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Dear Forensic Colleagues & Friends,

After four years serving as the Chair of our department, I am returning to my former love . . . forensics! It's great to be back and I can't wait to renew friendships . . . to wit:

On behalf of the University of Central Missouri's Department of Communication & Sociology, the "Talking Mules" Speech & Debate Team, and our tournament staff, I am excited to extend this invitation to you and your teams to attend the 2013 Missouri Mule Invitational Swing, hosted on our campus October 18-20. The "Mule" is a full service tournament (Friday-Saturday), offering all 11 AFA-NIET events, LD and NPDA, and proud to continue its long history of excellent competition. This year, the Dale Carnegie Swing (Sunday) will offer a full slate of IE's and LD.

This year's schedule is flexible and offers the following:

For IE only programs – 1 complete tournament on Saturday and 1 complete tournament on Sunday;

For NPDA only programs – 1 tournament on Friday and Saturday;

For LD only programs – 1 complete tournament on Saturday and 1 complete tournament on Sunday;

For comprehensive programs – a 3 day schedule that offers 1 NPDA tournament, 2 LD and 2 IE tournaments.

We will offer two divisions in two formats of debate: NPDA (Open and Novice Divisions) and LD (NFA topic, Open and Novice Divisions). We will offer 5 prelim rounds of Parli with appropriate outrounds (All winning records will break) and 4 rounds of LD with appropriate outrounds. Parli Debaters will have unlimited access to IE's. LD participants will not be able to enter IE's. We will offer 2 prelim rounds with appropriate outrounds in all 11 AFA-NIET recognized individual events.

As an added feature – and since it was so popular last year – the winning student in persuasive speaking will be asked to identify the agent or agency of advocacy within their speech and the Mule will make a \$100.00 donation in the name of the student and host program to that entity. We will make the donation for the winners in persuasion for both halves of the Swing.

We are committed to bringing you and your teams a quality, on-time, competitive experience. To that end, we have asked Scott and Gina Jensen of Webster University to head up our tabroom staff which will include Jason Stahl from Belmont University. We are also not only providing a number of meals, but the time to eat them in our schedule.

The official tournament hotels are:

Comfort Inn: 660-429-4848, \$82.00 flat rate, block expires 10/01;

Days Inn: 660-429-2400, \$65.00 (1 bed), \$75.00 (2 beds), block expires 09/20;

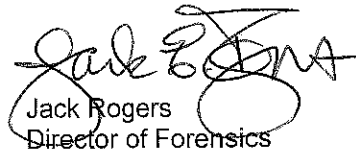
Super 8: 660-429-2183, \$65.99 (2 beds Thursday); \$69.99 (2 beds, Friday / Saturday), king or queen singles are slightly less, block expires 10/01;

Holiday Inn Express: 660-747-3000, \$87.00 flat rate, block expires 10/01.

A word of caution, call early – we are a small town, so once the rooms are gone there isn't much available. There are some less expensive options, call if you are interested.

This is a great chance to get your teams out mid fall, renew old acquaintances, and win some hardware. If you have comments, questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 660-543-8646 or Rogers@ucmo.edu.

We look forward to hosting you,



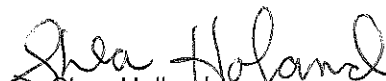
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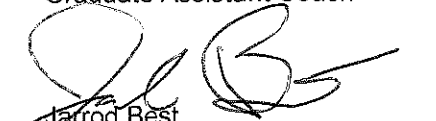
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