

33rd NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

"The Sun shines bright . . ."



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THE NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

The National Debate Tournament began at the United States Military Academy in 1947. The NDT was organized and run by West Point for its first twenty years. In the early years of the tournament, the rules were determined by West Point administration in consultation with such debate coaches as A. Craig Baird of Iowa, G. M. Musgrave of Des Moines, Alan Nichols of Southern California, E. R. Nichols of Redlands, and Joseph O'Brien of Pennsylvania State. At the first tournament in 1947, twenty-nine colleges participated in five "seeding" rounds and four elimination rounds over a three day period. Some of the primary features of the tournament were that no school in the seeding rounds would meet a school within five hundred miles of it and no coach would judge a school from his own district. Many traditions were started at West Point that year, some of which have remained to today: the "big board," announcement of round pairings, cadet escorts, the gathering of teams meeting each other under the school banner of the affirmative team, and team signs in the rooms.

In 1967, the National Debate Tournament entered a new era as the American Forensic Association assumed responsibility for the Tournament. With this new leadership, the NDT moved from West Point and has been hosted by a different school each year since. The direct control of the tournament became the responsibility of a national committee elected by those schools supporting the tournament. Over the years, the tournament has expanded to sixty-two teams with various procedures used for their selection.

In the early days of the tournament, teams were selected by the district nominating committees. This later was replaced by some form of qualifying tournament in most districts. In recent years certain large tournaments were designated as national qualifiers but today we rely on a combination of district tournaments and at-large bids. As debate has developed in the last ten years, other refinements have been added to the tournament including the ten minute rule, elaborate striking procedures, judging qualifications, and critiques of the final round.

One key element of the success of the National Debate Tournament has been the support of past

participants and community leaders. The early contributions of the United States Military Academy are exemplified by George Walker for whom the permanent second place Walker Memorial Trophy is named. Walker was an excellent debater for West Point who won the NDT in 1956 and placed second in 1957. The support of professional men is typified by Sigurd S. Larmon for whom the permanent first place trophy is named. Mr. Larmon's generous support of the National Debate Tournament has been one of the key reasons why the tournament has survived. In recent years financial grants from the Ford Motor Company have made it possible for the tournament to prosper. Their support is recognized in the Ford Fund watches for the first and second speakers in the tournament.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the National Debate Tournament through the years has been the people associated with it. Many key people in the speech discipline, legal profession and other fields have received communicative and argumentative training from debate and most have displayed these skills in the National Debate Tournament. We are particularly saddened by the loss of two such people who would have been with us this year: E. R. Tame of Eastern Illinois University and Leo Mohr of the University of Southern California. These people and those in the future like them, are the best evidence of the value of our activity.

1978 Champions, Northwestern University



*Where the decisions
will be made.*



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 29, 1979

To the Faculty and Debaters of the 1979 National Debate Tournament:

On behalf of the University of Kentucky and the University's Intercollegiate Debate Program, I am delighted to welcome the national debating community to our campus. We are honored to be host of this national event.

As a former college debater, I am well aware of the academic potential of this important activity. Instruction and experience in decision-making through debate should make a valuable contribution to the development of the skilled advocate who is well-rounded in the use of sound reasoning, sound research, and the ethical aims of persuasion. Certainly, one of our goals in hosting this event is to aid the academic community in the development of these important goals among the nation's students.

The University of Kentucky is honored, therefore, to be host to this national tournament. I am confident that Professor Patterson, his staff, and the University of Kentucky debaters will make every effort to see that you have an enjoyable and profitable visit.

Sincerely,

O. A. Singletary
Otis A. Singletary
President

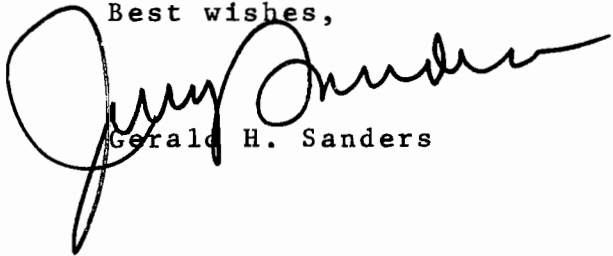
TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND COACHES ATTENDING THE THIRTY-THIRD NDT:

As most of you know, the NDT has a very special meaning for me. Through the years since the first NDT in 1947, this most prestigious of tournaments has taken on a special meaning for many more debaters and coaches. The fact that you are here indicates an excellence in accomplishment that is to be admired. The dedication to your activity you have shown should serve as an example to all who would like to achieve excellence in their chosen field of endeavor. There are no losers here. Regardless of the outcome of the tournament, you are all winners. You deserve to be here!

I would be remiss if I did not pay special tribute to all of those who have made this event possible. Jack Rhodes and the NDT Committee; Donn Parson and the Board of Trustees; Mike Hazen, our most capable NDT Director; our venerable host J. W. Patterson; the Ford Motor Company Fund whose generous gift helps to finance the event; and the many members of District Committees throughout the nation deserve the heartfelt thanks of all the members of AFA.

As President of AFA, it is a singular pleasure for me to welcome you to Lexington. We are glad you are here!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald H. Sanders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

Gerald H. Sanders

Congratulations from the Ford Motor Company Fund to all participants in the 1979 National Debate Tournament.

It is a distinct pleasure for us to be identified with an event in which every person present has already demonstrated significant achievement.

Best wishes for a very successful tournament.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray C. Kooi". The signature is cursive and stylized, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ray C. Kooi
Director

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RESOLVED: THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM WHICH GUARANTEES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN THE LABOR FORCE

The Thirty-third National Debate Tournament is sponsored by the American Forensic Association and the Ford Motor Company Fund. District and national committees have expended much time and effort to insure that the tournament reflects the highest quality debating throughout the nation.

Fourteen teams were selected at-large by the National Debate Tournament Committee on the basis of outstanding records prior to the District tournaments. Thirty-six teams representing the nine Districts were invited on the basis of their superior debating in District tournaments. Twelve additional teams were selected by the National Committee on an at-large basis after the District tournaments.

Guest judges, recommended by their District committees and selected by the tournament director, join coach-judges accompanying the debate teams to staff three-man judging panels. In the preliminary rounds, judges are assigned to panels on the basis of several mandatory and advisory criteria. Mandatory considerations are that a judge should not be used in a round where he/she: 1) has declared a conflict of interest with one of the teams in the round prior to the tournament, 2) has been struck by one of the teams in the round prior to the tournament, 3) has previously heard, in the tournament, one of the teams in the round, or 4) is the coach of one of the teams in the round. Advisory considerations are: 1) that the judge not be from the same district as one of the teams in the round, and 2) that the judges in a round reflect a geographic diversity. Beyond these considerations judges are assigned to a round on the basis of random selection. In the elimination rounds, judge panels are constituted on the basis of the mutual preferences of the teams involved in the round. These standards are designed to provide the best balance and highest quality criticism and evaluation of debate rounds.

The first round is matched on a pre-set schedule based upon the order in which teams qualified for the tournament. All other odd numbered rounds are paired on the basis of direct power (high records

meeting high records). All even numbered rounds are paired on the basis of high-low records within brackets. Any team could be paired against any other school in the preliminary rounds, and against any other team in the elimination rounds. On the basis of records in the eight preliminary rounds, the top sixteen teams are selected by win-loss records, total ballots, and total adjusted speaker points for elimination round competition. Four rounds of elimination round competition culminates in the selection of one team as the national champion of collegiate debate. Awards are given to individual speakers after eight rounds of preliminary competition. Ten speakers are recognized on the basis of adjusted speaker points with high-lows being dropped up to four times.

Officials of the National Debate Tournament and the members of the American Forensic Association are grateful to the Ford Motor Company Fund for the generous grant which helped make this tournament possible. This support is recognized in the Ford Motor Fund Awards for the First and Second Speakers of the Tournament. We are also grateful to Mr. Sigurd S. Larmon for donating the rotating Larmon trophy, emblematic of the national debate championship, and to Mr. and Mrs. George Walker for donating the rotating second-place Walker Memorial Trophy.

We are most grateful to J. W. Patterson, the University of Kentucky debaters, and District Six for their cooperation and assistance in making tournament arrangements. We are also indebted to Otis A. Singletary, President of the University of Kentucky; Robert Zumwinkle, Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Kentucky; and David Stockham, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Kentucky for their support and cooperation. Finally we would like to thank the Jim Host Association of Lexington for supplying pictures for the tournament booklet. Without the gracious support of all of these people this tournament could not take place.

NDT SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 19

4:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M. Registration, Lexington Hyatt Regency Hotel
6:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. Reception for all Tournament Participants
9:30 P.M.-10:30 P.M. Registration, Lexington Hyatt Regency Hotel

Friday, April 20

8:30 A.M. Assembly and Pairings for Round I,
Hyatt Regency Hotel
9:45 A.M. Round I
1:00 P.M. Pairings for Round II, Hyatt Regency Hotel
1:30 P.M. Round II
4:30 P.M. Pairings for Round III, Hyatt Regency Hotel
5:00 P.M. Round III

Saturday, April 21

9:00 A.M. Pairings for Round IV, Student Center,
University of Kentucky Campus
9:30 A.M. Round IV
12:30 P.M. Pairings for Round V, Student Center,
University of Kentucky Campus
1:00 P.M. Round V
3:00 P.M. American Forensic Association Reception for all
Participants
4:00 P.M. Pairings for Round VI, Student Center,
University of Kentucky Campus
4:30 P.M. Round IV

Sunday, April 22

12:00 noon Pairings for Round VII, Student Center,
University of Kentucky Campus
12:30 P.M. Round VII
3:30 P.M. Pairings for Round VIII, Student Center,
University of Kentucky Campus
4:00 P.M. Round VIII
6:30 P.M. Reception for all Participants
8:30 P.M. Awards Assembly and Banquet, Student Center

Monday, April 23

8:00 A.M. Drawing for Octa-Final Judges, Hyatt Regency Hotel
8:15 A.M. Announcement of Pairings for Octa-Final Round,
Hyatt Regency Hotel
8:45 A.M. Octa-Final Round
11:45 A.M. Announcement of Pairings for Quarter-Final Round
12:30 P.M. Quarter-Final Round
3:15 P.M. Announcement of Pairings for Semi-Final Round
3:45 P.M. Semi-Final Round
6:30 P.M. Assembly and Pairings for Final Round
7:00 P.M. Final Round

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Debaters: W. Scott Nobles and Gerald Sanders

Coach: T. A. Houston

1948

NORTH TEXAS STATE COLLEGE

Debaters: Bill Wilson and Don Clark

Coach: S. B. McAlister

1949

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Debaters: Oscar Newton and Mitchell Latoff

Coach: Annabel D. Hagood

1950

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Debaters: Richard O'Connell and Thomas Hayes

Coach: Robert B. Huber

1951

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

Debaters: James Wilson and Holt Spicer

Coach: E. R. Nichols

1952

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

Debaters: James Wilson and Holt Spicer

Coach: E. R. Nichols

1953

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Debaters: Gerald Kogan and Lawrence Perlmutter

Coach: Donald Sprague

1954

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Debaters: William Arnold and Hubert Bell

Coach: Kim Giffin

1955

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Debaters: Dennis Holt and Ellis Storey

Coach: Annabel D. Hagood

1956

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Debaters: George Walker and James Murphy

Coach: Abbot Greenleaf

1957

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

Debaters: Norman Lefstein and Phillip Hubbard

Coach: Martin Holcomb

1958

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Debaters: William Welsh and Richard Kirshberg

Coach: Russel R. Windes

1959

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Debaters: William Welsh and Richard Kirshberg

Coach: Russell R. Windes

1960

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Debaters: Anthony Roisman and Saul Baernstein

Coach: Herbert L. James

1961

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Laurence Tribe and Gene Clements

Coach: James Kincaid

1962

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Dale Williams and Sarah Benson

Coach: Richard Rieke

1963

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Debaters: Frank Wohl and Stephen Kessler

Coach: Herbert L. James

1964

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC

Debaters: Raoul Kennedy and Douglas Pipes

Coach: Paul Winters

1965

CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE

Debaters: John Wittig and Barnett Pearce

Coach: Forrest Conklin

1966

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Bill Snyder and Mike Denger

Coach: Thomas B. McClain

1967

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Debaters: Tom Brewer and John Isaacson

Coach: Herbert L. James

1968

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Robert Shields and Lee Thompson

Coach: Quincalee Striegel

1969

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Richard Lewis and Joel Perwin

Coach: Laurence Tribe

1970

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Debaters: Robert McCulloh and David Jeans

Coaches: Donn W. Parson and Jackson Harrell

1971

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles

Debaters: Don Hornstein and Barrett McInerney

Coach: Patricia B. Long

1972

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Santa Barbara

Debaters: Mike Clough and Mike Fernandez

Coach: Kathy Corey

1973

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Elliot Minberg and Ron Marmer

Coach: David Zarefsky

1974

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Greg Rosenbaum and Charles Garvin

Coach: Mark Arnold

1975

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Jay Hurst and David Kent

Coach: Lee Polk

1976

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Debaters: Robin Rowland and Frank Cross

Coaches: Donn W. Parson and Bill Balthrop

1977

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Debaters: John Walker and David Ottoson

Coach: James J. Unger

1978

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Mark Cotham and Stuart Singer

Coach: G. Thomas Goodnight

Runners-up: 1947-1978

1947

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Debaters: Potter Kerfott and George Grover

Coach: Alan Nichols

1948

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Debaters: Alan Weston and Gerald Gordon

Coach: Wayne Eubank

1949

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Thomas Webb and Joseph Allbritton

Coach: Glenn Capp

1950

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

Debaters: Dorothy Koch and Charles Lindberg

Coach: Martin Holcomb

1951

KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

Debaters: Robert Howard and Robert Kaiser

Coach: Charles Masten

1952

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Debaters: John Claypool and Calvin Cannon

Coach: Glenn Capp

1953

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Debaters: Michael McNulty and John O'Connor

Coach: Henry Murphy, S.J.

1954

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Debaters: Robert Shevin and Larry Sands...

Coach: Douglas Ehninger

1955

WILKES COLLEGE

Debaters: Harold Flannery and James Neveras

Coach: Arthur Kruger

1956

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Debaters: John Gough and J. Foley

Coach: Joseph Erhart, S.J.

1957

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Debaters: James Murphy and George Walker

Coach: Abbott Greenleaf

1958

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Debaters: David Bynum and James Kincaid

Coach: Robert O'Neill

1959

WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY at EAU CLAIRE

Debaters: James Shafer and Charles Bush

Coach: Grace Walsh

1960

SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE

Debaters: John Raser and Robert Arnhym

Coach: John Ackley

1961

KING'S COLLEGE

Debaters: Frank Harrison and Peter Smith

Coach: Robert Connelly

1962

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Calvin Kent and Michael Henke

Coach: Glenn Capp

1963

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Debaters: Andre Zdrzil and David Krause

Coaches: Robert L. Scott and Donn W. Parson

1964

BOSTON COLLEGE

Debaters: James Unger and Joseph McLaughlin

Coaches: John Lawton and Lee Huebner

1965

NORTHEASTERN STATE COLLEGE

Debaters: David Johnson and Glen Strickland

Coach: Valgene Littlefield

1966

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Douglas Frost and Kathleen McDonald

Coach: George Ziegelmuller

1967

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Don Ritzenheim and Kathleen McDonald

Coach: George Ziegelmueller

1968

BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Donald Kiefer and Carl Flaningam

Coach: Nicholas Cripe

1969

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Debaters: David Seikel and Michael Miller

Coach: William B. English

1970

CANISIUS COLLEGE

Debaters: David Goss and David Wagner

Coach: Bert Gross

1971

OBERLIN COLLEGE

Debaters: Scott Lassar and Joe Misner

Coach: Larry E. Larmer

1972

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Debaters: Ron Palmieri and Dennis Winston

Coach: John DeBross

1973

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Bradley Ziff and Stewart Jay

Coach: James Unger

1974

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

Debaters: Bob Feldhake and Rick Godfrey

Coach: Dan Bozik

1975

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

Debaters: Greg Ballard and Bill Smelko

Coach: William Southworth

1976

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Debaters: Charles Chafer and David Ottoson

Coach: James Unger

1977

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Debaters: Leslie Sherman and Steven Combs

Coaches: John C. DeBross and Lee Garrison

1978

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Debaters: Steven Combs and Jon Cassanelli

Coaches: John C. DeBross and Lee Garrison



Top Speakers: 1957-1978

1957

1st: PATRICIA STALLINGS, University of Houston
2nd: PHILLIP HUBBARD, Augustana College

1958

1st: MICHAEL MILLER, University of Southern California
2nd: PHILLIP HUBBARD, Augustana College (Ill.)

1959

1st: JAMES RAY, United States Military Academy
2nd: RAY NICHOLS, University of Kansas

1960

1st: DON HERRICK, William Jewell College
2nd: GEORGE SCHELL, Baylor University

1961

1st: GEORGE SCHELL, Baylor University
2nd: LAURENCE TRIBE, Harvard University

1962

Tie: LEE HUEBNER, Northwestern University
Tie: HAROLD LAWSON, Kansas State Teachers College

1963

1st: DANIEL KOLB, College of the Holy Cross
2nd: ROBERT ROBERTS, University of Alabama

1964

1st: ROBERT ROBERTS, University of Alabama
2nd: JOHN HEMPELMANN, Georgetown University

1965

1st: ROBERT SHRUM, Georgetown University
2nd: DOUGLAS PIPES, University of the Pacific

1966

1st: WILLIAM SNYDER, Northwestern University
2nd: JOHN HOLCOMB, Augustana College (Ill.)

1967

1st: RICK FLAM, University of Southern California
2nd: THOMAS BREWER, Dartmouth College

1968

1st: DAVID ZAREFSKY, Northwestern University
2nd: RICHARD BRAUTIGAM, Michigan State University

1969

1st: DAVID SEIKEL, University of Houston
2nd: JOEL PERWIN, Harvard University

1970

1st: MIKE MILLER, University of Houston
2nd: JIM CAFORIO, Loyola University (Los Angeles) and DAVID GOSS, Canisius College

1971

1st: JOE LOVELAND, University of North Carolina
2nd: JOSEPH ANGLAND, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

1972

1st: TERRY McNIGHT, Canisius College
2nd: RON PALMIERI, University of Southern California

1973

1st: ELLIOT MINCBERG, Northwestern University
2nd: FRANK KIMBALL, University of California, Los Angeles

1974

1st: MICHAEL HIGELIN, University of Southern California
2nd: MARVIN ISGUR, University of Houston

1975

1st: THOMAS ROLLINS, Georgetown University
2nd: ROBERT FELDHAKE, Augustana College

1976

1st: ROBERT FELDHAKE, Augustana College
2nd: THOMAS ROLLINS, Georgetown University

1977

1st: GILBERT SKILLMAN, University of Kentucky
2nd: JOHN WALKER, Georgetown University

1978

1st: TOM ROLLINS, Georgetown University
2nd: STUART SINGER, Northwestern University