

MEMORANDUM

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TO: President Singletary  
Vice-President Zumwinkle

FROM: J. W. Patterson

RE: Debate and the First Semester

This memorandum is to brag a little about some of the significant events in Kentucky's Intercollegiate Debate Program during the first semester of this year. By no means do I mean this as an exhaustive report of our activities, but I do want to call to your attention a few of the highlights.

1. We have been informed by the American Forensic Association editor for Inter-collegiate Speech Tournament Results, 1972-1973 that Kentucky is listed in the mythical National Sweepstakes Championship Top 10 for 1973-73. In addition to Kentucky, the other nine are University of Southern California at Los Angeles, University of Kansas, Northwestern University, Georgetown University, Ohio University, Arizona State University, Ball State University and Michigan University. The editor tells me, "In offering a mythical National Sweepstakes Championship in Forensics for the past season, the editor is seeking to call attention to schools whose balanced Forensic Programs made them outstanding in more than a single event." The editor further notes that the results "give particular emphasis to schools that placed well in sweepstakes competition in individual tournaments as this generally represents a team effort of which the editor particularly approves and wishes to encourage."
2. Kentucky already has had two teams invited to the National Tournament of Champions on the campus of Illinois State University in March. One of these teams, Mark Viehe and Gerry Oberst, two sophomores, won the second place award at Emory University over 160 teams from over 90 institutions. The other team, Ben Jones and Jim Flegle, placed third at Georgetown University in competition with 130 teams.
3. One of our novice teams, Mary Thomson and Gil Skillman, placed second at the Wake Forest novice tournament which is the largest and most prestigious novice tournament of the first semester.
4. Strange as it may seem, we have received another editorial in the Lexington Leader. I am enclosing a copy in case you missed it.

In addition to the above, our debaters have won their share of first and second place trophies at other tournaments. I will give a more exhaustive treatment of all of this in my year's report to Dr. Zumwinkle in May.