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The Texas A&M University debate team shows off a first place trophy from Texas Tech's tournament. Pictured from left to right are

Michael Shelby, captain; Ruby Daniels, Wayne Kraemer, head coach; and Bruce Daniel, assistant coach.

tudents can study abroad at price of studying in states

By RACHEL BOSTWICK

Battalion Reporter
Foreign study opportunities are Texas A&M has been selected as

ne of 80 U.S. universities to particiate in the International Student Exhange Program, started by George-own University in 1979. ISEP also des 24 institutions in Africa, ia, Europe and Latin America. Five students will be selected by e International Study Abroad ce, said Cynthia Dessel, infortional representative for the fice of International Affairs. Fulle students with at least a 3.0 de point ratio and junior classifion are eligible for this program,

She added that the student must proficient in the language of the our U.S. students having an inter-ational experience," said Dr. onald Boucher, director of interna-

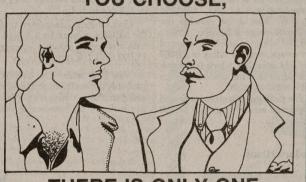
ISEP makes it possible for stunts to have a year of study in a reign university for the same cost tudy at home. By paying the EP fee based on their regular tuins and fees for a year, Dessel said, exchange places with students side the U.S. who have covered cost of their school. Each stualso pays his air fare to and the host university, Dessel

Students get the benefits of their me school, Dessel said. For the agh of their stay, they are pro-led with student services, nine ths room and board and medical rage. "The students are main-med into the whole institution," aid Mona Rizk-Finne, Study broad advisor.

tire academic year, Dessel said. Most exchanges start in the fall academic term and continue through

the spring term. The exact dates and number of terms vary according to

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Debate team builds reputation

By CARLA SUTTER

Battalion Reporter
Texas A&M University's varsity debate team is working toward the

superbowl of debating.

Mike Shelby and Ruby Daniels have been competing against teams from universities around the country, building a record they hope will get them an invitation to the National Debate Tournament.

The tournament, held at California Polytechnic University in April, has never seen a team from Texas A&M

Daniels, 19, is a sophomore in communications, and Shelby, 22, is a graduating senior in psychology. Shelby hopes to be accepted into law school in the fall. Both have been debating since high school.

Daniels said there are three ways a team can make it to nationals:

The NDT Committee awards at-large bids to the top 16 teams in

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— The NDT Committee awards five bids to winners at district tour-

— Finally, a series of 10 second-round bids are given to highly seeded teams failing to qualify atlarge or in their districts.

Second round teams are often "Second round teams are onen just as fine as other teams that qualify," Daniels said. "It's just a bit nerve racking to pull out a bid at the last minute. It would be like beating. t.u. in the last seconds of a game.

This past weekend the varsity team traveled to Baylor where they competed against 64 teams and placed fifth. The junior varsity team

Since September the varsity team has competed in 11 tournaments, placing first at Texas Tech, Oklahoma Christian College and Central State University (Okla.) tournaments; placing second at Emporia the nation on the basis of win-loss

University (Kansas) and the University of Southern California.

Wayne Kraemer, director and coach for the debate team, feels they have finally made it.

Kraemer, along with Bruce Daniels, the assistant coach, spent almost every weekend at tournaments last fall.

It gets tiresome, but it's worth 'Kraemer said.

Debating is expensive, Kraemer said. One tournament can cost a thousand dollars when plane tickets for three or four people are figured

The club has a budget of \$13,000 a year, but this does not include the

evidence they must collect. Between Shelby and Daniels, they have six briefcases, three files and eight notebooks filled with evidence copied on the library's copy machines.

"The budget is not what I'd like it to be," Kraemer said, "but considering history and our growth stage it's adequate. I just hope it meets our needs in the future."

Shelby and Daniels both receive a \$500 scholarship to compensate for the money they spend collecting de-bate evidence and speaking at tour-

Their next tournament is at the University of Houston Feb. 13.



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