

## Editor's Forum

### An Historical Examination of I.E. Nationals Finalists—An Update

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The 17th National Tournament of the NFA was held on the campus of Mankato State University in Mankato, Minnesota, on April 23-27, 1987. This author's article in the Spring, 1987, issue of the *National Forensic Journal* sought to preserve the achievements of institutions and individuals at the National Tournament. In order to recognize noticeable accomplishments as well as to maintain the historical records of the Association, this short update is presented.

The 17th I.E. Nationals saw several noteworthy individual performances. David Bickford of Brown University joined Theresa McElwee of Eastern Michigan University as the only three-time winner of an event. Bickford was the National Champion in Extemporaneous Speaking for the *third year in a row*—a feat never before accomplished at the contest. Kim Roe of Eastern Michigan University became one of the select few (only ten others) to repeat as a National Champion. She won After-Dinner Speaking for the second consecutive year.

Several contestants joined the list of overall career finals leaders. Tom Doyle of Bradley University brought his total number of national finals to seven and Laura Duncan of Eastern Michigan University each reached six career finals. Duncan became only the seventh contestant to reach four finals at one Nationals and Bickford only the sixth to win three national titles.

In the school competition, Eastern Michigan University won its ninth national title. Illinois State University moved into fourth place on the total number of finalists list passing Ball State University.

1.	Eastern Michigan	...184
2.	Bradley University	... 91
3.	Ohio University	... 59
4.	Illinois State	... 34
5.	Ball State University	... 31
6.	George Mason University	... 23
7.	Bowling Green State	... 21

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8. Miami University (Ohio) ... 18
9. Ohio State University ... 17
10. Stetson University ... 16

Illinois State University also moved into third place in the number of times they have finished in the top ten sweepstakes at Nationals. Ohio State University tied with Princeton University and George Mason University with four national champions behind Eastern Michigan University, Bradley University, Ohio University, and Illinois State University. Bradley University continued its lock on Duo Interpretation by winning the event for the fourth consecutive time. Speakers from Eastern Michigan University finished first, second, third, and sixth in After-Dinner Speaking.

Finally on a historical note, research into old NFA files discovered that a competitor in the early years of the National Tournament was omitted in the original article. David Beal of Ohio University placed in seven final rounds and won three events from 1972 through 1974.