesha South, Wauwatosa East and Whitefish Bay.

Schools, students and coaches are all to be congratulated for their achievements.

STATE SPEECH PLANS BEING MADE

BASCOM 272 - STATE SPEECH HEADQUARTERS

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will be utilized as headquarters for the State Speech Festival, April 19-20, again this year.

State Office personnel will be at Bascom during contest hours. 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. Please be certain your students have the phone number of 262-2313.

You can do a great deal prior to arrival in Madison to help ensure that students do not get lost. Providing each of your students with his/her building name and room number as well as a xeroxed copy of the map which you will receive in your confirmation packet, will be of great help. If you have any questions about your contest assignments, please call the State Office in advance of the Festival for clarification.

Setting a <u>specific</u> location and time frame for meeting your students after they have completed their rounds 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.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS STATE TOURNEY TO BE HELD

Resolved:

That the pursuit of scientific knowledge ought to be limited by a concern for societal good.

This resolution will be used by debaters participating in the State Lincoln-Douglas tournament to be held on Saturday, April 20 in conjunction with the State Speech Festival. No qualifying tournament precedes this event; instead each member school may enter one or two students directly in the State meet. For the tournament to be held, twenty schools must enter. Therefore, it is very important that the entry form is received in the State Office by the deadline of April 1.

Complete rules and registration materials are included with your State Speech packet which is to be picked up at the District meet. Please share with the debate coach at your school, also. Remember, students may participate in both the State Speech meet and the Lincoln-Douglas tournament, but you must notify the State Office in order to ensure Friday night speech scheduling for those students doubly involved.

ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

Yes, there will be one more opportunity to become a certified WHSFA Adjudicator this year!

WHSFA Adjudicator Orientation Workshop will be offered as part of the Wisconsin Communication Association Convention Program, Friday, May 3, 1991, from 8:30 am until noon, at the Sheraton Inn, Madison.

Participants who successfully complete this orientation session should be able to describe the WHSFA philosophy of participation, apply current WHSFA general rules and procedures, use the rules for each category to make evaluation a positive learning experience for students, describe and demonstrate the qualities expected of a WHSFA Adjudicator, identify the characteristics of the students they evaluate at WHSFA events, write a critique which is kind, constructive and instructive for each student at such an event.

Both experienced and novice WHSFA judges will be able to gain certification by passing this course. Certification will be required of all WHSFA State Speech Festival Adjudicators by 1993. This is an excellent opportunity to assure that you school will be able to provide a certified adjudicator when that requirement takes effect.

The \$25.00 course fee covers the cost of materials and resource expenses.

For information contact the WHSFA State Office.

HINTZ AWARDS

The William Hintz Award for Excellence in Speech will once again be presented to schools that score in the top 5 percent of all schools in attendance at the contest. As was done last year, points will be awarded to schools based on the number of entries and special recognition received. Team points are based on the 25 entries allowed according to WHSFA rules.

Each entry that achieves a state berth will receive one point. Each entry that receives an "All State" designation will receive two additional points. An entry given the "Critics Choice" award will receive three additional points. Thus, should your school have 12 entries (remember, groups count as 1 entry) and you receive 6 "Finalist," 4 "All State" and 2 "Critic's Choice" awards, your total would be 26 points. These points will be tallied after the contest and winners will be notified during the week of April 24-30. An announcement of schools achieving this special honor will appear in the May Newsletter.

STATE STORYTELLING SELECTIONS

Listed below are the titles to be used for state competition in the WHSFA category of Storytelling. (See Rules for Storytelling for a complete explanation of this category.)

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	let y	<u>Arbuthnot</u>	Foresman
1.	The Story of the Three Bears (England)	150	149
2.	Hansel and Grettel	185	178
	The Elves and the Shoemaker	199	187
4.	The Sleeping Beauty in the Wood	207	195
5.	Beauty and the Beast	216	206
6.	The Three Billy-Goats Gruff (Norway)	237	227
7.	East O' the Sun West O' the Moon (Norwa	ay) 252	236
8.	The Clever Thieves (Armenia)	285	279
9.	Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp	302	295
10.	Urashima Taro and the Princess of the	Sea 338	332
11.	The Wonderful Tar-Baby Story	383	377
12.	The First Flute (Guatemala)	409	402
13.	The Sacred Drum of Tepozteco (Mexico)	411	405
14.	The Golden Touch	440	430
15.	The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood:		
	"Little John and the Tanner of Blyth	" 460	464
16.	The Borrowers: "Danger!"	510	503
17.	Tom's Midnight Garden: "Through a Doo	r" 539	526
18.	The Hobbit: "An Unexpected Party"	555	531
19.	The Secret Language: "New Girl"	617	578
20.	A Dog on Barkham Street: "Edward		
	Cleans his Room"	670	621
21.	Hello Aurora: "Father in the		
	Laundry Room"	701	659
22.	The Family Under the Bridge:		
	"A Hobo Adventure"	712	674
23.	Master Rosalind: "Convist"	742	708
24.	Samurai of Gold Hill: "The Secret Pla	n" 769	718
25.	The Helen Keller Story: "Miracle		
	at the Pump House"	841	737

DUES INCREASE FOR 1991-92

Teachers, Principals, Superintendents and School Boards have all been alerted to the dues increase effective for 1991-92 WHSFA Membership. In a time of State financial uncertainty. according to our Governor, and the resulting freeze on school expenditures has caused this request from the Association to be of some concern to our schools. Rightfully so! The Board of Control did not enter into this decision lightly. If you have had the opportunity to follow the activities of the Association over the past number of years, you will have noted our strong growth and leadership in the development of educational programs for middle, junior and senior high students as well as for the coaches and teachers who direct our activities. ETN programming in Debate and Speech, Theatre Workshops, greatly expanded Handbooks with educational helps included. development of a speech adjudicator certification programs are only a few examples of how the Association has grown.

The Association has practiced the type of programs and encouraged the curricula which is a part of the Wisconsin Educator's School Improvement Report. In part that report calls for schools to develop in their students:

- Problem solving skills
- Effective Communication skills
- Thinking skills
- Ethical behavior frameworks
- Cooperative and interpersonal skills
- Productive work habits
- Practical life skills
- A wide variety of career exploration opportunities, including community service projects

Through well developed, educationally sound programs, the Association provides your school with these opportunities. We have changed much since our beginning in 1895. One element has remained constant, however, and that is ensuring the best educational opportunities in the fields of Theatre, Debate and Speech that we can. We are about more than performance. We are about preparing students for the successful performance of their lives.

The District Administrators, Principals and Pupil Specialists who comprise the governing body of the Association feel that this educational function must continue. As a nonprofit organization we feel the economic squeeze just as do school districts. However, we do feel the added \$100.00 is money well spent for your students.

A BRIEF REVUE OF DUES INCREASES OF PAST 10 YEARS

Dues increased from \$80.00 - \$160.00. This was due in large part to the withdrawal of monetary support from the university. Until this time, partial salary and supply monies had been provided by the university since the organization's inception in 1895.

1987 Dues increased to \$200.00. This was needed to cover increasing mailing costs, university services costs and increased staff costs.

Dues increase to \$300. (See article this issue regarding this decision.)

COMPARISON WITH SURROUNDING STATES

Minnesota, Illinois, lowa all have "umbrella" organizations with music, forensics (debate, theatre, individual events) grouped together. Each state has the "single winner" philosophy within each category and within each school Division or class designation. Overall costs are largely absorbed by athletic gate receipts, but entry fees are charged. Michigan has a separate organization and are self-supporting as are we. Their dues are \$215.00 plus a fee for each activity in which the school participates. Entry fees are in addition. This state also endorses the "single winner" philosophy, again written each category and within each school Division or class designation.

Wisconsin uniqueness in comparison to the states around us centers on two things. One is the nature of our events that have at their core educational skill development and then "winning," and two in the number of students involved in participation.

STATE AWARDS

Awards earned by students at this festival will be available at Headquarters. Critique sheets indicating the number evaluation will be necessary. Please remember that 25 points is a gold, 23-24 is silver, 20-22 is bronze, and 5-19 is a paper certificate.

Areas will be set up according to Districts. To help alleviate congestion, please send one person from each school to pick up awards.

1991-93 WHSFA TWO-YEAR CALENDAR

Please check these dates carefully. If you see any conflict, please notify the State Office before the Board of Control Meeting scheduled for May 2-3.

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

1991-92 Subdistrict District Section State Board Meetings	Theatre (1991) Oct. 19 Oct. 25-26 Nov. 8-9 Nov. 22-23 Oct. 22-23, 1991 May 1-2, 1992	Debate (1992) January 11 4 & 2SP Jan. 23-25 Thanksgiving Easter	Speech (1992) March 7 March 21 April 10-11 November 28, 1991 April 19, 1992	JR Division 1992 February 15, Level I March 7, Level II (Latest Dates)
1992-93 Subdistrict District Section	Theatre (1992) Oct. 17 Oct. 23-24 Nov. 6-7	Debate (1993) January 9	Speech (1993) March 6 March 20	JR Division (1993) February 20, Level I March 13, Level II
State Board Meetings	Nov. 20-21 Oct. 20-21, 1992 April 29-30, 1993	4 & 2SP Jan. 28-30 Thanksgiving Easter	April 23-24 November 26, 1992 April 11, 1993	