Forensic Team Ends Successful Year

Pacific's forensic squad again proved that "the word's the thing" by finishing out their 17-tournament season with a total record of 95 trophies and nine sweepstakes wins.

In commenting on the number of trophies taken, Paul Winters, Pacific's debate coach, said that many people are under the impression that trophies are easily won, when actually they are not.

"The average number of trophies won by approximately 200 colleges and universities competing in intercollegiate forensics is about 10," he said. "The top number, outside of Pacific's 68, recorded by the colleges reporting to the American Forensics Association last year was 29.'

The squad tallied a first-second-third record of 18-11-4 in debate, with wins in 340 out of 541 rounds. In oratory, the team record was 10-5-5; extemporaneous, 10-7-1; interpretation, 6-4-3; impromptu, 4-6-0; discussion, 2-2-0; expository events, 0-3-1; and after-dinner speaking, 3-2-2.

The key to the successful season, according to Winters, was the number of people who participated in the forensics program. Of the 53 on the roster, 28 took first places, 30 won one or more trophies, and 34 placed in one or more events.

Some of the outstanding members of the squad were junior Steve Collins, who took three firsts and one second place in debate, two firsts and a third in oratory, one first and a third in extemp, and a first in impromptu; sophomore Jinny Kahle, who took a number of the top three places in debate, extemp, oratory, interp, after-dinner speaking, and book review; and senior Denise Reynolds, junior Brenda Robinson, and sophomore Al Pross.

Named as outstanding senior in forensics at the recent campus Awards Assembly and undoubtedly an important factor in Pacific's brilliant season was Horace Wheatley of San Francisco. The winner of 18 trophies, he took seven firsts and two seconds in debate, two firsts in extemp, two seconds and one third in oratory, one second in interpretation, and a second in after-dinner speaking. At his last collegiate tournament, the Hawaii Invitational, he received the Honolulu Star-Bulletin trophy as the best speaker in senior division competition.

TOPS: Mr. Kloph, director of forensics at the University of Hawaii, congratulates Horace Wheatley after the Pacific student received the HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN trophy as top senior division speaker in the Hawaii Invitational.