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## Research: big word for debate

Research plays a larger part in debate now than it has in past years, according to Jackson Harrell, one of the faculty sponsors of the 18 UNL students on debate teams.

The topic for college debate this year is "Resolved: that the power of the presidency should be significantly curtailed."

Increased research on debate topic is primarily an evolution of debate processes, Harrell said.

"The country has undergone, in the last 20 to 30 years, an empirical revolution," he said.

### 10,000 research cards

According to Harrell, it's not unusual for a debate team to have 10,000 research cards for a complicated topic.

In a good hour of research, an individual can compile anywhere from eight to ten cards, he said.

"In college debate, the affirmative side has total freedom to define what the resolution means to them," Harrell noted.

This year, positions such as "the total operation of the CIA should be altered," "what should constitute executive privilege" and "reducing secret information classifications" also are being argued, he said.

Students may take a course entitled "University Debate" for one or two credit hours up to four times, or they

may participate in debate as an extracurricular activity.

Debate participants represent a wide range of interest, Harrell said. Students from business, economics, political science, speech, history and English are on debate teams.

### Tournament trips

Each two-member team goes to four or five tournaments, he said. Except for national tournaments debates are open to all teams interested in participating. A team doesn't know what other teams will be at a tournament until they arrive, and what team it will oppose until a few minutes before the debate, he said.

Tournament trips last from two to three and one-half days, and funding for trips comes from the College of Arts and Sciences budget, Harrell said.

So far this semester, UNL debate teams have participated in four tournaments. The total team record is 60 per cent wins, which is "not a bad average," Harrell said.

If teams go through a complete 22 tournament season with 70 per cent of the teams winning all their debates, they are doing "unbelievably well," he said.

The teams took third and fourth place in the third annual St. Olaf, Minn., Debate tournament last weekend.

This weekend, NU debate teams will compete at the University of Kansas and at Northwestern Missouri State College.

## J. Geils album blues at its best

Review by Meg Greene.

"Nightmares . . . and other tales from the vinyl jungle"—J. Geils Band

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- I. Guest Speaker: Allen Beermann
- II. Executive Report: Student fees for alumni support
- III. Open Forum
- IV. Old Business
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  - B. Appointments
  - C. Constitutions
- V. New Business
  - A. Academic credit for student employment
  - B. Union renovations
  - C. Committee chair salaries
- VI. Announcements
  - A. Council on Student Life
  - B. Ad hoc constitution committee