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CONTINUING EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND WHSFA

At the spring Board meeting, the connection between the Association and the University was discussed. General consensus was reached that a brief description of that alliance should be included in the Newsletter to aid membership in understanding how their money is spent and what the return is because of this connection.

Since our founding in 1895, the Lyceum which became the Association in 1925, has been housed with the University system. We have been a part of Rhetoric and Public Address, Communications Department and now Continuing Education in the Arts. The university, until 1982, provided partial financial support through state funds. At that time, the University's financial crisis caused them to withdraw direct monetary support, forcing the Association to become 100% self-supporting in regard to salaries and supplies. However, we still do enjoy many benefits as a result of our liaison; for example:

- Access at no cost to university facilities for our various contests.
- Access to expert university personnel who serve gratis or at small expense in development of programs and their implementation/evaluation.
- Lower cost supplies as provided through the university.
- Health and retirement benefits for our university employees at the lower group rate.
- And certainly the very important office space, office furniture, phone service, heat and electricity.

We negotiate with the University every two years, and they provide us with the monies necessary to pay salaries and buy supplies, etc., which we then pay back at the end of the fiscal year through revenue gained during the year by membership dues, classes offered, and yes, tee shirts sold. This Grant Account is extremely helpful to our ongoing operations while monies are being collected from these various sources.

Our projected budget for 1991-92 is \$194,628.15. Our anticipated revenue for the same time is \$197,700.00. As a nonprofit organization, we always stay as close on both figures as we possibly can.

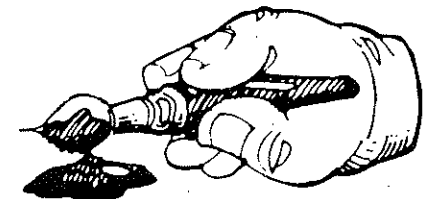
The Association's connection with the university has a rich heritage. It is a connection that needs to be fostered and continued.

THANKS MARTY!

After seven years of dedicated service to the Association, with particular emphasis on the middle school program, Martha Kaump has turned in her pens and vacated her desk. The particular position she held was terminated as of June 30, 1991, and Marty choose to not apply for the newly created and differently defined full time position but rather to continue onehalf time in the Comm Arts Dept., UW-Campus, and have some more time to spend with her family.

Her sensitivity, warmness and willingness to be of assistance were only a few of the attributes she brought to her responsibilities with the Association. She will be greatly missed here at the office, but we wish her well.

Thanks, Marty.



J. PETER SHAW JOINS STAFF

The WHSFA Board of Control is pleased to announce that J. Peter Shaw, former District 11 Chair, has accepted the position of Assistant to the Executive Director, effective August 15.

Shaw comes to this position with a wealth of experience as a former teacher, debate, theatre and speech coach, an Administrator in Pupil Services, and as a member of the Board of Control for the past ten years.

During this time he has been a recognized promoter of the arts and a long time advocate of WHSFA programming efforts. He has also been an active member of CTM, playing in diverse productions both as lead and supporting roles.

Shaw brings to the Association a thorough and supportive understanding of our history as well as plans and goals for the future. Improved and more immediate communication with our membership is one of his top priorities.

Please join us in welcoming Shaw to our "working for you" staff.

Continuing Education in the Arts

Division of University Outreach

University of Wisconsin-Madison

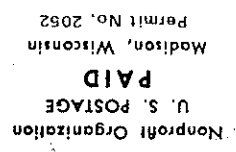
1991-93 WHSFA TWO-YEAR CALENDAR

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 *April 30-May 1, 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	

*Note the correction in the May, 1993 Board of Control meeting from the previously published dates of May 1-2 to April 30-May 1, 1992.



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ETN CLASSES PLANNED

THE CHALLENGE OF DEBATE

Wednesday, September 11, 1991
4:00 pm - 5:20 :pm

Fee: \$40.00 per member school

DEBATE 1991-92

RESOLVED: That the Federal Government should significantly increase Social Services to Homeless Individuals in the United States.

The resolution for 1991-92 will be reviewed in depth in the video taped sessions which feature Jack Kay and George Ziegelmeuller of Wayne State University, working with high school debaters. Commentary accompanies the debate which explains speaker responsibilities, strategy, debate techniques, adaptation to previous speakers and significant major arguments. This video will be sent each registrant for their viewing prior to the ETN session which will include further discussion of cases for the "Homeless" topic.

The registration fee of \$40.00 per school includes the tape, overhead transparencies, and instruction booklet and the ETN program. Students, coaches and judges may attend the ETN session, but only one set of materials will be mailed to each registering school.

THE WHSFA ADJUDICATOR ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Session I:
Mondays, September 16 - October 14, 1991
4:00 pm - 5:20 pm

Session II:
Mondays, October 21 - November 11, 1991
4:00 pm - 5:20 pm

Fee: \$25.00 per person Session I
\$25.00 per person Session II

This program is offered for all WHSFA Speech Festival Series Adjudicators to gain certification. As of 1993, all judges for WHSFA State Speech Festival must be certified.

Upon completion of Session I or Session II of the WHSFA Adjudicator Orientation, participants should be able to:

- Describe the WHSFA Philosophy of Participation.
- Apply current WHSFA general rules and procedures.
- Use the rules of 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.

A packet of materials including a Handbook, work sheets and video tapes will be sent to participants in each session.

Each registrant will also be sent a Self-Test at the conclusion of the appropriate session. The completed test must be returned to the WHSFA State Office for scoring. Participants will then be notified of results.

MIDDLE LEVEL FORENSICS: COMMUNICATION SKILLS AT A TURNING POINT

Part I:
Wednesdays, November 13 & 20, 1991
4:00-5:20 p.m.

Part II:
Mondays, January 13 & 27, 1992
4:00-5:20 p.m.

Fee: Members of WHSFA - Free
Others - \$25.00 per person

The WHSFA Junior Division Forensic Program was founded in 1979 with the following philosophy at it's heart:

"Teachers who work effectively with middle level students are aware of the adolescent need for positive reinforcement and success. Therefore, the WHSFA Junior Division is founded on (1) opportunities for participation, (2) opportunities for learning and (3) opportunities for success. Strong competition that results in the feeling of elimination is not part of these programs. A Junior Division Forensic program should build knowledge, confidence, and interest in Speaking as a lifelong skill."

WHSFA Junior Division Handbook

This workshop is offered to help adults make these opportunities a reality for middle level students.

The first part of the course will focus on coaching/teaching techniques which help students develop public communication skills.

The second part of the course will provide assistance for evaluators. Evaluations of students at the critical turning point in their lives, need to be both sensitive and honest

THEATRE FESTIVAL PLANS
"The Inaugural Flight"

NOTE DATES FOR STATE FESTIVAL ARE NOVEMBER 22-23, 1991.

An exciting weekend of learning experiences is being planned for all individuals interested in high school theatre. The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association in conjunction with the DPI, Alliance for Arts Education, Higher Education Chairs as well as UW-Madison Department of Continuing Education in the Arts are planning a full two days of performances, workshops and tours for students, coaches and any one wishing to learn more about the dramatic arts.

UW-Oshkosh will serve as our host again this year which will allow us to have two performance areas as well as an expanded availability of rooms for hands-on student and teacher oriented workshops. In addition, a tour of the historic Opera House is being arranged.

Plan now to join us in this joint effort to create a truly "Inaugural Flight" into theatre experiences.

Low cost overnight housing will be available at Gruenhagen Hall for all participants and workshops will be at a nominal cost.

Watch your mailbox in mid-October for further information with specifics on who, what, where and when and costs involved.

Questions? Call 262-2313 or 263-6662 for more information.

SENIOR DIVISION HANDBOOKS MAILED

Revised Handbooks in all areas of WHSFA involvement were written and published this summer. Your school principal will be receiving, or has received two copies of the Speech Handbook and one each of Debate and Theatre Handbooks. A memo requesting distribution to correct personnel was also included. You may wish to check with that individual if you have not received your copy.

Remember, additional copies are available from the State Office for a nominal cost:

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>
Theatre Handbook	\$3.00	\$4.00
Debate Handbook	\$3.00	\$4.00
Speech Handbook	\$3.00	\$4.00

MIDDLE LEVEL HANDBOOKS PREPARED

Upon receipt of your registration card for Middle Level participation, the designated coach will be mailed one copy of the Teachers Handbook, one copy of the Criticism Guide and one copy of this year's book for Extemporaneous Reading.

Additional copies of the Handbook are available at a cost:

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>
Handbook	\$3.00	\$4.00
Criticism Guide	\$2.00	\$3.00

We will not be able to offer additional copies of the Extemporaneous Reading novel.

JOIN THE JUNIOR DIVISION

Membership cards have been mailed to schools that belonged to the Junior Division in 1990-91. If your school did not participate last year, but would like information about joining this year, please contact the State Office by calling (608) 262-2313/263-6662 or by writing to us.

DEBATE MATERIALS AVAILABLE

A plethora of information from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, Inc. is available for the minimal cost of \$18.00 which covers printing and postage. The packet includes 21 reports, totaling 445 pages and is thorough in coverage of this very important topic. Get yours by mailing a check for \$18.00 to:

The National Alliance to End Homelessness
Attn: High School Debate Packet
1518K Street, N.W. # 206
Washington, D.C. 20005

THREE PHONE LINES AVAILABLE TO YOU

We know how frustrating it can be to have a ten minute break be the only opportunity you have all day to reach the State Office. By adding another number available on a full time basis, we can hopefully help alleviate that aggravation:

(608) 262-2313 - J. Peter Shaw, Assistant to Executive Director
(608) 263-6662 - Mary Torgeson, Executive Director
(608) 263-2954 - Sandy Austin, Program Assistant II

In the absence of any of us, the phone will automatically ring in the next persons office. Let us know how it works!

DISTRICT DEBATE PARTICIPATION

Schools indicating on their WHSFA membership registration card that they will be participating in the Debate series this year will be receiving in mid-September a letter including an "Intent to Participate" form which is your commitment to attend a district tournament. It should be returned to the State Office by October 14. Assignments to District contests will be made by the Board at their October 22-23 meeting based on the returns, and schools will be notified accordingly.

NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETS

August 2-4 were the dates for the National Federation Debate Topic Selection Committee meeting in Tampa, Florida.

As a result of their deliberations, three topic areas were chosen for your consideration in regard to the 1992-1993 debate season. They are Global Environment, Europe and the Middle East. Specific resolutions will be sent schools in September for your study and consideration. Voting on topic choice will be conducted in December and announced in January. The first of March, schools will vote on the specific resolution from the topic area. In late April, the results of that voting will be announced.

CHECK YOUR WHSFA REGISTRATION

Very early in the school year is a good time to double-check with your school office to see if WHSFA registration has been completed for the current year. If not, try to have it done as soon as possible.

While you are at it, see if you can find out which teachers were named as those in charge of the various activities (Theatre, Debate, Speech). Quite often, registration cards are submitted with activities checked but no individual designated as being in charge.

Early and complete registration helps insure that necessary information sent throughout the year will reach the right person.

PLAN NOW FOR STATE SPEECH

It may seem early to be thinking ahead to April. However, planning now for when you wish to participate at the State Tournament will allow your students and other activities at your school to plan accordingly. To help you with this, we will follow a procedure much like last years with some modification.

On October 7, the State Office will send speech coaches via first class mail a time preference card. That card must be returned to the State Office no later than October 25. On October 28, the cards will be divided into groups according to first preference. A "disinterested" observer will then draw 90 cards from each pile. You will be notified by the end of the first week of November what time slot you received. Three things you should remember:

- Fill out in order of preference with one being the top choice all of the possible choices.
- Make certain you note if you are traveling with another school(s).
- Mail ASAP to ensure it reaches us by October 25.

Your cooperation in this matter helps us ensure that you will be able to perform when you wish and that your students will be able to plan ahead to avoid conflicts.