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Debaters to host tourney, gain experience

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"Debate, perhaps more than any other extracurricular activity, bridges the gap between academics and career." — An article in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Texas A&M's debate society has a chance to bridge that gap when it hosts 40 teams from all over the country for a debate tournament Dec. 6-8.

"We want to show our campus to other students," said Wayne Kraemer, A&M's debate coach and a lecturer in speech communication. "But, more importantly, we want to let the debate students observe how other students debate."

The experience of debating with students from other universities is important for debaters, Kraemer said.

So far this semester, Aggie debaters have competed in six debate tournaments, including three district bouts. District tournaments may be sponsored by any university in A&M's National Debate Tournament (NDT) district. This district contains five other states: Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Kansas and Missouri.

A&M has five debate teams preparing for the 1986 annual national tournament in March at Dartmouth College.

Kraemer said the A&M teams are

doing well. One team won a first place and a third place in two district debates. Another team won a third place in a district debate.

Last year, an A&M team qualified for the national tournament but did not make it to the final round. A&M won four debates and lost four debates. Usually it requires five wins to enter the final round, Kraemer said.

A&M has recently joined another form of debate organized by the Cross Examination Debate Association, Kraemer said.

The association ranked A&M first among five universities which recently joined the group. The rank-

ing was judged by the teams' debate records through October.

Every year NDT determines a general topic on which all teams debate. The topic is usually broad so students can break it into many sub-topics to prepare and debate throughout the year, Kraemer said.

Kraemer said his students have been debating under sub-topics such as dental education, death education, the no-pass no-play rule and foreign language education. He said students must research the topic before the debate and know how to present their material clearly while under pressure. Analyzing ability and reasoning skills are also important, Kraemer said.

Student leader profile

OCA president Michelle Davis enjoying off-campus life

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Michelle Davis

Sam is one of the reasons Off-Campus Aggies President Michelle Davis enjoys living off-campus.

Sam, one of Davis' roommates, is a small tabby, which has many fans. Davis says even her parents, who were a little skeptical about Sam at first, love the cat.

But being able to keep a pet isn't the only reason Davis gives for loving off-campus life.

"I lived on-campus just one summer and I really didn't like it," she says. "I prefer cooking for myself and having a lot of space to myself. The dorms are too cramped up."

Davis says she likes to be able to get away from school at the end of the day.

"A lot of people are on campus all day, and I don't know if I'd be able to stand it," Davis says.

However, she says, living off-campus isn't always a bed of roses.

"You have a lot more room to clean up than in a dorm," she says.

Davis, now a senior, got in-

volved with OCA during the spring semester of her freshman year when she was an apartment council president. She was OCA treasurer and vice president her sophomore and junior years, respectively.

"I just kind of stepped up each year," she says.

As OCA president, Davis is enthusiastic about her goal of getting OCA recognized by students.

"They've (OCA) been around for seven years, and people don't know who they are," Davis says.

She says OCA is not associated with the Off-Campus Center in

Anonymous bomb threat hits Zachry

A caller Tuesday told a secretary in the Zachry Engineering Center that a bomb would explode in the building within two hours.

Dr. Robert D. Chenoweth, professor of electrical engineering, said the call came in about 2:30 p.m.

"It was a very short message," Chenoweth said. "He said he had hidden a bomb in the building and it would explode at 4:30 p.m."

Chenoweth notified building proctor Dan Drew, who called the University Police. Police arrived and evacuated the building.

Officer Rick Flores said police searched the building where the public would have easy access while professors checked lab rooms and classrooms.

Chenoweth said he had an idea of the caller's motives.

"There is a very strong suspicion that the person who called probably had a test that he or she had not prepared for," Chenoweth said.

At 5 p.m. Flores told students waiting outside that classes were cancelled but they could go back into the building.

Zane Orr, an engineering major, said, "My prof is real hard. I know he'll push us twice as hard next week to make up for this."

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- ★ New suite housing is provided at a reasonable cost in "Houston House."
- ★ There is a ten-day midsemester break for European travel.

For more information:

- ★ Come to the Dean's Office, College of Liberal Arts, 802 Harrington Tower;
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