

SPEECH EVENTS CALENDAR AVAILABLE

A Speech Events Calendar covering activities in Wisconsin Colleges and Universities for the 1963-64 school year has been prepared by Professor Herman H. Brockhaus, Chairman, University Extension Division Department of Speech. If you did not receive a copy at the meeting of the Wisconsin Speech Association on November 2, in Milwaukee, write to Professor Brockhaus, University Extension Division, Department of Speech, Madison 6, Wisconsin

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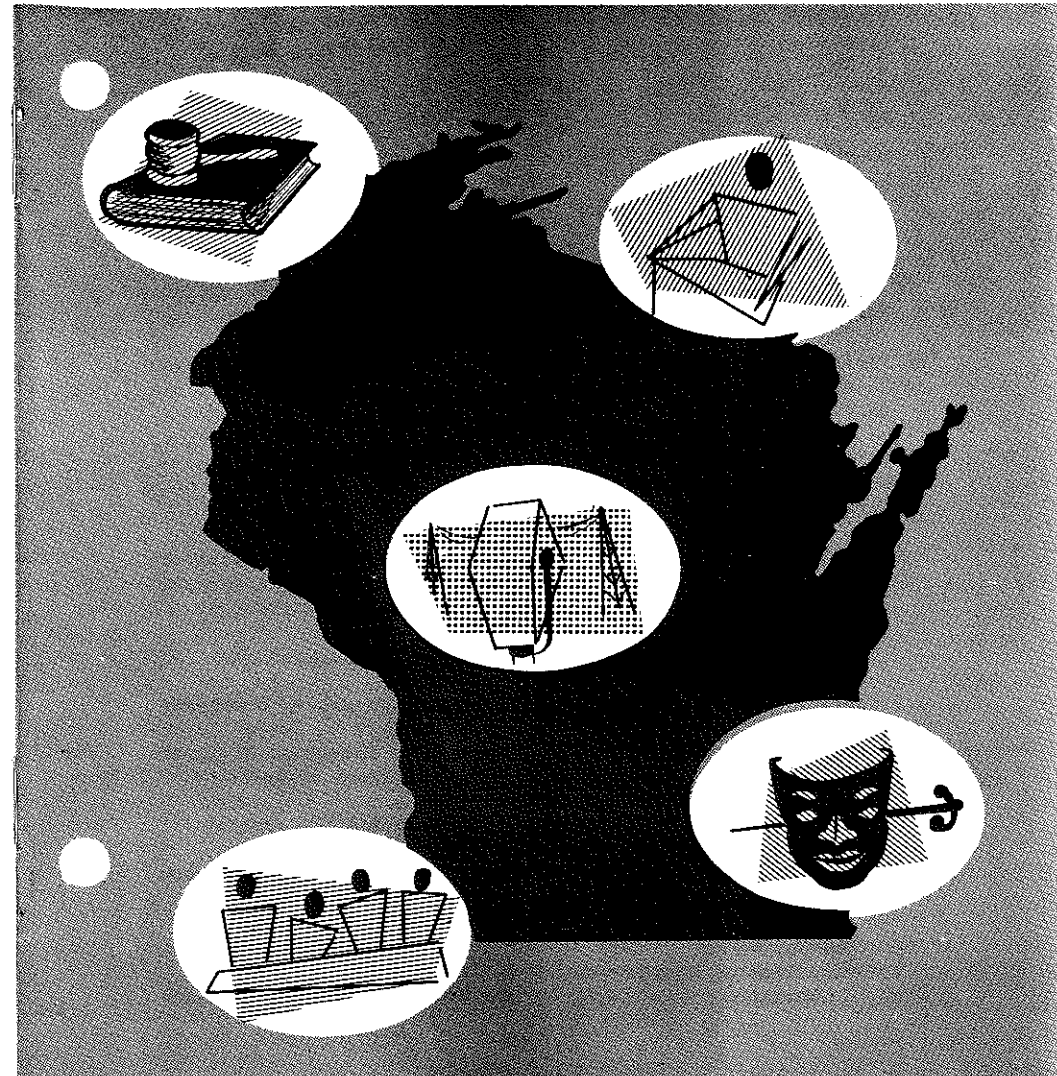
# Wisconsin High School Forensic Association Newsletter

*"Not to defeat each other, but to pace one another on the road to excellence."*

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The Official Calendar for 1963-64

Latest Dates for Contests

	<u>Drama</u>	<u>Debate</u>	<u>Speech</u>
League - - - - -	Nov. 2 - - - - -	-----	March 21
District - - - - -	Nov. 16 - - - - -	Jan. 25 - - - - -	April 4
Sectional - - - - -	Nov. 23 - - - - -	Feb. 8 - - - - -	-----
State - - - - -	Dec. 7* - - - - -	Feb. 21-22- - - - -	April 25

\*At Wisconsin State College,  
Eau Claire

**BOARD OF CONTROL**

<b>Northern Section</b> Helen S. Weiser Hurley	<b>Central Section</b> E. C. Marquardt Wausau	<b>Southern Section</b> Arthur S. McMillion West Bend
<b>Eau Claire District</b> John Hoar Barron	<b>La Crosse District</b> K. A. Curran Tomah	<b>Milwaukee District</b> Royal K. Tice Brookfield
<b>River Falls District</b> Fred Lundberg Clear Lake	<b>Oshkosh District</b> Darrell Larson Kimberly	<b>Platteville District</b> Philip Myott Lancaster
<b>Superior District</b> Gordon L. Nelson Maple	<b>Stevens Point District</b> J. C. Gillmann Marathon	<b>Whitewater District</b> George Buckingham Whitewater

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**BOARD OF CONTROL ELECTION**

Board of Control elections were held in the Central Section, Oshkosh District, Whitewater District, and Platteville District. A vacancy was created in the La Crosse District with the chairman moving out of the area. The following members were elected to the Board of Control:

District or Section

Central Section - E. C. Marquardt, Wausau, (re-elected)	La Crosse - Kenneth Curran, Tomah (appointed)
Oshkosh - Darrell Larson, Kimberly	Platteville - Philip E. Myott, Lancaster
Whitewater - George Buckingham, Whitewater (re-elected)	

Philip E. Myott, District Administrator at Lancaster, is one of the two new Board members. Mr. Myott is a graduate of Northland College and holds a Master's Degree in School Administration and Supervision from the University of Wisconsin. His teaching career began in Mercer, Wisconsin, where he taught mathematics and Science. He was Supervising Principal in Iron Belt and in Spencer before coming to Lancaster in July of 1963.

Darrell Larson, the other new Board member, has been principal at Kimberly High School for three years. He previously had been an elementary school principal in De Pere and had taught special education for handicapped children in Appleton. Mr. Larson received a B. A. from Lawrence College and an M. S. from the University of Wisconsin. He has coached debate, football, and basketball.

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RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association program of institutes and contests could not be carried on without the unlimited cooperation and leadership provided by the members of the Board of Control who not only serve as the legislative officers of the organization, but as the men who are directly responsible for the operation of district and sectional contests. The following men have served the cause well and deserve recognition for their service.

Mr. Harold Gall, formerly of Lancaster, and presently Vice-Principal at East High in Madison, represented the Platteville District from 1955 to the present, and served as Chairman of the Board the last four years.

Mr. Walter Schmidt, Principal at Kaukauna High School, has served on the Board in two capacities. From 1946-1953 he represented the Central Section as a speech coach. In 1960 he returned to the Board as the Oshkosh District Chairman.

Mr. Herman Laatsch, formerly the La Crosse District Chairman, was originally appointed to the Board in February, 1961, and was re-elected to fill out a one-year term in the fall. In 1962 he was re-elected to a full three-year term. This year, however, Mr. Laatsch moved out of the La Crosse District to Brussels, Wisconsin, and created a vacancy in the La Crosse area. Fortunately, Mr. Kenneth Curran, Administrator of the Tomah schools and former member of the Board of Control from 1944-1959, agreed to represent the district until an official election can be held in the fall of 1964.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

November 4-5, 1963

Mr. J. C. Gillmann, Marathon, Stevens Point District Chairman, was elected Chairman of the Board of Control; Mr. Gordon Nelson, Maple, Superior District Chairman, was elected Vice-Chairman.

Prof. Herman H. Brockhaus, Speech Advisor to the Board, suggested a formal polling of drama coaches to obtain suggestions for new plays to add to the present Approved Play List.

The official Five-Year Calendar was approved by the Board of Control. A copy is enclosed with this Newsletter.

Mr. Haug announced the official Public Address topics for sub-district, district and state contests. See pp.9-10 of Aims, Definitions, Rules of Speech, Drama, and Debate Contests for details.

Prof. Edward L. Kamarck, Advisor in Drama, was introduced to the Board. He discussed the problem of selecting quality plays and directing them.

Mr. E. C. Marquardt, Wausau, Central Sectional Chairman, discussed the joint committee between the WHSFA and the Wisconsin Speech Association that is investigating judging criteria.

OFFICIAL DEBATE PROPOSITION

The official debate proposition for 1963-64 for debate schools in WHSFA IS:

Resolved: That Social Security benefits should be extended to include complete medical care.

Some question has arisen concerning the interpretation of the debate proposition for Wisconsin for 1963-64. Coaches' attention should be directed to the following section which appears on page 27 of the Forensic Quarterly, May, 1963.

"Most affirmative teams will limit their responsibility to persons over 65 years of age who are eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. The term does not preclude extending or accepting the same coverage for those over 65 who are not under the Social Security program at present nor does it necessarily exclude such beneficiaries of Social Security under 65 as widows and dependants of deceased beneficiaries of Social Security. The amount of the extension depends on the affirmative analysis. However, both teams should remember that although the affirmative team can extend the coverage of its program, it can not do so without providing the additional materials of proof required to satisfy the additional responsibility it has sought. The principal question should remain whether the Social Security program should be extended to include complete medical care along with present retirement benefits.

Analysis

"The second resolution limits the attention of the debate teams to the particular problems of the segment of the population over the age of 65. Both teams will benefit from careful attention to current debate in the public arena, but must adjust their argument to the provision of complete rather than limited medical care to Social Security beneficiaries."

The three resolutions proposed by the Committee on Discussion and Debate of the National University Extension Association for 1963-64 were:

1. Resolved: That the federal government should provide complete medical care for all citizens at public expense.
2. Resolved: That Social Security benefits should be extended to include complete medical care.
3. Resolved: That the federal government should assure medical care for any citizen through subsidies to authorized health insurance companies.

The second resolution was selected as the question to be debated by Wisconsin High Schools.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL  
FOR  
DISCUSSION AND DEBATE SCHOOLS

The last in a series of four publications of the NUEA Committee on Discussion and debate materials is now available in the state office. Four articles on "Financing Medical Care" are included in it, as well as three articles on "Patterns of Medical Care," and two on "Federal Government and Medicine." In addition an index covering the April and November Quarterlies and the two debate manuals is included. This appears to be an excellent booklet to round out your debate materials. Copies are available for \$1.

LOAN MATERIAL ON DEBATE PROPOSITION

The University Extension Division Library has debate materials available on a loan basis for schools of WHSFA. The materials are mainly clippings, magazines, pamphlets, government documents, and mimeographed materials. Interested persons should write to:

Mrs. Gladys Trayser  
Reference Loan Service  
University Extension Division  
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

ANNUAL DEBATE CONTEST DINNER

On February 21-22, 1964, the annual State Debate Contest will be held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. As a part of the two-day event, a banquet honoring the participants and the coaches will be held on Friday evening at the Wisconsin Center. This year we are fortunate in obtaining Mr. Max Raskin, Circuit Court Judge, Milwaukee, as the main speaker. Those who were in attendance at the debate institute at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on October 5 will remember Mr. Raskin's speech in support of the proposition that would extend Social Security benefits to include medical care.

WISCONSIN SPEECH ASSOCIATION NEWS

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Speech Association in Milwaukee on November 8 included:

President:

Prof. Howard Hansen, Ripon College  
re-elected for a second one-year term

Vice President:

Joe Laine, Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh

Executive Council:

Maryann Katzor, Muskego High School  
William Dawson, Wisconsin State College,  
Stevens Point.

Prof. Emeritus, Gladys Borchers, delivered the Luncheon address. Her subject was "A Re-examination of the High School Speech Program."

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Following the luncheon, two sectional meetings were held. Prof. Ronald Allen, University of Wisconsin, Madison, lead a discussion on "The Future of Curricular Speech Instruction in Wisconsin Secondary Schools." Panel members included: Mr. Wallace Buchholz, Wauwatosa West High School, Mr. John Malloy, Merrill Junior High School, Mr. George Kanzelberger, Lincoln High School, Manitowoc, and Mr. Charles King, Beaver Dam Senior High School.

The second panel, lead by Prof. Herman Brockhaus, Chairman of the University Extension Division Department of Speech, dealt with the subject "How Can We Improve Extra-Curricular Speech?" Panel members were: Father Jeremiah Cashman, Coach of Debate, McDonell High School, Chippewa Falls; Miss Pauline Isaacson, Chairman, Department of Speech, Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point; Miss Maryann B. Katzor, Teacher of Speech, Muskego High School; and Mr. Walter Schmidt, Principal, Kaukauna High School.

Frederick E. Haug, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association, was consultant to the panel and presented a report on the highlights of the WHSFA Board of Control meeting held earlier in the week.

Inasmuch as one of the WSA sectional discussions dealt with the problems of extra-curricular speech activities, the annual meeting of the WHSFA was not held, but appropriate discussion was incorporated into the panel.

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STATE DRAMA CONTEST  
AT  
EAU CLAIRE

The State Drama Contest will be held at Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire, on December 7. Judges at this event include:

Prof. Wynett Barnett, Wisconsin State College,  
Whitewater  
Prof. Earl Kjer, Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire  
Prof. Lowell Manfull, University of Wisconsin,  
Madison

This year promises to be an exceptionally good one for the one-act play contest. Schools interested in attending this event as spectators are welcome. Admission is free.

ONE ACT PLAYS NEEDED FOR APPROVED LIST

The assignment of responsibility for compiling the one-act play list has been given to Prof. Edward L. Kamarck, Extension Division Speech Department, Advisor in Drama to WHSFA, and to Mrs. Julia Mailer, Drama Librarian of the Extension Division.

Each year a concerted effort is made to place worthwhile and acceptable plays on the list. The APPROVED PLAY LIST is designed to provide opportunities for students to take part in plays of high quality. WHSFA is always interested in encouraging high school students and teachers to suggest plays to be added to this list. If you or any of your colleagues know of a play that you think should be added to the list, please send the title, author and publisher to Mr. Edward L. Kamarck, Room 623, University Extension Division, Madison, Wisconsin.

### USE OF THE ESSAY IN CONTESTS

In the last few years WHSFA has included in its sample mimeographed declamations, mailed in the forensic package, several essays. Coaches will note that the informal essay is now mentioned in the rules for Memorized Declamation and since there is no prohibited material for Interpretative reading of prose the essay is a possible new area to consider.

What is an essay? Quoting from a Handbook of English Literature by Watt and Watt, "First it must be prose; second, it must be reasonably short; and third, it must be idealistic, informative or critical (satirical). The 'informal' essay is a 'light' essay, rather loosely written and seasoned with bits of narrative and dashes of humor and whimsy; it must not be thought of, however, as either formless or inconsequential. The 'personal' essay is the term given to a bit of easy exposition that has its roots in the individual experiences and moods of the essayist."

An example of the informal essay would be Dental or Mental by S. J. Perelman; and of the personal essay, something from Only In America by Harry Golden. The chief distinction in deciding on a reading is that the usual declamation in the past has contained a complete story. An essay, on the other hand, is a chatty conversation about something humorous or something very serious. Many times an editorial is in essay form. But it does not try to prove anything or persuade or convince. It is a personal flow of thoughts and ideas of the author on some subject or subjects.

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### USE OF COPYRIGHTED CONTEST MATERIALS

While we published the following information last year, it is a perennial problem that is well to point out again.

Many of the selections that are used by WHSFA students in declamation, interpretative reading, poetry, interpretative reading of prose, and play-reading are taken from copyrighted materials. The Board of Control highly recommends that any school planning to use materials from such sources secure permission in writing from the publisher. In cases where copyrighted materials are being used for contest purposes some publishers will make special arrangements. It is better, however, to make sure at an early date that the stories or articles being used in contests are cleared by the publisher.

The declamations on the lists circulated by the state office of WHSFA in the fall membership packet have been cleared. It is not necessary to secure further permission for these materials. The selections on the list of APPROVED PLAYS 1963, however, should be cleared. This list has been approved by the publishers, but in many cases royalties are involved.

The problem of copyrighted materials is not an easy one to solve. The state office does feel responsible for informing schools on the importance of clearing all copyrighted material with publishers.

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### QUALITY CONTEST MATERIALS

Schools competing in WHSFA contests have always been noted for the excellent quality of the materials used in contests. In addition to the "Sources for Cuttings" listed in the 1963 Aims, Definitions, Rules of Speech, Drama and Debate Contests, coaches should explore other available works of literature that will provide students with exposure to superior literary efforts. Many of the outstanding interpretative readings and declamations in the past have been taken from high school literature anthologies, both in textbook form and paperback. The declamations provided by the state office need not be an end in themselves, but can serve as examples of worthwhile material and, hopefully, may direct the student to explore other possibilities on his own.

### PUBLIC ADDRESS TOPICS

FOR

### SUB-DISTRICT, DISTRICT AND STATE CONTESTS

The general area for the Public Address contest will be "How can the natural resources of the United States best be conserved and developed?"

At the sub-district, district, and state contest a student must deliver a speech on the particular aspect of the general area designated for that contest level. In other words, the student is required to change his speech as he moves from one contest to another.

A complete explanation of the Public Address contest and the rules appear in both the September, 1963 Newsletter and the Aims, Definitions, and Rules of Speech, Drama, and Debate Contests.

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Students should be able to find suitable material for public address in their high school library or geography textbooks. In addition, such sources as the State Conservation Department, State Department of Resource Development, and local conservation groups are likely sources of information.

Mr. Gordon Nelson, Superior District Chairman, has reported that students may write to the following source:

Mr. George S. James, Regional Coordinator  
Northern Great Lakes  
Land and People Conference  
710 N. Sixth Street  
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin

### NEWSLETTERS AND MATERIALS

Newsletters are published in September, November, February, and May of each year. Two copies are mailed to every member school of WHSFA. If you are not receiving all of these publications, or if you would like additional copies, please notify the state office.

Materials such as Aims, Definitions, and Rules of Speech, Drama, and Debate Contests, packages of declamations, Winning Orations, and debate materials are sent to schools upon receipt of their dues. If your school has paid its dues and has not yet received membership materials, please notify the state office.