

Midland Theatre last Tuesday night to address a UMKC sports pep rally.  
Photo by Raymond Johnson.

Basketball Coach and Athletic Director Lee Hunt. "There were no representatives there (from

# Debaters shoot for first place

## Unofficial calculations rank squad as #1 in nation

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As of this week we are number one in the country, unofficially," said debate coach Linda Collier of her award-winning team. Last weekend the team competed in the Virginia Craig Invitational at Southwest Missouri State University, walking away with awards in both open and junior competition.

Although the team has been in the top ten for the past three years, they have never placed

higher than seventh. "We're taking a leap into the next highest echelon," said Collier.

Over sixty teams competed in the Virginia tournament, where teams came from all over the country. Three out of four UMKC teams won their respective events, the fourth team taking third place. The winning team in the open division consisted of senior Chris Riffer and junior David MacDonald. The junior division winners were debaters Kristi Kingston

and David Genco. The team also earned accolades in the category of Best Individual Speaker, with MacDonald tying for first place, Riffer placing third in open division, and freshman Brian Johnston earning fifth in the junior division. Johnston and his teammate sophomore Martin Harris, who made it to the first eliminations for the Individual award, placed fifth overall in the junior division.

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## UMKC Debate team on winning streak

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As a result of their performance in the tournament, the team received the Holt V. Spicer trophy for the top school in debate. This trophy is the second in a row from the 37th Annual George R. R. Pflaumm tournament in Emporia, KS.

"We are right now considered a dominant force in college debate," remarked Collier.

Assistant Coach Josh Hoe was also recognized as one of the best new coaches. Hoe is a former debater from the University of Central Oklahoma who won the Cross Examina-

tion Debate Association (CEDA) Nationals in 1990. UMKC was eliminated in the quarter finals in this tournament. "This year we hope to win it," said Collier.

UMKC is a member of CEDA, a league of over 300 member schools. National rankings are compiled from each week's results. These rankings change from week to week, and a firm first-place ranking for UMKC will not be publically announced until April.

## Nichols Library

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languages professor Patricia Brodsky said she recently had trouble finding research materials for students in her class in post-war German literature.

"The research librarian showed my class how to use LUMIN and the MLA Bibliography," Brodsky said. "Then we went looking, and found that we didn't own any of the books or articles."

Brodsky said she had to lend some students books from her own collection.

"Inter-library loan has been close to useless to me," Brodsky added. "Either it takes too long, or orders disappear." For her own research, Brodsky said she has been forced to order books from Germany.

A senior english major said she had trouble getting information at Nichols Library for a paper she was writing.

"I went to the library and looked up my subject on the MLA Bibliography. I printed out a list of 11 books and four articles on my topic. The library didn't have even one of my sources."

The student said she went to the library at the University

of Kansas, and found 13 of the 15 sources.

Some of the Nichols Library's difficulties can be traced directly to cutbacks in state spending on education. Problems can also be attributed to the rapidly rising cost of library materials and journals.

But many professors and students worry that the Nichols Library is not receiving its fair share of the shrinking budget.

Ten years ago, UMKC's libraries (excluding the Law library) received 4.5 percent of the school's total budget. This year, the figure is 3.5 percent. According to guidelines set by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a library's budget should be at least 6 percent of the school's total operating budget.

Helen Spalding, associate director of libraries, referred to the cutbacks as "gradual amputation." She said the state of the library deters prospective faculty members from considering positions at UMKC.

"We know that's true," Spalding said. "They look around at the library and say, 'You've got to be kidding!'"

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