

Forensics team wins after shaky start

By Tammy Batey
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University sophomore Marcie Eversole said she thought she was going to pass out in the second round of her debate at last weekend's Lewis and Clark Invitational.

Eversole was supposed to stand up and refute the other team's argument at the regional speech competition. Instead, the pressure got to her.

"She wasn't talking," said junior Geneva McNeale, Eversole's debate partner. "I don't even think she was breathing. I wanted to say, 'Are you OK? Inhale, inhale.'"

The pressure on Eversole and McNeale was great. The University Forensics Program had won three years in a row in the novice division at the tournament. But Eversole and McNeale were able to take the heat. They walked away with the first-place award for the fourth year.

This weekend was a memorable one for the program. The senior division team also won first place at the Lewis and Clark Invitational, and the program captured the first-place award for the tournament.

The speech tournament was this weekend at Lewis and Clark Community College in Portland. The same weekend, two senior division University forensic team members won fifth place at the Aztec Invitational in San Diego.

University junior Shawn MacDonald said other schools participating at the Aztec Invitational "call us the top Oregon team."

"It's very political," MacDonald said. "It's just like a sports team."

When you're successful in the past, they expect you to be successful in the future."

Forensic team members said they spend hundreds of hours in the library preparing their arguments for tournaments. Besides studying their topics, they also get to know their debate partners.

"We've known each other a full two weeks and already she reminds me of my mother," Eversole said of McNeale.

Junior Lewil Shedd, who is MacDonald's debate partner, said he's learned his teammate's strengths and weaknesses.

"You learn too much," he said.

Junior John Paul Voilleque, who was on the senior division team at the Lewis and Clark Invitational, said it's important that debate partners are on the same level.

"Both people have to be saying the same thing," he said. "You have to learn to think in the same way."

Eight forensics program members graduated last year, said David Frank, University forensics program director. None of the 13 returning members from last year are seniors, so their experience on the team is limited, he said.

Frank said the team's win at the Lewis and Clark Invitational was a pleasant surprise.

"It was beyond all of my expectations," he said. "Last year, we were deep in our experience. This year we thought was a rebuilding year."

All of the 24 school teams competing at the Lewis and Clark Invitational and the 52 teams at the Aztec Invitational are part of the Cross Examination Debate Association, Frank said. This year, CEDA chose welfare as the debate topic at all of its tournaments.

Residency hearing to be in EMU

By Sarah Clark
Emerald Reporter

A public hearing on the state Board of Higher Education's proposed residency requirements will be today at 10 a.m. in EMU Cedar Room C.

The proposed requirements would affect all first-year, out-of-state students who want to apply for residency after July 1, 1993.

The rules would deny residency for out-of-state students who are in Oregon "primarily for educational purposes," according to a draft of the proposal.

Students enrolled in more than seven credit hours per quarter "shall be presumed to be in Oregon for primarily educational purposes," according to the proposal.

Hearing Officer Rose Fong will record comments and collect written testimony offered at the hearing. She will not be able to answer any questions nor offer any advice to students, she said. No OSBHE members are scheduled to attend, she said.

Fong will forward the testimony to the Chancellor's Office, where administrators will summarize it for the OSBHE.

The OSBHE will consider the proposal when it meets Friday, Oct. 23 at 10:15 a.m. at Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande.

A group of law students has prepared testimony to offer at today's hearing, said Darrel Jarvis, a first-year law student from California.

Among the group's concerns is that the proposal would make the law retroactive. The group is asking the OSBHE for a grandfather clause, which would keep the board from changing current rules for first-year students.

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Rep. Peter DeFazio of Springfield; Cynthia Wooten, Eugene candidate for Dist. 41 and Rep. Bill Dwyer, candidate for Senate Dist. 21, opened the event, but it was clear the crowd was there for Jackson.

Students gave him a standing-ovation when he appeared on the stage and often interrupted his speech with applause.

An estimated 6,000 people, mostly students, turned out on the warm, sunny day — less than half the number of students who flocked to see Jackson four years ago.

In the spring of 1988, about 15,000 people gathered in McArthur Court and stood in the rain for more than one hour to hear him speak. An estimated 5,000 people had to be turned away.

On campus Monday, Jackson led the crowd in repeated chants of "Rebuild America," "Keep hope alive," and "Heal America."

Compassion, and not hate, should shape our attitudes about others during these difficult economic times, Jackson said. Unemployed workers, he



A crowd of nearly 6,000 people was on hand Monday afternoon to hear Jackson's message.

said, should get angry at companies that eliminate jobs and not the workers who benefit from the jobs.

"Let's live together," he said.

"Lest we forget the Mexicans, Taiwanese, South Koreans, did not take these jobs from us," he said. "Don't hate them. American corporations got the tax breaks to close the plant here."

The Republican Party policies are to blame for the job losses, Jackson said.

"Profits for the few, unemployment for the masses," he said in his authoritative, boom-

ing voice. "Then they look down on us and preach family values."

"In America, a job is a family value," Jackson said to a roaring crowd. "(There are) 40 million Americans in poverty," he said, adding that most are poor, young, white females, not young, black men.

Moreover, he said, most poor people work everyday doing tiring jobs and are not lazy.

They work in fast-food restaurants flipping hamburgers, Jackson said. They raise their children, he said, and they

work in hospitals and do the dirty work for others.

"Yet when they get sick because we do not have a national health care, they cannot afford to lie in the bed they make every day," he said.

Jackson didn't directly answer questions of why the Democratic presidential ticket of Bill Clinton and Al Gore is avoiding issues of race, but said he thinks the candidates are choosing to focus on the economy, which also affects everyone.

But Leslie Warren, director of the Black Student Union, who spoke at the rally, said she believes Clinton and Gore are doing a good job of reaching out to black voters.

If Clinton took Jackson around with him on his campaign, Warren said, it would possibly be only for an appearance.

"I think it would be to use Jackson as window-dressing," she said.

After calling for togetherness and political change for about an hour, Jackson gave his thumbs-up sign, said "love you" and left for Corvallis to continue his tour.

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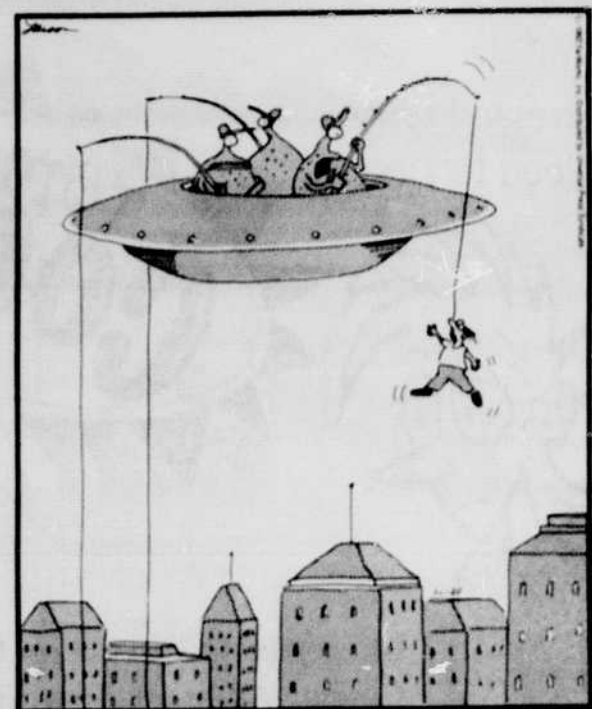


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