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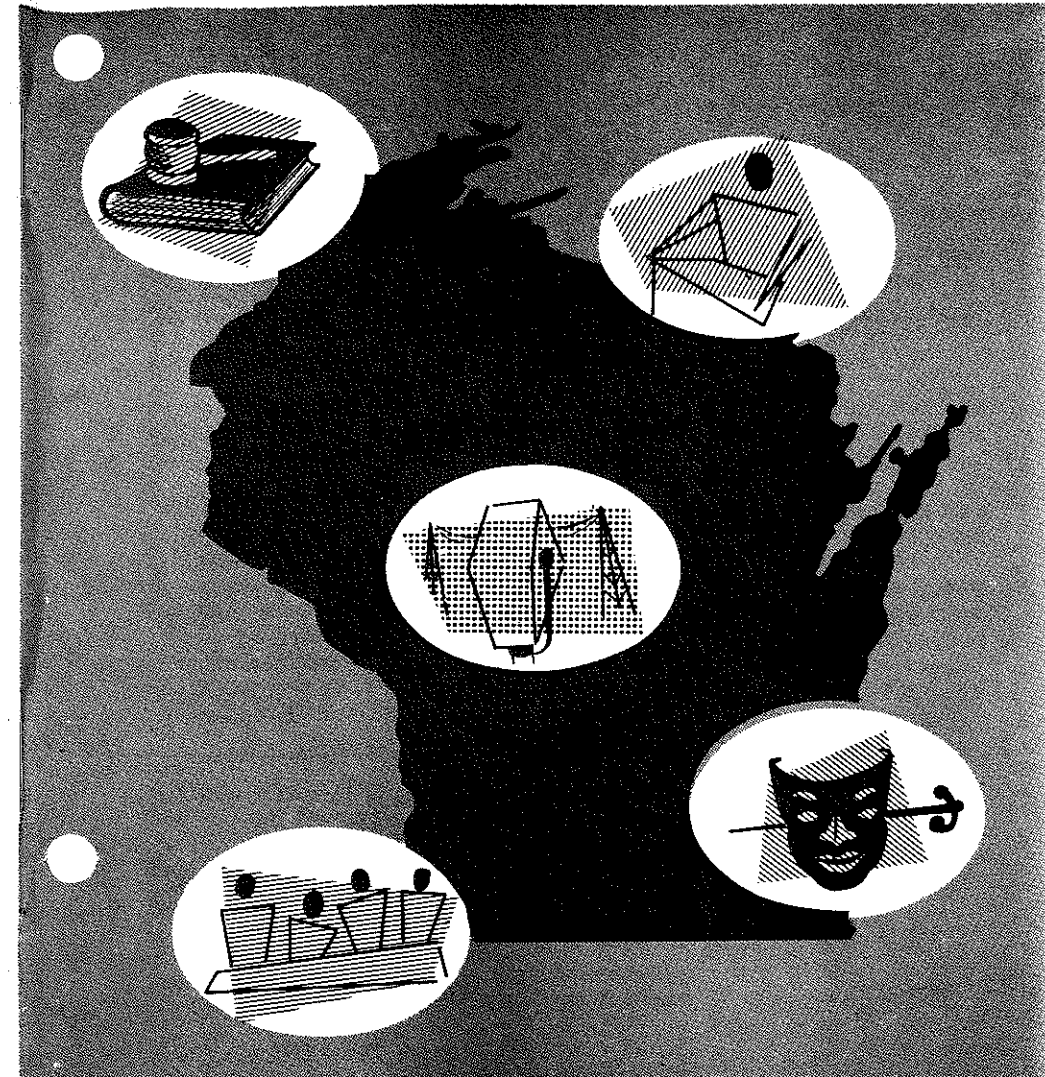
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OFFICIAL CALENDAR FOR 1966-67

Level of Contest	Latest Dates for Contests		
	Drama	Debate	Speech
Sub-District- - - - -	Oct. 29 - - - - -	- - - - -	Mar. 18
District- - - - -	Nov. 12 - - - - -	Jan. 28 - - - - -	Apr. 8
Section - - - - -	Nov. 19 - - - - -	Feb. 11 - - - - -	- - - - -
State - - - - -	Dec. 2-3* - - - - -	Feb. 24-25 - - - - -	Apr. 29

*At Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point

WEA Convention- - - - - Nov. 3-4, 1966
 Thanksgiving- - - - - Nov. 24, 1966
 Easter- - - - - Mar. 26, 1967

Board of Control Meetings

Sheraton-Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, November 1-2, 1966

The Wisconsin Center, Madison, May 4-5, 1967

BOARD OF CONTROL

Northern Section	Central Section	Southern Section
MARYLOU PATTERSON	*ERVIN C. MARQUARDT	A. S. MCMILLION
Eau Claire Memorial	Wausau	West Bend
Eau Claire District	La Crosse District	Milwaukee District
ARTHUR D. SPOOLMAN	EDWIN SIEVERS	*WALTER J. MOUNTIN
Cumberland	Viroqua	Oak Creek
River Falls District	Oshkosh District	Platteville District
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Clayton	Green Bay Preble	Argyle
Superior District	Stevens Point District	Whitewater District
GORDON L. NELSON	J. C. GILLMANN	*GEORGE BUCKINGHAM
Maple	Marathon	Whitewater

*Elected or re-elected in October, 1966

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETING

The WHSFA Board of Control held its spring meeting on May 4-5, 1967 at The Wisconsin Center in Madison. Following a practice of long standing, the state office invited a Speech Department faculty member from one of the universities in the state to attend the meeting and participate in the deliberations. Professor Theodore Smith of The Wisconsin State University in Platteville was the special guest at the May meeting this year.

Other persons invited to the Board meeting were Mr. Robert C. Van Raalte, Assistant Superintendent of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and Mr. Richard G. Gaarder, Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin School Music Association. Mr. Van Raalte was unable to attend because of another engagement. Mr. Gaarder, however, accepted the invitation and met with the Board for a while on Friday morning, during which time he presented helpful information about the Music Association and its program.

In its sessions the Board heard reports from the Secretary-Treasurer of the WHSFA and from special committees. It also received reports from the district chairmen concerning the coaches' meetings which they had conducted at the time of the District Speech Contests.

Besides approving a revised five-year calendar, the Board took the following actions:

Retention of Contests

The two new contests introduced in 1966-67, Significant Speeches and Play Acting, will be retained in 1967-68. This action confirms the understanding reached by the Board at the time the new contests were instituted; namely, that each of these events would be given a two-year trial. This means the Board will make a final assessment of these two contests in May, 1968 and at that time will make a decision concerning them.

Rule Changes

The following rule changes were adopted, primarily for purposes of clarification and consistency.

In Debate, a school must achieve a record of at least four wins and two losses in a district tournament to be eligible to compete in a sectional contest. Also, a school must achieve a record of at least four wins and two losses in a sectional tournament to be eligible to compete in the state contest.

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In Four-minute Speech, Public Address, Significant Speeches, and Extemporaneous Speaking, properties or visual materials may not be used. This rule is already in effect in all the other spring speech contests.

In Significant Speeches the entire presentation shall be given from memory. The quoted material is to be taken from a single speech. The contestant's original portion, or portions, of the presentation may be positioned where the student wishes.

Membership Dues

To provide an adequate budget for the operation of the WHSFA, the Board of Control voted to increase the membership dues, effective next year, 1967-68. The new dues schedule is as follows:

\$15 for schools with an enrollment of 149 or less
\$25 for schools with an enrollment of 150 to 349
\$30 for schools with an enrollment of 350 or more

Committee to Study Re-districting

The Board approved the appointment of a special committee to study the district structure of the Association. The following committee was named and instructed to bring specific recommendations to the November, 1967 meeting of the Board: Prof. Brockhaus (chairman), Mr. Buckingham, Prof. Kamarck, Mr. Marquardt, and Mr. Mountin.

The number of member schools in each of the nine districts this year was: Eau Claire 45, La Crosse 36, Milwaukee 75, Oshkosh 89, Platteville 42, River Falls 27, Stevens Point 50, Superior 28, Whitewater 74.

OFFICIAL CALENDAR FOR 1967-68

At its meeting on May 4-5 in Madison, the Board of Control adopted a five-year calendar of contest dates. The new calendar contains a revision for the dates of the Speech Contests, providing for a four-week period between the District Contests and the State Contest. This amount of time is needed by the state office to prepare the State Contest schedule, have it printed, and get it mailed to the member schools in ample time before the contest. The increase in the number of contestants in the State Speech Contest has made it impractical for the state office to try to make all the preparations necessary in less than four weeks.

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The official calendar for 1967-68 is printed below. The dates shown are the latest dates on which contests are to be held.

	Drama	Debate	Speech
Sub-District - - - - -	Oct. 28 - - - - -	- - - - -	Mar. 16
District - - - - -	Nov. 11 - - - - -	Jan. 27 - - - - -	Mar. 30
Section - - - - -	Nov. 18 - - - - -	Feb. 10 - - - - -	- - - - -
State - - - - -	Dec. 1-2 - - - - -	Feb. 23-24 - - - - -	Apr. 27

WEA Convention - Nov. 2-3, 1967
Board Meetings - Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 1967; May 2-3, 1968
Thanksgiving - Nov. 23, 1967
Easter - Apr. 14, 1968

BOARD OF CONTROL ELECTIONS

The WHSFA Board of Control is comprised of 12 members; the nine District Chairmen are school administrators while the three Sectional Chairmen are speech teachers or coaches. Board members are elected by schools within the area for three year terms, four members being elected each year. District Chairmen and the Sectional Chairmen may be re-elected.

This coming September regular elections will be held in the following districts: Stevens Point, Superior, and Milwaukee. The present Chairman of the Stevens Point District is Mr. J. C. Gillmann, Administrator of Marathon Public Schools and Chairman of the Board of Control. The incumbent in the Superior District is Mr. Gordon L. Nelson, Administrator of Maple Public Schools and Vice-Chairman of the Board. The present Milwaukee District Chairman is Mr. Walter J. Mountin, Principal of Oak Creek High School; last year Mr. Mountin was elected for a one-year period to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Frank Sirianni who resigned because of pressures of school matters in his school district.

An election will also be held this September for the chairmanship of the Northern Section. Presently Mrs. Marylou Patterson, teacher and coach at Eau Claire Memorial High School, is the Chairman of the Northern Section.

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1967 SUMMER SPEECH CONFERENCE

On Thursday, July 6, 1967 the seventeenth annual Summer Speech Conference will be held in The Wisconsin Center on the University campus in Madison. The theme of this year's program is Extra-curricular Speech in Today's Secondary Schools.

Since the 1967 Conference was planned primarily for coaches and prospective coaches of high school forensics, the program is being published in its entirety in this newsletter. Sponsored by the Department of Speech and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, the Conference is open to all interested persons, without charge. Advance registration is not necessary. You may register on the day of the meeting.

Conference Program

9:00- Registration: Exhibit Gallery, next to the Auditorium
9:30 in The Wisconsin Center (No registration fee)

Morning Session

Chairman: Dr. Frederick W. Haberman

9:30- Welcome to the Conference
9:35 Dr. Frederick W. Haberman, Chairman, Department of Speech, The University of Wisconsin
9:35- "What Should Be the Place of Extra-curricular Speech in Today's Secondary Schools?"
Dr. Robert E. Dunham, Assistant to the Vice President of Resident Instruction, The Pennsylvania State University, and former Director of the Pennsylvania High School Speech League
10:30- "What is the Present Extra-curricular Speech Program in Secondary Schools?"
11:20 Dr. Herman H. Brockhaus, Chairman of the University Extension Department of Speech and Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

Afternoon Session

Chairman: Dr. Herman H. Brockhaus

1:30- "Speech Educators Assess the Extra-curricular Speech Program" (Panel)
2:20 Dr. Ronald R. Allen, Assistant Professor of Speech and Education, The University of Wisconsin

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Dr. Earl S. Grow, Assistant Professor of Speech and Education, The University of Wisconsin
Sister M. Charla, E. S. P. A., Coach of Drama and Speech Activities, Aquinas High School, La Crosse
Mr. Richard A. Whalen, Coach of Debate and Speech Activities, Oconomowoc Senior High School, Oconomowoc

2:30- "Administrators Assess the Extra-curricular Speech Program" (Panel)
3:20 Mr. George Buckingham, Principal of Whitewater Senior High School, Whitewater
Mr. Walter J. Mountin, Principal of Oak Creek Senior High School, Oak Creek
Miss Anne Simley, Professor Emeritus of Hamline University
Dr. Herman H. Brockhaus, Professor of Speech, The University of Wisconsin
3:20- "Conference Members Assess the Extra-curricular Speech Program" (Open forum)
4:00

Participants in the Conference program were selected because of their interest in high school forensics and their knowledge of extra-curricular speech activities. The principal speaker, Dr. Dunham, has been the Director of the Pennsylvania High School Speech League, one of the most active state high school forensic organizations in the country. He is also a member of the Committee on Discussion and Debate of the National University Extension Association.

The second speaker in the morning, Dr. Brockhaus, is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association. He has known the WHSFA and its activities since 1925 when he was the coach of debate and forensics at New London High School. Like Dr. Dunham, he is on the NUEA Committee on Discussion and Debate.

Members of the afternoon panels also have an intimate knowledge of extra-curricular speech activities. Sister M. Charla is the coach of drama and speech at Aquinas High School in La Crosse. Students under her direction have participated in State Drama Contests and State Speech Contests. In this year's drama contest she directed "The Birds" by Aristophanes. Mr. Whalen is the coach of debate and speech at Oconomowoc Senior High School. His students have taken part in state finals in debate and speech. This past year his team was entered in the State Debate Tournament.

Both Dr. Allen and Dr. Grow have a vital interest in high

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school speech as members of the University faculty in the Department of Speech and the School of Education. In their present positions they teach and supervise speech education majors. They are not strangers to extra-curricular speech, having participated in forensic activities as students and, more recently, having directed forensic programs at the college level.

Participants in the second panel in the afternoon are also well acquainted with forensic programs in high schools. Professor Simley has long been associated with the Minnesota High School League, her most recent connection being that of a speech consultant to the organization. Mr. Buckingham has been the Chairman of the WHSFA Whitewater District for the past six years. Mr. Mountin is the Chairman of the Milwaukee District and a former participant in forensics as a student. Both Mr. Buckingham and Mr. Mountin are members of the WHSFA Board of Control.

It is our hope that a large number of Wisconsin high school coaches will find it possible to come to the Speech Conference in Madison on July 6. Everyone who attends will have an opportunity to take an active part in the program because provisions have been made for an open forum after the speakers and panel members have made their presentations. "Conference Members Assess the Extra-curricular Speech Program" is the final feature of the one-day meeting.

STATE SPEECH CONTEST 1966-67

The State Speech Contest this year was the largest in the history of the WHSFA. A total of 714 students from 391 schools came to Madison on April 29 to participate in speech finals. The number of judges required for the contest was 76. The number of rooms on the University campus used during the day was 92.

A complete report of the State Speech Contest, including the names of all the contestants and the schools they represented, will be published in the WHSFA Newsletter for September, 1967.

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RESULTS OF STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT

A total of 19 schools participated in the 1966-67 WHSFA State Debate Tournament held on the Madison campus of the University of Wisconsin on February 24-25, 1967. The names of these schools and their debate coaches were published in the February Newsletter, but the results of the tournament could not be announced because the event was held after the newsletter had gone to press.

Three schools tied for first place in the 1966-67 State Tournament with a record of seven wins and one loss; they are Durand, Stevens Point P. J. Jacobs, and West Bend. The Durand team was coached by Mr. Richard Duesterbeck, the Stevens Point team by Mr. C. T. Draper, and the West Bend team by Mr. Arthur S. McMillion.

The team from Wausau, coached by Mr. Ervin C. Marquardt, placed second with six wins and two losses. Tied for third were Eau Claire Regis and Milwaukee Marquette with a record of five wins and three losses. The Regis team was coached by Sister Jerome; the Marquette team by Mr. James A. Ecks.

Individual gold medals were awarded to the debaters on teams placing first, second, or third. First-place plaques were given to Durand, Stevens Point, and West Bend. A second-place plaque was awarded to Wausau. Framed Certificates of Achievement went to Regis and Marquette.

COURSE FOR DEBATE COACHES

During the first semester of 1967-68 a course of special interest to debate coaches and prospective coaches will be offered at Wisconsin State University in Whitewater. The number and title of the course is: Speech 401-501, Directing Debate. Dr. Edna C. Sorber will be the instructor.

Directing Debate may be taken by either undergraduate or graduate students, has no prerequisites, and carries three credits. Present plans are that the class will meet once a week for 17 weeks, starting the week of September 11, 1967. Each class session will be 150 minutes in length.

Designed for persons concerned with directing high school debate programs, the course will include instruction in the following areas: the philosophy of debate, techniques of debate, recruiting debaters, setting up programs, financing them and evaluating them.

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DEBATE PROPOSITION FOR 1967-68

The official WHSFA debate proposition for next year, 1967-68, is:

RESOLVED: THAT CONGRESS SHOULD ESTABLISH UNIFORM REGULATIONS TO CONTROL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES.

Complying with the decision made by the Board of Control at its May meeting last year, "that beginning in 1966-67 the debate proposition for the ensuing year be selected in the spring," the state office conducted a preferential referendum last month. Postcard ballots and an explanatory memorandum were sent to all 137 member schools in the WHSFA which participated in debate in 1966-67. A total of 90 ballots were returned by the May 1 deadline. Six of these ballots had to be declared invalid because all three propositions had not been ranked.

A tabulation of the 84 valid ballots is shown below:

Propositions	Rankings on Ballots		
	1st	2nd	3rd
No. 1 (Surveillance devices)	14	31	39
No. 2 (Uniform regulations)	55	17	12
No. 3 (Regulation of firearms)	15	36	33

Using the same method of tabulation employed in the national referendum to determine the problem area, a 1st choice ranking was given the value of one point; a 2nd choice ranking, two points; and a 3rd choice ranking, three points. The proposition receiving the lowest total number of points was declared the "winner." Proposition No. 1 received a total of 193 points; No. 2 received 125 points; No. 3 received 186 points. Therefore, No. 2 was the proposition selected by the WHSFA coaches as the one to be debated in Wisconsin in 1967-68.

Of the states in our geographical area, Minnesota and South Dakota have also chosen their debate proposition for next year. These two states also selected No. 2.

SUGGESTED PROBLEM AREAS FOR 1968-69

Early in April the state office mailed a memorandum to all schools participating in debate in 1966-67, requesting suggestions for the 1968-69 national problem area. Of the 137 schools which received the request, 24 responded.

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The suggestions sent to the state office were tabulated, and the five mentioned most frequently were forwarded to the National Office of the Committee on Discussion and Debate as recommendations from Wisconsin. These were, in order of preference:

1. The draft (possible changes in the present selective act)
2. Pollution control (conservation of air and water resources)
3. U. S. foreign policy (particular emphasis on Viet Nam and Red China)
4. Our traffic death toll (accidents on the nation's highways)
5. Alleviation of poverty (the present anti-poverty programs)

Obtaining problem area suggestions from high school debate coaches and submitting them to the National Office is the first step in the process of selecting the national problem area for the ensuing year. For an explanation of all the steps, see the article "Selecting Problem Areas for Debate" on page 13 of the WHSFA Newsletter for February, 1967.

PUBLIC ADDRESS AREA FOR 1967-68

The WHSFA Newsletter for February, 1967 contained a letter from Governor Warren P. Knowles commending the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association for its "efforts in calling the traffic safety issues to public attention" through the 1966-67 Public Address contest. In the same newsletter the state office invited forensic coaches to send in suggestions for the 1967-68 Public Address problem area.

Three coaches accepted the invitation and recommended general areas and topics for next year. Suggestions were received from Miss Pat Ladwig of Brookfield East High School, Mr. C. L. Krohn of Crandon High School, and Mr. James La Belle of Butte des Morts Junior High School in Menasha.

The subjects proposed by these coaches were presented to the Board of Control at its May meeting. The Board, in turn, authorized the Secretary-Treasurer to select the Public Address problem area for 1967-68 and determine the wording of the general area and the topics for the different contest levels.

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After a careful consideration of the areas which had been suggested, and an inquiry about the availability of materials, a choice was made. Protection for the Consumer will be the subject for the Public Address contest next year. It is the subject proposed by Mr. La Belle.

The precise wording of the general area question and the topics for the sub-district, district, and state contests will be published in the WHSFA Newsletter for September, 1967.

INSTITUTES AND INDEPENDENT TOURNAMENTS

While the WHSFA provides educational experiences for literally thousands of high school students in Wisconsin each year, there are other extra-curricular speech programs which offer valuable instruction and training for students. These are institutes sponsored by colleges and universities in the state and tournaments other than those under the auspices of the Association.

This fall the state office will again publish in the September WHSFA Newsletter a calendar of institutes, debate tournaments, and speech tournaments to be held in Wisconsin in 1967-68.

Colleges and universities which expect to sponsor institutes next year are asked to send the following information to the WHSFA state office as soon as possible: (1) the date of the institute, (2) the area or areas of instruction, example; "debate," (3) the name and title of the staff member in charge of the institute; example, "Dr. John Doe."

All schools which plan to host a debate or speech tournament next year are asked to inform the state office before the close of the current school year: (1) the date of the tournament, (2) the activity, "debate" or "speech," (3) the level of competition, (4) in debate, the nature of the competition; example, "cross examination," (5) the name of the host school or schools, (6) the name of the person or persons in charge of the tournament.

In identifying the level of competition, "A," "B," and "C" are convenient labels, "A" indicates competition for experienced debaters, "B" for intermediate debaters, and "C" for beginning debaters.

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The Wisconsin Debate Coaches Association has already provided the WHSFA state office with the following tentative schedule of debate tournaments for 1967-68:

October 21	Ripon	December 9	Homestead
October 28	Pius XI		Kaukauna
	Nathan Hale	December 16	St. Catherine's
	Whitewater		Shorewood and
November 4	Carthage College		Dominican
	Nicolet		Oconomowoc
November 11	West Bend	January 6	Greendale
	Oak Creek		Eau Claire
			Monona Grove
November 18	St. John's Mili.	January 13	Brookfield East
	Delafield		and Central
	Madison Memorial		Neenah
	Sheboygan North	January 20	Marquette
	and South		Janesville
December 2	Campion		La Crosse
	Germantown		
	Greenfield		
