

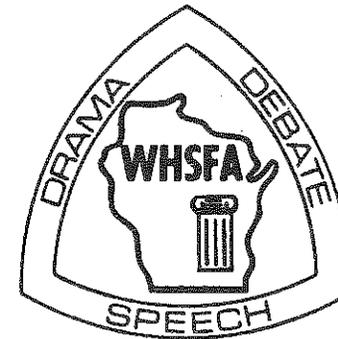
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CALENDAR FOR 1975-76

DATES FOR CONTESTS
 Drama (1975) Debate (1976) Speech (1976)

Subdistrict . . . *Nov 1 . . . *Mar 13
 District . . . Nov 15 . . . Jan 31 . . . Mar 27
 Section . . . Nov 22 . . .
 State . . . Dec 5-6 . . . Feb 13-14 . . . Apr 24
 *Latest dates for subdistrict contests; all others are firm.
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 Easter Apr 18, 1976
 Board of Control Meeting Nov 4-5, 1975

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PART I: THE BOARD OF CONTROL

District/Section Chairperson Elections

Later this spring the State Office will be conducting elections on Board members whose terms expire this year. As you know, district chairpersons are administrators and sectional chairpersons are teachers. Please give some thought to possible candidates for these positions and exercise your vote. Below are listed the Board positions for which elections will be held and an indication of whether or not the incumbent will be a candidate.

Central Section - Fern Stefonik is not a candidate
 Green Bay District - Bill O'Brien is a candidate
 Oshkosh District - Gaylord Unbehaun is not a candidate
 Platteville District - Robert Beaver is a candidate
 Whitewater District - George Buckingham is a candidate

May Board Meeting

The next meeting of the WHSFA Board of Control will be on May 1 and 2, 1975, in Madison. Please inform your district or sectional chairperson of any topics you would like to have the Board consider.

PART II: THE STATE OFFICE

Summary of the State Debate Coaches Meeting

As usual, coaches with teams attending the State Debate Tournament meet during the tournament to discuss several items. The meeting, of course, is not an official meeting; the group can provide feedback and recommendation to the State Office, but does not determine policy. So that coaches throughout the state can be advised of the proceedings at the tournament, the following summary is provided.

- A. It was recommended that every effort be made to bring Wisconsin's debate topic into line with the national choice or at least with the surrounding states. (The State Office is currently attempting to see to it that, if Wisconsin's topic choice differs from national preferences or from neighboring states, coaches will be advised and a possible re-vote taken.)
- B. It was recommended that each school attending the State Debate Tournament be provided with a list of other attending schools along with an indication of the division the school will enter.
- C. It was recommended that fees for attending the State Debate Tournament be increased, if necessary, to avoid severe financial losses.
- D. It was recommended that an attempt be made to secure judges for the State Debate Tournament who have had some experience judging the current year's topic.
- E. It was recommended that questionnaires be distributed which would determine whether or not the membership of debate schools would prefer some sort of elimination rounds procedure in the four-speaker division.
- F. It was recommended that the membership also be polled to determine whether or not they would prefer to return to a consolation series in the two-speaker division.
- G. It was recommended that an effort be made to have the State Debate Contest series end earlier than it now does--preferably by having the State Debate Tournament on the old sectional dates and have the district tournaments on the original district dates.
- H. It was recommended that the policy of the Association to distribute free copies of the Forensic Quarterly to debate schools be dropped if necessary to ease the financial loss of the overall debate series.
- I. It was recommended that the State Office explore the possibility of a state novice tournament.

National Debate Topic Area for 1975-76

The State Office has received word from the NUEA Committee on Discussion and Debate that the National Problem Area for 1975-76 is: "What policy for the development and allocation of scarce world resources would best serve the interests of the people of the world?"

Wisconsin debate schools are currently voting to select one of the following resolutions:

- RESOLVED: That the development and allocation of scarce world resources should be controlled by an international organization.
- RESOLVED: That the development and allocation of world food resources should be controlled by an international organization.
- RESOLVED: That the development and allocation of world energy resources should be controlled by an international organization.

Questions and Answers on WHSFA Contests

The last issue of the WHSFA Newsletter contained a section on questions and answers about WHSFA rules and procedures. Below are some additional questions and their answers which have arisen since the issuance of the last Newsletter.

Question: Due to prior commitments, two members of _____'s Play-Acting cast cannot attend the state competition on April 19. I would like to know if it would be possible for them to be judged in _____ by a qualified judge from the University of Wisconsin-_____ as a substitute for attending state competition in Madison?

Answer: It is not possible to have them judged at _____. We do bend over backward to help people when the weather or some external factor prevents their attending a contest. However, we cannot be so flexible as to guarantee special arrangements for simple "prior commitments."

The Association sets up and announces its major dates five years in advance.

(Also note General Rule 14a.)

Question: I would like to make a recommendation about the sub-district contests. At the present time, subdistricts

are organized geographically regardless of the size of the school. Apparently, the rationale is that, since individuals are competing with individuals, the size of the school is unimportant. I do not agree with that for two reasons. One is that larger schools have many more students out for forensics, thus can take only their best students to the contest. Small schools often have to take anybody they can get. Larger schools usually have a speech major as a coach so students can be trained in speech to an extent not possible in smaller schools where the coach is often an English or history major who has little formal training in speech.

The result of these two factors is that the small school is pretty well forced out of competition at the subdistrict level. This is very discouraging to the students involved, and as a result of their lack of success, it becomes even harder to recruit students for forensics.

Subdistrict contests used to be held within athletic conferences. Music contests still are. Why couldn't the WHSFA return to this past practice? The small school would probably still bomb out at district, but it would have the glory of subdistrict success to be proud of.

Answer: Let me respond first by indicating why subdistricts do not necessarily coincide with athletic conferences. The major reason is that all schools at a subdistrict must be members of the same district; athletic conferences often cut across WHSFA district lines. The second reason is that we control the size of subdistrict contests to only four to six schools so that scheduling is made easier--i.e., so that contests can be run after school or on a week-day evening if the participants prefer. Many athletic conferences exceed the size of our subdistrict limit.

On the general issue of large-school competitive edge over small schools, the evidence is not clear that such an advantage exists. There are many small schools which achieve a high proportion of "A's"--even at the state contest. It would require a systematic study of a number of contests in all districts over a number of years to confirm whether or not large schools have an undue advantage. Such a study would be interesting and worthwhile, but at present, the WHSFA does not have the resources to undertake it.

PART III: SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

The 1975 State Debate Tournament was on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on February 21 and 22. For the first time, the tournament was divided into two divisions, four-speaker and two-speaker. Below are the results of the State Debate Tournament.

Four-Speaker Division

First Place: Kimberly *Plaque*
(Coach: Ronald Ernst)

Affirmative
Karen Whitney
Jeffrey Huth
Alternate

Negative
Joe Bast
Mike Sensiba
Alternate
Thomas Frassetto

(12 wins, 2 losses)

Second Place: Stevens Point SR *Plaque*
(Coach: Dennis Bonikowske)

Affirmative
Steve Crick
Paul Emmons
Alternate
Connie Olson

Negative
Cindy Kruger
Elaine Rekowski
Alternate
Kurt Thurmaier

(10 wins, 4 losses)

Third Place: Appleton West *Plaque*
(Coach: Duaine Bosin)

Affirmative
John Gschwind
Brad Smith
Alternate
Tim Hanna

Negative
Dan Piette
Kim Taylor
Alternate

(10 wins, 4 losses)

Appleton East
(Coach: Sandy Hoecherl)

Affirmative
John Gribble
Dave Miller
Alternate
Sharon Schwab

Negative
Ben Goldgar
Nick Schneider
Alternate
Liz Seager

(9 wins, 5 losses)

Chippewa Falls SR
(Coaches: Donald Burke and Julie Stafford)

Affirmative
Peter Leyh
Dick Leinenkugel
Alternate
Tom Anderson

(4 wins, 10 losses)

Clintonville SR
(Coach: Jerry Mc Ginley)

Affirmative
Julie Gay
Bob Bennett
Alternate
Amy Obohauser

(9 wins, 5 losses)

Elkhorn
(Coach: Roland Faas)

Affirmative
Marge Kammerad
Joe Kohli
Alternate
Pat Kohli

(1 win, 13 losses)

Fort Atkinson SR
(Coach: Elwood Carlson)

Affirmative
Greg Bauer
Tom Mc Cord
Alternate
Dave Ambrose

(6 wins, 8 losses)

Green Bay Ashwaubenon
(Coach: Ron Marler)

Affirmative
Jeff Steeno
Gary Ferrier
Alternate
Larry Henke

(8 wins, 6 losses)

Negative
Bob Hempelman
Dana Nesja
Alternate
Jill Maitland

Negative
Ray Huber
Paula Wunsch
Alternate
Tom Bennett

Negative
Linda Clement
Ken Kaminack
Alternate
Warren Flitcroft

Negative
Bob Petrie
Joe Hunsader
Alternate
Mike Goodman

Negative
Ralph Metzner
Joel English
Alternate

Green Bay West
(Coach: Paul Plantico)

Affirmative
Mary Ryan
Dean Amei
Alternate
David Becker

(3 wins, 11 losses)

Greendale
(Coach: Jan Settle)

Affirmative
Dana Herman
Jeanne Kneprath
Alternate
Tom Kulaga

(9 wins, 5 losses)

Kaukauna
(Coach: Robert Rutter)

Affirmative
Jack Ebben
Steve Belling
Alternate
Dale Carnot

(4 wins, 10 losses)

Madison Memorial
(Coach: Gregory Mueller)

Affirmative
Sue Heins
Pat Mc Carthy
Alternate
Cindy Rebholz

(4 wins, 10 losses)

Oconomowoc SR
(Coaches: David Furrer and Jim Fuller)

Affirmative
Gretchen Weix
Greg Knutson
Alternate
Tim Cronin

(8 wins, 6 losses)

Negative
Richard Noack
Martin Schroeder
Alternate
Patrick Frase

Negative
Russ Wolff
Debi Spoerk
Alternate
Lynda Scheibe

Negative
Mark Spielbauer
Rose Simon
Alternate
Dave Wiedenhaupt

Negative
Eric Hillemann
David Rapkin
Alternate
Cindy Rebholz

Negative
Peter Cahill
Mark Huber
Alternate
Andrew Murphey

Oconto Falls
(Coach: Don Rex)

Affirmative
Andrea Cribb
Teresa Cribb
Alternate
Lyn Zippel

(9 wins, 5 losses)

Ripon SR
(Coach: Katherine Kasten)

Affirmative
Beverly Wickstrom
Debbie Jenkin
Alternate
Cathy Galica

(7 wins, 7 losses)

St Croix Falls
(Coach: Susan Mc Donald)

Affirmative
Heather Bjork
Mark Severson
Alternate
Curtis Petzel

(7 wins, 7 losses)

Sun Prairie
(Coach: Ramon Hagedorn)

Affirmative
Guy Gaulke
Michele Miller
Alternate
Fred Bartol

(2 wins, 12 losses)

Wausau East
(Coach: Dennis O'Flyng)

Affirmative
Amy Toburen
Laurie Paulsen
Alternate
Nora Fitzgerald

(9 wins, 5 losses)

Negative
Patti Piper
Ann Marie Cyr
Alternate
Debbie Bourassa

Negative
Michael Sabel
Brenda Jenkin
Alternate
Cathy Galica

Negative
Robin Cross
Debbie Schmalz
Alternate
Curtis Petzel

Negative
David Taylor
Erin Maloney
Alternate
Donna Zielke

Negative
Mike Paulsen
Chris Thorn
Alternate
Nora Fitzgerald

Wausau West
(Coach: James Grinsel)

Affirmative
Jeff Klapperich
Denise Madigan
Alternate
Linda Lewis

(8 wins, 6 losses)

West Bend East
(Coach: Doris Ormson)

Affirmative
John Ibler
Ann Holmquist
Alternate
Rosie Wiedmeyer

(9 wins, 5 losses)

Wisconsin Rapids Assumption
(Coach: John Swendrowski)

Affirmative
Jane Kirschling
Bruce Haas
Alternate
Linda Mech

(8 wins, 6 losses)

Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
(Coach: Donna Frenzel)

Affirmative
Gordon Crouse
David Malin
Alternate
Ann Jeffery

(5 wins, 9 losses)

Two-Speaker Division

First Place: Eau Claire Memorial
(Coach: Art Mc Million)

Team "M"
Greg Haug
Ned Wahl
Alternate
Scott Sundby

Negative
Dan Sargent
Chris Bangle
Alternate
Ed Pearson

Negative
Meri Larson
Allison Reak
Alternate
Lisa Huber

Negative
Barb Bender
Mike Barrett
Alternate
Dominique Fifi

Negative
Theresa Spaude
Helen Wood
Alternate
Sally Johnson

Second Place: Milwaukee Marquette
(Coach: James Copeland)

Team "M"
James Fleissner
Craig Muller
Alternate
Bill Treacy

Third Place: Milwaukee Pius XI
(Coach: Thomas Sullivan)

Team "R"
Daniel Murphy
Steven Conlon
Alternate
Martin Burd

Third Place: Sheboygan North
(Coach: Kimetia Strycker)

Team "M"
Ron Vander Weele
Mike Axel
Alternate
Diane Rainey

Quarter Finalist: Platteville
(Coach: James Holt)

Team "R"
Charles Young
Robert Harvey
Alternate
Andrew Burris

Quarter Finalist: Eau Claire Memorial
(Coach: Art Mc Million)

Team "R"
Brad Berg
Rich Mayne
Alternate
Greg Everts

Quarter Finalist: Milwaukee Marquette
(Coach: James Copeland)

Team "R"
Mike Brody
Tony Cafaro
Alternate
Mike Flanagan

Quarter Finalist: Brookfield Central
(Coach: Drucilla Munson)

Team "M"
Bob Gleason
Ann Heyrman
Alternate
David Goblirsch

Amery
(Coach: Gregory Olson)

Team "M"
Tim Enneking
Mark Gilbertson
Alternate
Liz Maltby
(2 wins, 2 losses)

Brookfield Central
(Coach: Drucilla Munson)

Team "R"
John Knutson
Kevin Wolf
Alternate
Cari Davis
(2 wins, 2 losses)

Brookfield Central
(Coach: Drucilla Munson)

Team "R"
Maureen Mc Glynn
Regina O'Connor
Alternate
Bob Gleason
(2 wins, 2 losses)

Durand
(Coach: R. M. Duesterbeck)

Team "M"
Linda Spindler
Mary Sobottka
Alternate
Kim Morey
(1 win, 3 losses)

Team "R"
Cindy Hulverson
Debbie Oncken
Alternate
Karen Mc Naughton
(3 wins, 1 loss)
(lost run-off round)

Hartford Union
(Coach: Carol Hagen)

Team "M"
Greg Weber
Andy Running
Alternate
Marion Schmitt
(1 win, 3 losses)

Team "R"
Kurt Soschinske
Peter Frankwicz
Alternate
Barb Hurula
(1 win, 3 losses)

Middleton
(Coach: William Mitchell)

Team "M"
Paula Riesch
Betty Austin
Alternate
Wynne Putz
(2 wins, 2 losses)

Milwaukee Nicolet
(Coach: John Steinbrecker)

Team "M"
Jeff Wagner
Dan Chudnow
Alternate
Bob Elconin
(2 wins, 2 losses)

Milwaukee Pius XI
(Coach: Thomas Sullivan)

Team "M"
David De Nomie
Margaret Quinn
Alternate
Paul Kosidowski
(2 wins, 2 losses)

Platteville
(Coach: James Holt)

Team "M"
Kenneth Short
Sun Kang
Alternate
Andrew Burris
(1 win, 3 losses)

River Falls SR
(Coach: Margaret Kitze)

Team "M"
Eric Rishel
Dean Ammerman
Alternate
Kristi Matzek
(0 wins, 4 losses)

Team "R"
Mark Jackson
Bart Rittenhouse
Alternate
Ann Ustad
(2 wins, 2 losses)

Team "R"
Steve Karrasch
John Schoepke
Alternate
Jim Edelman
(0 wins, 4 losses)

Team "R"
Peter Larson
Jeff Larson
Alternate
David Erickson
(1 win, 3 losses)

Sheboygan North
(Coach: Kimetia Strycker)

Team "R"
Jackie Gier
Paul Planton
Alternate
Hal Korman
(2 wins, 2 losses)

Waukesha
(Coach: Ken Sajdak)

Team "M"
Joe Boxhorn
Bob Beitz
Alternate
Sandy Argus
(0 wins, 4 losses)

Team "R"
Chris Trebatoski
Steve Schultz
Alternate
Chris Causey
(0 wins, 4 losses)

Wauwatosa East
(Coach: Robert Bearden)

Team "M"
Rich Leiterman
John Wilkinson
(1 win, 3 losses)

Team "R"
Sue Esser
Jodi Equitz
(1 win, 3 losses)

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT DEBATE TOURNAMENTS-1974-75

Eau Claire District at Eau Claire Memorial

	Won	Lost		Won	Lost
Eau Claire Memorial	6	0	Onalaska	3	3
Chippewa Falls SR	4	2	Chippewa Falls McDonnell	2	4
Altoona	3	3	Rice Lake	0	6
Eau Claire North	3	3			

Kenosha District at Milwaukee Marquette

Milwaukee Marquette	6	0	Milwaukee Juneau	2	4
Milwaukee Pius XI	5	1	Muskego	2	4
Greendale	4	2	Oak Creek	1	5
Waukesha	4	2	West Allis Nathan Hale	0	6
South Milwaukee	3	3			

PART V: PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

LUXEMBURG-CASCO: A FLOURISHING PROGRAM

One of the truly gratifying aspects of the WHSFA program is to note those schools who use speech and drama activities in a genuinely co-curricular sense--as an enriching adjunct to the classroom through which the teacher can provide experiences far beyond those possible in a normal class setting. Such seems clearly to be the case at Luxemburg-Casco High School.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable things about Luxemburg-Casco's program is the rate and magnitude of its recent growth. Just five years ago, the school had a fairly routine set of offerings. At that time there were only two annual plays--a contest play and a school play. All speech and drama were totally extracurricular--no classes were offered.

Then Lynda Miller came to Luxemburg-Casco and things began to turn around. The best index to the extent of change is the range of activities in drama made available to all students. Now Luxemburg-Casco has three major productions a year, including the contest play, a variety show, and an experimental production. Group trips are taken to conferences in surrounding states as well as Wisconsin, and Luxemburg-Casco's students often perform at such events. Ms. Miller takes her students on yearly trips to the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts Children's Theatre.

The program has expanded greatly in a curricular sense as well. In addition to debate and forensic courses, there are six sections of drama classes in which students can enroll in children's theatre, play reading, acting, and backstage skills. Of particular note is the work Luxemburg-Casco students do with elementary school youngsters. Creative dramatics is taught in some elementary school classrooms throughout the year; the high school children's theatre students teach creative dramatics to all kindergarten and first graders.

Luxemburg-Casco students respond enthusiastically to the richness of the drama program. The school has an active Thespian Troupe with 82 members, including alumni. In addition, the Footlighters Club is open to all students in the school and attracts about 200 members each year out of a total school enrollment of around 530. The appreciation the students have for the drama offerings is best expressed by one of them, Sheri Servais: "Being a Thespian means everything in the world to me. I've traveled to more places than I could have ever dreamed. It's what I love. Even more, it's rewarding to me and my parents. I've made friends I'll never forget. If I were to write all my experiences, I'd have to write a book. The life of a Thespian is beautiful, and my experiences will forever remain inside me."

The establishing of a drama program of the magnitude of Luxemburg-Casco's requires, among many other things, community support and

enthusiastic leadership. Parents of Luxemburg-Casco students frequently volunteer such production assistance as help with costumes, hair styling, wiring, etc. The real measure of community support, however, is the manner in which they attend productions. The Luxemburg-Casco area responds eagerly to Ms. Miller's attempts to explore a new kind of theatre each year. This past year, the "Fantasticks" was performed in a dinner theatre setting at the Northbrook Country Club and played four nights to a standing-room only crowd. The play was then invited to perform in Kewaunee for a two-night run. Further, it is not unusual for Luxemburg-Casco's children's theatre performances to be sold out weeks in advance.

The energetic and dedicated leadership necessary to the development of Luxemburg-Casco's drama program has been provided by Lynda Miller. Her range of talents goes beyond strictly theatre work; she teaches courses in debate and media and directs the forensics program.

In all of Ms. Miller's theatre work, she sees to it that the learning experience for the students is more than just performing. They are involved in all phases of production--including set design, make-up, musical direction, and choreography.

Her devotion to her students as well as her talents are reflected in her original children's theatre play, "Lions and Tigers and Us," which she wrote especially for eight of her Thespians. "Lions and Tigers and Us" is currently being performed by other secondary-school children's theatre groups, and, indeed, was instrumental in securing for Lynda the Bush Fellowship to study at the University of Minnesota beginning in the 1975-76 school year.

Further testimony from Shari Servais will reveal the degree to which Ms. Miller's involvement with her students adds to the quality of their experience: "The wonderful person who brought Luxemburg-Casco's drama program to a number-one troupe in Wisconsin is Ms. Lynda Miller. In a school of 500 students, 200 are a part of the drama department. Ms. Miller has come to earn the title 'Mom' by all the Thespians because of our closeness. We are more like a family than a club or group. We all admire Mom's creativity and enthusiasm. We especially love the 'break-a-legs' we always receive before performing. Nobody could ever pass up one of Mom's lasagna dinners. We are a very united group and together we 'perform the impossible.'"

The WHSFA extends sincere congratulations to Luxemburg-Casco High School, its drama students, and Ms. Miller. We hope involvement in the Association's Drama Contest series has aided in the development of the rich and vital program they have today.



A scene from Luxemburg-Casco's production of "Fantasticks"



Steve De Baker in "Lions and Tigers and Us"



Luxemburg-Casco's WHSFA Drama Contest entry was a cutting from "The Merry Wives of Windsor!"