

No argument against it: UK debaters among elite

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When it comes to arguing, there's no debate: UK has one of the top teams in the country.

The UK squad proved that recently, as its top varsity team took second place at the nation's largest collegiate debate tournament held at Northwestern University.

T.A. McKinney, a political science junior, and Calvin Rockefeller, a communications junior, emerged from an impressive field of 120 teams representing 55 colleges to post a record of 10 wins and two losses.

"To my knowledge every top team in the nation was in attendance," said J.W. Patterson, the UK debate coach.

On UK's second varsity team, Jerry Gallagher, a freshman from Detroit, and David Walsh, a junior from Dallas, advanced to the elimination rounds. That is where the situation became sticky: the pair were scheduled to meet teammates Rockefeller and McKinney. In college debate, pairings normally are not changed. When two teams from the same school are scheduled to meet each other they have the option of either debating or simply advancing one of the teams, Patterson said.

Kentucky elected to advance McKinney and Rockefeller because it had the best record after the eight preliminary rounds, with seven wins and one loss, Patterson said.

The UK team, which consists of six debaters, is coached by Patterson and Roger Solt, who are both veterans of the college debate cir-

cuit.

The national topic that all the colleges debate this year is whether or not "the federal government should adopt an energy policy which substantially reduces non-military consumption of fossil fuels in the United States."

"They are certainly one of the best teams that Kentucky has had," Patterson said. "They have the potential to be the best team in the country."

Two important achievements support Patterson's evaluation. First, the duo has won 83 percent of their rounds for the year, which includes nine major tournaments.

Secondly, McKinney and Rockefeller have been given an at-large bid to the National Debate Tournament, which determines the national college champion. The bids are given only to the top 16 teams in the nation. All other teams must get to the tournament by winning their respective districts.

Rockefeller and McKinney seem to have an interesting chemistry that contributes to their success.

"It's the perfect good cop-bad cop debate team," Rockefeller said.

Success does have its price. The UK debaters spend an average of 30 hours a week preparing for upcoming tournaments.

Despite the problems that may arise from debating, the two UK debaters think the advantages outweigh the hassles.

"You learn how to research better than your college peers and to think critically," McKinney said. "Debating is like taking a special topic class, but more intensive."



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UK's Zavos stunned after being

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When UK associate professor Panayiotis Zavos said, "because 25 years ago I say that you would realize that you don't want to work with them."

ology in UK's College of Agriculture, is internationally known for developing a process that designates the sex of cattle before artificial insemination.

He said he goes to China two or three times a year to publish a bull.

"Do the Chinese have problems?" The answer is "They are limited (by the government) having only one child (the government wants to en