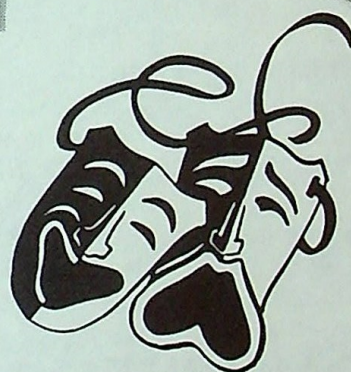


LONG LIVE SPIRIT WEEK



SPEECH



by Nicki Torbett

The speech and debate team has started off the season with a bang. On October 10th and 11th, the debaters traveled to Glenoak High School for their first tournament of the year. At this competition, two Louisville teams, the teams of Matt Jerdonek and Dave Sluss and that of Liz Hamilton and Mark Shaffer, tied for first place in two-person debate. In addition, Liz Hamilton received the first place speaker award. Two weeks later the debate team was again put to the test and proven successful. At the Ohio State University Buckeye Invitational Tournament, the teams of Liz Hamilton and Mark Shaffer and Matt Jerdonek and Dave Sluss both broke into quarterfinal rounds. Matt and Dave went into final round. In the final standings, Matt and Dave placed second and Liz and Mark tied for fifth place. Both of these teams have already qualified to the state tournament, a very unusual accomplishment for this early in the season.

The individual events team also had an impressive beginning to the season. At the Massillon-Perry tournament on November 1st, Louisville placed fifth out of 26 tough teams. Placing at Perry were Sean Gladieux second in oratorical interpretation, Nicki Torbett second in original oratory, Elaine Starkey fifth in oratorical interpretation, and Melanie Shammo sixth in impromptu speaking. Also, Liz Hamilton and Mark Shaffer took first place in two-person debate, Tim Holbrook and Dave Groves placed third in two-person debate and Ron McLaughlin received third place in Lincoln/Douglas debate. The following week,

the speech team and Lincoln/Douglas debaters traveled to Niles McKinley, a tournament known for formidable, Youngstown-area competition. The duet acting team of Mark Mason and Deb Calhoun placed an outstanding first in their category. John Jones placed second in Lincoln/Douglas debate, Cliff Baker placed sixth in foreign extemporaneous speaking, and Melanie Shammo took sixth place in domestic extemp. That same day, at Canton McKinley, the two-person debate team of Liz Hamilton and Mark Shaffer got first place, and the team of Matt Jerdonek and Dave Sluss took second. Dave Sluss was first place speaker, and Liz Hamilton was second.

On November 15th, Louisville's speech team again proved their talents at Austintown Fitch High School, one of the toughest tournaments of the year. As a whole, Louisville placed seventh out of 33 formidable schools. In individual events, Cliff Baker took second place in domestic extemporaneous speaking, Mel Shammo received fourth in foreign extemporaneous speaking, and Nicki Torbett placed second in original oratory. In Lincoln/Douglas debate, Bob Hohman, a sophomore, took fourth place in the tournament with a 4-0 record. On November 26th, the individual events team will travel to New Philadelphia.

Coach Miss Stover says of this year's team, "Louisville can be proud of the entire debate team this 1986-87, and the individual events team, with packed practice and determination, will be just as praiseworthy."