

Students See Values in Symposium

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What's it like to travel 1,700 miles in five days, speak a dozen times, and get up at least once before 6 a.m. and drive 200 miles before breakfast? That's what some University Symposium speakers face every spring vacation. "The driving gets kind of boring," one veteran of the Eastern Oregon tour avowed.

A member of the coastal team jokingly complained, "I told them I wanted to see the Coast, and now I've seen it and I want to go home."

Despite the complaints, the speakers feel the Symposium program is worthwhile.

One speaker offered this reason for his participation. "The topics are of deep interest to me; if it were not so, I probably wouldn't consider it worth my while. I wanted to present my views on Viet Nam and see what others thought about them." (Viet Nam and law enforcement were this year's Symposium topics.)

Audiences Helpful

Other reasons offered were to gain experience and to improve speaking ability. The variety of audiences ranging from both adults in civic clubs to students in high schools in both the rural and urban areas is helpful in these ends.

One speaker commented: "It's an excellent way to get the feel of the opinions held by people statewide."

The Symposium pits each speaker against the others; this allows him to compare his ability and presentation with others. The competition and practice, along with the coaching of instructors who travel with the teams are important factors in the speaker's improvement. "By the end of the trip," says Symposium Director

W. Scott Nobles, "you wouldn't recognize them as the same group, their speeches are so much improved."

Improves Image

But speaking experience and improvement are not the only goals. "I don't care if only two or three people really listen closely—that's enough. I think it improves the image of the University that we care enough about topics such as Viet Nam and enough about their community to come to speak to them."

Some students looked on the program as balancing press reports on "vocal minorities." "I think that it's important they see not all students fit into the stereotype of 'radical.'"

Value Questioned

In spite of these expressions that the Symposium is of value, there has been recent discussion whether the public relations value is great enough to justify the \$1,500 per year spent in student activity fees on the program. This amount is just for expenses such as travel. Instructional costs are borne by the Speech Department.

Student Union Director "Si" Ellingson, however, says in terms of continuous and prospective results, "It's probably the most valuable thing we do."

The reaction Symposium teams met throughout the state is generally favorable. Most civic clubs are looking for a good program with lively discussion. "And it's

a chance to air their views and compare them to outsiders," one speaker said.

In some of the smaller communities, the Symposium may be one of few outside programs.

Tables Turned

The Astoria Kiwanis president called the Symposium "one of the best programs of the year for us." We started out with the objective of giving them a chance to practice speaking to a business audience. Now we find that we are the ones who get more out of it."

Court, Committee Positions Open

Any students interested in positions on the Student Conduct Committee or Student Court should contact the ASUO office on the third floor of the Student Union this week. Interviews will be conducted later this week.

Symposium speakers feel one of their tasks is to help clarify differing positions on the issues and then to provide ammunition for the listeners to argue their own case.

At other times, especially in smaller communities, the main job of the speakers is simply to present information. "Some people don't even see some of the problems hiding in these issues," said a speaker.

Speakers back from the spring tours said they were impressed by the questions from high school audiences.

Called 'Communist'

The reactions are not always favorable. After one speaker took a strong pro-civil rights stand several years ago, a lady got up, called him a "Communist," then walked out.

Because of such incidents and the invaluable experience that comes with speaking to live audiences, many feel the University Symposium program may not only be drawing the best student speakers in the University, it may

be producing them.

The speech department, taking note of this, offers two hours credit per term to participating students.

There's still room for other students to join for the rest of spring term, with more than 40 appearances scheduled.

PL-3 Program

TUESDAY

6:30—HUNTLEY-BRINKLEY REPORT
7:00—THE SCHOOL STORY: "How Good are Our Schools?" (Repeat)
7:30—THE GLORY TRAIL: Battles between white settlers and the Plains Indians are recalled.
8:00—PERFORMING ARTS: "More Than One Thing In Common." Ballads, blues, breakdowns and other folk-type music.
8:40—THE PARKING FILM: A whimsical look at a common campus problem.
9:00—UO COLLEGE BOWL: Phi Delta Theta, University House vs. Sigma Nu, Robbins.
9:30—INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL PREVIEW: An advanced look at some of the talent that will be seen in next week's 3rd Annual International Festival.
10:00—UO COLLEGE BOWL: Chi Psi, Sweetser vs. Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi.
10:30—PL-3 NEWS FINAL

College Bowl Sets 2nd Round

UO College Bowl will begin competition for spring term at 9 p.m. today on PL-3 with a second round match.

First round winners Phi Delta and University House will meet Sigma Nu and Robbins Hall at 9 p.m. and Chi Psi and Sweetser Hall will match wits with Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Omicron Pi at 10 p.m.

The other first round winners are listed below with their scheduled date for their second round match. Alpha Xi Delta, Ganoie vs. Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Kappa, April 12; Sigma Chi, Chi Omega vs. Boynton, Delta Zeta, April 19; Chi Phi, Thornton vs. Parsons, Philadelphia House, April 19; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Gamma Phi Beta vs. Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, April 26.

Phi Kappa Psi and Kappa Alpha Theta receive a bye into the 3rd round.

The final match of the year will be May 24, when the \$400 scholarship and trophies will be awarded.

College Bowl features a live studio audience and the public is invited to see the competition live in the studio located on the 3rd floor of Villard Hall. The doors open at 8:30.

Blood Bank

The Lane Memorial Blood Bank needs the following types of blood for its special account which serves the faculty, students and staff of the University.

Donor hours are 1:30 to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and by appointment from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday. The Blood Bank is located at 790 E. 11th Ave., next to the Mayflower Theatre. Phone 345-0336 for further information.

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Campus Briefs

Announcements for Campus Briefs must be turned in by 3:30 p.m. the day before publication. Because of space limitations, no announcements will be run more than twice.

There will be a compulsory Oregon staff meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Oregon office, Student Union.

Coed Gymnastics will meet at 7 p.m.-9 p.m. today in the Apparatus Room in the Men's PE Building. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a staff meeting for all KWAX staff and other interested persons at 7 p.m. today in the KWAX control room, 3rd floor, Villard. For more information call ext. 2418.

Ski Quacks sign up for overnight surfer trip to Bend at 7:30 tonight in the Student Union. Bring \$4.00 transportation and accommodation fee. Future beach trips and new officers will be discussed. Pins will be handed out.

A general informational meeting for all prospective dormitory counselors for next school year will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Gold Room, Carson Hall. All interested students should plan to attend one of the meetings.

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