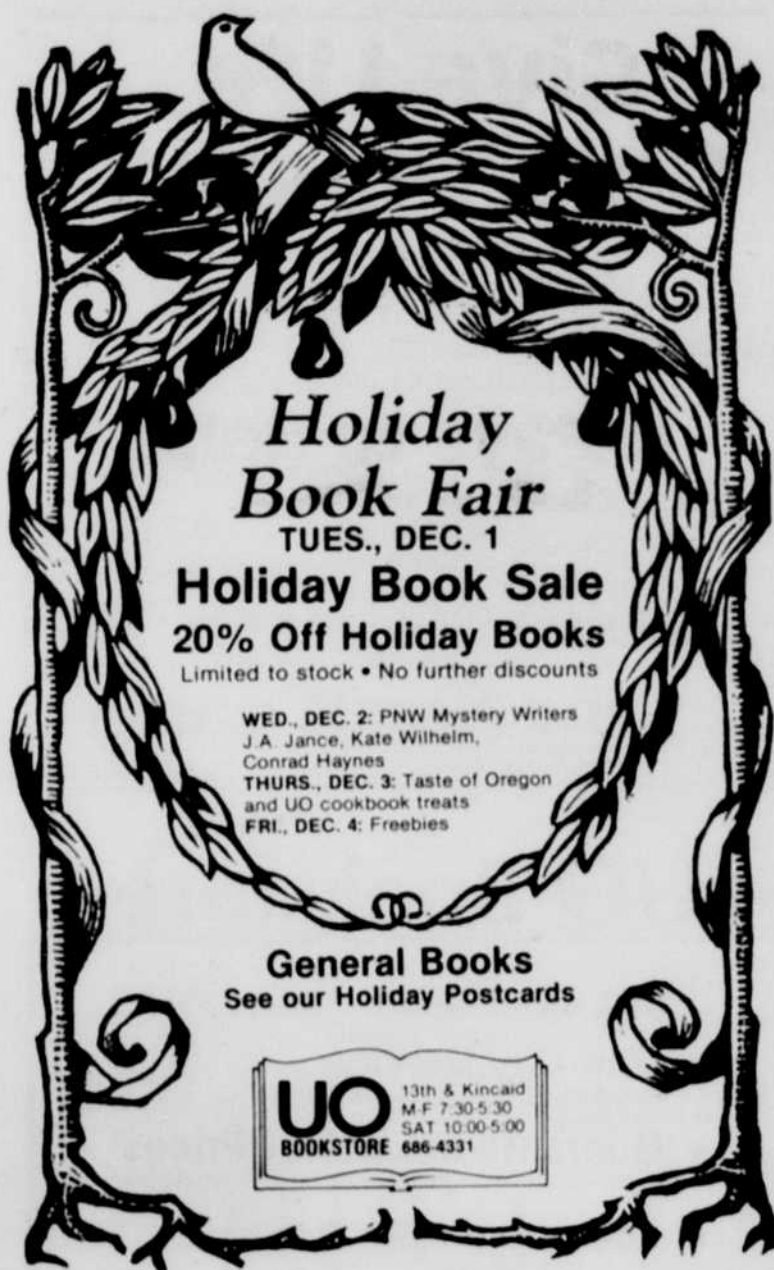




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Debate team gets set for tournament

By Kelvin Wee
Emerald Reporter

Ranked first in the Northwest and 11th in the nation, the University debate team is one of nine top teams in the nation invited to participate in the 6th Annual Weber State College National Round Robin in Ogden, Utah, on Jan. 20 and 21.

According to the team director Kevin Boyer, the team was ranked seventh in the nation two weeks prior to the last ratings, and fell because they didn't participate in any tournaments during that two week period.

Boyer, a Graduate Teaching Fellow in the department of Speech, said the ranking is the best ever achieved by the University debate team. The team was ranked ninth in the nation two years ago.

The work involved in achieving such heights includes spending countless hours researching arguments, Boyer said. An average debater at the senior level spends about 10 to 15 hours each week researching and compiling their arguments prior to each tournament, he added.

Although novice debaters are not required to spend as many hours as senior debaters, Boyer said they are encouraged to spend an average of 3 to 4 hours researching, and extra time on weekends attending practice sessions to improve their skills. Membership on the debate

team is open to anyone who is interested in improving their speech skills, Boyer said. However, involvement with the team coupled with keeping up in school often leaves debaters little time for other activities.

"We emphasize a lot on school work, and don't let people compete unless they keep up with school work," Boyer said. "We don't have a required GPA (grade point average) per say, but we do have a loose guideline where a student needs to maintain a 2.5 to 3.0."

He explained although other schools have strict GPA guidelines, the University team will not discriminate against those who want to improve their skills in speech.

The team is funded by three different sources, the biggest source being the Incidental Fee Committee. The team also receives funds from the speech department and from the high-school tournament it hosts each year, Boyer said.

He added that most of the funding does not cover their travel or lodging expenses, and debaters often must stay with friends to save money.

The team participates in two

different styles of debate. There are two member teams and individual event teams, also known as the Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Several divisions are open to debaters, Boyer explained.

Rosie Mays is director of the individual-events team. Mays, also a GTF in the speech department, said the team consists of students with different majors.

Mays said there are individual-event competitors who are good enough to qualify for national tournaments this year. She added that members must be placed high enough in three different senior individual-event tournaments in order to qualify for a place in the nationals.

Forensics Team President Greg Oaks joined the team three years ago when he was a freshman. Oaks said he joined the team because he wanted to be involved in an activity while in college and had debated while attending high school.

Membership on the debate team is open to anyone interested in improving their speech skills, and those interested should contact Kevin Boyer at 216 Villard Hall.

Emerald writer awarded

University student Michael Drummond won 19th place in the General News Writing Competition of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's 28th-annual Journalism Awards Program.

Drummond, who is the Emerald's associate editor of University Higher Education/Administration, received certificate of merit for his Sept. 28 story on the culmination of the Oregon Public Employees Union's fall strike and how it affected the University's operation. Drummond, a senior pre-journalism major, also was awarded eighth place in the 1986 Hearst editorial writing

category.

"I am obviously pleased with the selection, and given the high-quality of applicants, I feel I fared fairly well," he said.

The Journalism Awards Program is open to journalism majors from universities accredited by the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication. In the first competition of the academic year, 123 students entered from 67 schools in the first competition of the academic year.

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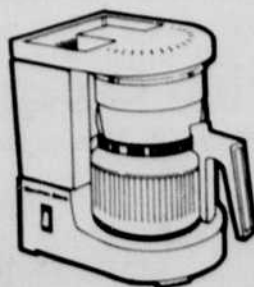
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