

Three teens dig up corpse, cut off head to satisfy curiosity

OGDENSBURG, N.Y. (AP) — Three teen-agers are accused of digging up a body in a graveyard, then cutting off the head and carrying it around in a plastic bag.

"When I found out, it just made my stomach turn," said Vera Nichols, owner of Nichols Funeral Home in Ogdensburg. "This goes beyond just devilment. It's a lot different from last Halloween, when kids tipped out-houses and such things. These are bad boys."

According to statements from two of the teen-agers that were obtained by Watertown

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Daily Times, the three went to Potter's Field, a graveyard for the poor, to shoot and bury a dog belonging to a brother of one of the youths.

After killing the dog early last Tuesday, they began to dig a hole to bury it — but decided to dig up a casket instead.

"I was kind of curious about what people look like when they die, so I dug two more holes down to the body," one of the boys said.

State police arrested the boys after answering an anonymous complaint of gunfire.

Oregon debaters place at tournament

■ TEAM: Six sweep top four places in the novice division at the debate

By Joel Slaughter
Freelance Reporter

Six University debaters placed in the top seven of their respective divisions at the University's Invitational Debate Tournament, which concluded Sunday.

Although the University did not take part in the team competition (due to playing host), the debaters shined individually, Director Rick Peacor said.

"Since we were involved in the organization of the event, it would not have been as fair if we had competed," Peacor said. "But all of our team members did very well."

Highlighting the University's efforts was a top four sweep in the novice division. Ashlee Munson and Keith Waldo tied for first, Jeff Smith was third and Chris Kantrowitz finished fourth.

Also for the University team, in the open division, Kevin Kerwien placed fifth and Heather Gough was seventh.

Western Washington defeated Gonzaga for the team crown at the tournament, which featured 43 squads from 14 schools in Oregon, Washington, California and Utah. Debates were held on the University campus, primarily in the EMU, beginning Friday and continued through the weekend.

Every year a new topic is debated, Peacor explained. This year, the topic was "Resolved: That the U.S. should substantially change

its foreign policy toward Mexico." Teams were then assigned a side of the issue to defend.

At first, teams met each other at random, Peacor said. Eventually squads were paired up based on their records up until that point.

"Through that process, we weeded out the top 16 teams," he said. "From there it was single elimination through the finals."

Peacor noted that the University tourney was merely a brief stop on most teams' tours.

On Friday, two University senior division debate teams will begin another three-day tourney in Sacramento. Then, on Nov. 10, they will travel to Linfield College in McMinnville for their final tourney of the term.

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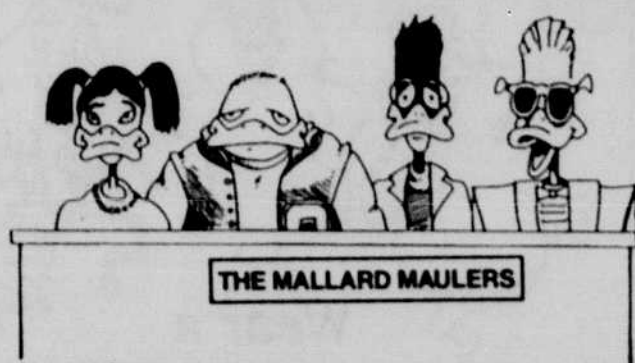
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