

Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATER'S INSTITUTE AT OSHKOSH

An institute for high school debaters will be held at Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh June 10 through 23. Preference will be given to those students beginning their junior or senior year in high school. The entire two-week program will be spent investigating, developing cases for, and debating the high school topic for 1962-63. Emphasis will be placed on research and argumentation.

Professor Robert R. Carr, Director of Forensics, at the College will be director of the institute. Professor William E. White, Chairman of the Department of Speech will serve as special lecturer.

Cost of room and board, books, supplies and recreation will be available for \$65. For further information and application forms write to Professor Carr at Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh.

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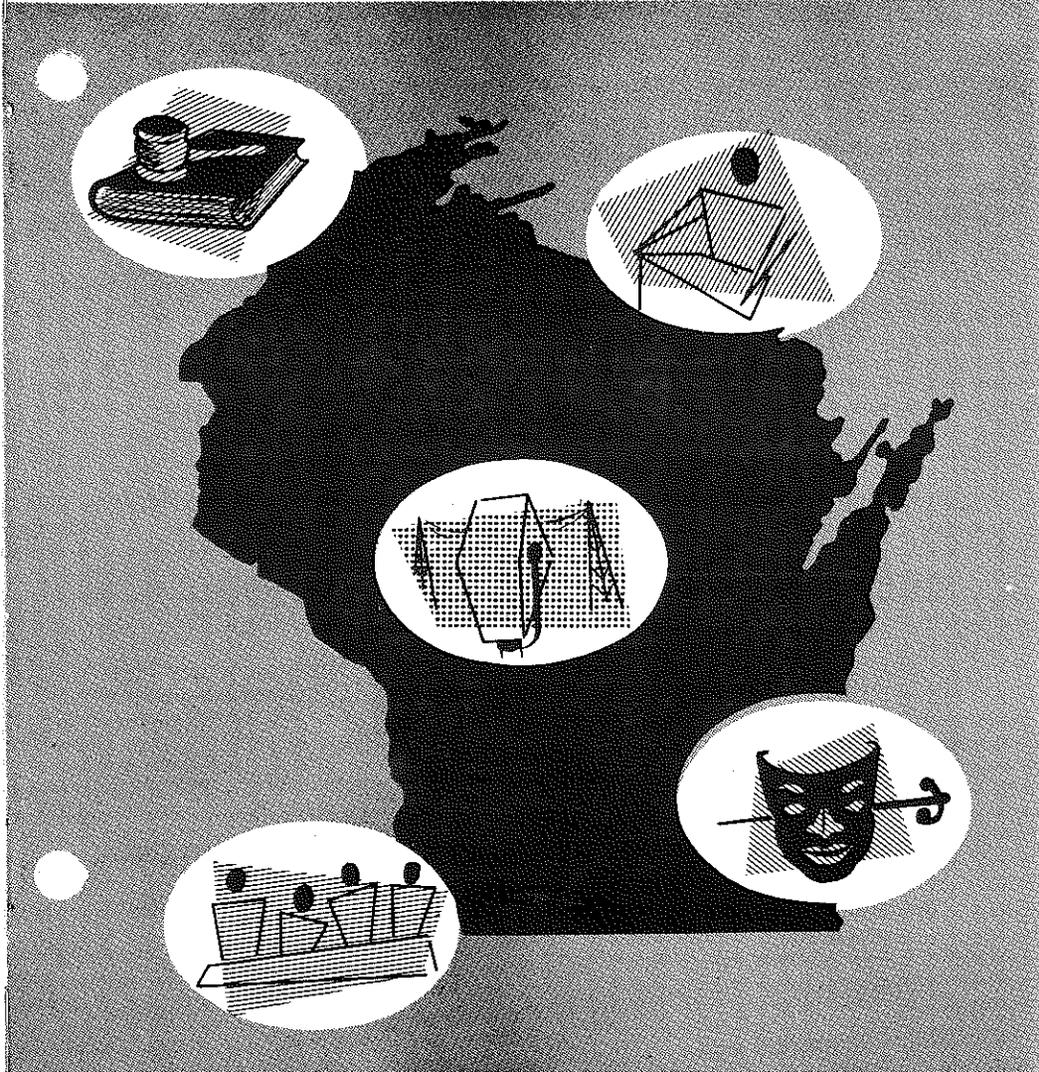
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RULE CHANGES FOR SPRING SPEECH

The following rule changes will apply to Spring Speech events this year:

1. Interpretative Reading of Prose. This is a new event for the 1961-62 school year. Except for materials used, the rules will be the same for this event as for interpretative reading of poetry. This event will be in addition to the interpretative reading of poetry. Refer to the 1961 issue of Aims, Definitions, and Rules of Speech, Drama, and Debate Contests, pages 19-20 for a further explanation.

2. Public Address. The general subject area for the 1961-62 school year is "Our Foreign Policy." At league, district, and state contests the student must deliver a speech based on the sub-topics of the general area designed for that particular contest level. These sub-topics are:

League: American Foreign Policy Towards the Soviet Bloc Nations.

District: American Foreign Policy Towards the Allied Nations.

State: American Foreign Policy Towards the Non-Aligned Nations.

3. Time Limits: The maximum time limits for all events except play reading and four-minute speech will be eight minutes. All minimum time limits have been removed.

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Latest Dates for Speech Contests

League March 10
District March 24
State April 14*
*Madison

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPRING SPEECH

The WHSFA Board of Control has made the following recommendations for this year:

1. Use of Copyrighted Materials - The Board of Control recommends that schools using copyrighted materials in any event of the spring speech contest should write to the publisher to secure permission to use the selection. It is not necessary to secure permission for the declamations and orations mailed out by the state office with the membership packages.
2. Introductions - Students should be encouraged to precede their presentations with suitable introductions which help to acquaint the listeners with the author, the selection, the occasion, or the setting. Such introductory remarks are especially helpful in interpretative reading of prose, interpretative reading of poetry, memorized declamation, non-original oratory, and play reading.
3. Changing Events - It is strongly urged that students be encouraged to change events from one year to the next, thereby giving them opportunities to broaden their interests and abilities in speech.

DISCUSSION AND DEBATE PROBLEM AREA 1962-63

The National University Extension Association Committee on Discussion and Debate Materials and Interstate Cooperation has announced that the following problem areas will be those from which the final selection will be made for discussion and debate in 1962-63:

1. What should be the role of the federal government in providing medical care to the citizens of the United States?
2. What role should government take in the conservation of natural resources?
3. What should be the foreign trade policy of the United States?

Preliminary work on the selection of problem areas began a year ago when the Executive-Secretary of the NUEA Committee appointed seven state forensic associations to investigate the possibilities of problem areas that had been discussed in prior years and were likely to be considered again this year. Wisconsin was one of those chosen and our responsibility was to consider the area of National Medical Care.

In September, 1961, Wisconsin coaches were asked to suggest general problem areas that might be debated during the 1962-63 season. The results of this poll were sent to the chairman of the NUEA Committee. Other states followed a similar procedure.

A master ballot, expressing the suggestions of coaches from the entire country, was compiled and sent to the state associations. In Wisconsin coaches again had an opportunity to rank the top five problem areas in the order of their preference.

These results were used to guide the voting of the Secretary-Treasurer of the WHSFA at the annual meeting of the Advisory Council to the NUEA Committee. The Advisory Council meets in December concurrently with the NUEA Committee and has the responsibility of recommending specific wordings for three discussion questions and three debate propositions for each of the problem areas selected.

In January a ballot was sent to Wisconsin debate coaches and high school administrators asking them to rank the problem areas. The official problem area for all the state associations affiliated with the NUEA Committee will be announced in February after each state has had an opportunity to poll its member schools.

In Wisconsin the official debate proposition will be selected on the basis of a poll conducted among WHSFA member schools in September.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING MAGAZINES

Topics to be used in the extemporaneous speaking event this year will be taken from the January, February, March, and April issues of The American Observer, Current History, Newsweek, Scholastic, U. S. News and World Report, and The Reporter.

This event is explained more in detail on page 13-14 of the 1961 issue of Aims, Definitions, and Rules of Speech Drama, and Debate Contests.

STATE DRAMA CONTEST

Brookfield Central and La Crosse Aquinas High Schools received "A" ratings at the State Drama Contest which was held on December 1-2 at Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point. La Crosse Aquinas presented the play Anastasia. Brookfield presented an original play, Peonies, Peanuts, and Proposals. The two schools were awarded plaques and the individual student participants received gold medals.

Five schools received "B" ratings. They were Cambria, Green Bay Preble, Greenwood, Oconto Falls, and Port Washington. Two schools, Colfax and Rhinelander received "C" ratings. Schools rated "B" and "C" were awarded Certificates of Achievement and the student participants received individual Certificates of Achievement.

Judges at the contest were Mrs. Julia Mailer, Drama Librarian, University Extension Division and Speech Consultant to WHSFA; Miss Alice Peet, Professor of Speech, Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point; and Mr. Jack Vrieze, Professor of Drama, Wisconsin State College, Whitewater.

Mr. John Gach, Coordinator of Secondary Education at Stevens Point, greeted the participants for the College.

Awards were presented by Mr. E. C. Marquardt, Central Sectional Chairman, WHSFA, and Mr. Frederick E. Haug, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of WHSFA.

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MORE ORIGINAL PLAYS NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Robert E. Gard, Director, Wisconsin Idea Theatre
and Drama Advisor of WHSFA

There is a definite place in high school drama for original plays. The recent success of Brookfield Central's 'A' winning production of Peonies, Peanuts and Proposals highlights the value of original play making in Wisconsin. In competition with published plays from a variety of sources, the Brookfield play was awarded one of the two 'A' ratings given at the state contest. The judges commented on the high standard of writing, and recommended that original plays be given much greater attention in high school drama.

The question of original plays in America is a crucial one now. The number of excellent new one-act plays is at a minimum, and it is extremely difficult to find enough good plays to keep play lists up to standard. A possible answer is original plays written by faculty or students of high schools, and given the same care in production that plays selected from a publisher's list would be accorded.

The Board of Control of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association is much concerned with the problem of not enough good one-act plays, and is challenged by the possibility of more originals. Recently the Board appointed a special committee to study what might be done to stimulate new playwriting among Wisconsin high schools. It could be that there will be an increasing number of new plays in the state contests, and that these will contribute in a fine way to playmaking throughout the nation.

As drama advisor to the Association I should like to recommend that many schools try writing and producing an original play this next year.

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MEETING OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN SPEECH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Southern Wisconsin Speech Association will be held in the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union on February 16, 1962. Luncheon will be served at 12:30. The program will begin at 2:00 and will feature a Symposium Panel consisting of: Professor Wynett Barnett, Whitewater; Professor Gladys Borchers, University of Wisconsin; Mr. Frederick Haug, WHSFA; and Mr. Robert Scott, Delavan-Darien. The group will discuss various aspects of "Forensics 1962."

Luncheon reservations may be made with Miss Jeanne Ross, Badger High School, Lake Geneva. A check for \$1.75 should be included. Teachers who are unable to make the luncheon are welcome to attend the program at 2:00 P. M.

WISCONSIN IDEA THEATRE CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Wisconsin Idea Theatre will be held in Madison on March 30-31. Featured participants at the meetings will include Richard Hoover, Managing Director of the Pittsburgh Playhouse; George Izenour, well known consultant in stage lighting, from Yale University; Winifred Ward, founder of the Children's Theatre and author of several texts in creative dramatics for children, of Evanston, Illinois.

Further details may be obtained by writing to the Wisconsin Idea Theatre, University of Wisconsin Extension Division.

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DIRECTING HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS

(A Credit Course)

During the summer of 1962 the University of Wisconsin has scheduled a four-week session in Directing High School Forensics. The course begins on July 2 and ends on July 27. As in former years it will be possible to earn four graduate credits in four weeks.

Students interested in speech will find Education 129, Directing High School Forensics, especially helpful in their professional careers. The four credits can be applied towards the Master's Degree or towards the credits required by Boards of Education for salary increase and promotions.

The course will be taught by a visiting professor.

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a post card to be used in ordering Certificates of Participation for your students. Any student who has taken part in one or more inter-school contests sponsored by the WHSFA is eligible to receive this recognition. Separate certificates are given for debate, drama, or speech.

The certificates are made available to member schools at no charge.

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WISCONSIN SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH INSTITUTE

Again this summer, the University of Wisconsin will sponsor a three week (June 24-July 14) High School Speech Institute on the Madison campus. The Institute is designed for high school students who wish to improve their participation in the speech activities of their local school. The Second Annual Wisconsin High School Speech Institute will provide all participants with an introduction to the basic communication processes as well as specialized instruction for forty students in debate, discussion, and public speaking; and for forty more in acting, technical theatre, and oral interpretation.

More than a dozen staff members will teach in the Institute which will be directed by Dr. Thomas J. Murray, of the University of Wisconsin Department of Speech. Mr. Ralph Webb, of the University of Wisconsin will be in charge of the Debate Division and Mr. Thomas Tewes, of West High School, Madison, will be in charge of the Drama Division. In addition to teaching staff, full-time counselors will take care of participants' housing and recreation arrangements. The dormitory, classroom, theatre, library, and recreation facilities of the University will be available to Institute participants.

Institute fees for tuition, activities, health service, housing, and meals total \$118.50. Requests for further information and application forms should be sent to Dr. Thomas J. Murray, Second Annual Wisconsin Summer High School Speech Institute, Department of Speech, Madison 6, Wisconsin.