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The Ohio University Speech and Debate Team began its season this past weekend with a trip to the 9th Annual Boilermaker Special Speech and Debate Tournament hosted by Purdue University, September 15-16, 2007.

The Bobcats DOMINATED the tournament earning 223 points to capture a first place team trophy in the individual events division. Miami (OH) placed 2nd with 94 points. Illinois State, with 70 points, placed a distant 3rd. In fact, the Ohio University Speech Team earned more points than the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place teams combined.

In Overall (speech and debate combined) Sweepstakes, the Bobcats placed 2nd, losing to the 2007 national champions, Western Kentucky, by 7 points.

The students on the team brought home 46 trophies and awards, earning a record 22 qualifications for the NFA National Tournament, which will be held at Tennessee State University in April 2008. To put this monumental success in perspective, last year the team earned a total of 21 qualifications by the end of Fall Quarter and a total of 35 qualifications for the year.

Winning seven of the tournament events, the Ohio University Speech and Debate Team is clearly off to an amazing start. It looks like it is going to be another outstanding year.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success at the Purdue Tournament this past weekend.

SPEECH SWEEPSTAKES

Tournament Champions - OHIO UNIVERSITY

OVERALL SWEEPSTAKES (Speech & Debate Combined)

2nd Place - OHIO UNIVERSITY

OVERALL TOP SPEAKERS (Cumulative speaker awards)

2nd Place - Ted Dacey (Freshman)

4th Place - Chris Glaser (Senior)

5th Place - Dan Glaser (Sophomore)

6th Place - Dani Bernat (Sophomore)

7th Place - Sarah Hoppes (Junior)

DRAMATIC DUO

Tournament Champions - Anthony Sylvester (Freshman) and Michael Catlos (Freshman)*

4th Place - Ted Dacey & Erin Kuester (Sophomore)

Top Novice - Anthony Sylvester & Michael Catlos

PERSUASION

Tournament Champion - Ted Dacey*

4th Place - Sarah Hoppes

5th Place - Chris Glaser

Top Novice - Ted Dacey

NOVICE EXTEMP (Current Events) SPEAKING

Tournament Champion - Ted Dacey*

3rd Place - Jen Scott (Freshman)*

5th Place - Spark Tabor (Junior)

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Dan Glaser*

4th Place - Jill Flauto (Sophomore)

5th Place - Erin Kuester

NOVICE IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Tournament Champion - Ted Dacey*

PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION

4th Place - Dani Bernat

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

Tournament Champion - Dani Bernat*

4th Place - Anthony Sylvester*

5th Place - Dan Glaser

Top Novice - Anthony Sylvester

NOVICE PROSE INTERPRETATION

Tournament Champion - Kristin Nehls (Freshman)*

2nd Place - Ted Dacey*

3rd Place - Michael Catlos*

POETRY INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Dani Bernat*

3rd Place - Sarah Hoppes*

4th Place - Kristin Nehls*

Top Novice - Kristin Nehls

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

Tournament Champion - Chris Glaser*

2nd Place - Dan Glaser*

4th Place - Sarah Hoppes*

Top Novice - Michael Catlos

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

3rd Place - Chris Glaser*

6th Place - Dan Glaser*

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

2nd Place - Chris Glaser*

5th Place - Dan Glaser*

PROSE INTERPRETATION

2nd Place - Anthony Sylvester*

*Denotes an event now qualified for nationals.

Wish us luck as we head off to the Ohio Forensics Association Fall Tournament at Muskingum College this next weekend.



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Ohio U Forensics Team is top in the nation with qualifications to NFA Nationals.

After only two weeks into the season, the Ohio Bobcats have qualified 37 entries to the NFA National Tournament, putting them ahead of all other schools in the nation for qualifications to nationals, to date. Last year, the team earned a total of 35 entries for the entire season.

The team picked up an additional 15 qualifications this past weekend at the Ohio Forensics Association Fall Tournament, hosted by Muskingum College.

The Ohio U Forensics Team once again DOMINATED the competition, winning seven events and earning 45 (59%) of the 76 awards presented at the tournament. Marietta College was a distant second with ten awards, followed by Miami University with nine.

Each year, the tournament selects the top participants from four of the ten individual events plus the two students from Lincoln-Douglas Debate to perform in “Showcase” rounds, where the state’s top coaches critique their performances in a workshop format. This year, the Ohio Bobcat Forensics Team claimed all six “Showcase” spots. Top honors go to: Chris Glaser (Extemp), Dan Glaser (Informative), Sarah Hoppes (Prose), Anthony Sylvester & Kristin Nehls (Duo), Hassan Sheikh (Lincoln-Douglas Debate) and Jane Krosse (Lincoln Douglas Debate).

While the team will continue to earn qualifications throughout the year, such a strong, early start, will allow the students extra time to perfect their performances for the national tournament some seven months away.

With the additional qualifications, Ohio U now has four “Pentathlon” entries at the national tournament. In addition to each of their individual events, a “Pentathlon” award is presented to the top fifteen students competing in five or more events at nationals. Ohio’s Pentathlon entrants include: Dan Glaser (Informative, Extemp, Impromptu, Drama, Duo w/Jill Flauto, and Rhetorical Criticism), Sarah Hoppes (Informative, Persuasion, Rhetorical Criticism, Poetry and Prose), Ted Dacey (Extemp, Impromptu, Informative, Persuasive and Prose) and Anthony Sylvester (Duo w/Kristin Nehls, Duo w/Michael Catlos, Drama, Poetry and Prose).

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

3rd Place – Jill Flauto (Sophomore)*

4th Place – Michael Catlos (Freshman)

5th Place – Dan Glaser (Sophomore)

Top Novice – Jill Flauto

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Dan Glaser*

2nd Place – Chris Glaser (Senior)

4th Place – Anthony Sylvester

DRAMATIC DUO

1st Place – Anthony Sylvester & Kristin Nehls (Freshman)*

2nd Place – Dan Glaser & Jill Flauto*

5th Place – Erin Kuester (Sophomore) & Ted Dacey (Freshman)

Top Novice – Anthony Sylvester & Kristin Nehls

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place – Chris Glaser

5th Place – Spark Tabor (Junior)*

6th Place – Hassan Sheikh (Sophomore)*

Top Novice – Spark Tabor

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

6th Place – Chris Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Dan Glaser

2nd Place – Jill Flauto*

3rd Place – Ted Dacey*

4th Place – Sarah Hoppes (Junior)*

6th Place – Chris Glaser

Top Novice – Jill Flauto

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

1st Place – Hassan Sheikh*

3rd Place – Jane Krosse (Freshman)

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Ted Dacey

2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes*

3rd Place – Kristin Nehls

Top Novice – Ted Dacey

POETRY INTERPRETATION

3rd Place – Anthony Sylvester*

4th Place – Michael Catlos (Freshman)

Top Novice – Anthony Sylvester

PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Anthony Sylvester

2nd Place – Kristin Nehls

3rd Place – Sarah Hoppes*

Top Novice – Anthony Sylvester

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes (Junior)

3rd Place – Kristin Nehls (Freshman)*

4th Place – Spark Tabor (Junior)

5th Place – Michael Catlos (Freshman)

Top Novice – Kristin Nehls

*Denotes an event now qualified for the NFA National Tournament.

Wish us luck as we head off to the Western Kentucky University Fall Fiesta on September 27th!



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This past weekend, the Ohio University Forensics Team attended two tournaments at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. The Bobcats places 2nd as a team at the first tournament, earning 9 additional qualifications for the NFA National Tournament, bringing the total number of team qualifications to 46.

The varsity members of the team hosted the second tournament. With 18 universities in attendance, Ohio University novice competitors earned an impressive 3rd place finish behind last year's national champions, Western Kentucky and top 10 finisher, the University of Alabama.

The teams weekend performance earned them a 3rd place finish overall for the weekend.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

Western Kentucky Tournament
September 29, 2007

School Sweepstakes
2nd Place Ohio

Novice ADS
1st Place Michael Catlos

Communication Analysis
5th Place (tie) Sarah Hoppes

Novice CA
1st Place Jen Scott
2nd Place Michael Catlos

Novice DI
1st Place Anthony Sylvester
2nd Place Jill Flauto

Dramatic Duo
3rd Place Glaser/Flauto
5th Place Nehls/Sylvester
6th Place Catlos/Sylvester

Extemp
3rd Place Dan Glaser

Novice Impromptu
2nd Place Ted Dacey
3rd Place Spark Tabor

Novice Informative
1st Place Erin Kuester

Novice Persuasion
1st Place Kristin Nehls
2nd Place Dan Leister

Novice Poetry
3rd Place Michael Catlos

Novice Prose
2nd Place Erin Kuester
3rd Place Jill Flauto

Ohio University Tournament
September 30, 2007

Overall Swing Sweepstakes
3rd Place Ohio University

School Sweepstakes
3rd Place Ohio University

Novice CA
1st Place Jen Scott
2nd Place Michael Catlos

Novice Duo
1st Place Nehls/Sylvester
2nd Place Catlos/Sylvester

Novice DI
1st Place Jill Flauto
3rd Place Anthony Sylvester

Novice Extemp
1st Place Spark Tabor
6th Place Ted Dacey

Novice Impromptu
1st Place Spark Tabor
3rd Place Ted Dacey

Novice Informative
1st Place Jill Flauto
3rd Place Ted Dacey
5th Place Erin Kuester

Novice Persuasion
1st Place Ted Dacey
2nd Place Kristin Nehls
3rd Place Dan Leister

Novice Poetry
1st Place Kristin Nehls
4th Place Michael Catlos

Novice Prose
1st Place Jill Flauto
2nd Place Kristin Nehls
4th Place Michael Catlos
6th Place Ted Dacey

Wish us luck as we head off to Illinois State & Bradley University for two tournament this coming weekend.



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This past weekend, the Ohio University Forensics Team attended two tournaments hosted by Illinois State University and Bradley University. The top 5 teams in the country were in attendance and OU's team held its own, placing 4th at the first tournament and placing 3rd at the second tournament. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT

October 6, 2007

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

4th Place - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

4th Place - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Chris Glaser

DRAMATIC DUO

7th Place - Dani Bernat & Jill Flauto

EXTEMP SPEAKING

3rd Place - Chris Glaser

5th Place - Dan Glaser

NOVICE EXTEMP

2nd Place - Ted Dacey

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

4th Place - Dan Glaser

NOVICE IMPROMPTU

6th Place - Ted Dacey

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Ted Dacey

NOVICE PERSUASION

1st Place - Ted Dacey

3rd Place - Dan Leister

NOVICE PROSE

5th Place - Michael Catlos

6th Place - Anthony Sylvester

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

October 7, 2007

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

3rd Place - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

4th Place - Dan Glaser

6th Place - Chris Glaser

DRAMATIC DUO

5th Place - Michael Catlos & Tony Sylvester

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

6th Place - Dani Bernat

NOVICE DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place - Jill Flauto

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

4th Place - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Chris Glaser

NOVICE EXTEMP

3rd Place - Ted Dacey

NOVICE IMPROMPTU

2nd Place - Ted Dacey

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

NOVICE INFORMATIVE

3rd Place - Ted Dacey

PERSUASION

3rd Place - Ted Dacey

NOVICE PROSE

1st Place - Jill Flauto

4th Place - Anthony Sylvester

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

4th Place - Chris Glaser

Wish us luck as we prepare for our next tournament at Ball State University, October 19-20, 2007.



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This past weekend the Ohio University Forensics placed first in team sweepstakes at the Ball State University Forensics Tournament. Eastern Michigan University (2nd at national last year) placed 2nd and Western Kentucky University (last year's national champions) placed 3rd.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place - Jill Flauto

5th Place - Dan Glaser

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

5th Place - Jill Flauto

DRAMATIC DUO

2nd Place - Dani Bernat & Jill Flauto*

3rd Place - Jill Flauto & Dan Glaser

DRAMATIC INTERP

4th Place - Dani Bernat

NOVICE DI

1st Place - Jill Flauto

NOVICE EXTEMP

4th Place - Spark Tabor

NOVICE IMPROMPTU

2nd Place - Dan Leister*

4th Place - Spark Tabor

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

NOVICE INFORMATIVE

2nd Place - Erin Kuester

3rd Place - Nyssa Adams*

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE SPEAKER AWARDS

2nd Place - Hassan Sheikh

PERSUASION

1st Place - Ted Dacey**

4th Place - Kristin Nehls

NOVICE PERSUASION

1st Place - Dan Leister

PROSE INTERPRETATION

5th Place - Dani Bernat*

6th Place - Anthony Sylvester

NOVICE PROSE

4th Place - Jill Flauto

5th Place - Erin Kuester

6th Place - Michael Catlos

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

2nd Place - Dan Glaser

3rd Place - Chris Glaser*

*Denotes an event now qualified for the NFA National Tournament

**Denotes an event now qualified for the AFA National Tournament

Wish us luck as we prepare for the L.E. Norton Invitational at Bradley University, November 3-4, 2007.



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This past weekend, the Ohio Bobcat Forensics Team competed at the L.E. Norton Invitation hosted by Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. Attended by more than 45 colleges and universities the "Norton" is the largest invitational tournament of the regular season and with more than 100 entries in some events, it has earned the nick-name, "Fall Nationals."

The team's 8th place finish definitely proves that we are one of the top teams in the country, but that we still have some work to do. Building an empire isn't easy...but it sure can be a lot of fun.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

8th Place - Ohio University

NOVICE INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

TOURNAMENT CHAMPION - Ted Dacey

VARSITY IMPROMPTU

Semi Finalist - Chris Glaser

NOVICE DRAMATIC DUO

2nd Place - Michael Catlos & Tony Sylvester

5th Place - Kristin Nehls & Tony Sylvester

NOVICE PERSUASION

4th Place - Kristin Nehls

6th Place - Ted Dacey

NOVICE PROSE

2nd Place - Kristin Nehls

3rd Place - Jill Flauto

NOVICE RHETORICAL CRITICISM

3rd Place - Kristin Nehls

The team is focused on final exams, but will be meeting up during the break to attend the OSU/Otterbein Tournaments in Columbus.

Thanks for your encouragement and support this quarter!



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In December (during our Holiday break) a few members of the OU Forensics Team attended the OSU & Otterbein Tournaments in Columbus. Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

Ohio State University
Holiday Frolic
December 2007

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES
5th Place - Ohio University

PENTATHALON
2nd Place - Dan Glaser
5th Place - Ted Dacey

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING
6th Place - Dan Glaser

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION
6th Place - Dan Glaser

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING
3rd Place - Chris Glaser
4th Place - Dan Glaser
6th Place - Ted Dacey

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING
1st Place - Chris Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING
4th Place - Dan Glaser
5th Place - Chris Glaser

RHETORICAL CRITICISM
1st Place - Dan Glaser

Otterbein College
Frolic Some More
December 2007

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

4th Place - Ohio University

PENTATHALON

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Ted Dacey

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place - Chris Glaser

4th Place - Dan Glaser

5th Place - Ted Dacey

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

1st Place - Chris Glaser

5th Place - Spark Tabor

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Ted Dacey

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

Tune in tomorrow to find out how the team did at the Butler University Tournament in January!



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The forensics team started its Winter Quarter with a trip to Butler University, January 18-19. Even though the Bobcats traveled only "part" of their team (24 of 70 entries, Ohio University dominated the tournament, winning 1st place by nearly 50 points.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their success.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT

TEAM SWEEPTAKES

1st Place - OHIO UNIVERSITY

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place - Dan Glaser

4th Place - Ted Dacey

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

2nd Place - Tony Sylvester

5th Place - Dan Glaser

DRAMATIC DUO

3rd Place - Dani Bernat & Dan Glaser

4th Place - Mike Catlos & Tony Sylvester

DRAMATIC INTERP

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1st Place - Chris Glaser

5th Place - Ted Dacey

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

2nd Place - Chris Glaser

3rd Place - Ted Dacey

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Dan Glaser

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place - Sarah Hoppes

2nd Place - Ted Dacey

3rd Place - Dan Glaser

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

1st Place - Chris Glaser

5th Place - Tony Sylvester

6th Place - Dani Bernat



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On January 26 & 27, the Ohio University Forensics Team, along with the OU Forensics Alumni hosted two college speech tournaments. On Saturday, under the direction of Alumni Tournament Director Erika Imbody, the Alumni hosted a tournament. On Sunday, the team revived the Interstate Individual Events Tournament. While the tournaments were small, the competition was fierce. Kansas State University, under the coaching of Ohio alum Bobby Imbody, placed first both days.

Special thanks go out to:

Rob & Erin Barnhart - for help in tournament preparation.

Katie Eppley - for help with local arrangements.

Justin Zabor for giving the Keynote at our Alumni Banquet

All of your alums that donated judging

and our John Gibbons, Lynn Harter and Scott Titsworth for their help in underwriting the cost of the tournament.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

OU Alumni Tournament

Saturday, January 26th

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

2nd - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

3rd - 41 Points - Dan Glaser

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

2nd - Tony Sylvester

JV AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

2nd - Ted Dacey

DRAMATIC DUO

2nd - Dan Glaser & Jill Flauto

4th - Sarah Hoppes & Ted Dacey

5th - Tony Sylvester & Micheal Catlos

DRAMATIC INTERP

2nd - Dan Glaser

4th - Jill Flauto

JV DRAMATIC INTERP

2nd - Michael Catlos

EXTEMP

1st - Chris Glaser

2nd - Dan Glaser

JV EXTEMP

4th - Dan Leister

IMPROMPTU

2nd - Chris Glaser

JV INFORMATIVE

1st - Dani Bernat

PERSUASION

3rd - Ted Dacey

4th - Dan Glaser

5th - Sarah Hoppes

JV POETRY

4th - Michael Catlos

PROSE

6th - Sarah Hoppes

JV PROSE

2nd - Dan Glaser

6th - Spark Tabor

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

1st - Chris Glaser

5th - Tony Sylvester

JV RHETORICAL CRITICISM

1st - Michael Catlos

2nd - Dani Bernat

4th - Ted Dacey

OU INTERSTATE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, January 27th

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

2nd - Tony Sylvester

DI

2nd - Michael Catlos

EXTEMP

5th - Spark Tabor

6th - Ted Dacey

IMPROMPTU

2nd - Spark Tabor

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

3rd - Tony Sylvester

PROSE

5th - Tony Sylvester

6th - Jill Flauto

JV PROSE

2nd - Spark Tabor

Tune in tomorrow for the results from the Malone tournament last weekend!



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Last weekend, the Ohio University Forensics team traveled to Canton, Ohio to compete at the Malone College Forensics Tournament. For the 3rd time in 4 weeks, the team **WON** the tournament. Not only did we win...we won...by a lot. The Speaking Bobcats came home with 33 of the 57 individual awards given at the tournament; earning 337 team points, which was 78 more points that **ALL 6 OTHER SCHOOLS COMBINED**.

Wish us luck as we compete at our Pi Kappa Delta Regional Tournament this weekend and the Ohio State Championships next weekend.

Join with me in congratulating the following students on their amazing accomplishments:

MALONE COLLEGE TOURNAMENT

February 2, 2008

TEAM SWEEPTAKES

1st Place – Ohio University

PENTATHALON

1st Place – Dan Glaser

2nd Place – Ted Dacey

3rd Place – Tony Sylvester

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

1st Place – Ted Dacey

2nd Place – Tony Sylvester

3rd Place – Dan Glaser

COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS

1st Place – Tony Sylvester

2nd Place – Dan Glaser

3rd Place – Michael Catlos

4th Place – Ted Dacey

DRAMATIC DUO

2nd Place – Tony Sylvester & Michael Catlos

3rd Place – Tony Sylvester & Kristin Nehls

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Dan Glaser
2nd Place – Ted Dacey
5th Place – Michael Catlos

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place – Dan Glaser
3rd Place – Ted Dacey
5th Place – Kristin Nehls
6th Place – Spark Tabor

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Ted Dacey
2nd Place – Dan Glaser
4th Place – Dan Leister

POETRY INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Jill Flauto
2nd Place – Michael Catlos
3rd Place – Erin Kuester

PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Jill Flauto
2nd Place – Kristin Nehls
3rd Place – Michael Catlos
4th Place – Erin Kuester

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

1st Place – Dan Glaser
2nd Place – Ted Dacey
4th Place – Spark Tabor
6th Place – Hassan Sheikh



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This weekend, the Ohio University Forensics Team hosted and competed at the Pi Kappa Delta Province of the Greater Northeast Tournament. Pi Kappa Delta is an honorary organization and the “province” is roughly equivalent to an athletic conference with specific, geographic boundaries.

It is my pleasure to announce that the OU Forensics team WON the Province Tournament, earning 36 individual awards. Additionally, Dan West, the John A. Cassese Director of Forensics at Ohio University was elected the Lieutenant Governor of the Province and he will be directly responsible for organizing and running the next province tournament.

Wish us luck as we prepare for the Ohio Forensic Association State Championship which will be held at Ohio State University, this weekend.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

1st Place – Ohio University

PENTATHALON

3rd Place – Ted Dacey

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

1st Place – Ted Dacey

2nd Place – Tony Sylvester

COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS

1st Place – Dani Bernat

2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes

3rd Place – Michael Catlos

4th Place – Tony Sylvester

DRAMATIC DUO

3rd Place – Dan Glaser & Jill Flauto

4th Place – Tony Sylvester & Michael Catlos

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Dan Glaser

2nd Place – Dani Bernat

3rd Place – Michael Catlos

5th Place – Ted Dacey

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

2nd Place – Dan Leister

3rd Place – Ted Dacey

6th Place – Spark Tabor

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

1st Place – Spark Tabor

3rd Place – Dan Liester

4th Place – Ted Dacey

6th Place – Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place – Dan Glaser

4th Place – Dani Bernat

PROSE INTERPRETATION

1st Place – Jill Flauto

2nd Place – Dan Glaser

3rd Place – Michael Catlos

6th Place - Sarah Hoppes

7th Place – Tony Sylvester

9th Place – Spark Tabor

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

1st Place – Sarah Hoppes

3rd Place – Ted Dacey

4th Place – Dan Glaser

5th Place – Dan Leister

POETRY INTERPRETATION

4th Place – Dani Bernat

5th Place – Jill Flauto

6th Place – Tony Sylvester

9th Place – Michael Catlos



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This past weekend the OU Forensics team traveled to Ohio State University to compete in the Ohio Forensic Association State Championship. Bringing home 46 awards, I am pleased to announce that the Speaking Bobcats won the State Championship, making Ohio University the top speech and debate team in the state. Additionally, Dan Glaser won Trithon (Individual Sweepstakes) making him the top speaker in the state, for the second year in a row.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success:

Ohio Forensic Association
State Championship Tournament
February 15-16, 2008

School Sweepstakes
State Champion – Ohio University

Founder's Cup (Cumulative Sweepstakes)
1st Place – Ohio University

Varsity Trithon (Individual Sweepstakes)
State Champion – Dan Glaser (2nd year in a row)
3rd Place – Ted Dacey

Novice Trithon (Individual Sweepstakes)
4th Place – Jill Flauto
5th Place – Kristin Nehls

Varsity After Dinner Speaking
2nd Place (tie) Dan Glaser
2nd Place (tie) Ted Dacey

Novice After Dinner Speaking
State Champion – Michael Catlos
2nd Place – Tony Sylvester
3rd Place – Jill Flauto

Varsity Dramatic Duo
State Champions – Ted Dacey & Sarah Hoppes
2nd Place – Dani Bernat & Dan Glaser

Novice Dramatic Duo

3rd Place – Kristin Nehls & Tony Sylvester
4th Place – Michael Catlos & Tony Sylvester

Varsity International Cultural Informative
3rd Place – Ted Dacey

Varsity Persuasion
State Champion – Ted Dacey*
3rd Place – Sarah Hoppes

*Ted will also represent Ohio at the Interstate Oratorical Association Tournament in Madison, Wisconsin in late April, this year.

Novice Persuasion
3rd Place – Kristin Nehls
4th Place – Dan Lesiter

Varsity Rhetorical Criticism
2nd Place – Sarah Hoppes

Novice Rhetorical Criticism
2nd Place – Tony Sylvester
3rd Place – Michael Catlos

Varsity Extemporaneous Speaking
3rd Place – Dan Glaser
6th Place – Ted Dacey

Novice Extemporaneous Speaking
5th Place – Spark Tabor
6th Place – Dan Leister

Varsity Informative Speaking
1st Place – Dan Glaser
4th Place – Dani Bernat

Novice Informative Speaking
5th Place – Jill Flauto

Varsity Dramatic Interpretation
3rd Place – Dan Glaser

Novice Dramatic Interpretation
5th Place – Michael Catlos

Varsity Impromptu Speaking
2nd Place – Dan Glaser

Novice Impromptu Speaking
1st Place – Dan Leister

Varsity Prose Interpretation
6th Place – Dani Bernat

Novice Prose Interpretation
2nd Place – Kristin Nehls
4th Place – Jill Flauto
5th Place – Tony Sylvester

Varsity Poetry Interpretation
4th Place – Dani Bernat

Novice Poetry Interpretation
2nd Place – Jill Flauto
3rd Place – Michael Catlos

Lincoln Douglas Debate
Semi-Finalist – Hassan Sheikh

Lincoln Douglas Speaker
2nd Place – Hassan Sheikh

The regular season is winding to a close. In two weeks, we will send small teams to the Lafayette College debate tournament and the District VII AFA Qualifying Tournament. We are hoping for a top showing at the Novice National Tournament at the University of West Florida in March.

Thanks for all of your support!



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Frank Luntz says young voters are more engaged in this year's presidential contest than any he has witnessed -- and he's looking to Ohio University students to prove it.

A nationally recognized polling expert, Luntz will be part of the FOX News Channel's FOX & Friends team broadcasting live from Baker University Center Tuesday and Wednesday. Luntz will be on campus Wednesday capturing the student perspective on Tuesday's primary election in Ohio. Plans call for FOX & Friends to cut away to Ohio University frequently both days during the news show's 6 to 9 a.m. broadcasts.

On Tuesday, FOX & Friends will broadcast from New York and cut away to anchor Alisyn Camerota and her Baker audience. In addition, the university's award-winning Forensics Team is expected to engage in two brief mock debates during the Tuesday broadcast. Team members will square off to represent the views Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama in the Democrats' race and John McCain or Mike Huckabee in the GOP race.

On Wednesday, Luntz -- author of the national bestseller "Words that Work" -- will seek the views of student focus group members and students from the audience assembled for the show.

"(Students) are more activated, more motivated and more informed than at any time in my lifetime," said Luntz, 46. "It is my goal to show all of America just how informed OU kids really are. I want to put as many students on TV as I humanly can."

Luntz said today's presidential candidates appreciate the influence young voters can have in this year's election. "Kids have wanted someone to pay attention and speak their language. Now they have it," he said.

Between the on-air segments -- which are expected to last five to seven minutes and come twice an hour during the three-hour show -- Luntz will talk with students about his craft, focusing specifically on political language and communication.

"There will be no down time," he said. "It will be incredibly interactive."

Ohio's primary is considered crucial in the race for the Democratic nomination between Clinton and Obama. Texas voters -- also expected to make a historic impact -- go to the polls Tuesday, too, and FOX News has made similar plans to broadcast from Texas A&M University that day.



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'FOX & Friends' puts Forensics Team, audience in the spotlight

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By Kim Corriher

An audience of more than 1 million people just witnessed the highlight of Ted Dacey's life thus far.

In a debate that aired live this morning on the FOX News Channel, the Ohio University Forensics Team member was representing John McCain's position on the national economy when he leveled a deadpan shot at verbal sparring partner Dan Glaser. His observation: Mike Huckabee's experience overseeing an economy is limited to, uh, Arkansas.

"To land a joke on national television, that's got to be one of the biggest things that will ever happen to me," Dacey said, grinning from ear to ear.

As teammates on the university's Forensics Team, Dacey and Glaser are used to the back-and-forth. This morning, though, their exchange took place in front of a national audience as cable news show FOX & Friends broadcast live from Baker University Center.

Wednesday, it's live from Baker again. The program, which airs from 6 to 9 a.m., will feature a student focus group and audience members who will share their views with national pollster Frank Luntz.

FOX network consultant Woody Fraser said today's live debate by Dacey and Glaser (and another by Glaser's brother Chris and Sarah Hoppes, representing Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, respectively) made history.

"This has never been done before," said Fraser, who created and produced "Good Morning, America" and "Nightline" among others. "I've been doing this for 50 years. I know."

So, what did Fraser think? "I thought they were fabulous. They're fearless. That's the key. You have to be fearless. And they were very well-prepared and articulate."

After the program, team members said they were overwhelmed by the experience and the

support they received from, among others, anchors Alisyn Camerota and Geraldo Rivera.

"There's nothing like it," Chris Glaser, a senior, said of the experience. "We've done a lot of great things over the past three years, but I never dreamed, from my first meeting with (coach) Dan West, that we'd go on to do such great things in terms of being competitive around the nation and now appearing live on FOX News.

"I was really proud to be able to share this with my brother, too," Glaser added. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

The university's Forensics Team competes in speech and debate competitions across Ohio and the nation. The team has grown from just one member three years ago when West took over to more than a dozen today. It's steadily risen in national rankings and just last month won the Ohio state championship.

Dacey and Dan Glaser represented McCain and Huckabee in a discussion of jobs and the economy, while Chris Glaser and Hoppes sparred over the war in Iraq.

Camerota, who anchored the Baker Center segments, said network representatives contemplated having the students focus on other topics, including health care and NAFTA, before settling Monday afternoon on subjects they felt could produce "the most heat."

"They turned on a dime," Camerota said. "They left with their marching orders at 5 p.m. yesterday and showed back up at 5 a.m. today ready to go."

Camerota polled audience members for their views on who won the debates, but the clear victor was the team as a whole.

"I thought they were great," junior Kristyn Hall said. "I think it just shows how passionate they are about what they do, to get up in front of a national audience and speak so eloquently."

Beneath their finely polished exteriors, the students didn't lose sight of what a unique and exciting opportunity the day offered.

"I think between my mother and my grandmother, everyone back home was watching," Chris Glaser said. "It's cool. It's exciting. ... It's national television."

The team's 5 a.m. set call meant friends and family across the state were waking up early as well.

"We don't have cable at home, so both of my parents went into work early to watch the show,"

said Hoppes, whose mother is a special education teacher. "She even convinced her principal to let her keep a television on during her first couple of classes."

The program also offered Ohio University students -- who made up most of the audience -- the opportunity to pose questions to political pundits and anchors, including Rivera and Congressman Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, and catch a glimpse of what it takes to produce a national news show.

"This is a great chance to see the raw product," said freshman journalism major Jordan Valinsky. "It's overwhelming, the number of people it takes behind the scenes to make this happen."

And while he appreciated the learning experience the day offered, Valinsky acknowledged that part of what got him out of bed at 4:45 a.m. was, honestly, the chance to be on live television.

"I mean ... it's cool," Valinsky said. "My mom is a loyal 'Good Morning, America' watcher, and even she is watching FOX this morning."

Mary Alice Casey contributed to this report.





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After a LONG drive home, it is my pleasure to announce that the Ohio University Forensics won the Novice National Forensics Championship held at the University of West Florida, March 15-16, 2008. In its 26th year, the tournament sponsors a national competition for those students in their first year of collegiate forensics. Forty-one schools were in attendance, making this the largest Novice Nationals ever.

Six team members made the long drive down to Florida with me on the weekend before finals earning 21 individual awards, 4 individual national titles as well as the Novice National Team Championship. The future looks pretty amazing for Ohio University Forensics.

[Note: Awards are presented to semi-finalists and finalists in each event. Many OU students were very close to advancing to finals and their results are noted here and marked with an asterisk (*). Team points are awarded for preliminary rounds as well as final placings and these “close” finishes helped push OU to victory.]

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their amazing success:

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

NOVICE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS – OHIO UNIVERSITY

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

NOVICE NATIONAL CHAMPION – Jill Flauto

4th Place (tie) – Michael Catlos

4th Place (tie) – Tony Sylvester

8th Place – Ted Dacey*

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

5th Place – Jill Flauto

7th Place – Tony Sylvester

8th Place – Ted Dacey*

COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS

3rd Place – Tony Sylvester

4th Place – Dan Leister

DRAMATIC DUO

NOVICE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS – Michael Catlos & Jill Flauto

2nd Place – Michael Catlos & Tony Sylvester

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

6th Place – Jill Flauto

8th Place – Ted Dacey*

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

7th Place (Semi-Finals) – Dan Leister

13th Place – Ted Dacey*

IMPROMPTU SALES

5th Place – Spark Tabor

13th Place – Dan Leister

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

3rd Place – Spark Tabor

4th Place – Dan Leister

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

2nd Place – Jill Flauto

3rd Place – Ted Dacey

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

NOVICE NATIONAL CHAMPION – Ted Dacey (all 1's in the final round)

6th Place – Tony Sylvester

7th Place – Dan Leister*

POETRY INTERPRETATION

14th Place – Jill Flauto*

15th Place – Tony Sylvester*

16th Place – Michael Catlos*

PROSE INTERPRETATION

NOVICE NATIONAL CHAMPION – Jill Flauto

3rd Place – Michael Catlos

5th Place – Tony Sylvester

13th Place – Ted Dacey*



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This past weekend, a small group of Bobcats traveled to Austin, Texas to attend the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament.

While our whole team is preparing to attend the NFA National Tournament in Nashville next week, this group of 5 brave students, not only faced some of the best speech competition in the country, we dealt with cancelled flights, lost luggage, torrential rain, tornados, softball sized hail and an unplanned 14 hour drive from Memphis to Austin, all to make it "on time" to the tournament in Texas.

Our strong finish at the AFA-NIET suggests that we are ready for NFA.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES

22nd Place - Ohio University

INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES

14th Place - Dan Glaser

COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS

Quarterfinals - Dan Glaser

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Quarterfinals - Chris Glaser

Quarterfinals - Dan Glaser

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Quarterfinals - Chris Glaser

Quarterfinals - Dan Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

Quarterfinals - Dan Glaser

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

Quarterfinals - Dan Glaser

Wish us luck as we head to Nashville, TN for the NFA Tournament, April 13-22, 2008.



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Ohio Still 2nd in the Nation!

The Ohio University Forensics Team placed 2nd in the President's I Division and 11th place overall at the National Forensics Association National Tournament for the second straight year. While this is a bit short of our goal of Top Ten, it is a major step to maintain our placement in the national rankings for two straight years.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on their recent success.

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

6th Place – Ted Dacey

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

Semifinals – Chris Glaser

RHETORICAL CRITICISM

25th Place (Next Out) – Chris Glaser

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

26th Place (Next Next Out) – Dani Bernat

28th Place – Jill Flauto

Thanks for your support and Go Bobcats!