National Forensic League Speech Tournament to bring over 1,000 visitors to Montana State University

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The first National Forensic League Speech Tournament in the Northwest in 30 years will bring more than 1,000 visitors to Montana State University the week of June 24, Dr. Ralph Y. McGinnis, chairman of the MSU Speech Department and coordinator of the national tournament, announced.

Coming from all sections of the nation are 350 contestants, 150 high school speech teachers and more than 500 parents and friends of contestants. The four-day meet will also draw professionals in speech as observers, judges and participants in the National Forensics Conference, which will run in conjunction with the tournament.

The cream of the country's crop of speech students will be competing in the tournament events, Dr. McGinnis noted. Each contestant is a state champion in debate, oratory, extemporaneous speaking, dramatic interpretation or student congress.

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