

Mather Completes First Year

Hodgenville's Ron Mather recently completed his first year as assistant debate coach at the University of Kentucky by taking his teams to the semi-finals of the National Novice Debate Tournament in Evanston, Ill.

A graduate student, Mather is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Madison Mather, Rt. 2, Hodgenville. He serves as assistant to Dr. J. W. Patterson, UK director of debate. "Mather did a tremendous job this year. He certainly deserves most of the credit for the outstanding showing our novice team made this season," Patterson said.

In addition to the third place national victory, UK novice debaters this year also won victories at these tournaments:

Sweepstakes at Morehead State University; sweepstakes at Western Kentucky University; sweepstakes at Washington and Jefferson College; second place at Wake Forest University; octa-finalists at Ohio State University; fourth place at Vanderbilt University; third place at Miami University; third place at Wooster College; sweepstakes at the University of Missouri; first place at the University of Florida, and octa-finalists at Bellarmine

College.

Ron also assisted with the varsity team which captured third place at the National Debate Tournament. Other victories of the varsity team included semi-finalist or finalist awards at the following university tournaments: Georgetown, Harvard, Northwestern, Emory, Butler, Middle Tennessee State and Washington and Jefferson.

Ron is a 1969 honors graduate of LaRue County High School, where he was a member of Garland Blair's debate team, which took honors at numerous high school tournaments.

He was graduated with high distinction from Morehead State University in 1973. While at Morehead, he was a member of Mrs. G. C. Webb's championship team which earned honors

at Tulane University, Western Kentucky University, University of Iowa, Bellarmine College, Citadel College, UK, University of Michigan, University of Toledo and Purdue University.

Ron was active in the Morehead student government, University Senate, Latin Club, Forensics Union and honors program.



COACHES UK NOVICE DEBATERS--Hodgenville's Ron Mather, center, shows some of the trophies earned by members of the University of Kentucky Championship novice debate team which he coached during the past year. Left to right are Mary Thomson, Nashville, Tenn.; Gil Skillman, Levittown, Pa.; Mather; Carl Stich, Lexington, and John McClung, Springfield, Ohio.