DEBATE

AT

WAKE FOREST

1968 - 69

It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.

Joubert
PREFACE

The statistics tell only part of the Wake Forest Debate Union story for 1968-69. A quiz game on a lonely West Virginia road in the middle of the night; a heated argument in the confines of the Seminar Room over the "President's autonomy over the CIA," the excitement of winning; the disappointment of defeat; the chaos of those hectic moments before the results are distributed at one of our tournaments; the pleasure of a delicious meal at Mario's; the delight of finding just the right evidence; the joy of an attractive timekeeper; and the displeasure of the long trip home: these are only a few of the feelings we have experienced.

Allow me to thank the many people who have helped make this an enjoyable and educationally profitable year. To Woodrow, Wake Forest's first Assistant Debate Coach, thank you for being a responsible, hard working leader. To Dr. Shirley I owe a debt of gratitude; for no department head could be any more helpful to a debate program. I appreciate the trips he took as well as the other assignments he carried out, all beyond the call of duty. To Becky and Mrs. Bagby, I can only say, "How would we have possibly gotten all that we needed to get done without you?" Finally, to the debaters, I think anyone who has ever had anything to do with debate knows that its success or failure rests with the students. The success of this year's debate program must be primarily attributed to the debaters themselves. To all of you who have helped in every conceivable way (yes, including "Pick up the Seminar Room") many thanks.

With a new Seminar Room, three capable graduate debate assistants, some promising prospects, and a new debate topic we have much to look forward to. Opposing schools beware. Here comes Wake Forest.

Merwyn A. Hayes
WAKE FOREST DEBATE UNION

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1968-69 Debate Topic

Resolved: That executive control of United States Foreign Policy should be significantly curtailed.
THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE WAKE FOREST DEBATE PROGRAM

The Wake Forest Debate Program serves superior students from all areas of the University. Although the humanities and social sciences are most prominently represented, students from every field within the University are invited to participate.

The prevailing popular opinion concerning the function of a college debate program is that it teaches students how to speak well. This is, indeed, a vital function of the program. However, the unique value of debate activity lies in its capability of imparting, as no other curricular or extra-curricular activities can, a mastery of the skills of critical thinking, comprehensive research, and logical analysis. In many ways the debate program is a very special honors program.

JUST WHAT IS DEBATE AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY?

To the student, it's a

- topic of current interest...
- year of concentrated research...
- introduction to formal argument...
- chance to travel...
- meeting place with other students...
- learning experience...
- speech training...
- disciplined, demanding, delightful adventure...

To the Department of Speech it's a

- showcase of discipline...
- source of students for speech courses...
- practical application of theory and principles...
- connection with public schools...
- link with colleges throughout the nation...

To the University, it's a

- demonstration of its academic excellence...
- opportunity to excel in competition of the intellect...
- outlet for student energies...
- inducement for bright students...
- extension of the entire academic atmosphere...

JUST WHERE IS DEBATE GOING AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY?

To more tournaments...
To more students...
To more of the public...
To better competition...
To wider horizons...
RESULTS

During the 1968-69 debate season Wake Forest debaters traveled some 30,000 miles to debate in 33 tournaments. Wake Forest was represented in 378 debates, winning 209 and losing 169. We can be especially proud of the record considering the youthful nature of the squad. In all, 37 awards were won. Following is a breakdown of the tournaments attended, awards won, and schools debated.

TOURNAMENTS ATTENDED

1. University of Kentucky (Thoroughbred Invitational)
2. University of North Carolina (Tar Heel Invitational)
3. Auburn University
4. University of Detroit
5. Wake Forest University (Novice)
6. Emory University (Peachtree Invitational)
7. Appalachian State University
8. University of South Carolina
9. Brown University
10. University of Florida (Gator Junior)
11. University of Alabama (DSR-TKA Regional Debate Tournament)
12. Wake Forest University (Dixie Classic Invitational)
13. Johns Hopkins University
14. Georgetown University
15. University of Pittsburgh
16. Southwest Missouri State University
17. University of Georgia
18. Vanderbilt University
19. Illinois State University
20. Wingate College
21. Tulane University (Mardi Gras)
22. William & Mary College
23. Northwestern University (Owen Coon Invitational)
24. University of Richmond
25. Bowling Green University (Honor Society Special)
26. Dartmouth College
27. United States Naval Academy
28. King's College
29. Wayne State University (Novice)
30. University of Florida (Gator Invitational)
31. University of Georgia (National Tournament, Regionals)
32. American University
33. Northwestern University (Chicago National Novice Debate Tournament)
AWARDS WON

Team Awards

Appalachian State University
2nd place affirmative
Steve Rainey
Doug Osborne

3rd place school
Steve Rainey
Doug Osborne
Steve Harvey
Janet Little

University of South Carolina
1st place school
Rusty Stout
Roger McManus
John Cooper
Keith Vaughan

2nd place negative
Keith Vaughan
Roger McManus

University of Florida
3rd place 4-man
Rusty Stout
Jean Holmes
Keith Vaughan
John Cooper

5th place 4-man
Doug Osborne
Steve Rainey
Anne Wood
Janet Little

1st place affirmative
Rusty Stout
Jean Holmes

4th place negative
Keith Vaughan
John Cooper

5th place negative
Janet Little
Anne Wood

University of Georgia
1st place team - tie
Hu Odom
Victor Bowman

with
Anne Wood
Steve Rainey

Wingate College
2nd place team
Rusty Stout
Larry Penley
Steve Harvey
Steve Rainey

University of Richmond
2nd place team
Janet Little
Anne Wood

4th place team
Steve Rainey
Roger McManus

Wayne State University
1st place team
Hu Odom
John Cooper

Northwestern University
Quarterfinalist
Hu Odom
John Cooper
AWARDS WON

Speaker, Awards

Auburn University
Victor Bowman - 10th

University of South Carolina
Keith Vaughan - 3rd
Rusty Stout - 7th

University of Florida
Rusty Stout - 3rd
John Cooper - 5th
Jean Holmes - 9th

outstanding speakers
Janet Little
Anne Wood
Keith Vaughan

University of Pittsburgh
John Cooper - 4th

University of Georgia
Hu Odom - 1st
Victor Bowman - 3rd
Anne Wood - 7th

Wingate College
Rusty Stout - 2nd
Larry Penley - 3rd
Steve Rainey - 5th
Steve Harvey - 5th

Bowling Green University
Hu Odom - 3rd

King's College
Rusty Stout - 5th

Wayne State University
Hu Odom - 1st
John Cooper - 2nd

Northwestern University
Hu Odom - 8th
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SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH INSTITUTE

The 1968 Wake Forest Summer High School Speech Institute, the largest ever, was held on campus June 16 - July 13. 124 students, 100 of them debaters, from thirty-three states participated in the four week work session. Wake Forest debaters served in various administrative capacities in the Institute. To quote one of the Wake Forest debaters at the conclusion of the Institute, who served as a counselor, "I'm going to sleep for a solid week."

DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA

Existing "to promote interest in, and to reward substantial recognition for, excellence in forensics and original speaking; and to foster a respect for, and an appreciation of, freedom of speech as a vital element of democracy," Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha is the highest honor attainable by a collegiate debater or participant in individual events such as Extemporaneous Speaking, Interpretive Reading, and Persuasive Speaking.

The Wake Forest chapter is active in encouraging excellence in speaking and debating. As part of its function, it hosts the High School Invitational Debate Tournament as an illustration of its interest in forensics on all levels.

As a member of the Association of College Honoraries, DSR-TKA selects new members twice a year. Wayne Tolbert, Duke Wilson, Laura Abernathy, Phyllis McMurry Tate, and Woodrow Leake, Jr. were initiated during the year and are active in the function of the organization.

REBUTTAL 1969

Beginning in February some twenty Wake Forest debaters took on a new role as high school debate coaches. With the cooperation of the Forsyth County schools, WSJS, and the Radio-TV Council of Winston-Salem, the debaters helped initiate a new Forsyth County High School Debate Tournament called Rebuttal 1969. Of the eight schools participating, two or three Wake Forest debaters worked actively with each of the schools' students and sponsors. In the first round of competition, Anderson, Parkland, Reynolds, and Bishop McGuinness emerged the victors. In the semi-finals Reynolds and Anderson were the winners and the two were to meet in a 7:00 PM, March 4th debate before the TV cameras of WSJS Broadcast House. Mrs. Mary Kerr was the coordinator of the tournament and she along with the debaters and others involved are to be congratulated for a job well done. From the caliber of debate in all the rounds we must conclude that not only does Wake Forest have some good debaters but these people are good coaches as well.
...When I try to single out from the long line of students one group which will stand forth as intellectually the best--best in college work and best in promise of future intellectual achievement...Much as I should like to do so, I cannot draw the line around my own favorite students of philosophy, nor the leaders in mathematics, nor those successful in biology; nor could I fairly award the palm to the Phi Beta Kappa men who have excelled in their subjects. It seems to me that stronger than any other group, tougher of intellectual fiber, keener in intellectual interest, better equipped to battle with coming problems, are the college debaters - the boys, who apart from their regular studies, band themselves together for intellectual controversy with each other and with their friends of other colleges...

...Alexander Meiklejohn
Professor of Philosophy Emeritus
University of Chicago