Debater Skillman named top national performer

UK debater Gil Skillman was named top speaker of the National Collegiate Debate Tournament in Springfield, Mo., last week. A senior from Parkersburg, W. Va., Skillman won the top individual honor over 127 debaters from throughout the United States.

In team competition, Skillman and partner Gerry Oberst advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to the University of Kansas. The topic for the tournament was "Resolved: That the Federal government should significantly strengthen the guarantee of consumer product safety required of manufacturers." Individually, John Walker of Georgetown University was the runner-up to Skillman. Jeff Pash of Harvard University placed third.

Audubon outing Sunday

The Buckeye Hills Audubon Society is sponsoring an outing to study Sinking Creek in Jessamine County Sunday, April 30. Persons are asked to meet at Woodside Farm at 8:30 a.m., dressed in wet weather clothing. To reach Woodside Farm, take U.S. 275 two and one-half miles south of Fayetteville Mall to KY 1800, turn right, go one mile and turn left at the farm sign.

This was the fourth straight year that UK debaters have received an at-large bid to the national tournament. Oberst and Skillman went into the tournament with one of the nation's top collegiate team records for this season.