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Dear Colleagues,

As we push our way toward the holidays and the end of 2013, OSU is busy making plans for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Earl Wells Memorial Speakeasy to be held on the beautiful Oregon State University campus on Saturday-Sunday, February 22-23, 2014.

As with previous years, our tournament is part of a weekend of forensics events being held along the I-5 corridor. On Friday, February 21, the AFA-NIET Regional Qualifier will be held at Mt. Hood Community College. Even schools that are not officially a part of the AFA (or planning to attend the NIET) are invited.

Both schools are within reasonable distance of each other. Schools from inside and outside the region can have their students participate in five preliminary rounds of IEs in one weekend. They also have the chance to participate in IPDA debate. The goal, as in years past, is to provide schools with the widest variety of options to suit their particular needs.

As in years past, OSU wants to provide a convenient and stress free (we hope!) two-day tournament format.

The tournament will feature:

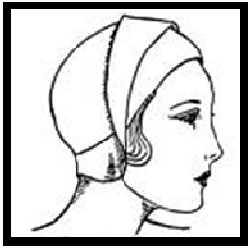
- Five preliminary rounds of IPDA debate with Bronze/Silver/ Gold elimination rounds
- Two preliminary rounds of AFA events
- The *positively* cringe-inducing event, Bad Interp
- A top notch tab room staff
- The Jeanne Hartman Popovich Debate Speaker Award
- The Minette Phillips Overall Speaker Award
- The Pentathlon Award
- (Somewhat) healthy snacks throughout the tournament
- The Coaches'/Judges' Lounge for time away from the lil' ones
- And much, much more!

This tournament supports the goals of the Northwest Intercollegiate Debate League (NIDL), the Greater Portland Intercollegiate Debate League (GPIDL), and the International Public Debate Association (IPDA). We believe that debate is a public communication event. Our tournament reflects this philosophy.

We hope you'll join us and our colleagues in Portland.

Sincerely,

Mark Porrovecchio, Director of Forensics  
Megan Bauer, Assistant Coach



10<sup>th</sup> Annual Earl Wells Memorial Speakeasy  
Oregon State University  
February 22-23, 2014

**ENTRIES:**

Schools must submit entries via [www.forensictournament.net](http://www.forensictournament.net). Entry deadline: **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. We reserve the right to restrict school entries in cases where they do not bring enough judges (see below).

**FEES:**

Please make checks payable to: **Oregon State University Foundation c/o OSU Forensics**. We cannot accept checks made out to any other entity. Fees will be assessed at 5:00pm on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. After that date, no adds, only drops.

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| School Fee                   | \$40                         |
| Individual Events (per slot) | \$8                          |
| IPDA                         | \$35                         |
| Uncovered IE (1:6)           | \$15 (per uncovered slot)    |
| Uncovered IPDA (1:4)         | \$75 (per uncovered debater) |

**JUDGING:**

We would rather have your judges than your money. Judges can be fairly scarce in Corvallis. So be prepared: if you don't bring judges, there will be lots of lay judges. We'll train them, but who knows!?! I also recognize that we are aggressive in our use of judges, particularly when we have to double-flight IPDA. Whenever possible, we will try to give judges breaks. But, again, we are dealing with a limited judging pool. We appreciate your understanding.

**PARKING:**

Parking is free on Saturdays and Sundays. But please pay attention to posted signs regarding restricted spots. You get a ticket . . . well, you get a ticket. There are two parking lots—one behind Dearborn and one behind Gilbert—that are directly off of NW Monroe Ave. and within easy walking distance of the main gathering places for the tournament (see map link: <http://oregonstate.edu/campusmap/>).

**SMOKING:**

Please note that, as of Sept. 1, 2012, the OSU campus is non-smoking. If you want to smoke, you will need to go off campus on NW Monroe Ave. But please dispose of your butts. Smokers are already stereotyped. Don't add fuel to the fire (so to speak). Keep this in mind: if Mark can do it, so can you . . . he knows you can. No one likes a quitter.

**REGISTRATION/COMMON AREA/PREP AREAS:**

Registration/tab will be SHEP 209; the Coaches'/Judges' Lounge will be in SHEP 202; the common/ballot return and pick-up area will be GILB 124; IPDA topic announcements will be in GILB 224; and extemp prep will be in DEAR 118. Please refrain from using rooms that are not marked as reserved for the tournament. And make sure to enact a "we are leaving, so we will clean up" approach to your debris.

**FOOD:**

We will provide a range of snacks on both days, coffee/tea service on both mornings, and lunch on Sunday. NW Monroe Ave. also provides quick access to a variety of food and drink options.

## LODGING:

There are a number of options in town for lodging. Please note that we do not have contracted rates with any of the motels/hotels in town. In many cases, you can find excellent deals online and/or alternative lodging in nearby Albany. But be forewarned: the better lodging options go quickly, especially if there is some other event on campus. Plan ahead.

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| Econo Lodge, 935 NW Garfield Avenue      | Holiday Inn Express, 781 NE 2nd St.                |
| Comfort Inn, 1730 NW 9th St.             | Rodeway Inn, 345 NW 2nd St.                        |
| Super 8, 407 NW Second St.               | Days Inn, 1113 NW 9th St.                          |
| Hilton Garden Inn, 2500 SW Western Blvd. | Best Western Grand Manor Inn, 925 NW Garfield Ave. |

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

We will offer the eleven standard AFA events with AFA rules and Bad Interp. Please use good judgment in assigning students to novice and open divisions; we trust you and the decisions that you make (even though certain schools have been entering students with significant amounts of high school competition experience in novice . . . you know who you are). Students may enter **three events per pattern** (but they are responsible for getting to all rounds on time). We reserve the right to collapse any event to adjust for entry size, room availability, or judge availability.

- **PATTERN A:** Impromptu (N/O), Informative (N/O), Prose (N/O), Duo (O), ADS (O), Bad Interp (O)  
*Bad Interp:* Speakers will attempt to satirize the conventions of oral interp as practiced in the forensics realm through the use of truly hideous, overused, or just plain trite material. The intent of the event is humor (Sidebar: Perhaps the best way to learn why you shouldn't do some things is to do it on purpose to see how silly it really is. There is education in humor). The time limit is 8 minutes.
- **PATTERN B:** Extemp (N/O), Persuasion (N/O), POI (O), Poetry (O), CA (O), DI (N/O)  
*Please note:* Students entered in Extemp are responsible for making it to IPDA draw on time and we can make no promises that there will be internet access.

## IPDA DEBATE:

IPDA: "One-on-One" debate similar to L-D debate. Time limits: 5-2-6-2-3-5-3. Central topic announcement with five topic strike. 30 minutes preparation time from *beginning* of draw. We will offer Novice (open to students who have competed in less than ten debate tournaments, high school or college, regardless of type/style of said debate) and Varsity (open to any student from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade through undergraduate) divisions with Bronze/Silver/Gold out rounds and awards for the top five speakers in each division. We are scheduled to double flight rounds and will adjust the schedule if size permits. Please Note: as in past years, there will be 12 teams advancing to Bronze in each division *regardless* of size.

Please note: NPDA and BP debaters are warmly welcomed! But this tournament is endorsing "Aff Resolution Interpretation Disclosure": if the Neg chooses to ask how the Aff plans to interpret a given resolution, the Aff is obligated to tell them. This is a matter of courtesy/decorum and allows both sides to make the most out of prep time. Please inform your students and adjust your coaching/judging in advance. Our region is still new to IPDA. But we should enact the best practices of IPDA if we want to foster goodwill for all who compete in the event.

For more information on IPDA, see: [www.ipdadebate.info](http://www.ipdadebate.info).

## SPECIAL AWARDS:

The Earl Wells Memorial Speakeasy celebrates the rich history of forensics and its continued vitality. As such, we offer several special awards:

- The Jeanne Hartman Popovich Debate Speaker Award will be given to the top *varsity* debate speaker at the tournament;
- The Minette Phillips Overall Speaker Award will recognize the top student competing in a minimum of three *open* individual events and *varsity* debate;
- A special Lloyd Crisp Critics Award will be given out this year (details to follow at the tournament); and
- The Pentathlon Award will recognize the top student competing in five or more *open* individual events.

The winners of the first three awards will receive a plaque and permanent remembrance on a perpetual trophy housed in the Department of Speech Communication.

This tournament will abide by the AFA Code of Ethics.

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, February 22:**

7:30           Registration -- Shepard 209  
                  Snacks -- Gilbert 124  
8:30           1A  
10:00          2A  
11:45          IPDA 1-- Gilbert 224  
1:15           Extemp draw -- Dearborn 118  
1:45           1B  
3:15           IPDA 2  
4:30           Extemp draw  
4:45           2B  
6:15           IPDA 3

### **Sunday, February 23:**

8:00           Snacks -- Gilbert 124  
8:30           IPDA 4  
10:00          IPDA 5  
11:30          Lunch -- provided by the tournament outside Gilbert 124  
12:00          IPDA Bronze Round  
1:30           IE Finals B  
3:00           IE Finals A  
5:00           IPDA Gold/Silver Round  
6:30           Awards & Sweepstakes -- Gilbert 124

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**COACHES'/JUDGES' LOUNGE** located in Shepard 202 . . . stop by for some peace and quiet away from "you know who."