

Forensics team sends 10 members to Seattle tournament

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The University forensics team is sending 10 members to the Seattle Pacific University Individual Events Tournament this weekend to compete with other Northwest schools.

The SPU tournament follows a successful weekend at the Western Washington Warm-Up Tournament, where two University debate teams competed with 16 others from 10

Northwestern schools. The team of Alec Boyd and Peter Messer placed first overall with a record of 5-1. Team captain Greg Oakes and his partner Carolyn Nestor placed sixth overall with a record of 4-2, according to Forensics Director of Debate Kevin Boyer.

In addition, out of 36 speakers at the tournament, Boyd took First Speaker honors and Messer took Fourth Speaker.

The forensics team has about 50 members, Boyer said. He

figured 20-25 of those people compete in debate, while 25-30 work on individual events such as extemporaneous speaking, persuasive speaking, rhetorical criticism, informative speaking and interpretive speaking.

While its still early in the season, Boyer and Novice Events Director Mike Uda are hoping the team can receive a national ranking to send individual teams and members to the National Debate Tournament in April at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"At this point, we're probably co-favored to win the Northwest Championship," Boyer

said. The main competition from the region will come from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. and Carroll College in Helena, Mont., he added.

These two small private schools sometimes have an advantage over bigger schools because they are better funded, Boyer said. The University team receives about 60 percent of its funding from student fees through the Incidental Fee Committee. An additional 15 percent comes from the University speech department and the remaining 25 percent comes from money raised from the

high school debate tournament in February, Boyer said.

Going to as many national tournaments as possible is vital to the team's growth, Boyer said. Uda concurred.

The forensics team is also trying to increase its visibility on campus. On Oct. 13 at the Pocket Theatre the team is sponsoring the Interp Festival 1987. The show, which runs from 7-9 p.m., features oral interpretative pieces from past members, some of whom are national champions, Boyer said. The festival combines 'oral interp' and theater, he said, and all are invited to attend.

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And speaking of whistles, the blowing of that modern-day common sight, the steam-whistle, is illegal too, under the same ordinance.

But thanks to the Eugene Code, taxicab drivers cannot use profane or obscene language or smoke while the taxicab is occupied by that rare creature, a passenger. Ordinance 3.365 also instructs that "no intoxicated person may operate a taxicab." Sure

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sounds reassuring, especially if the gang of drivers that hang outside the bus station are any indication.

For those who prefer animals to taxis, a few ordinances remain. Ordinance 4.340 reads: "No person who is the owner or keeper of a horse shall park it or tether it on a public way." Might get in the way of something else, you know.

It's also illegal to sell, raffle, offer or give away any dyed or artificially colored baby chick,

duckling, gosling or rabbit. This law may be the only one that makes sense: Someone has got to stop the zealous Christians from getting out of hand on Easter Sunday. (Ordinance 4.350, not John 3:16)

Ordinance 4.365 alerts all who can read or hear that "no person shall own a barking dog." To which the only proper response is the following: Show me a dog that doesn't bark, and I'll show you an ordinance that shouldn't be repealed.

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