

## Debate Society Hall of Achievement

The Northwestern Debate Society Hall of Achievement aims to honor the records and legacies of our esteemed undergraduate debaters and coaches. These men and women built the peerless program that has won an unprecedented 15 National Debate Tournaments and established Northwestern as the standard bearer for excellence in debate. This group, chosen in 2016, represents the first class of inductees.

### **ERWIN CHEMERINSKY**

Erwin Chemerinsky from Chicago joined the Northwestern debate team as a freshman in school year 1971-72. As a freshman, with partner Paul Clote, Erwin reached the quarter-finals at Kentucky and Wake Forest. He and Paul also reached the octa-finals at Oberlin (where he was 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker) and with Ron Marmer he reached the octas at the University of Kansas Heart of America tournament. He was 6<sup>th</sup> speaker at Navy. Erwin reached the quarter-finals at the National Novice tournament where he and his partner were paired against another NU team that was selected to advance.

In his sophomore year, he reached the octa-finals of UCLA paired with Paul Clote. At the Southwest Missouri and Harvard tournaments, Chemerinsky and Clote also reached the octa-finals. They won Butler (Chemerinsky was top speaker) and reached the quarters at Dartmouth, where Chemerinsky was top speaker. Chemerinsky and Clote qualified for the NDT at District V and reached the octa-finals at the NDT, where they stepped aside in favor of NU's Ron Marmer and Elliot Minceberg.

In his junior year, Erwin and partner Paul Clote and were NU's top 2-man team. They won the University of Kentucky tournament (with Chemerinsky named top speaker), placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Kentucky round robin (with Chemerinsky named 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker), lost in the finals at North Carolina (with Chemerinsky top speaker), were second at the Marietta round robin (with Chemerinsky named 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker), lost in the semi-finals at both UCLA (with Chemerinsky named 7<sup>th</sup> speaker) and the University of Kansas Heart of America tournament (with Chemerinsky named 6<sup>th</sup> speaker), reached the quarters at Houston (with Chemerinsky named 4<sup>th</sup> speaker), made the quarter-finals at Redlands (with Chemerinsky 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker), and made the octa-finals at Harvard (with Chemerinsky 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker), and Dartmouth (with Chemerinsky 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker). At the NDT, Chemerinsky was named 5<sup>th</sup> speaker but did not make the elimination rounds.

In his senior year, Erwin won five tournaments. With junior Al an Loewinsohn, he won the Kentucky round robin (with Chemerinsky top speaker), Wake Forest (also top speaker), Harvard (4<sup>th</sup> speaker), and the University of Kansas Heart of America tournament (3<sup>rd</sup> speaker). In addition, Cherinsky debating with Marcy Strauss won the Vanderbilt tournament and was top speaker. Chemerinsky and Loewinsohn also reached the semi-finals of Emory (with Chemerinsky being named top speaker), the semis of Houston (Chemerinsky 4<sup>th</sup> speaker), and the semis of Utah where (also 4<sup>th</sup> speaker). They also made the quarters of UCLA and Dartmouth (where Chemerinsky was 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker), and the octa-finals at Kansas State Emporia. At the National Debate Tournament, they lost in the octa-finals and Chemerinsky was named 5<sup>th</sup> speaker.

### **DAVID A. COPUS**

David Copus of Dallas, TX, joined the NU Debate Team in school year 1959-60. He debated on the top two-man team in 1961-62 with Lee Huebner and in 1962-63 with Jeff Sampson. During his career he and his partners won 14 tournaments and placed second twice.

In the 1959-60 school year, Dave was part of the 4-man winning team at the University of West Virginia's North South Tournament, where he was named top speaker. He also placed third at the Kansas State Emporia tournament with partner John Roberts.

In 1960-61, Dave was a member of the winning team at five tournaments. He and partner Lee Huebner were part of the undefeated winning 4-man team at the 1960 Illinois State Normal tournament and the first place 4-man team at the 1960 Purdue tournament. Dave and Lee also won the 1960 Wisconsin State Oskosh tournament (where they went undefeated), the 1960 Kansas State Teachers College tournament at Emporia, KS, and the March 1961 Northern Illinois Tournament, where he and partner Lee Huebner tied for top speaker.

In 1961-62, Dave and Lee were members of the 4-man winning team at the 1961 Purdue University tournament. They also placed second at the Kansas State Emporia and the Texas Christian tournaments, and reached the quarter-finals at Kansas State Emporia. Lee and Dave also won the 1962 Notre Dame Tournament, where Dave was third speaker. Huebner and Copus also won the 1962 University of Kansas Heart of America tournament. In 1962, Dave and Lee had the best win-loss record at the District V qualifying tournament for the National Debate Tournament. At the 1962 NDT, Dave and Lee lost in the quarterfinals. Dave was the third ranked speaker at the NDT.

In 1962-63, Dave and partner Jeff Sampson lost in the semi-finals at Purdue and the quarter-finals at Harvard. They went undefeated and won the Ohio State tournament, where Dave was named top speaker. They also won the University of Maryland Capitol Hill tournament and the Air Force Academy tournament, where Dave was second speaker. Dave and Jeff did not qualify for the National Debate Tournament out of District V.

### **MARK COTHAM**

Mark Cotham from Houston TX joined the NU debate team in school year 1975-76. He and partner Stuart Singer won the National Debate Tournament in 1978. The following year Mark and partner Donald Dripps were second at the NDT. Mark and his partners won 8 tournaments during his career.

As a junior during the 1977-78 season, Mark debated with Stuart Singer and won the National Debate Tournament. They also won the Kansas State Emporia, Houston (where they were undefeated), California State Fullerton, Dartmouth and University of Kansas Heart of America tournaments.

In his senior year, Mark debated with Donald Dripps. They won the Utah tournament by closing out the final round with Northwestern's Chris Wonnell and Susan Winkler. They reached the final round at Dartmouth and Baylor and lost in the quarter-finals at Kentucky and several other tournaments. Mark

and Don reached the finals of the NDT, where they lost to a Harvard team that they had beaten 3-0 in the preliminaries. In the preliminary rounds, Mark and Don were the second seed compiling a 7-1 record and winning 22 of 24 ballots, the most ballots won in NDT history. At the NDT tournament, Mark was named 4<sup>th</sup> speaker.

### **MICHAEL L. DENGER**

Mike Denger debated at Northwestern from 1963 to 1967, during which he won 15 tournaments, the most by a debater prior to 1980. He was a member of the top two-man team for three years (1964-65 and 1965-66 with William Snyder and 1966-67 with David Zarefsky). During each of those years, the Northwestern top team had the best regular season debate record in the country. Over the three-year period Mike won 14 tournaments (or 47% of those he entered), including three consecutive Harvard tournaments (then the largest and most prestigious tournament in the country), at which he compiled a 36-2 record. He also won three sequential University of Chicago tournaments. Mike's win-loss record in semi-final and final rounds over the three years was 32 and 2; his overall record was 225-56 (80 percent). During a four-week stretch in 1967, Mike and David won 32 straight debates and three tournaments (Harvard, Cal Tech, and Southern California), an NU record for consecutive wins. He and Bill also won 26 straight in 1966. Mike reached the quarter-finals of the National Debate Tournament in 1965 and 1967 and won the NDT with Bill Snyder in 1966. He was 4th speaker at the 1967 NDT.

As a freshman, Mike had an overall 18-6 win-loss record and won the Northern Illinois Tournament with partner Bob Hoberg.

As a sophomore, Mike and partner Bill Snyder won four tournaments – Brandeis, Chicago, Georgetown, and Harvard, and reached the quarter-finals at Dartmouth and the NDT. Their overall record was 65-24. As a junior, Mike and Bill won five of ten tournaments entered -- Kentucky, Chicago, Ohio State, Harvard, and the NDT. They also reached the elimination rounds at Brandeis, Georgetown, and Dartmouth, compiling an overall 85-17 win-loss record. In 1965-66, Mike placed in the top ten speakers in all but one regular season tournament.

As a senior, Mike Denger and David Zarefsky won five of ten tournaments entered -- Kentucky, Chicago, Harvard, the California Institute of Technology, and Southern California. They also placed second at Redlands and Brandeis and reached the quarter-finals at Miami, Georgetown, and the NDT. Their overall win-loss record was 75-15. Mike won the top speaker award at the Stanford and Miami tournaments, placed second at Harvard, Southern California and Kentucky, third at Brandeis and fourth at Georgetown and the NDT. Mike and David both finished in the top 5 speakers in all nine tournaments they entered that gave speaker awards.

### **DONALD DRIPPS**

Don Driggs of St. Louis MO joined the Northwestern debate team in school year 1976-77. Don was on the top two-man team at Northwestern for two years. As a junior, Don reached the finals of the National Debate Tournament with partner Mark Cotham. As a senior, he won the National Debate Tournament with partner Tom Fulkerson, and was named second speaker.

In his junior year Don debated with Mark Cotham. They won the Utah tournament by closing out the final round with Northwestern's Chris Wonnell and Susan Winkler. They reached the final round at both Dartmouth and Baylor and lost in the quarter-finals of Kentucky and several other tournaments. Don and Mark reached the finals of the National Debate Tournament, where they lost 3-2 to a Harvard team they beat 3-0 in the preliminary rounds. Mark and Don went 7-1 in the preliminary rounds of the NDT where they were second seed and captured more ballots (22 of 24) than any other team in NDT history.

In his senior year, Don debated with Tom Fulkerson. They finished third in the Kentucky round robin and second at the University of Kentucky tournament. Because of a family illness, Don did not debate again until after the Christmas holiday season. Don and Tom reached the final round at both the University of Southern California and California State Fullerton tournaments, winning one and losing the other. They lost in the quarters at Harvard and Dartmouth. They then won the Baylor tournament and lost in the quarters at Kansas University's Heart of America tournament. Don and Tom then went on to win the National Debate Tournament.

### **TOM FULKERSON**

Tom joined the Northwestern debate team as a freshman in 1976. With partner Donald Dripps, Tom won the National Debate Tournament in 1980.

In 1977-78, Tom debated with Chris Wonnell. Tom and Chris cleared the preliminary rounds of every tournament they entered. They qualified for the National Debate Tournament and had a 6-2 record in the preliminary rounds. They lost in the octa-finals at the NDT.

In 1979-80, Tom debated with Donald Dripps. They finished third at the Kentucky round robin and second at the University of Kentucky tournament. On a West Coast swing, Tom and Don reached the final round at both the University of Southern California and California State Fullerton tournaments winning one and losing the other. They reached the quarters at Harvard and Dartmouth and then won the Baylor tournament. They lost in the quarter-finals of the Kansas University Heart of America tournament. Tom and Don won the 1980 National Debate Tournament.

### **LEE HUEBNER**

Lee Huebner of Sheboygan, WI joined the NU debate team as a freshman in the 1958-59 school year. During his career, Lee won 12 tournaments and numerous top speaker awards. As a senior, Lee was a member of the top two-man team, won five tournaments, and tied for top speaker at the 1962 National Debate Tournament.

As a freshman, Lee had a 32-8 win-loss record. He went undefeated to win the Wisconsin State Oskosh tournament with Eldon Lanning. He also won the Chicago Area tournament.

As a sophomore in school year 1959-60, Lee and his partners won two tournaments. Lee and partner John Lehman were part of the four man team that won the 1960 Illinois State Normal Tournament. Lee

and partner John Lehman also were members of NU's winning 4-man team at the 1960 Dartmouth tournament, where Lee was named top speaker.

As a junior in 1960-61, Lee won three tournaments. He and partner Dave Copus went undefeated in winning the 1960 Kansas State Teachers College Tournament at Emporia, KS. Huebner and Copus were also part of Northwestern's winning 4-man team at the 1960 Purdue Tournament with Lee being top negative speaker. In addition, Huebner and Copus won the 84-team Northern Illinois Tournament in March 1961, tying each other for top speaker.

As a senior in 1961-62, Lee and his partners won five tournaments and placed second once. Huebner and partner Dave Copus lost in the quarter-finals of the Kansas State Emporia Tournament in October 1961. In November 1961, they took second in the Texas Christian University Tournament. In November, they also were part of an undefeated 4-man team that won the Purdue University tournament. Lee was named top negative speaker. Lee, with partner Gary Wersky, also won the 1962 Harvard University Invitational tournament compiling a 10-2 record. In addition, Lee and Dave Copus also won the Notre Dame Tournament, with Lee receiving the top speaker award. Lee and Dave also won the 1962 University of Kansas Heart of America Tournament.

In 1962, Huebner and partner Dave Copus had the best record in the District V qualifying tournament. At the 1962 National Debate Tournament at West Point, they reached the quarter-finals, with Lee tying for top speaker.

### **DENNIS HUNT**

Dennis Hunt of Rockford, IL joined the NU debate team as a freshman in the 1957-58 school year. Dennis was a member of the top two-man team in 1959-60 and 1960-61, partnering with John Roberts. He reached the semi-finals of the National Debate Tournament in 1960 and won twelve tournaments over his career.

In 1957-58 and 1958-59, Dennis had a 42-19 win loss record, won one tournament (going undefeated to win the 4-man team competition at Bradley) and placed third in another.

In 1959-60, Hunt and Roberts won the top negative team and 4-man team awards at the Wayne State University tournament. In November 1959, Hunt and Eldon Lanning won the 2-man Wichita State tournament and Hunt was named second speaker. That year Hunt and Roberts reached the semi-finals of the 1960 Harvard Invitational Tournament, with Hunt named fifth speaker. At Dartmouth, Hunt and Roberts were first in the 4-man team competition (with Lee Huebner and Eldon Lanning) and second in the 2-man competition. Dennis and John Lehman also reached the semis at the Kansas State Emporia tournament.

In their senior year, Hunt and Roberts won seven tournaments and were undefeated in the elimination rounds of all tournaments that they entered. They were members of the winning 4-man team at the 1960 University of Kentucky tournament. In March 1961, Hunt and Roberts were members of the winning 4-man team at the University of Maryland Capitol Hill Tournament, where they tied for top speaker. In November 1960, Hunt and Roberts won the top 2-man negative team and were part of NU's

winning 4-man team at the Wayne State University Tournament. They also won the 1961 Kansas State Pittsburgh and the 1961 Kansas State Emporia tournaments. Hunt and Roberts won both the 2-man and 4-man competition at Dartmouth. The pair also went 12-0 to win the 1961 Harvard Invitational Tournament (the country's largest and most prestigious regular season tournament at the time) defeating eventual 1961 NDT winners Larry Tribe and Gene Clements of Harvard in the semis. In addition, they won the 1961 University of Kansas Heart of America Tournament (then the country's second most prestigious tournament) again defeating 1961 NDT winners Tribe and Clements of Harvard in the semis. Unfortunately, Dennis and John did not make it out of the District V qualifying tournament and did not participate in the 1961 NDT despite having the best regular season record in the country and having been a semi-finalist at the 1960 NDT.

### **RICHARD KIRSHBERG**

Dick Kirshberg of Miami Beach, FL joined the Northwestern debate team as a freshman in the 1957-58 school year. Dick, with his partner, William Welsh, won the 1958 National Debate Tournament at West Point as freshmen and repeated by winning the 1959 National Tournament as sophomores. Dick and his partner were the only freshmen to have won the tournament as of 1958 and were the only two time underclassmen winners as of 1959.

Over the two years he competed, Dick had a cumulative 127-32 win-loss record. He and his partners won nine tournaments, placed second in four others, and third in two more.

As a freshman, Dick had a 60-6 regular season win-loss record winning five tournaments and having the best record at the District V qualifying tournament for the NDT. Among the tournaments he won were the Wisconsin State Oshkosh tournament, where Dick and his partner were undefeated, Kansas State Emporia, and Dartmouth, where Dick was part of both the winning 2-man and 4-man teams. He and Bill Welsh also placed second at the Xavier tournament, then the "warm up" tournament for the National Debate Tournament.

As a sophomore, Dick won the Harvard tournament (with Eldon Lanning), the Edmund OK tournament, Dartmouth, and the University of Kansas Heart of America tournaments. Dick and his partner Bill Welsh tied for top speaker at the Heart of America tournament. In addition, Kirshberg and Welsh were again second at the Xavier tournament.

Dick was a member of the Steering Committee for the first NU debate reunion 25 years ago and made the leadership gift for the Northwestern Debate Endowment.

### **ALAN LOEWINSOHN**

Alan Loewinsohn joined the Northwestern debate team in school year 1972-73. He debated on the top 2-man team for two years. During his career, Alan won 8 tournaments and numerous speaker awards.

As a freshman, Alan was principally paired with fellow freshman Rick Horrow. They reached the semi-finals of the Bowling Green tournament and Alan was named 5<sup>th</sup> speaker. At Ohio State, they lost in the

octa-finals. They won the tournaments at Southwest Missouri State and Albion College, where Loewinsohn was 4<sup>th</sup> speaker. The pair also reached the quarters at Butler where Loewinsohn was 9<sup>th</sup> speaker. At the DSR-TKA tournament, they made it to the octa-finals and Loewinsohn was named 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker.

Alan continued to debate with Rick Horrow his sophomore year. They reached the semi-finals at the Kansas State Emporia and Emory tournaments. They placed second in the Drury round robin and reached the quarter-finals at Southwest Missouri State, where Alan was 4<sup>th</sup> speaker. They reached the octa-finals at Harvard. They placed second at Dartmouth and at Butler, where Alan was 4<sup>th</sup> speaker.

Alan debated with Erwin Chemerinsky during the 1974-75 season. They won four tournaments including the Kentucky round robin (where Alan was 4<sup>th</sup> speaker), Wake Forest (where Alan was 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker), Harvard, and the Kansas University Heart of America tournament (where Alan was 7<sup>th</sup> speaker) They also reached the semi-finals at Emory (where Alan was 5<sup>th</sup> speaker), the semi-finals of Houston (where Alan was 7<sup>th</sup> speaker), the semis of Utah, and the quarter-finals of Dartmouth (where Alan was 7<sup>th</sup> speaker). They also reached the octa-finals at Kansas State Emporia. At the National Debate Tournament, Loewinsohn and Chemerinsky reached the octa-finals and Alan was 10<sup>th</sup> speaker.

As a senior during the 1975-76 season, Alan debated with Louis Kaplow. They won the Wake Forest and Dartmouth tournaments and reached the elimination rounds of a number of other tournaments. At the National Debate Tournament, they lost in the octa-finals and Alan was named 5<sup>th</sup> speaker.

### **RON MARMER**

Ron Marmer joined the Northwestern debate team in school year 1970-71. As juniors, he and his partner Elliot Minceburg were the top two-man team and won the 1973 National Debate Tournament. Ron was 6<sup>th</sup> speaker.

As sophomores, Marmer and Minceburg regularly qualified for elimination rounds in major tournaments. They won the Ohio State tournament, were fourth at Northern Illinois (Marmer was 4<sup>th</sup> speaker) reached the quarter-finals at UCLA and Butler, and made the octa-finals at MIT, Oberlin, Harvard and the National Debate Tournament.

As juniors in the 1972-73 school year, they won the University of North Carolina tournament, the Marietta round robin (where they were undefeated), UCLA and the National Debate Tournament (where Marmer was sixth speaker). They also placed second at Emory and Southern California, reached the semi-finals at Georgetown, and were quarter-finalists at MIT, Harvard, Dartmouth and the University of Kansas Heart of America tournaments.

After winning the 1973 NDT, Marmer and Minceburg did not debate as seniors.

### **GARRY MATHIASON**

Garry Mathiason of Minot, SD joined the NU debate team as a freshman in the 1964-65 school year. He was a member of the top NU 2-man team during his senior year, debating with David Zarefsky. Garry won a number of tournaments and speaker awards as an underclassman and regularly advanced to the elimination rounds of tournaments.

As a senior during the 1967-68 school year, Garry and David had an overall win-loss record of 121-24, won six of the fourteen tournaments they entered, reached the semi-finals in five others, and the quarters in two more. The tournaments Garry and David won were Harvard, Brandeis, Georgetown, Tulane, Stanford, and the District V qualifying tournament for the NDT. They also were semi-finalists at Kentucky, Houston, Redlands, Emory, and the Michigan State "Tournament of Champions" and reached the quarter-finals at Dartmouth and the National Debate Tournament. Garry was second speaker at the Harvard Invitational and Tulane tournaments, fifth at Ohio State, sixth at Redlands and Georgetown, and ninth at Emory.

Garry has been a regular contributor to the debate endowment and a supporter of the NU debate reunions.

### **ELLIOT MINCEBERG**

Elliot Minceberg of Chicago joined the Northwestern debate team in school year 1970-71. As juniors, he and his partner Ron Marmer were the top 2-man team. They won the 1973 National Debate tournament where Elliot was named top speaker.

As sophomores, Minceberg and Marmer regularly qualified for elimination rounds in major tournaments. They won the Ohio State tournament and were fourth at the Northern Illinois tournament (Minceberg was top speaker), reached the quarters at UCLA (Minceberg was 5<sup>th</sup> speaker) and Butler (Minceberg was 5<sup>th</sup> speaker) and the octa-finals at MIT (Minceberg was 9<sup>th</sup> speaker), Oberlin (Minceberg was 6<sup>th</sup> speaker), Harvard, and the National Debate Tournament.

As juniors in the 1972-73 school year, they won the University of North Carolina tournament (Minceberg was 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker), the Marietta round robin (where they were undefeated and Minceberg was top speaker), UCLA (Minceberg was top speaker) and the National Debate Tournament. They also were second at Emory (Minceberg was 6<sup>th</sup> speaker) and Southern California ((Minceberg was 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker), reached the semi-finals at Georgetown, and were quarter-finalists at MIT (Minceberg was 6<sup>th</sup> speaker), Harvard (Minceberg was 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker), Dartmouth, and the University of Kansas Heart of America tournament.

Minceberg and Marmer did not debate as seniors.

### **JOHN ROBERTS**

John Roberts of Kearney, NE joined the NU debate team as a freshman in the 1957-58 school year. He was a member of the top two-man team as a junior and senior partnering with Dennis Hunt. He

reached the semi-finals of the National Debate Tournament in 1960 and won numerous tournaments and speaker awards over his career

During his first two years, John had a 32-13 win-loss record and won two tournaments (Bradley and Wisconsin State, Eau Claire) and placed third in another.

In their junior year, John and Dennis Hunt were semi-finalists at the 1960 National Debate Tournament at West Point. In the 1959-60 school year, they also reached the semi-finals of the 1960 Harvard Invitational Tournament with John being named fourth speaker. They also placed first in the four-man and second in the two-man team competition at Dartmouth, with John winning second speaker. In 1959, John and Dennis won the top negative team award and the 4-man team award at Wayne State. That school year Roberts also teamed with David Copus to place second in the 1959 Wichita State Tournament (John was named 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker) and with Eldon Lanning to reach the semis in the 1959 Kansas State Emporia Tournament.

In the 1960-61 school year, Roberts and Hunt won seven tournaments and were undefeated in the elimination rounds of all tournaments they entered that year. They also did not lose a debate before an audience their senior year. John and Dennis were members of the winning 4-man team at the 1960 University of Kentucky tournament, with John being named top speaker. In March 1961, Roberts and Hunt were members of the winning 4-man team at the University of Maryland Capitol Hill Tournament, where they tied for top speaker. In November 1960, Roberts and Hunt were the top 2-man negative team and were part of NU's winning 4-man team at the Wayne State University Tournament. They also won both the 1961 Kansas State Pittsburgh and the Kansas State Emporia tournaments. Roberts and Hunt also went 12-0 to win the 1961 Harvard Invitational Tournament (the country's largest and most prestigious regular season tournament at the time) defeating eventual 1961 NDT winners Larry Tribe and Gene Clements of Harvard in the semis. They also won the country's second most prestigious regular season tournament — the University of Kansas' Heart of America tourney -- again defeating Tribe and Clements of Harvard in the semis. Unfortunately, John and Dennis did not qualify out of the District V tournament and did not participate in the NDT despite having the best regular season record in the country and having reached the semis of the NDT in 1960.

John was a member of the steering committee for the early debate reunions and has been a regular contributor to the Debate Endowment.

### **STUART SINGER**

Stuart Singer joined the Northwestern debate team in school year 1974-75. Stuart with partner Mark Cotham won the National Debate Tournament in 1978, where he was named 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker. He also reached the octa-finals of the NDT in 1976 and the quarters in 1977, where he was named 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker. He won 11 tournaments during his career.

As a freshman, Stuart won the National Novice tournament. He also reached the finals at Butler ((where he was 8<sup>th</sup> speaker), the semi-finals at the Southwest Missouri tournament (where he was 4<sup>th</sup> speaker),

the semi-finals at the University of Iowa (where he was 4<sup>th</sup> speaker), the quarters of Bowling Green (where he was 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker), and the octa-finals at Ohio State.

During his sophomore year, Stuart debated principally with David Love. They won the Emory tournament and reached the elimination rounds at a number of tournaments. They lost in the octa-finals at the National Debate Tournament.

As a junior, Singer and Love won the 1977 Harvard tournament and the University of Kansas Heart of America tournament. They lost in the finals of the University of Kentucky, Emory and UCLA tournaments. They were the first seed after the preliminary rounds at the National Debate Tournament, going undefeated in the first eight rounds (one of only two teams in NDT history to have done so at the time). They lost in the quarter-finals of the NDT and Stuart was named 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker.

During his senior year in 1977-78, Stuart and partner Mark Cotham won the National Debate Tournament where he was named 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker. They also won six other tournaments – Kansas State Emporia, Houston (where they were undefeated), California State Fullerton, Dartmouth, and the University of Kansas Heart of America tournament (for Stuart the second year in a row).

#### **WILLIAM E. SNYDER**

Bill began debating at Northwestern during the 1962-63 school year. A native of Evanston, he came to NU after having gone undefeated in winning the 1961 Northwestern National High School Debate Institute. Bill was a member of the top two-man team for three years at Northwestern. He and his partner, Mike Denger, won the 1966 National Debate Tournament at West Point, at which Bill was named top speaker, an award he received seven other times his senior year. During his four year career, Bill and his partners compiled a 246-87 win-loss record, winning 12 tournaments and placing second in one other.

As a freshman, Bill won the freshman national debate tournament held at Bellarmine University and the Capitol Hill Tournament at the University of Maryland. As a sophomore, Bill and partner Gary Werskey won the Vanderbilt University Tournament.

As a junior and senior, Bill partnered with Mike Denger. Bill and Mike went 18 and 0 in semi-final and final rounds during the two years they debated together, won nine tournaments, and had the best regular season debate record in the country over both the 1964-65 and 1965-66 seasons.

In his junior year, Bill had a 65-24 record, winning four of nine tournaments (Brandeis University, University of Chicago, Harvard University Invitational, and Georgetown University Invitational). In 1965, Bill lost in the quarter-finals at West Point and was named third speaker. In 1964-65, Bill also was named top speaker at the University of Chicago tournament, and placed second at Brandeis and Georgetown.

In his senior year, Bill and Mike won five of ten tournaments entered -- University of Kentucky, Harvard University Invitational (for the second year in a row), University of Chicago (also for the second

consecutive year), Ohio State University, and the National Debate Tournament. They also reached the elimination rounds at Brandeis, Georgetown and Dartmouth, compiling an 85-17 record. They had a winning streak of 26 in a row during the year. In the 1965-66 season, Bill was named top speaker at Kentucky, Brandeis, Chicago, Vanderbilt, Ohio State, Harvard, Dartmouth and the National Debate Tournament. For the period prior to 1980, Bill's record of 9 top speaker awards in a career and 8 in a single season are each the second highest in NU debate history.

### **WILLIAM WELSH**

William Welsh of Salina, KS joined the Northwestern debate team as a freshman in the 1957-58 school year. Bill, with his partner, Dick Kirshberg, won the 1958 National Debate Tournament at West Point as freshmen and repeated by winning the 1959 National Debate Tournament as sophomores. Bill and Dick were the only freshmen to have won the NDT as of 1958 and were the only two time consecutive winners as of 1959.

Over the two years he competed, Bill had a cumulative 119 and 30 win-loss record. He and his partners won nine tournaments, took second at four others and placed third twice.

As a freshman, Bill had a regular season record of 60 and 6, won five tournaments, and had the best record at the District V qualifying tournament for West Point. Among their tournament victories, Bill and Dick won the Oshkosh WI tournament, where they were undefeated, Kansas State Emporia, and Dartmouth, where they were members of both the winning 2-man and 4-man teams. Bill and Dick also placed second at the Xavier tournament, then the "warm-up" tournament for Nationals.

As a sophomore, Bill won the Illinois State Normal tournament, the Edmund Oklahoma tournament, the 2-man and 4-man trophies at Dartmouth, and the University of Kansas Heart of America tournament where he and Dick tied for top speaker. In addition, they placed second for the second year in a row at the Xavier tournament.

### **SUSAN WINKLER**

Susan Winkler debated for Northwestern from 1975 to 1979. As a senior, Susan and partner Chris Wonnell cleared the preliminary rounds of every tournament they entered and reached the quarter-finals or better at each such tournament, winning four tournaments. They were seeded first in the National Debate Tournament first round at large seedings. They went undefeated through the preliminary rounds at the NDT (one of only three teams to have done so in the history of the NDT as of 1979) and were the first seed entering the elimination rounds. Susan and Chris lost in the quarters at the NDT.

During her senior year, Susan won four tournaments – Harvard, Wyoming (where Susan was 1<sup>st</sup> speaker), Utah (where she and Chris closed out the final round with NU's Don Dripps and Mark Cotham), and Loyola LA. They also reached the semi-finals of the University of Kansas Heart of America

tournament. Susan also won top speaker at the Northern Colorado and Northern Iowa tournaments and was 8<sup>th</sup> speaker at the Kansas State Emporia tournament.

### **CHRISTOPHER WONNELL**

Chris Wonnell debated for Northwestern from 1975 to 1979. Chris qualified for the National debate tournament in both his junior and senior years. As a senior, with partner Susan Winkler, they were the first seed at the 1979 National Debate Tournament first round at large seedings. They also were the first seed entering the elimination rounds having gone through the preliminary rounds undefeated. As of that time, they were one of only three teams in the history of the NDT to have done so. Chris and Susan lost in the quarters of the NDT.

Chris debated his freshman year with Steve Yokich. At Novice Nationals, he was named second speaker.

As a junior, Chris debated with Tom Fulkerson. They cleared the preliminary rounds of every tournament that they entered that year. Chris and Tom qualified for the NDT and lost in the octa-finals.

As a senior, he partnered with fellow senior Susan Winkler. Chris and Susan also cleared every tournament they entered and reached at least the quarter finals at each such tournament, winning four tournaments -- Harvard, Wyoming (Wonnell was 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker), Utah (where they closed out the final round with NU's Don Dripps and Mark Cotham) and Loyola LA. They also reached the semi-finals at the University of Kansas Heart of America tournament. Chris was 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker at the Northern Colorado tournament and 1<sup>st</sup> at the Northern Iowa tournament. As noted above, Chris and Susan lost in the quarter-finals of the NDT after being first seed after the preliminaries. Chris was 9<sup>th</sup> speaker at the NDT.

### **DAVID ZAREFSKY**

David Zarefsky of Houston, TX joined the Northwestern debate team as a freshman in 1964. He was a member of the top two-man team for two years (1966-67 with Mike Denger and 1967-68 with Garry Mathiason). During his two years on NU's top team, David won 11 of 22 (or 50%) of the debate tournaments he entered, including the Harvard Invitational Tournament two years running (1967 with Mike Denger and 1968 with Garry Mathiason), going undefeated both years. He reached the quarter-finals of the National Debate Tournament in both 1967 and 1968. He was top speaker at the NDT in 1968, and placed third in 1967.

As a junior, David and Mike Denger had an overall win-loss record of 75-15. They won five of ten tournaments entered (University of Kentucky, University of Chicago, Harvard University Invitational, California Institute of Technology and University of Southern California), placed second at Redlands and Brandeis, and reached the quarter-finals at three others (Miami, Georgetown and the National Debate Tournament). During a four week period in 1967, David and Mike won 32 consecutive debates and three tournaments (Harvard, Cal Tech and Southern Cal), an NU record for consecutive wins. David was top speaker at Kentucky, Redlands and Southern California (where he did not drop a single speaker point), second at Miami, third at Harvard, Georgetown, and the National Debate Tournament, and

fourth at Brandeis. David and Mike both finished in the top 5 speakers at all nine tournaments they entered that gave speaker awards

As a senior, David, with partner Garry Mathiason, won six of fourteen tournaments entered and had an overall win-loss record of 121–24. The tournaments they won were the Harvard Invitational (for the second year in a row), Brandeis, Georgetown, Tulane, Stanford, and the District V qualifying tournament for the NDT. David and Garry also reached the semi-finals at five other tournaments including Kentucky, Houston, Redlands, Emory, and the Michigan State "Tournament of Champions," as well as the quarters at Dartmouth. Of the twelve tournaments he entered that had speaker awards, David received the top speaker award at ten -- Harvard, Brandeis, Redlands, Stanford, Ohio State, Tulane, Houston, Kentucky, Dartmouth, Michigan State and the National Debate Tournament, was second at Emory, and sixth at Georgetown. He holds the career record (15) and single season record (10) for most top speaker awards received in NU debate history prior to 1980.

David also was Coach of Debate at Northwestern from 1970 to 1975. His teams won numerous debate tournaments, and ten of his teams participated in the National Debate Tournament, including 1973 NDT champions Ron Marmer and Elliot Minberg.