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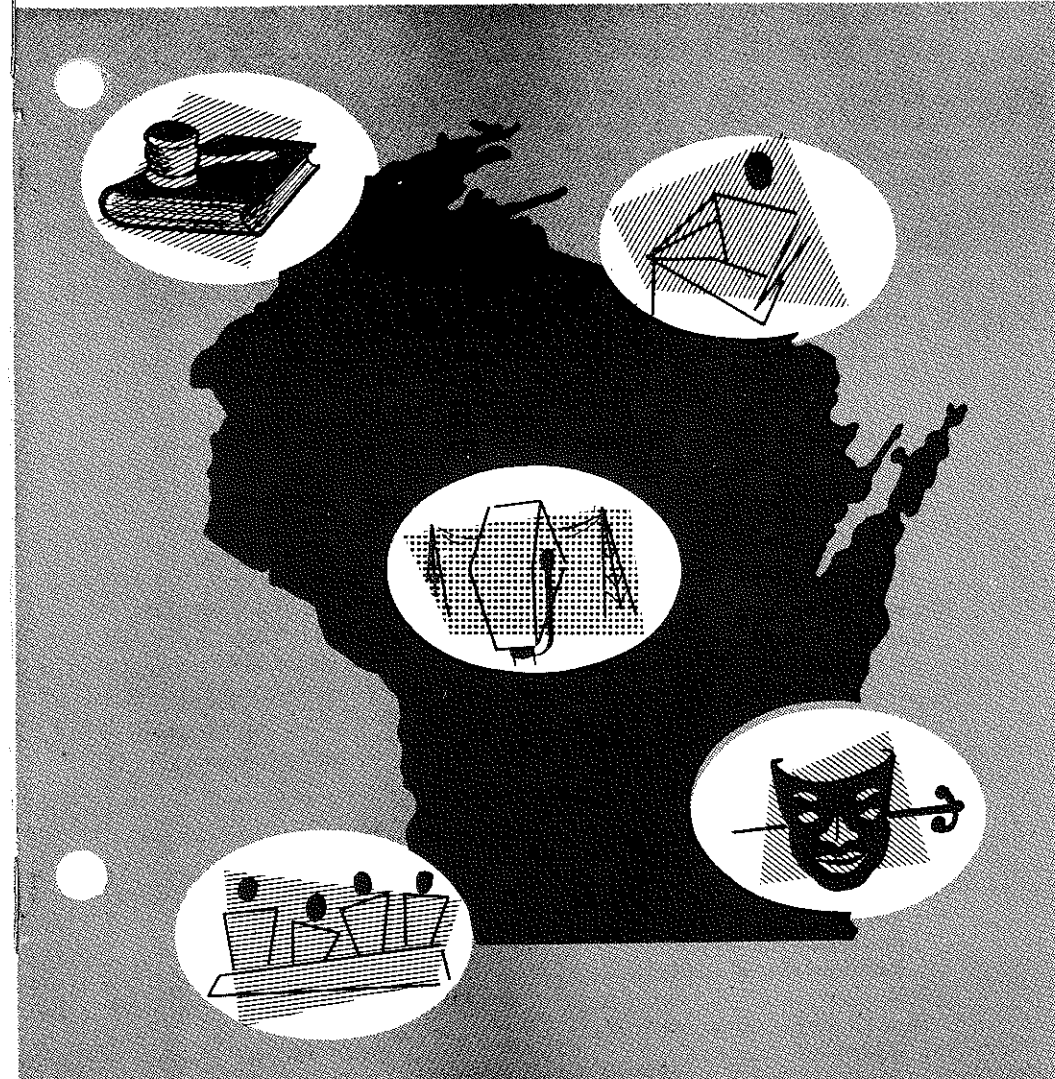
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PROBLEM AREA FOR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE 1962-63

"What should be the foreign trade policy of the United States?"

THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR FOR 1962-63

Latest Dates for Contests

	<u>Drama</u>	<u>Debate</u>	<u>Speech</u>
League - - - - -	Oct 27 - - - - -	- - - - -	March 23
District - - - - -	Nov 10 - - - - -	Jan 26 - - - - -	April 6
Sectional - - - - -	Nov 17 - - - - -	Feb 9 - - - - -	- - - - -
State - - - - -	*Dec 1 - - - - -	Feb 22-23 - - - - -	April 27

*At Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh

Board of Control Meetings

Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Oct 30, 31, 1962
The Wisconsin Center, Madison, May 9-10, 1963

BOARD OF CONTROL

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPRING BOARD MEETING

The spring Board of Control meeting was held in the Wisconsin Center Building, Madison, on May 3-4. Highlights of the minutes include the following:

1. The WHSFA will sponsor the same contests in 1962-63 as were sponsored this year.
2. An institute devoted to instruction in writing of one-act plays will be held in the early fall at Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point. Professor Robert E. Gard, Director of the Wisconsin Idea Theatre, will be in charge of the program.
3. For purposes of debate only, the Milwaukee district will hold two district debate contests next year. This is not necessarily a permanent change, but because of the number of debating schools in the district, it has become necessary to look at ways to better handle the district procedures.
4. Further efforts with the Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic Association and the Wisconsin School Music Association will be made to avoid conflicts of dates.
5. The general subject area for the Public Address event for 1962-63 will be:

"What should be the role of the Federal Government in providing medical care to the citizens of the United States?"

The three areas within the general one will be announced in the September News-letter.

ANALYSIS OF 1962-63 DEBATE AREA AVAILABLE

An analysis and interpretation of the discussion and debate problem area for the 1962-63 academic year has been made available to state associations that are affiliated with the National University Extension Association Committee on Discussion and Debate Materials. The pamphlet allows interested schools to begin study on the problems of American trade policy. This sixty-two page publication discusses the background to foreign trade, explores the problems of trade policy, offers several proposals to solve the problem. The analysis sets out to provide some suggested definitions, indicate source materials, point out likely difficulties, and explore lines of argument.

Copies of the analysis of The Problems of American Trade Policy, by Edward Rogge are available from the state office of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association at a cost of 75¢ each.

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FALL ELECTIONS

Elections for members of the Board of Control of the WHSFA will be held in October in the following areas of the state:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Southern Section	W. A. Hintz, Lake Geneva
Eau Claire District	W. H. Hehli, Mondovi
La Crosse District	H. W. Laatsch, Readstown
River Falls District	L. F. Berg, Baldwin

RESULTS OF STATE DEBATE CONTEST

Twenty-two teams, the largest number since 1943, entered the WHSFA State Debate Contest this year. West Bend won first place with seven wins and one loss. Second place was shared by Eau Claire Memorial, Hartford, and Wausau with six wins and two losses. Third place was characterized by a five-way tie between Appleton, Janesville, Kaukauna, Racine St. Catherine, and Stevens Point.

The official debate question for the 1961-62 school year was: Resolved: that the Federal Government should equalize educational opportunity by means of grants to the states for public elementary and secondary education.

J. Martin Klotsche, Provost, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, spoke at the annual banquet on the subject "The Importance of Communication in Today's World." Copies of his speech are available at no cost from the state office of WHSFA.

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PRACTICE DEBATE TOURNAMENTS

If your school is planning to conduct a practice debate tournament during this 1962-63 school year, please write to the state office so the information can appear in the September Newsletter.

SPEECH CONFERENCE

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, JUNE 28, 1962

This summer, on Thursday, June 28, a one-day Speech Conference will be held on the Madison campus of the University. Sponsored by the Department of Speech and the Department of Education, this year's conference will have as its theme: "Significant Functions of Discussion and Debate in Contemporary Society."

The morning session will present two speakers of note. State Senator John M. Potter, from Wisconsin Rapids, will talk on "The Function of Discussion and Debate in the Legislative Process." He will be followed by Dr. Giraud Chester, Vice-President of the ABC-TV Network, New York City, speaking on "The Function of the Mass Media Discussion Program."

To introduce the afternoon session, Professor Ralph K. Huitt of the University Department of Political Science will lecture on the subject "The 1960 Presidential Campaign." Professor Huitt was a member of Lyndon B. Johnson's staff during that campaign. A kinescope showing of one of the TV debates between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon will follow the introductory lecture.

Concluding the program will be an analysis of the Great Debate, by three University Speech Department Staff members. Professor Jerry C. McNeely is to analyze it from the standpoint of television production, Professor Thomas J. Murray from the standpoint of debate techniques, and Professor Theodore Clevenger, Jr., from the standpoint of audience impact.

All conference meetings will be held in the Wisconsin Center on the lower campus, with the opening session starting at 9:30 A. M. Registration will be conducted in the Center on the day of the conference from 9:00 to 9:30 A. M. The program is open to the public without charge.

For further information about this Summer's Speech Conference, write to Professor Herman H. Brockhaus, Department of Speech, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

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HIGH SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT EAU CLAIRE

High school students who are interested in receiving intensive training in debate, dramatics, radio-TV and forensics are invited to take part in a four-week institute to be held at Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire from June 18--July 13. Participants will be divided into two groups. One will concentrate on debate, the other on dramatics. Forensics, oral interpretation, and radio-TV work will be open to all students.

Debate activity will focus on preparation for the problem area for 1962-63. The production of a three-act play in the College Theatre will be the main goal of the dramatics group.

Social activities will consist of recreational activities supervised by members of the College staff. The facilities of the College dormitories and cafeteria will be open to institute students.

For further information write to Professor Earl Kjer, Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire.

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PROFESSOR GLADYS BORCHERS

Professor Borchers is one of the four people on whom the fame of the Department of Speech at the University of Wisconsin has long rested. The others being Professor A. T. Weaver, Professor H. L. Ewbank, and Professor Robert West.

They came to the department in the twenties, building on the foundations laid in the previous century by David Bower Frankenburger and in the early part of this century by Rollo Lyman, Gertrude Johnson, James O'Neill, and Smiley Blanton. Professor Borchers erected that part of the building which we call teacher training in speech. A notable teacher, she has taught nine college generations. "Vigorous" has always been a word to describe Professor Borchers in the classroom. A student once referred to her as a "pedagogical tornado." But there are other words just as applicable. Sympathetic is one. She takes seriously those words about helping the oppressed that are carved in the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. Soundness in principle and expertness in method are other phrases that fit. These phrases represent also, the quality of her books: books for junior high school pupils, books for senior high school pupils, books for the teachers of these pupils. She has long been the schoolmaster of our profession.

Professor Borchers has woven a strong strand of scholarship into the pattern of her teaching. She was one of the first in our profession to utilize methods of investigation which today we call "quantitative." Her work has triggered many a venture into the crucial topic of the essentials of oral style. Now, straddling the year of her retirement is her editorship of The Speech Teacher.

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With her classroom work she is the symbol of teacher education in speech in the state of Wisconsin, with her books, articles, and issues of The Speech Teacher she is the symbol in the nation itself.

Nor does her influence stop at our shores. In Germany she is probably the best known of any of our American teachers of speech. Retirement in June will not stop her from making a scheduled speaking tour in Germany next fall.

Best of all, Professor Borchers is popular where it really counts--at home. Her office is always full of people, full of ideas, full of geniality.

Frederick W. Haberman
Chairman, Speech Dept
University of Wisconsin

1962 APPROVED PLAY LIST

The official one-act play list, Approved Plays, 1962, will be mailed to schools with the September Newsletter. A mailing at that time will enable coaches to make a selection before the October 1 deadline.

If any schools would like a copy of the list before September, please write to the state office for your copy. It should be available for release in early summer.

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DISCUSSION AND DEBATE AREA 1962-63

The general discussion and debate problem area for the 1962-63 school year will be "What should be the foreign trade policy of the United States?"

The three suggested discussion questions are:

- (1) What trade policy should the United States sustain concerning the nations of the free world?
- (2) What trade policy should the United States sustain concerning communist nations?
- (3) What trade policy should the United States sustain concerning non-aligned nations?

Debate propositions will be selected from the following:

- (1) Resolved: That the United States should adopt a policy of reciprocal free trade with non-communist nations.
- (2) Resolved: That the United States should promote a common market for the Western Hemisphere.
- (3) Resolved: That the Congress should abolish protective tariffs.

The official debate proposition for Wisconsin will be selected in September after a referendum is conducted among administrators and coaches of discussion and debate schools in WHSFA.

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INSTITUTE IN ONE-ACT-PLAY WRITING

Robert E. Gard, Adviser in Drama

As adviser for the Association, in drama, I have had a major concern with the progress and the general acceptance of drama in the high schools of Wisconsin. I have been gratified at the continuous rise in quality of high school play production, and I have always wanted, and hoped, that someday a new idea would come forward which might highlight the worthwhileness of original plays in the high school program.

Our record with plays in general has been excellent. I would compare Wisconsin today with any state in the country. So far as the quality of high school plays, taken the state over, are concerned.

This all started when two notable events happened in Wisconsin during this past year. An original play written by Mr. Chester Boyes and his students of Brookfield Central High School won one of the two "A" ratings given in the State Contest at Stevens Point. And then, amazingly, in the State 4-H Club Drama Contest at Wausau another original play, written by a dedicated group of young people from Waukesha, carried off first honors with a fine creative work.

Now the Board of Control has taken some definite action. There is going to be a first playwright's workshop for high school instructors and students. It will be open to any person with an important idea...a feeling that he or she must write this idea as a play. And it will be held at Stevens Point this fall. The date will be announced later. I expect the workshop to be just the start in a great new program. A wonderful new dawn for high school drama in Wisconsin.