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## Debaters to compete n weekend tourneys

By JOHNA JO MAURER

Battalion Reporter hv do 57 Texas A&M Universtudents spend 20 hours a ek doing library research that sn't apply to any particular

They do so because they are embers of the nationally com-titive Texas A&M Debate

mland Wayne Kraemer, director of l. I know at and forensics, said the De-I at late Society is sending two conants to participate in two ekend tournaments

The tournaments, the first of 23 gonal and national tournaments, are scheduled for Friday Saturday at Oklahoma Christ-College and Middle Tennes-State University. Eighty ools will compete in the Ten-The

A collection of engraved silver aters and an assortment of ophies and plaques adorning the fice of Wayne Kraemer and nee Daniel are the result of the

Among the awards are first

am's winning efforts. Daniel is sistant debate coach.

place in the Southwest Confer- dence. ence Debate Tournament, first in the Texas Tech Tournament and first in the University of Houston Cougar Classic

Kraemer said debaters majoring in fields such as chemical en-

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gineering, pre-med and psychology gain valuable research skills and self confidence.

In comparison to the time spent researching, the competition time

Two opposing teams have 10 minutes each to present their evi-

dence. A cross-examination period of three minutes by each team follows, both to clarify points or catch a debater on an error. A rebuttal period of five minutes concludes the tournament.

This year's topic for tournament debate, selected by members of the American Forensic Association, is whether government should curtail the power of labor unions in the United States.

In researching a topic, debaters use government documents, congressional records and technical journals. For this year's topic they will also use the Baylor and Texas Tech law libraries.

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Besides debate, the Debate Society offers opportunities for in-dividual speaking. The American Forensics Association endorses tournament events in informative and persuasive speaking, prose, poetry and dramatic interpreta-

### nion power topic debate research

Battalion Reporter arch for Texas A&M Unidebaters is never finished, irector of Forensics Wayne

is year's topic is whether the government should curtail ower of labor unions in the

ebaters must be prepared to ss both sides of the topic," mer said. "Needless to say, ncompasses an incredible nt of time outside of class for one on the squad.

e divide our efforts in the f specific research assignin order to get information nany aspects of labor unions

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Kraemer expects this year's topic to challenge the debaters when competition gets under way. "I am comforted by the fact that we have several debaters in business-related majors," he said. They will be beneficial in orienting the squad to the economics involved."

Debater Jeff Rouse, a junior preference from among those pre-med major from Bryan, said the topic has turned out to be more difficult than first expected. To understand the details of unions' influence on wage-push infla-tion is difficult in itself." he said. And trying to explain it in a de-

bate round is even harder. Some issues to be debated this and price controls, minimum wage, wildcat strikes and union violence.

Foreign military commitments, mass media regulation and unemployment have been debated in previous years.

During the summer a national committee of debate coaches selects four possible topics for upcoming semesters. University students across the nation select their



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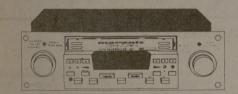
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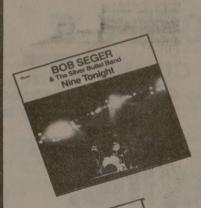
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