Debate team nearing national championship

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This is a rush report on the national debate team's participation in the Associated Press or United Press International basketball polls, but if you were to judge UK would be among the top three national teams, according to J. W. Patterson, UK director of debate.

"If you forced all the coaches around the country, you would probably find Kentucky, Dartmouth and Rodgiss (Cail) mentioned most, in some sort, Patterson said.

In addition to having one of the nation's best teams, UK is sponsor one of the most important tournaments of the first half of the season, the Henry Clay College Debate Tournament.

"Our tournament is the first major one of the season, and it draws most of the major teams," Jones said. As the host school, UK did not participate in the tournament which drew 80 teams from around the country.

This semester, Kentuckiana won the competition held at Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro and followed up with another victory at the Berkeley Invitational at Chapel Hill, N.C. Forty schools competed in the tournament, including Harvard, Dartmouth and Bates College -- which fell to UK in the finals, 30-20.

In other major competitions UK has performed well to powerful Dartmouth at Emory, to Temple in a mild upset at Wake Forest where UK had the number one seed, and then lost in the finals to Augie's College (Ill) at a Georgetown.

"The philosophy of this squad is to go up against the best teams," Patterson said. "It's no fun to win a tournament over weaker competition."

In order to survive in that caliber of play, it is necessary for the debaters to practice at least 20 hours a week. In addition to buying virtually the entire weekend of a tournament, Patterson said.

Why would anyone put that much work into a project that receives so little attention?

"Mainly because it supplements the learning experience. I also enjoy the travel and meeting people," Jones said.

"Most of the teams are very friendly."

Although competition is very severe, an individual round is not too crucial that it determines success or failure during an entire season and competing teams often offer each other helpful criticism.

While in the top varsity team that receives most of the attention, there are a total of five UK debate teams. The School of Fine Arts and Sciences freshman Condon McGlothin, a toy novice from Hoover, Ill., is a member of one team and is trying to adjust to differences between high school and college debates this year.

"Debate is more sophisticated in college," McGlothin said. "The teams are much more real life."

The debate issue is determined every year by a national committee, and the topic remains in effect for all tournaments during the year. This year's topic involves federal regulatory of broadcasting rights.

While a debater may hold personal opinions on the topic, rules of procedure force them to take both advocacy and opposition stands.

When the debate topic was abortion a few years ago, one team member was so opposed to abortion he couldn't really argue for it, Patterson said.

"He would begin his advocacy by saying that he personally agreed with the opposition. He would say, 'I'll be an advocate of abortion, this is how I would argue it.' The very often were on that topic," Patterson said.

This year's topic is a cause for a debate on the issue, according to Patterson. "It's a good topic for a student who is self-disciplined, who can reason and think on his feet," he said. "I also look for persuasive personal characteristics which just can't be taught."

UK dancers?

Derrick Harford, 31, and Chuck Werleber, 34, twirl and shout as they watch a potential rebound carbon off the basket during Saturday's game against Baylor. In the first home game of the season, UK won 80-66 to bring their season record to 4-1.

Kaptain Kyle

The famous free throw shooter, diplomat, star, big-time celebrity

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It's been three years since Kyle Macy, the famous UK All-America guard, decided that he would look a lot better in blue and white than in black and gold. And needless to say, in that time he has left numerous opposing coaches shaking their heads and wondering, "Is there anything this guy can't do?"

Well, maybe save the world from Iran or stop nuclear testing or something unimportant like that. But as far as college basketball is concerned -- no, not a whole lot.

For example, in Saturday night's UK-Baylor contest at Rupp Arena, whatever the Wildcats needed Mr. Macy was there to supply.

When the Bears dug up the middle with their collapsing core, Kaptain Kyle went wild, hurling bodas from the Kendall Tower to demoralize the visitors. Stat: 1737, Macy from 20, 16. Macy from 16 14.10, Macy from 22 8.46, Macy from 24 and on and on. Of the Wildcats first 20 points Kaptain Kool scored 14 of them.

"The big men just stayed inside so that left the guards to do the shooting," Kyle Macy the famous offensive star said after the game. "We didn't plan on it, it's just the way it was going. It really wasn't designed for me to take outside shots."

With 11 total assists shooting and one of them from the line, Macy scored 17 points in 26 minutes on the floor as the Cats rolled to an 80-66 victory.

And even that free throw was significant.

When Macy knocked it home, it was the 26th straight time the Indians native has nailed since last February, breaking a record set by Louie Dampier since the 1969-70 season.

The game was stopped and the game ball (even before the game was over) was presented to Macy by Coach Joe Hall as the 23,000 season's approaching. "I really didn't know anything about it," Kyle Macy the famous free throw shooter and big-time celebrity said.

"I knew I hadn't missed since last year. I heard them call for the ball."

Sperme called me down to keep it up."

"It was a joy," said Macy smiling, "Sometimes you feel good up at the line. Other times you've been running up and down the floor and you're tired."

But what about defense? Need you asked.

With just five minutes gone in the

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