

NEWS

Debbie Zimmerman, News Editor

With this issue, Debbie Zimmerman becomes News Editor of the TSCA Journal. We commend her for the excellent job, especially on extremely short notice which was given her. We would like to build up this section, and can do so with your help. Please send your news--whether high school, college, or general--to Mrs. Debbie Zimmerman, Tullahoma High School, Tullahoma, TN 37388.

--High Schools--

In an attempt to strengthen communication and to share ideas among high schools, the Journal has collected materials concerning forensic and dramatic programs in high schools of the state.

The response from West Tennessee was from several Memphis schools. Northside High School has had a busy year in their speech program. Mrs. Phyllis Grant is the director of the program. They participated in various tournaments, and presented classroom plays and assembly programs. They won a first place and a third place sweepstakes in forensics competition this year. They also had a District I THSSDL first place winner in pantomime. This group has presented several children's programs, including puppet shows, and they formed a traveling troupe of actors at Christmas to perform a Reader's Theatre Christmas production. They

also have a Thespian Troupe of 249 members. Northside plans to work on a National Forensic League Charter next year.

Central High School of Memphis has a program under the direction of Libby Christensen. They have participated in a Fine Arts Festival and are planning a night of one act plays for the first week in May.

Memphis Harding Academy, with directors Michael Semore, Chris Dahlburg, and Ken Cox, have been very involved in theatre this year. They produced Harvey, four one act plays, and Fiddler on the Roof. The school's Reader's Theatre group placed first in Harding College Invitational Tournament. They also won first in Duet Acting at Lambuth College Invitational Tournament. Harding Academy is a member of the National Forensic League.

Forensic activities in Middle Tennessee seem to be on the rise. Battle Ground Academy's program is under the direction of Margaret Ann Reynolds. BGA represented the state of Tennessee at the National Bicentennial Debates in Williamsburg. Their debate team won first place in the District IV THSSDL Tournament. They also won first place in Craigmont High School Tournament and Trigg County High School Tournament in Kentucky. In men's original oratory David Garrett won first place in the District IV THSSDL Tournament. In duet acting, BGA had the district's second place winners. The school had a Reader's Theatre group that presented "The Shadow."

Giles County hopes to start a dramatics program next year when their county schools consolidate. They presently have a public speaking class which presented a Christmas play and a one act play which was presented at the THSSDL District Tournament at MTSU. The Giles County program is directed by Mrs. Mary Abernathy and Mrs. Phyllis Hannah.

Gallatin Senior High School has a unique program under the direction of Juliette D. Guetine. The program is almost entirely run through five classes of speech and drama. Students speak weekly during the first semester in three areas alternatively: extemporaneous speech; a review of a play; a movie or TV dramatic show; and a piece of oral interpretation from either Black Voices or Great Scenes from World Theatre. Second semester, each student is required to debate on subjects chosen by the class. In dramatics each class presents a one act play as part of a bill of one-acts presented to the public. Third and fourth year students present a play for children which is taken to the elementary schools in the system. This play is student directed. Annually a senior play is presented and every other year a musical is presented.

Joan Gardner and Kathryne Pugh are the speech and drama directors at Dupont Senior High School. Dupont held a forensics tournament December 2, 1977, which was attended by thirty schools Tri-State. Dupont presents two dramatic productions per year. In May 1977, they presented Ten Little Indians and in December 1977, they presented "The Dynamic Dupont Dream Machine." In April 1978, they produced

The Crucible by Arthur Miller. Dupont was the 1977 state drama champs with Irving Berlin's Annie Get Your Gun.

The forensic and dramatic program at David Lipscomb High School is directed by Phil Reagan and Jon Boswell. The emphasis was in dramatics at Lipscomb this year. They presented Arsenic and Old Lace, Fiddler on the Roof, and Macbeth.

Mrs. Joyce Mayo, director at Cheatham County High School is making plans to take students to the International Theatre Arts Conference in June. Students participated in the Lambuth Fine Arts Tournament in Jackson earlier in the year. They also produced The Matchmaker by Thornton Wilder and Oklahoma, a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Cheatham County produced a variety show, Fall Frolic, in October and are preparing for their annual comedy show in May.

There is an active forensics and dramatics program at Tullahoma High School. The directors are Chris Urbaniak and Debbie Zimmerman. This was the first year for debate. The debaters participated in four tournaments winning third place at the Shelbyville Blue-Gold Invitational Tournament. Other forensic and dramatic activities brought the school honors. Jesse Rausche won first in solo acting at the Shelbyville Tournament, the District IV THSSDL Tournament, and then won first place in state competition at U. T. Nashville, April 15, 1978. Other district awards won by Tullahoma were first place in duet acting, first place

in pantomime, second place in women's original oratory, second place in radio broadcasting, and third place in Reader's Theatre. Tullahoma's theatre productions for the year were, You Can't Take it With You by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, and South Pacific.

In East Tennessee, Oak Ridge High School's dramatic program is directed by H. Lloyd Wattenbarger. This year they produced Stardust by Walter Kerr and Mumbo-Jumbo by Jack Barnard.

The drama club of Sevier County High School is directed by Norma S. Blair. This club is very active in all kinds of drama experiences. Due to proximity to U. T. Knoxville, Carson Newman College, and Walters State Community College, Sevier County can regularly attend college performances. They also produce one dramatic production per year. The school offers a speech minicourse program.

Becky Parris has been instrumental in organizing a program of speech and drama at Austin-East High School in Knoxville. This year they have worked with skits and improvisations in public speaking and oratorical units.

--COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES--

Trevecca Nazarene College

Appointments: Jim Knear as Assistant Professor in Speech.

Promotions: Dr. Jim Quiggins to Associate Professor in Communication.

The Department of Communication and Speech has been re-structured into the Department of Communication Studies offering 8 degree programs. The Department offers majors leading to the Bachelor's Degree in (1) Communication and Human Relations, (2) Speech, (3) Cross-Cultural Communication, (4) Creative and Performing Art, (5) Broadcasting and Broadcast Journalism, and (6) Speech/English Education. The Department also offers two associate degrees in (1) Radio Broadcasting and (2) Sales. Dr. Jim Quiggins is the Department chairperson.

University of the South

Promotions: David M. Landon to Associate Professor.

Theatre activities: February 16, 18, 19: Sotoba Komachi, by Yukio Mishima, and Purgatory, by W. B. Yeats.

May 4, 5, 6, 7: A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare.

Tennessee State University

Appointments: Dr. Donald Page, Assistant Professor of Mass Communications.

Mrs. Karen Brown, Instructor of Journalism.

Mrs. Juaquita Jackson, Clinical Coordinator.

Dr. Zenobia Bagli, Assistant Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Theatre activities: October 17, 18. A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen.

October 28: The Old, the Now, the New...Everything Must Change.

Debember 5, 6. Evidence by Harold Hockett.

December 7-9. One-Act Play Festival.

February 1: Special Presentation for Black Expo.

February 20, 21. Done to Death.

April 13, 14. The Red Shoes by Robin Short.

The following majors in the Department of Communication were inducted into Theta Alpha Pli: Phyllis D. Adams, William Lamar Frasier, Elham Jazab, Marcia A. Walton, Maxine Williams.

Middle Tennessee State University

Ralph Hillman was selected as one of the three university-wide winners of the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award.