

# THE YEOMEN

Oberlin College

## Dear Forensics Friends:

Oberlin College cordially invites you to attend "The Yeomen" Invitational Tournament to be held on **Sunday, November 16, 2007** as the second day of the "Falcon N. Yeomen Swing" with Bowling Green State University @ BGSU. We are a new team just getting started in the world of forensics, but through a collaborative relationship with BGSU, we are excited to offer you a wonderful day filled with quality competition, fun and friendship. We will be offering open competition in all events, Lincoln/Douglas Debate, plus the NFA experimental category of Editorial Impromptu Speaking. Please include us in your 2008-2009 tournament plans! Come on out and find out what the Yeomen are all about! We are Sparticus!

## This year's tournament features:

- Two preliminary rounds and finals of competition in all eleven N.F.A./A.F.A.-N.I.E.T. events.
- Team Sweepstakes awards for the top three teams in two divisions (based on entry size).
- Quadrathon competition for individual sweepstakes.
- Awards for the top six finalists and top four in Quadrathon.
- EDITORIAL IMPROMPTU SPEAKING (EIS) as our experimental event.
- Unlimited team entry per event.
- A one-hour lunch/snack break!
- Students may triple enter in each flight!
- Lincoln/Douglas Debate

We reserve the right to organize sections to make use of all judges. Registration begins at 7:30 am. on Sunday in the 1st Floor Lobby, Education Building (you may also register on Saturday at the "Falcon Classic"). LD round I begins at 8:00 am. Extemp. draw begins at 9:00 am. IE Rounds begin at 9:30 am. **Entries should be phoned or emailed by Monday, November 10, 2008 before 4:00 pm. to [BGSU4N6@yahoo.com](mailto:BGSU4N6@yahoo.com) (along with entries for the "Falcon Classic". We are handling registration through BGSU.)**

If you would like a hard copy of this online invitation, please email us. On behalf of Oberlin College and the Oberlin College Forensics Team, we look forward to seeing you in November!

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## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### AWARDS:

Awards will be given to the top finalists in each event and the top four contestants in Quadrathon. There will be two divisions of team sweepstakes awards (based on entry size). The top three teams in each division (large and small entries) will receive awards. Editorial Impromptu and Lincoln/Douglas Debate will not be included in sweepstakes consideration.

### QUADRATHON:

Any student entered in four or more events will be eligible for Quadrathon Individual Sweepstakes. A Quadrathon entry must contain at least one public address event and one interpretation event. Only the contestant's four highest scoring events will count toward Quadrathon. Biographical Informative & Lincoln/Douglas debate will not be included in Quadrathon consideration.

### ENTRIES:

Schools may enter an unlimited number of contestants per event. However, if the entry is so large that the school cannot fulfill judging obligations, we reserve the right to schedule rounds in order to use your judges. Depending upon event size, it is possible that students from the same school may compete against each other.

**Entries must be phoned, mailed or E-mailed by Monday, November 10, 2008 at 4:00. (Entries for the "BGSU Falcon Classic" are due at this time as well. Please note the nuisance fee for changes between tournaments. The nuisance fee is designed to discourage excessive dropping of events after the first day of the swing. Please send both registrations to BGSU. All schools will receive a confirmation email.)**

### JUDGING:

One judge is required for every six I.E. slots or fraction thereof or two LD slots. All judges are expected to be knowledgeable of pertinent rules and will be asked to offer substantial justification for rank and rate. Please make every attempt to bring enough judges to cover your entry, as there is a limited pool of hired experienced judges available. All judges are expected to be available for out rounds.

### TOURNAMENT FEES:

Entries are \$7.00 per slot, plus \$12.00 per uncovered slot and \$15.00 per LD slot, plus \$50 per uncovered LD slot. Drops/adds/changes made after the registration deadline will be assessed an additional \$25.00 nuisance fee. Judges dropped after the entry deadline will be assessed a \$100.00 charge, plus the cost of their uncovered slots. All fees are due at registration. Checks may be made out to Pi Kappa Delta.

### PARKING AND MEALS:

Parking is available adjacent to tournament buildings. All rounds will be held in 1-3 close buildings for your convenience. A parking permit will be provided. Multiple fast food joints can be found within a few moment's drive.

### DIRECTIONS:

The tournament site, B.G.S.U., is located 30 minutes south of Toledo on I-75 South. The campus can be easily seen from the highway and resides on Wooster Street. The campus may also be reached via Ohio Route 25, which becomes Main Street and connects with Wooster. **Mapquest.com**® provides detailed and accurate maps, including the campus. The Education Building is located on Wooster Street.

### LODGING:

Bowling Green offers a variety of reasonably priced lodging establishments for your crashing pleasure. All accommodations are adjacent to the BGSU campus, just off Wooster Street. There is no specified "tournament hotel", but let them know it is a BGSU event as most establishments have a reduced rate:

HAMPTON INN  
142 Campbell Hill Road (419-353-3464)  
Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated

**VICTORY INN & SUITES**

1630 E. Wooster (419-352-2521)

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated, BGSU Guest rate

**BEST WESTERN**

1450 E. Wooster (1-800-528-1234 or 419-352-4671)

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated

**KNIGHTS INN**

1550 E. Wooster (1-800-329-7466 or 419-352-5211)

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated, BGSU Guest rate

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**

2150 E. Wooster (419-353-5500)

Amenities: Indoor Pool, Continental Breakfast, AAA Affiliated

For additional lodging, consider Perrysburg (Best Western & Days Inn) as well as Maumee/Rossford (Courtyard Toledo, Super 8, Fairfield Inn, Studio Plus, Country Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn and AmeriHost Inn).

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

7:30 am Registration (Education Building, 1st Floor)

8:00 Round 1 of Lincoln/Douglas Debate

9:00 Extemp. Draw

9:30 Round One of Group A

10:30 Extemp. Draw

11:00 Round Two of Group A

12:00 Lunch/Snack Break & Round 2 of Lincoln/Douglas Debate

1:00 Round One of Group B & Round 3 of Lincoln/Douglas Debate

2:30 Round Two of Group B & Round 4 of Lincoln/Douglas Debate

3:30 Extemp. Draw for Finals (Postings in Olscamp Main Lobby)

4:00 Finals of Group A & Lincoln/Douglas Debate Semi-Finals

5:30 Finals of Group B & Lincoln/Douglas Debate Finals

7:30 Entertainment & Social Time

8:00 Awards

**EVENT GROUPINGS:****Group A**

Extemporaneous Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Poetry Interpretation, Communication Analysis & Editorial Impromptu Speaking

**Group B**

Impromptu Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Persuasion, Programmed Oral Interpretation, After Dinner Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation & Lincoln/Douglas Debate

**EVENT DESCRIPTIONS:**

All events are governed by a combination of N.F.A. & A.F.A./N.I.E.T. rules. Material and speeches must be new to the academic year. Students may enter a maximum of three events per grouping. Two DUOs count as two events in Group B. Lincoln/Douglas Debaters may only enter one I.E. event in Group B.

**[EXT] EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING**

For each round, contestants will select one of three topics on a current national, international, economic, or social issue/event. The contestant will have 30 minutes to prepare a 5-7 minute speech on the topic selected. Notes are permissible, but should be kept to a minimum. 7 minute maximum time limit.

**[PRO] PROSE INTERPRETATION**

The contestant will present a program of prose literature. Original introductory comments and transitional remarks are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections in 1st, 2nd or 3rd person. Plays are not permitted and manuscript is required. 8-10 minute time limit.

**[INF] INFORMATIVE SPEAKING**

The contestant will deliver a memorized original factual speech on a realistic subject to fulfill a general information need of the audience. Visual/auditory aids which supplement/reinforce the message are permitted. 8-10 minute time limit.

*[POE] POETRY INTERPRETATION*

The contestant will present a program of poetic literature. Original introductory comments and/or transitions are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Manuscripts are required. 8-10 minute time limit.

*[RCA] RHETORICAL/COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS*

Contestants will deliver a memorized original critical analysis of any significant communication event. Any legitimate critical methodology is permissible, as long as it serves to open up the communication event for analysis. 8-10 minute time limit.

*[EIS] EDITORIAL IMPROMPTU SPEAKING*

Contestants receive editorials (contemporary or period) from which to create an analytical speech. A total of 8 minutes may be divided between preparation and speaking (the added minute is to provide greater opportunity to read and consider the editorial). Contestants should speak at least 3 minutes. All contestants in the same section will receive the same editorial topic stimulus. 8 minute maximum time limit. Please review the NFA event description for further clarification.

*[IMP] IMPROMPTU SPEAKING*

Contestants receive quotations and/or cartoons from which to create an analytical speech. A total of 7 minutes may be divided between preparation and speaking. Contestants should speak at least 3 minutes. All contestants in the same section will receive the same topic stimulus. 7 minute maximum time limit.

*[DUO] DUO INTERPRETATION*

Contestants will perform a cutting from a play, humorous or serious, is presented by two individuals. This is not an acting event; thus, costumes, props, etc. are not permitted. Manuscript is required and focus should be offstage. 8-10 minute time limit.

*[PER] PERSUASION*

Contestants will deliver an original memorized speech to convince, move to action, or to inspire on an issue of significance. 8-10 minute time limit.

*[POI] PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION*

A program of thematically linked selections of literary merit selected from at least 2 of the 3 genres of competitive interpretation (prose, poetry, drama). Nontraditional material may also be included. Original comments and/or transitions are permitted. Manuscripts are required. 8-10 minute time limit.

*[ADS] AFTER DINNER SPEAKING*

Each contestant will present an original memorized speech with the purpose of making a serious point through the use of humor. The speech should reflect the spirit of a humorous, comedic speech, not a stand-up comedy routine. 8-10 minute time limit.

*[L/D] LINCOLN/DOUGLAS DEBATE*

This is a two-person debate format following N.F.A. rules. Debaters must use the current N.F.A. resolution. Lincoln/Douglas Debate is a policy-oriented debate focusing on stock issues of harm, inherency & solvency. Speakers will either alternate or flip for affirmative or negative speaker. Debaters may only enter one I.E. event in Group B.

*Format/Time Limits:*

- [6 MIN] Affirmative Constructive
- [3 MIN] Negative Cross Examination
- [7 MIN] Negative Constructive
- [3 MIN] Affirmative Cross Examination
- [6 MIN] Affirmative Rebuttal
- [6 MIN] Negative Rebuttal
- [3 MIN] Affirmative Rebuttal/Closing Remarks
- [4 MIN] Prep. Time per Debater

Each debater has the option to save up to 1 minute of cross examination time for use at the conclusion of any speech in the course of the debate. The 15 minute forfeit rule will be in force.

*[SDI] SINGLE DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION*

Contestants present a cutting, which represents one or more characters from a play or plays of literary merit. This material may be drawn from stage, screen, or radio. Original introductory comments and/or transitions are permitted. Programs may consist of single or multiple selections. Manuscripts are required. 8-10 minute time limit.