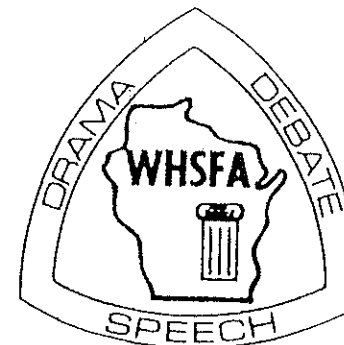


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1991 SPEECH CONTEST RESULTS

	Schools	Entries	CC	AS	F	NS	Paper	Hintz
District 1	25	302	50	91	111	7	43	1
District 2	32	347	69	119	121	5	33	1
District 3	30	320	96	85	96	10	33	2
District 4	32	290	76	96	94	7	17	1
District 5	33	313	53	96	120	8	36	0
District 6	25	311	62	128	94	8	19	2
District 7	32	242	55	101	67	3	16	0
District 8	34	444	96	168	132	13	35	5
District 9	29	373	114	127	92	17	23	4
District 10	33	429	89	152	141	12	35	0
District 11	36	342	76	107	100	26	33	2
District 12	22	278	73	106	71	10	18	3
District 13	19	176	42	39	42	26	27	0
District 14	29	394	80	145	106	17	46	1
	411	4561	1031	1560	1387	169	414	22
			(23%)	(34%)	(30%)	(4%)	(9%)	

BOARD OF CONTROL SETS FORWARD COURSE

The biannual meeting of the WHSFA Board of Control convened in Madison on May 2-3, 1991 at the Shearton Inn. Many issues regarding schools participation in the areas of Junior Division, Theatre, Debate and individual events were discussed. Proposals for change were deliberated and decisions were made. This Newsletter has articles dealing with each of these issues in some detail. A brief review of the decisions made, as well as the following descriptions, includes:

- *** Announcement of 1991-92 Discussion and Debate topic.
- *** Membership and participation results from all activities.
- *** Changes in State Theatre Festival programming.
- *** Change in State Debate procedures.
- *** Category changes in spring individual events.
- *** Development of a full time Assistant to the Executive Director.
- *** Pending elections report.
- *** Advisory Committee meeting schedules set for summer.
- *** Determination that all state qualifiers in theatre, speech and high school individual speaking events should receive medals.
- *** Acceptance of two year calendar.
- *** Acceptance of the resignations of Robert Scott, Section V Chair and the retirement of Richard Duesterbeck, Section I Chair.

*** Appointment of Roger Klug to serve as Interim Vice Chair through summer months.

*** Appointment of Personnel Committee to consist of Klug, Neal, Doering and Price, with a member of Continuing Education in the Arts and Torgeson as Ad Hoc members.

ASSISTANT TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION ANNOUNCED

The WHSFA Board of Control has approved of a full time position as Assistant to the Executive Director. The primary responsibilities of this position will be to serve as chief-of-staff and office manager overseeing day-to-day operations of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association (WHSFA). The Assistant will share planning responsibilities with the director, but be accountable for refinement, implementation and completion of a variety of programs and projects of the Association. The ASSISTANT is accountable to the WHSFA Executive Director (appointed by the Board of Control) but is also affiliated with the UW-Madison Department of Continuing Education in the Arts as an academic staff member.

Minimum qualifications include:

Undergraduate degree in a theatre or communication-related field. Ability to word process, edit, and write clearly and effectively. Keen sense of organization with background in both program and office management. Training (or work experience) in interschool theatre or speech communication programs or activities. Skills to work with and motivate other people.

For a complete description, contact the State Office (608) 262-2313.

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

HINTZ AWARD WINNERS

Twenty-two schools earned the coveted William Hintz award for Excellence in Speech at the April 19-20 State meet held in Madison. They included:

Appleton East High School - District 6
Florence High School - District 2
Fond du Lac Winnebago Lutheran High School - District 9
Fredonia Ozaukee High School - District 12
Greendale High School - District 14
Hartland Arrowhead High School - District 12
Lake Mills High School - District 11
Lodi High School - District 8
Loyal High School - District 4
Luxemburg-Casco High School - District 6
Madison East High School - District 11
Menomonie Senior High School - District 3
Mequon Homestead High School - District 12
Mt. Calvary St. Lawrence Seminary - District 9
Osceola High School - District 3
Oshkosh West High School - District 9
Ripon High School - District 8
Sheboygan South High School - District 9
Superior Senior High School - District 1
Watertown Senior High School - District 8
Waunakee High School - District 8
Wisconsin Dells High School - District 8

Four Hundred eleven schools participated in the meet. The award is given to the top 5% and all those so tied.

The Board of Control and the State Office extends our congratulations to students, coaches and school districts who achieved this honor.

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS STATE TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

Twenty-three students representing twelve schools participated in the State Lincoln/Douglas tournament held in Madison on April 20, 1991.

The tournament, which was scheduled and conducted by Professor Kay Neal, WHSFA Advisor in Debate, ran smoothly and efficiently.

Entering the semi-final round of competition were:

Jennifer Sunau and Jarid Patterson, Appleton East; Sean Phelan and Joseph Anurup, Marquette.

Patterson and Anurup faced off in the finals, with Patterson emerging as the winner.

Coaches of the top teams are:

Appleton East - Sandy Hoercherl
Marquette - David Vogt

The Board of Control and State Office extends our congratulations to the coaches and students involved and to the school districts who support this educational activity.

FORENSIC QUARTERLIES AVAILABLE

The State Office has extra copies of the Forensic Quarterly available for your purchase. Please call the State Office if you are interested in obtaining this meaningful Debate publication at a cost of \$14.00 for the four issues.

DEBATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS INCONCLUSIVE

Only thirty-two debate questionnaires were returned to the State Office representing a variance of attitudes towards the questions posed. In review of results of Parts I-III,

19 agreed with concept of Sanctioned tournaments replacing the current District format and 12 disagreed,
12 agreed with holding L/D the same weekend as State Policy and 14 disagreed,
13 agreed with developing statewide system of Debate Judge Certification and 14 disagreed.

However, on Part IV, the development of educational materials, there was a stronger sentiment with,

25 agreeing with concept, and 5 disagreeing.

Unaccounted for votes to total the 32 were "Don't Know" or did not vote.

All issues will be referred to the Debate Advisory Committee for their further consideration and future discussion with the membership.

Some changes for the State Tournament will be in effect for 1991-92 as a result of discussion at the 1991 tournaments, written suggestions from members and Board discussion. They include:

1. A September mailing will be sent to all schools registered for Debate, asking them to list individuals they feel qualified to judge the State 4 & 2 Speaker Tournament.
2. A form will be sent to all individuals so noted, asking them for judging philosophy.
3. The same form will be sent to individuals who the State Office is likely to invite in addition.
4. This information from both sources will be published in booklet form and made available at the District Contests to all schools qualifying for either State Tournament.
5. Also included in the District packet will be a list of judges who have agreed to judge the State Tournament. Coaches will be asked to send to the State Office a list of no more than three people they do not wish to have judge their teams. These requests will be honored through the preliminary rounds.
6. Scheduling of schools will be done randomly by computer scheduling prior to the dates of the tournament. Judges will then be assigned based on information received from the participating schools prior to the tournaments.

These changes should result in the fairest manner of adjudication choice for the coaches and students as well as facilitating scheduling the tournament.

DEBATE RESOLUTION CHOSEN

The Debate Resolution for 1991-92 will be:

RESOLVED: That the Federal Government should significantly increase social services to homeless individuals in the United States.

The discussion question will be:

HOMELESS: What should be done to meet the needs of the homeless in the United States?

Torgeson will be attending the National Debate Topic Selection Committee meeting in Tampa, Florida on August 2-4. Policy topic study suggestions as well as possible L/D topics should be sent to the State Office prior to that time.

SPEECH ADJUDICATOR ORIENTATION WORKSHOP PLANNED

The 1991-92 calendar that has determined dates and sites for this workshop include:

September 16-October 14	Mondays, 4-5:20 p.m. - Educational Teleconferencing Network (ETN)
October 21-November 11	Mondays, 4-5:20 p.m. - Educational Teleconferencing Network (ETN)

Watch for brochure in your mailbox at the beginning of the fall term for registration materials related to these two separate ETN sessions.

October 10	NWEA Convention - Eau Claire
December 13	9:30-1:30 Annual District 7 Workshop in La Crosse
February 21	Cazenovia-Weston

Information regarding registration procedures will be mailed schools from the State Office.

Other sites, with dates yet to be announced, include Greendale, Pittsville, Glidden, Coleman, UW-Oshkosh and the WEAC Convention in Madison.

Check your September Newsletter for specific details and your mailbox for registration materials.

JUNIOR DIVISION UPDATE

Sites, hosts and dates for the 1992 season are being identified. Even though at this point 11 schools have agreed to host Level I and 10 sites have been determined for Level II, the rapid growth of participation in the activities for the Junior Division necessitates more locations. In the fall of the year you will be receiving with your Handbook updated information. Please consider the possibility of your hosting one of these events, and notify the State Office of your willingness.

In 1991, Level I had 16 sites, 118 schools and 3425 entries. Level II had 11 sites, 107 schools and 2303 entries. Remember, an entry does not count the number of students involved in group activities. We continue to grow and apparently provide a meaningful educational activity for middle/junior high students.

To continue in this forward trend, your Advisory Committee is planning Handbook developments to enable teachers to use materials as an in-house teaching activity as well as an extracurricular event, continuation of ETN judging workshops and other innovative ideas to help in the coaching of students.

Watch the Newsletter and your mailbox this fall for further information.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO MEET

Committees for theatre, debate and speech will be meeting during the month of July. If you have any concerns you wish to have addressed or questions that need answers, please contact the State Office prior to July 1.

LOST AND FOUND

A watch, a dress and a pair of shoes were turned into Headquarters by judges who found them in performance rooms during the State Speech meet. Please call to identify and we will be happy to forward them to the proper individuals.

STORYTELLING QUESTIONNAIRE RETURNS IN

On a 2-1 vote, the suggested Storytelling changes were accepted by the membership as a result of a survey conducted in late March.

As a result of Board action, the suggested change to categories for stories, as opposed to the Anthology will be implemented for the 1991-92 school year.

An editorial change was made in the description of the draw procedure to be used. The definition of the category will read (please note highlighted sentence):

Definition of the Category:

To tell a story is to chronicle events. The burden of the storyteller is to chronicle those events in a coherent, unified, clear, and interesting manner. The storyteller may use vocal variation and physical movement to suggest different characters and character relationships in order to make the story clearer and more interesting. The storyteller must sit in a chair; other costumes or props are not permitted. It should be remembered throughout that the emphasis of the storyteller's art is on the teller as intermediary or narrator. Material for Storytelling will be chosen by the student based on topic areas announced by the State Office for each year. A student will choose and rehearse one or more stories for each category. At the State Festival, each student will report to the participation room. The adjudicator will have cards with each category listed, multiplied by the number of participants in the room; i.e., seven contestants would result in seven cards with the first, seven cards with the second and seven cards with the third category listed. Immediately before performance the students will draw three cards indicating the category they are to use for the presentation. The student will choose one and return the other two. Upon choosing the subject area, the participant will tell a story suitable to that subject. Original material is acceptable. The student is expected to "demonstrate a sense of audience," that is, tell the chosen story in such a manner that it would be suitable for the intended audience, be it young children, teenagers, adults or elderly adults.

While this could result in all seven participants telling stories from the same category in any round, and it could result in a participant telling the same story in multiple rounds, it appears to be the fairest way to not penalize the last people to draw.

If, in practice, you encounter problems with the system, please inform your Speech Advisory representative or the State Office for the reconsideration of this method

RADIO SPEAKING AND MOMENTS IN HISTORY ADDED

The categories of Radio Speaking and Moments in History approved by the membership and accepted by the Board of Control at the October, 1990 meeting, will be added to the WHSFA array of categories on a two year trial period, 1991-93. Articles to help in the coaching of these events as well as the rule and critique sheets will be included in the 1991-93 Handbook which will be issued member schools in mid to late August.

This brings to 16 the number of categories now in place, with a division of eight public speaking and eight interpretive events from which to choose. The number of entries allowable will remain at 25.