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College students gather for debate competition

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It has all the fanfare of the Kentucky Derby without one ingredient — horses.

Instead of horses running to win, place or show, nine of the country's top debate teams will "run for the roses" in the 15th edition of the Kentucky Thoroughbred round robin.

Tonight the 18 debaters, who have come from as far away as California, will gather in the Kentucky suite of the Harley Hotel to find out who will win the tournament some debaters call "the command performance" of collegiate debate.

The Kentucky round robin, which is the last of its kind, is such a special experience that a team invited "rarely" turns down an invitation, said J.W. Patterson, UK's director of debate.

"It has gotten to the point that most of the major teams come from

across the country," Patterson said. "I've never had anybody turn down (an invitation) unless it was an emergency."

Turning down an invitation to the Kentucky round robin might be similar to turning down an invitation to the National Debate Tournament.

"An invitation is one of the most prized accomplishments in forensic competition," said William Southworth, director of debate at the University of Redlands, located in Southern California.

Southworth, who is coaching a team in the round robin, said the format of the tournament and the quality of the competition provide the "purest way to determine the national champion."

Eight rounds over the course of yesterday and today against top team after top team are enough to tire debaters for the Henry Clay Debates, which begin tomorrow.

"The Clay is anticlimactic in that



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round robin participants are so tired that they go on not to do as well," said Chrissy Mahoney, a Dartmouth economics and math senior.

The round robin began in 1972 as an effort to make the local regional tournament "quick in a hurry," Patterson said.

Former Ky. governor speaks tonight

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Julian M. Carroll, former Kentucky governor, will speak tonight at 7:30 p.m. at 228 Student Center.

Carroll is the first speaker in the "Distinguished Democratic Guest Lecturer Series" sponsored by the College Democrats.

Carroll was sworn in as the 54th governor on Dec. 28, 1974, succeeding Gov. Wendell H. Ford who re-

signed to take a seat in the U.S. Senate. Carroll was re-elected the following year to a full term as governor.

Carroll entered politics in 1961 as state representative from McCracken County. He was re-elected the next three terms and in 1968 was elected speaker. In 1971 he was elected lieutenant governor.

"We think it's a good idea to have Democratic guest lecturers speak at UK with the primary coming up.

These men could be potential governor candidates," said Cyndi Weaver, the club's president.

Other tentative guest lecturers are Grady Stumbo, Wallace Wilkinson and Joe Prather, Weaver said.

The UK chapter of College Democrats is still in the process of building its organization, she said. And the lecture series is one way the group hopes to increase its visibility on campus.

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