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Student debaters from The Evergreen State College captured two first place trophies in the nine-team Pacific Lutheran University Novice Invitational Forensics Tournament last week end.

The tournament was open to debaters with no previous collegiate experience and included teams from Evergreen, Southern Oregon College, Northwest College, Oregon State University, St. Martin's College, University of Puget Sound, University of Washington, and host PLU.

Evergreen students Chris Meserve of Bellevue and Mike Gilbert of Spokane swept through four straight matches and registered the highest speakers' point totals in winning the first place trophy on the affirmative side of the debate. Teammates Tom Graham of Wenatchee and Steve Carstens of Greenacres (Central Valley High School) posted a 3-1 record and scored the highest point total in capturing the first place trophy on the negative side of the issue.

This year's national debate topic involves a resolution "that the Federal Government should establish a program of comprehensive medical care for all United States citizens."

The Evergreen team's activities in the PLU Tournament were directed by student Mike Nobley, who is coordinator of the college's new forensics tournament. Shelly Guttman, an Evergreen faculty wife, served as a judge in the tourney.

Next major forensics event at Evergreen will be an early-February exhibition debate with a team from Washington State University.

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