

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT AT WEST POINT

20-23 APRIL 1960

FINAL RESULTS

The Fourteenth National Debate Tournament was held at the United States Military Academy from 20-23 April inclusive. As in preceding years, thirty-six teams from all parts of the country debated eight seeding rounds of strength versus strength pairings the first two days, and the top sixteen teams participated in the elimination rounds on the final day.

Dartmouth College won the National Debate Tournament and became the possessor for one year of the Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy. Debating the affirmative side of the national debate topic, Resolved, That Congress should be given the power to reverse decisions of the Supreme Court, Dartmouth defeated San Diego State College in the final round by a 5-2 vote.

On the evening of 22 April, following the completion of eight seeding rounds, a banquet was held in Cullum Hall. General C. V. R. Schuyler gave the principal address, and the top sixteen teams were announced as were the two speakers receiving the highest number of speakers' points. Donald Herrick of William Jewell College and George Schell of Baylor University, the two top speakers, were presented wrist watches. The watches presented to the two top speakers have been designated the Lt. George W. P. Walker Memorial Awards, in memory of the former West Point debater and Tournament winner. The members of the two finalist teams, Anthony Roisman and Saul Baernstein of Dartmouth and John Raser and Robert Arnhyrn of San Diego State College, each received prize watches, designated as the Hamilton Award, following the final debate. These watches were made possible through the courtesy of the Hamilton Watch Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The sixteen teams entering the elimination rounds were selected on the following basis:

- 1. First, on number of debates won during the seeding rounds.
- 2. Second, in case of ties, on the number of judges' votes received.
- 3. Third, if a tie still existed, on total team points.

The top sixteen teams and their seeding round records were:

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Judge's Points</u>	<u>Team Points</u>
1. Dartmouth College	7	16	1035
2. San Diego State College	6	18	988
3. William Jewell College	6	17	994
4. University of Oklahoma	6	16	927
5. Northwestern University	6	15	959
6. Baylor University	6	14	992
7. Texas Christian University	6	14	946
8. University of Southern California	6	12	968
9. Augustana College	5	15	996
10. Harvard University	5	15	925
11. Kansas State Teachers College	5	14	971
12. U. S. Military Academy	5	13	927
13. University of Alabama	4	14	978
14. University of Kentucky	4	14	895
15. Ohio State University	4	12	957
16. University of Miami	4	12	905

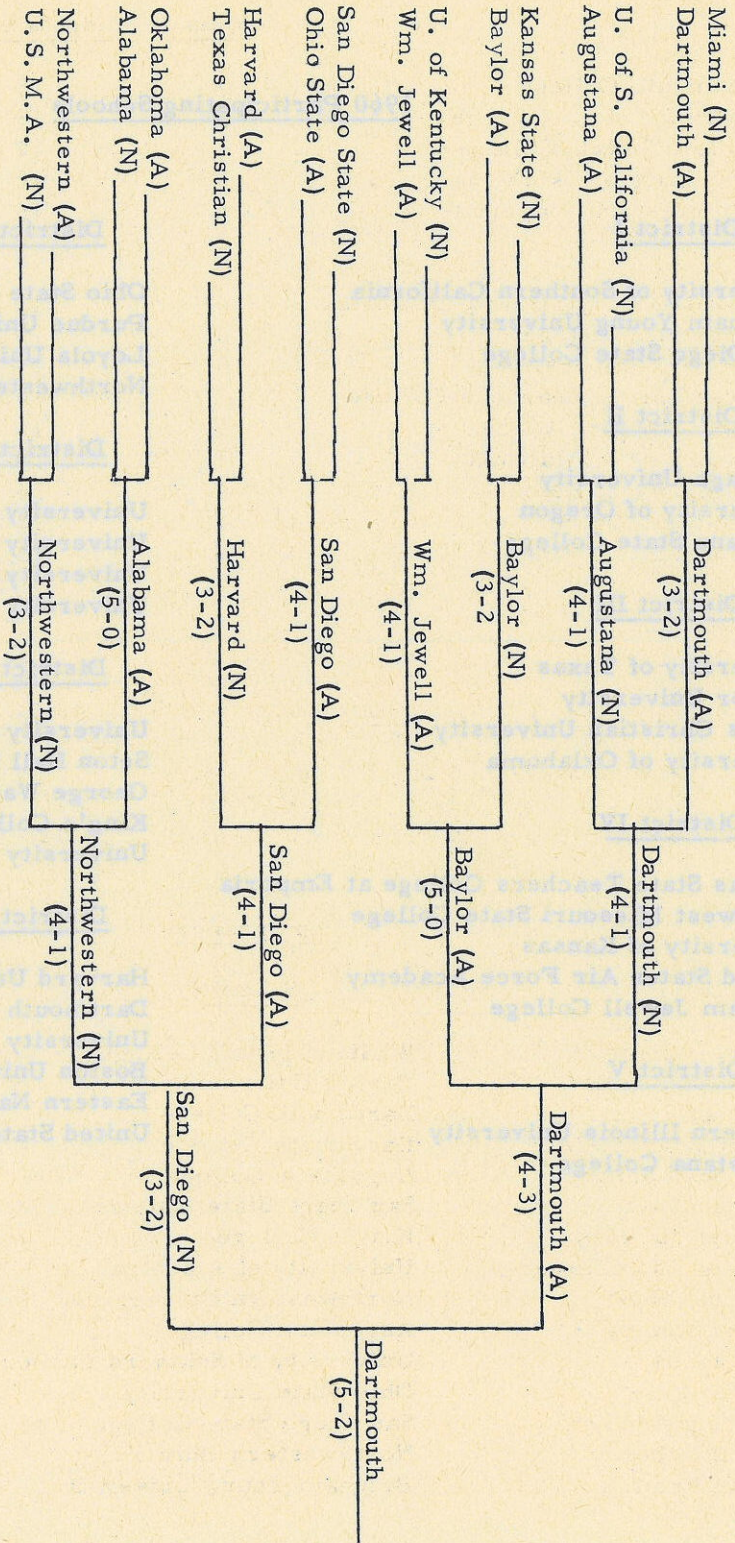
Seeding Rounds

	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>VI</u>	<u>VII</u>	<u>VIII</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Affirmative Wins	7	6	9	10	6	9	8	3	58
Negative Wins	11	12	9	8	12	9	10	15	86
Split Decisions	13	10	14	12	9	11	12	12	93

Top Speakers

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Speaker's Pts.</u>
1. Donald Herrick	William Jewell College	1032
2. George Schell	Baylor University	1026
3. Anthony Roisman	Dartmouth College	1019
4. Saul Baernstein	Dartmouth College	1018
(tie) Richard Smith	Augustana College	1018
6. John Raser	San Diego State College	1010
7. Frank Harrison	King's College	1007
8. Craig Baumberger	University of Alabama	993
9. Dennis Hunt	Northwestern University	990
10. John Siefkin	Augustana College	987
11. Alan Fox	University of Southern California	983
12. Allen Rule	Ohio State University	981
13. Robert Arnhym	San Diego State College	974
(tie) John Roberts	Northwestern University	974
15. Tom Read	Brigham Young University	971

ELIMINATION ROUNDS



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1960 Participating Schools

District I

University of Southern California
Brigham Young University
San Diego State College

District II

Gonzaga University
University of Oregon
Montana State College

District III

University of Texas
Baylor University
Texas Christian University
University of Oklahoma

District IV

Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia
Southwest Missouri State College
University of Kansas
United States Air Force Academy
William Jewell College

District V

Southern Illinois University
Augustana College

District V (Continued)

Ohio State University
Purdue University
Loyola University
Northwestern University

District VI

University of Kentucky
University of Miami
University of Alabama
University of South Carolina

District VII

University of Pennsylvania
Seton Hall University
George Washington University
King's College
University of Pittsburgh

District VIII

Harvard University
Dartmouth College
University of Vermont
Boston University
Eastern Nazarene College
United States Military Academy

SIXTEENTH NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT
WEST POINT, NEW YORK
25-28 APRIL 1962

FINAL RESULTS

The Sixteenth National Debate Tournament was held at the United States Military Academy from 25-28 April inclusive. Thirty-eight teams from the eight national districts debated eight seeding rounds of strength versus strength pairings the first two days, and the top sixteen teams participated in four elimination rounds on the final day.

Ohio State University won the National Debate Tournament and became the possessor for one year of the Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy. Debating the negative side of the national debate topic, Resolved, That Labor Organization Should be Under the Jurisdiction of Anti-Trust Legislation, Ohio State defeated Baylor University in the final round by a 4-3 vote. The Ohio State Team contributed a significant first to the sixteen year history of the Tournament by bringing to the winner's circle a representative of the nation's many female debaters, Miss Sarah Benson.

At the Tournament banquet, held after the completion of the eight seeding rounds, Dr. Nicolas M. Cripe, Professor and Head of the Department of Speech at Butler University, and National President of the American Forensics Association, delivered the principal address. Major General William C. Westmoreland, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, presented the Lt. George W. P. Walker Memorial Awards of two Hamilton Electric Wrist Watches to the two speakers who had received the highest number of speakers' points in the eight seeding rounds, Lee Huebner of Northwestern and Harold Lawson of Kansas State Teacher's College (Emporia), who were tied for first place. The members of the two finalist teams, Sarah Benson and Dale Williams of Ohio State, and Calvin Kent and Mike Henke of Baylor, each received prize watches, designated the Hamilton Award, following the final debate. These watches were made available through the courtesy of the Hamilton Watch Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The sixteen teams entering the elimination rounds Saturday were selected on the following basis:

- First, on the number of debates won during the seeding rounds.
- Second, in case of ties, on the number of judges' votes received.
- Third, if a tie still existed, on total team points.

The top sixteen teams and their seeding round records were:

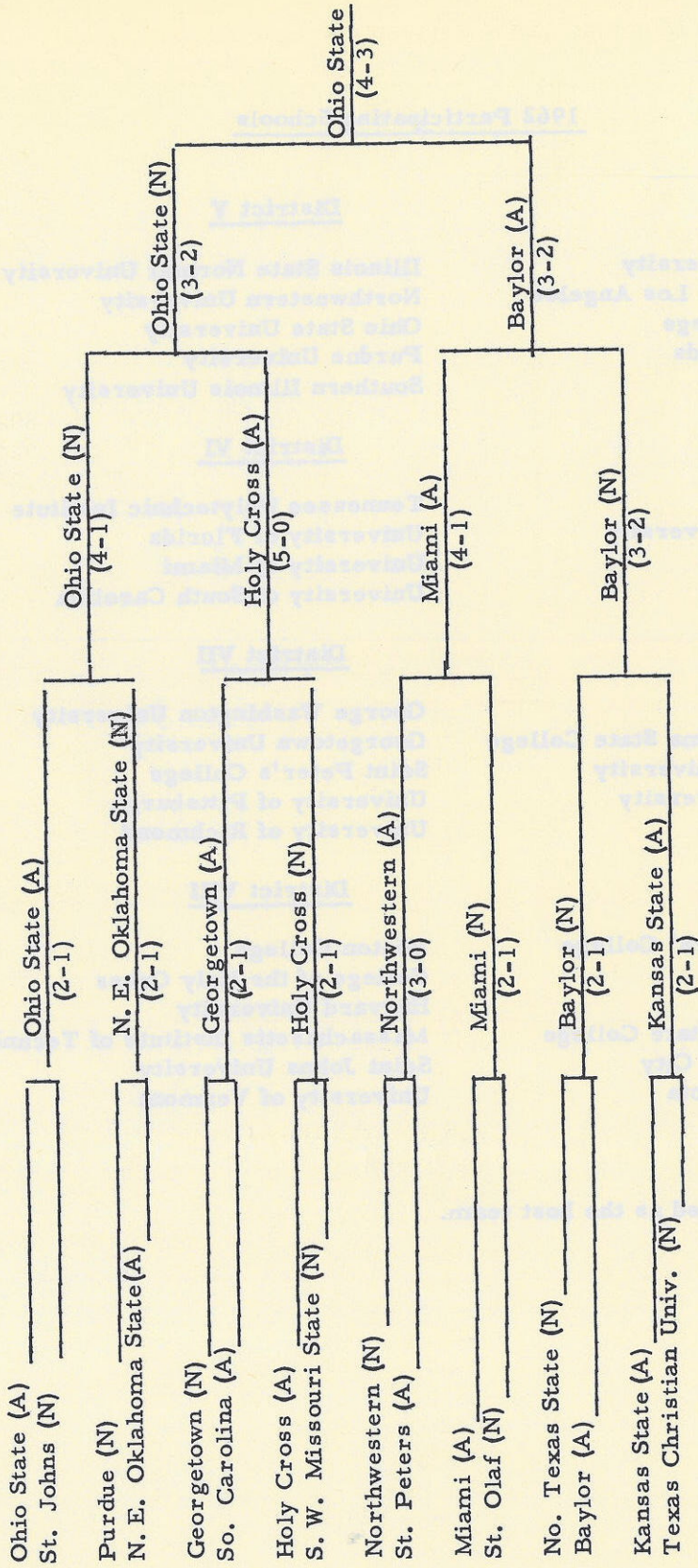
<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Judges' Votes</u>	<u>Team Points</u>
1. Ohio State	7	17	971
2. Holy Cross	6	17	1000
3. Northwestern	6	17	1017
4. North Texas State	6	17	968
5. Kansas State Teachers	6	14	1025
6. Georgetown	5	15	973
7. Miami	5	15	930
8. N. E. Oklahoma State	5	14	942
9. Purdue	5	14	942
10. Saint Olaf	5	14	898
11. South Carolina	5	13	927
12. Texas Christian	5	13	926
13. Baylor	5	12	963
14. S. W. Missouri State	5	12	940
15. Saint Peter's	4	15	909
16. Saint John's	4	14	909

	<u>Seeding Rounds</u>								<u>Totals</u>
	<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>VI</u>	<u>VII</u>	<u>VIII</u>	
Affirmative Wins	8	10	9	13	12	12	6	10	80
Negative Wins	11	9	10	6	7	7	13	9	72
Split Decisions	10	14	14	7	15	11	14	12	97

Top Speakers

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Speaker's Points</u>
1. Tie (Harold Lawson (Lee Huebner	Kansas State Teacher's (Emporia)	(1031
	Northwestern	(1031
3. Gary Sherrer	Kansas State Teacher's	1028
4. John Swaney	North Texas State University	1025
5. Dan Kalb	College of the Holy Cross	1013
6. David Copus	Northwestern	1004
7. Kevin Keogh	College of the Holy Cross	997
8. John Hemplemann	Georgetown	989
9. Dale Williams	Ohio State	984
10. Richard Fulkerson	Southern Illinois University	977
11. James Unger	Boston College	975
12. Mike Henke	Baylor	974
13. John Brough	Georgetown	966
14. William Abell	Boston College	961
15. Rennard Strickland	Northeastern Oklahoma State	960
16. Sarah Benson	Ohio State	959
17. Bill English	Texas Christian University	958
18. Neal Sonnett	Miami	955
19. Donald Mahley	Purdue	954
20. Reba Keele	Brigham Young	950

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1962 Participating Schools

District I

Brigham Young University
Loyola University of Los Angeles
San Diego State College
University of Redlands

District II

Gonzaga University
Pacific Lutheran University
University of Oregon

District III

Baylor University
Northeastern Oklahoma State College
North Texas State University
Texas Christian University

District IV

Kansas State Teachers' College
Rockhurst College
Saint Olaf College
Southwest Missouri State College
University of Kansas City
University of Minnesota

District V

Illinois State Normal University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Purdue University
Southern Illinois University

District VI

Tennessee Polytechnic Institute
University of Florida
University of Miami
University of South Carolina

District VII

George Washington University
Georgetown University
Saint Peter's College
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond

District VIII

Boston College
College of the Holy Cross
Harvard University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Saint Johns University
University of Vermont

West Point participated as the host team.

SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT
WEST POINT, NEW YORK
24-27 APRIL 1963

FINAL RESULTS

The Seventeenth National Debate Tournament was held at the United States Military Academy from 24-27 April inclusive. Thirty-eight teams from the eight national districts debated eight seeding rounds of strength versus strength pairings the first two days, and the top sixteen teams participated in four elimination rounds on the final day.

Dartmouth College won the National Debate Tournament and became the possessor for one year of the Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy. Debating the affirmative side of the national debate topic, Resolved, That the Non-Communist Nations of The World Should Establish an Economic Community, Dartmouth defeated the University of Minnesota in the final round by a 5-2 vote.

At the Tournament banquet, held after the completion of the eight seeding rounds, General Lauris Norstad, USAF, Retired, Former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, delivered the principal address. Major General William C. Westmoreland, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, presented the Lt. George W.P. Walker Memorial Awards of two Hamilton Electric Wrist Watches to the two speakers who had received the highest number of speakers' points in the eight seeding rounds; Daniel F. Kolb of Holy Cross, first place, and Robert E. Roberts of Alabama, second place. The members of the two finalist teams, Frank H. Wohl and Steven Kessler of Dartmouth, and Andre Zdrzil and David Krause of Minnesota, each received prize watches, designated the Hamilton Award, following the final debate. These watches were made available through the courtesy of the Hamilton Watch Company, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The sixteen teams entering the elimination rounds Saturday were selected on the following basis:

- First, on the number of debates won during the seeding rounds.
- Second, in case of ties, on the number of judges' votes received.
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1963 Participating Schools

District I

Brigham Young University
Loyola University
University of Southern California
San Diego State College

District V

Illinois State Normal University
Ohio State University
Southern Illinois University
Wayne State University
Western Michigan University
Wheaton College

District II

Oregon State University
University of Oregon
University of Wyoming

District VI

University of Alabama
University of Miami
University of South Carolina
Wake Forest College

District III

Central State College
Northeastern State College
North Texas State College
University of Oklahoma

District VII

Georgetown University
George Washington University
King's College
University of Virginia
Washington and Lee University

District IV

Kansas State Teachers College - Emporia
Kansas State College - Pittsburg
Northwestern College
Saint Olaf College
University of Kansas
University of Minnesota

District VIII

Boston College
College of the Holy Cross
Dartmouth College
Harvard University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

United States Military Academy participated as host team.

The top sixteen teams and their seeding round records were:

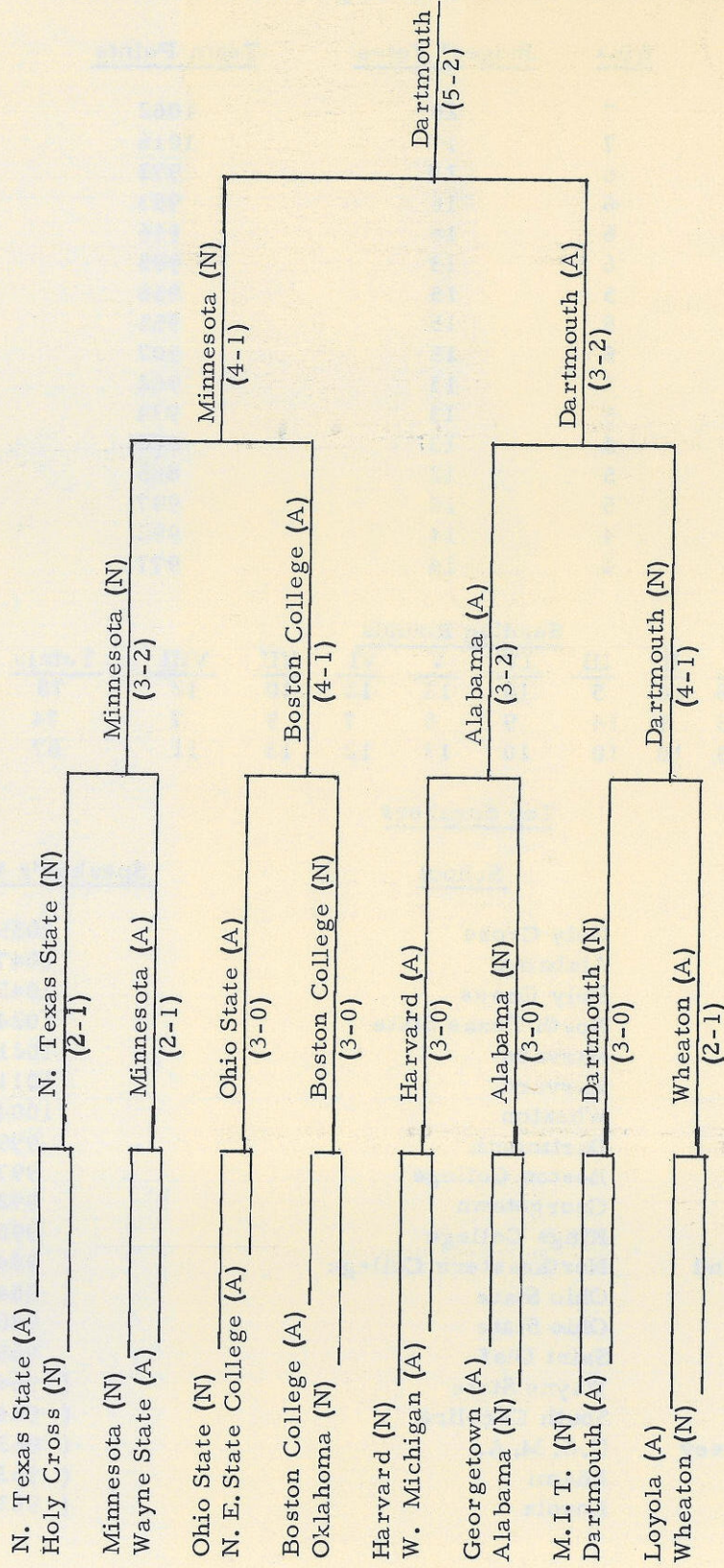
<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Judges' Votes</u>	<u>Team Points</u>
1. Holy Cross	7	20	1062
2. Harvard	7	17	1016
3. Boston College	6	17	972
4. Dartmouth	6	16	983
5. Wheaton	6	15	956
6. Ohio State	6	13	985
7. Georgetown	5	15	958
8. Wayne State	5	15	955
9. Univ. of Minnesota	5	15	907
10. Northeastern State	5	13	962
11. Loyola	5	13	934
12. MIT	5	13	888
13. Oklahoma	5	12	865
14. Western Michigan	5	10	907
15. Alabama	4	14	992
16. North Texas State	4	14	977

	<u>Seeding Rounds</u>								<u>Totals</u>
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Affirmative Wins	6	10	5	10	13	12	10	12	78
Negative Wins	13	9	14	9	6	7	9	7	74
Split Decisions	8	10	10	10	13	12	13	11	87

Top Speakers

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Speaker's Points</u>
1. Daniel F. Kolb	Holy Cross	1055
2. Robert E. Roberts	Alabama	1047
3. Kevin J. Keogh	Holy Cross	1045
4. J. Swaney	North Texas State	1024
5. Arden Doss	Harvard	1021
6. Jim McGrew	Harvard	1011
7. Harry Cawood	Wheaton	1004
8. Frank H. Wohl	Dartmouth	999
9. James Unger	Boston College	997
10. John Hempleman	Georgetown	992
11. Robert Higgins	Kings College	990
13. Tie (Glenn Strickland	Northeastern College	(984
(Sarah Benson	Ohio State	(984
14. Edward McGlone	Ohio State	980
15. Jim Kittelson	Saint Olaf	965
16. Tie (David Getto	Wayne State	(964
(James Mann	South Carolina	(964
18. Tie (Robert Almassey	U. S. M. A.	(963
(Neal Sonnett	Miami	(963
(Steve Shiffrin	Loyola	(963

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The Suitcase Set

College debaters travel heavy. Each two-man team lugs to its matches two suitcases jammed with the heavy armor of the debating business—index cards covered with neat, handy facts and quotes. One suitcase is packed with arguments for the affirmative, the other with arguments for the negative.

The suitcase set in the 1962-63 debate season has been weighed down in a ponderous issue: Resolved: That the Non-Communist Nations of the World Should Establish an Economic Community. The topic was chosen by college debate coaches across the country, who picked it over such suggestions as "Resolved: That the Death Penalty Should Be Abolished." Conflicting state laws made capital punishment seem unsuited for national debate.

From one match to the next, the college debaters have been prepared to insist with equal fervor and logic upon the rightness or the wrongness of the resolution. After debating both affirmative and negative so many times, Frank Wohl, a gifted Dartmouth debater, said last week, "most of us end up feeling there's a problem, but we're not sure what to do about it. Very few debaters can decide national policy."

Wohl was one of 76 collegians, representing 38 schools from coast to coast, who competed in the recent National Debate Tournament at West Point. More than 600 colleges and universities had originally been eligible for the competition, but a season-long elimination system had weeded out all

*Though many ex-debaters do, for example, Presidential Assistant Theodore Sorensen, Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman, House Minority Leader Carl Albert, and Gen. Maxwell Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



Newsweek—Vytas Malaitis

Debaters Wohl and Kessler: A frantic search for oversights

those that were rambling and illogical. The tournament provided a stiff test. College debating is as rule-bound as chess, and as uncompromising as Russian roulette. A member of the affirmative team starts off with a ten-minute "constructive" speech, and a member of the negative team then counters with a ten-minute constructive speech. Then the second affirmative debater gets ten minutes, followed by the second negative debater. Finally, each man gets a five-minute rebuttal period. The object for the affirmative team is to present a flawless program, for the negative team to find flaws in the program. The contest almost inevitably turns into a frantic search for tiny oversights.

"Debaters like to jump up and down on minor inconsistencies," said one coach at the national tournament.

Toss: Of all the debating teams at West Point, the best, ultimately, was the Dartmouth duo—Wohl, a smooth 20-year-old from Ogden, Utah, and Steven Kessler, a fast-talking 21-year-old from New York City. Less than half an hour before the final round began, a toss of a coin in a basement room at West Point determined that Dartmouth would debate the affirmative, co-finalist University of Minnesota the negative.

With such short warning, Kessler led off for Dartmouth by insisting that "trade barriers prevent industrialization, and underdevelopment increases vulnerability to Communism." The negative countered that underdeveloped countries have a severe need for trade barriers, so that foreign currency can be channeled into areas where it will do the most good. Dartmouth built up its basic argument with more points than Minnesota could negate and, talking faster and thinking faster, outargued its opponents. A majority of the seven judges—chosen from coaches of the other 36 teams—named Dartmouth the winner. Boston College and the University of Ala-

bama finished as runners-up to the two finalists.

Winner Kessler estimated that in the eight months he and Wohl have been absorbed in the economic community issue, they and the rest of Dartmouth's 35-man debating squad have digested more than 200 books and 10,000 articles, and have transcribed quotes and facts to some 6,000 evidence cards. "The amount of research," says their coach, Herbert James, a professor of speech, "was the equivalent of a master's thesis."

Joe Shlink: The debaters become experts at debating economics, but not expert economists. Capt. Harvey Garn, an adviser to the West Point debaters and an economics professor, says that generally not enough discrimination is shown in evaluating sources. "Someone says this is said by economist Joe Shlink—who happens to be a bad economist—and it's accepted as evidence." Garn for one would like to see students debate non-technical subjects, the way British teams do. His own team debated the Royal Military College of Canada last year on "Resolved: That There Is a Time to Love and a Time to Die."

American college debating is not oratory. Many of the best debaters in the West Point tournament were dull speakers—one notable exception: Holy Cross's Daniel J. Kolb, who was voted the best speaker at the Military Academy competition—but good organizers and quick reactors.

It is unlikely that U.S. college debaters will ever rival football stars as campus heroes, but they can keep playing their game long after they graduate. The finest debater at Whittier College once was a pre-law student named Richard Nixon. In 1934, his senior year, he argued: "Resolved: That the Power of the President Shall be Substantially Increased as a Matter of Settled Policy." He was still debating related topics a quarter of a century later.

8 May 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Summary of Matters Considered at Steering Committee Meeting,
26 April 1962, 16th National Debate Tournament

1. The Steering Committee, 16th National Debate Tournament, convened in Room 123, Thayer Hall, at 1920 hours, Thursday, 26 April 1962. This committee was composed of: Professor Nicholas M. Cripe, Butler University, President of the American Forensics Association; Professor W. Scott Nobles, University of Oregon, Chairman of District II; Professor Martin Holcomb, Augustana College, District V; Professor John DeBross, District IV, Kansas State Teachers' College; Professor Glenn R. Capp, Baylor University, Chairman of District III; Professor Wofford Gardner, University of Maine, Chairman of District VIII; Professor Robert Benjamin, San Diego State College, Chairman of District I; Professor Ronald Reid, Purdue University, Chairman of District V; Professor Donald Sprague, University of Miami, District VI; Professor William Reynolds, Georgetown University, District VII; Major James L. Morrison, Jr., USMA, Director 16th National Debate Tournament; and Captain Donald P. Shaw, USMA, Deputy Director, 16th National Debate Tournament.

2. Major Morrison called the meeting to order and introduced Captain Donald P. Shaw.

3. The first order of business was the problem of assessing districts to provide travel funds for the Special Guest Judges who officiate during the final rounds of the tournament on Saturday. This system had been inaugurated several years ago in answer to the expressed desire of several districts that they have a higher proportional representation of judges at West Point; these judges were chosen by District committees and paid from funds collected by the National Debate Tournament Staff from each District. Major Morrison pointed out that the 1962 Chairmen of four of the eight districts had expressed varying degrees of dissatisfaction with the system and that some revision was obviously required.

In the discussion which ensued Mid- and Far-Western representatives were generally reluctant to reduce the number of judges while those from other sections of the country favored a drastic reduction in cost and hence a sizeable reduction in the number of judges.

As a result of this discussion the following proposal was accepted by the Steering Committee:

a. Only the district chairman or his designated representative will be reimbursed for travel to and from the tournament from tournament collected funds.

b. Funds for such travel are to be collected and disbursed in a manner similar to that previously used. (See Attached Memorandum).

c. District Committees may designate as many other judges as desired. Each district will be individually responsible for the travel expenses of those judges so selected.

d. These designated judges and team coaches by accepting invitations to attend the tournament thereby obligate themselves to be available for judging assignments throughout the entire tournament.

e. None of the foregoing applies to those guest judges and observers who defray their own travel expenses in order to participate.

4. The next order of business discussed was re-appointment and re-districting.

a. Professor Capp requested that the Steering Committee consider an increase in representation from his district because of the increase in school population resulting from the addition of Mississippi to District III. The Committee members were aware that such a space could be created only by a general redistricting and reapportionment of team spaces, since the present number of teams (38) represents the maximum which can be effectively supported at West Point. Professor Capp then proposed that should an additional team space become available District III should have first priority on its assignment. This proposal was accepted by the Steering Committee.

b. Professor Nobles raised the question of transferring certain Northern California Schools from District I to District II. After discussing this problem the Steering Committee agreed that additional time be made available for Districts I and II to resolve the matter to their mutual satisfaction.

DONALD PALMER SHAW
Captain, Armor
Recorder

JAMES L. MORRISON, JR.
Major, Armor
Director

ATTACHMENT

I. Summary of change in number and availability of Special Judges:

	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
Number	24	8 (1/district)
How selected	Designated by District Committee	District Committee Chairman, or designated representative
Availability for Judging	Elimination and Final Rounds <u>only</u> .	<u>ALL</u> Rounds: Seeding, Elim., etc.

II. Funding

A. The total cost of round trip Jet air coach fare for each of the eight designated judges from the airport nearest home university or college to New York City will be determined from current air schedules. This sum, plus day's per diem at \$16 for each judge, will yield the total cost of transporting the judges.

B. This figure will then be divided by the total number of visiting team spaces (37), to obtain the cost per team space.

C. The district assessment is then determined by multiplying the cost per team space by the number of teams returned from each district, to include the space of last year's winner, an automatic returnee.

The cost per district of this method will reduce the expense to the districts by approximately 2/3.

It should be remembered that the actual cost is determined by the travel rates prevailing at the time of the Tournament.

