

Speech And Debate



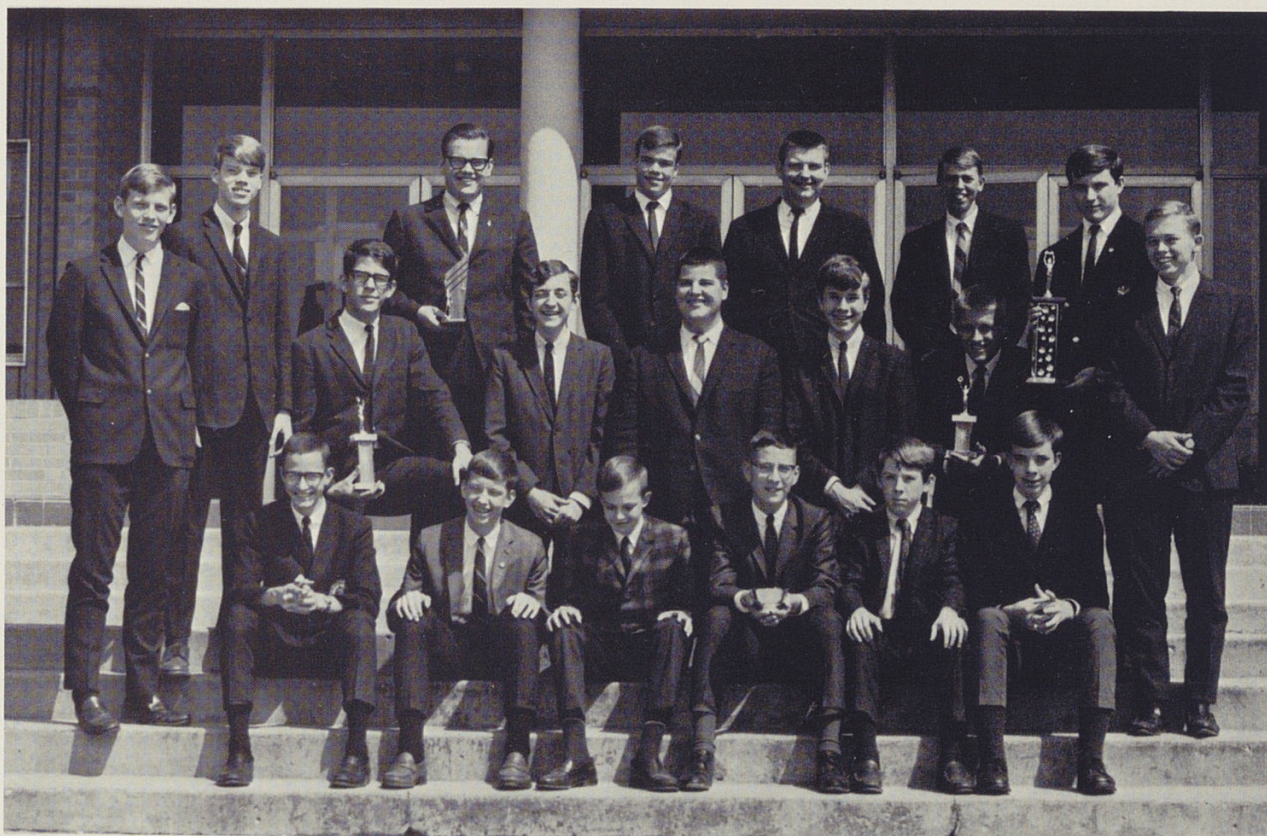
Senior Speech and Debate trophy winners, L. TO R.: Mark Goodwin, Tom Cook, Larry Funke.

Since the middle of October, announcements have been made and articles have been written about the success and failures of the Speech and Debate Team. We have been hearing about the speech trophies won, the U.N. awards achieved, and the Debate Tournaments almost conquered. I think that it's about time to tell what all this means, what has been accomplished and what purpose all this time and energy serves.

First of all, a speech team brings a certain amount of prestige to a school. Regional Debate Championships and individual speech awards make a school look good academically. More important, however, are the benefits that can be gained by the participants. Debate provides a person with the opportunity to construct logical arguments, defend his position and refute another's. It gives the student valuable experience in research techniques that may prove quite important in school and later life. Speech teaches a person to express himself. It not only helps a student communicate to a group, but to express his ideas to an individual. Both of these events help a person attain confidence in himself and courage in his convictions.

Over the past few years, Covington Catholic has built up a pretty good reputation in Speech and Debate. We have not yet "run away" with a tournament, but we have won our share of trophies.

Besides the advantages given her, members of Speech and Debate have a lot of fun and meet a lot of people. I hope that next year a few students will see the advantages of Speech and Debate and "get in on a good thing".



1ST ROW, l. to r.: C. Stander, J. Saalfeld, B. Wilkerson, G. Schewe, D. O'Connor, D. Moser. 2ND ROW: A. Kite, M. Goodwin, G. Carstens, G. Epplen, C. Summe, R. Wieck, T. Cook. 3RD ROW: F. Summe, L. Funke, S. Steltenkamp, Brother Joseph Lackner, G. Dusing, R. Lemker.