

**STUDENT FEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC)
FY 2009 PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FORENSIC SOCIETY,
HOME OF THE U OF H SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM**



***“CONTINUING TO ELEVATE NATIONAL RECOGNITION
OF OUR UNIVERSITY WITH
COMMUNITY INTERACTION,
ON-CAMPUS AMBASSADORSHIP,
AND COMPETITION
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES”***

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1. Please provide a one-page executive summary of your questionnaire responses.

MISSION:

The mission of the University of Houston Forensic Society (UHFS) is to create opportunities for all students to apply their public speaking skills in ways that benefit local communities and bring recognition to the University of Houston. The UHFS recognizes that public speaking represents one of the world's greatest fears. Therefore, membership is open to all students – regardless of levels of experience or ability – and encourages participation in community service as well as national competition with other universities.

HOW WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION:

While a majority of other collegiate forensic programs focus solely on national awards and rankings, the UHFS realizes that it is uniquely positioned as part of an urban university in the seventh largest school district in the U.S., the Houston Independent School District (HISD). Considering that less than 15% of HISD's 300+ schools have resources to sponsor speech, debate, and theatre programs, the UHFS is obligated to fill a void by offering a combination of on-campus educational events, community services and resources, and collegiate competitions for the UH Speech & Debate Team. Some of the programs planned for FY2010 include:

Volunteering:

- Judging at Greater Houston K-12 schools
- Volunteering to perform at orphanages, homeless shelters, & hospitals
- Coaching students at schools with limited faculty/financial resources

Hosting:

- Invitational forensic contests for elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges/universities
- Hosting events that appeal to different races/ethnicities represented in \ K-12 schools, e/g/ drum line contests, ballet folklorica/mariachi, etc.
- Low-cost forensic workshops for inner-city and Greater Houston students
- Instructional seminars for inexperienced forensic coaches
- District, state, and national forensic championship contests
- Offering/directing summer camps for students from throughout the U.S.

Competing:

- Local contests in Texas & Louisiana for members, regardless of experience
- Regional competitions for students achieving local success
- National contests for members capable of bringing recognition to UH

JUSTIFICATION OF THIS ORGANIZATION'S FEE ALLOCATION:

The UHFS was re-established in July 2002 under the dual umbrella of the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Honors College. **Beginning with no students or identifiable events at all, the UHFS is now the most active collegiate host of on-campus events and educational programs in Texas, if not the U.S.!** Under the direction of volunteer Director of Forensics Dr. Michael L. Fain, the 2008-2009 UHFS has involved 200+ students in on-campus activities this year – and has planned educational programming beneficial to the entire UH student body! **This is the largest level of participation since UH debate teams first emerged in 1951!**

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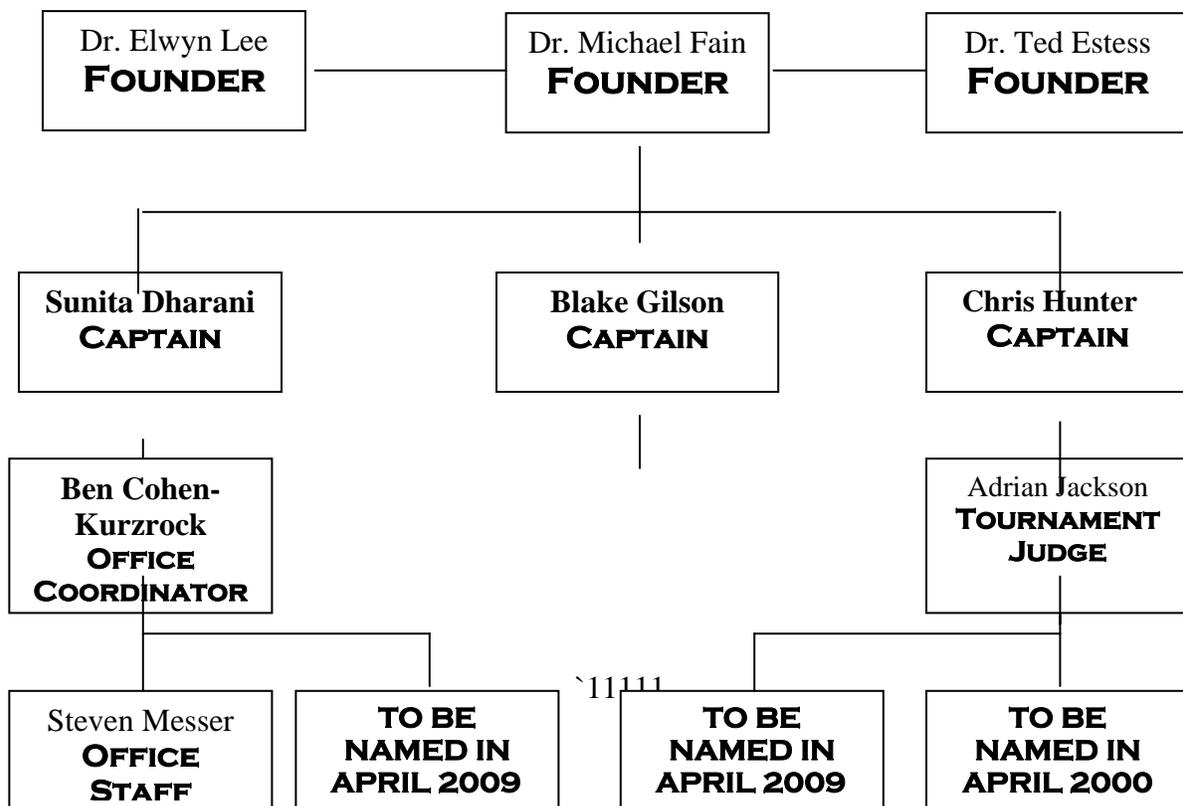
2. Provide an organization chart of your unit.

The current administration of all on-campus events, community service activities, and Team competitions has been shared between Director of Forensics Dr. Michael L. Fain and the UH Forensic Society Captains Sunita Dharani, Blake Gilson, and Chris Hunter. Office staffing is also provided by Ben Cohen-Kurzrock and Steven Messer. Additional student workers will be hired in upcoming weeks.

Dr. Fain's direction of both the UHFS and the Speech & Debate Team is guided by Dr. Elwyn Lee, Vice President of Student Affairs. Substantial coordination assistance is provided by Diane Murphy, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs. Administration of financial documents is assisted by Dr. Noel Clark and Ms. Rosa Flugence (both of the University Center Business Office).

Please see the organizational chart for the University of Houston Forensic Society:

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3. List the objectives that you provided with your 2008-2009 SFAC request. Please comment on your success in achieving these objectives. If an objective changed during the year, please note this and explain. Also, list any new objectives, the rationale for the addition, and comment on your success in achieving these objectives.

Objectives Provided in Our 2008-2009 Request

After reinstating a competitive speech and debate program for the University of Houston during the 2002-2003 year, the three basic objectives that were maintained/pursued during the FY2009 were as follows:

- To attract a diverse group of students into a forensic organization
- To initiate a series of community service opportunities for Team members
- To host a series of contests and workshops for middle school, high school, & university students

Because of the UHFS' strong momentum at the end of FY2005 - the Forensic Society has had success in achieving these objectives – but our success cannot be guaranteed without an increase in our base funding for student involvement.

Additional objectives were communicated with our FY09 SFAC request. These seven objectives are as follows:

- **Elevating the levels of national recognition earned in collegiate competition during FY2009.**
- **Preparing UH students to serve as contest judges and speech coaches/teachers in K-12 schools throughout the U.S.**
- **Encouraging UH alumni to participate in reunions and/or fund drives**
- **Completion of Office Construction to Create a Usable Work Space**
- **Establishment of a Full-Time Director of Forensics Position**
- **Establishment of UH as a Premier Host of Collegiate Contests**
- **Presenting public speaking seminars and/or coaching sessions for UH students and campus organizations**

Success in Achieving Original FY09 Objectives

Achievement of the Three Base Objectives

The UHFS has had great success in achieving the above objectives. Achievement of success in these three areas has been enabled due to the base augmentation of SFAC funding for a part-time Director of Forensics. Highlights of the organization during FY09 include

- Recruitment of **more than 200 undergraduate and graduate students** as judges for on-campus contests hosted for elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges/universities
- Participation in **six community service projects** at the Depelchin Children's Orphanages and a variety of Houston-area K-12 schools
- Hosting five forensic contests for collegiate and K-12 school students, featuring **more than 2,500 students from 100+ schools**
- Representation of UH in **twelve national-level speech/debate contests**
- Provision of forensic judges and academic directors for five U.I.L. District Meet(s) throughout Greater Houston
- Being awarded 3rd Place Team Sweepstakes (Division III) at the Novice National Championships held in March 2008 in Florida

Achievement of the Additional FY09 Objectives

Objective - Elevating the levels of national recognition earned in collegiate competition during FY2009

In order to maintain a nationally-competitive schedule which balances competition with academic demands, the UHFS will have competed at the following colleges/universities:

- Colorado College (October 2008)
- Vanderbilt University (October 2008)
- University of Southern California (January 2009)
- University of Texas @ Dallas (January 2009)
- Baylor University (January 2009)
- Louisiana State U. @ Baton Rouge (February 2009)
- Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament (March 2009)
- American Forensic Assn. National Championships (April 2009)

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Objective - Preparing UH students to serve as contest judges and speech coaches/teachers in K-12 schools throughout the U.S.

The UHFS now conducts nine in-house training classes and ongoing referrals for UH students. UHFS MEMBERS HAVE DEVOTED 3K+ HOURS TO JUDGING GREATER HOUSTON FORENSIC CONTESTS SO FAR THIS YEAR. These students will be directed to contests in need of judging expertise. These contests are offered by

- The Texas Forensic Association
- University Interscholastic League District & Regional Sites
- National Forensic League

Objective - Encouraging UH alumni to participate in reunions and/or fund drives

The UHFS will continue its annual alumni fund drive. Enthusiastic support for such an effort has already been expressed due to the success of The Sixth Annual UHFS Alumni Reunion and Celebration hosted this past November.

The next reunion is scheduled November 2009 and will announce the UHFS' joint effort with the Texas Young Lawyers' Assn. to initiate/host a debate contest for Texas high school students.

Objective – Completion of Office Construction to Create a Usable Work Space

Our new objectives of preparing for a growing organization with 200+ members AND expansion of the no. of on-campus events increase need for usable office space. Therefore, we now need to modify the design for and/or use of our office. Changes are now planned/needed FY10.

Objective – Establishment of a Full-Time Director of Forensics Position

In August 2008, a full-time Director of Forensics position was created/funded by the UH President's budget. However, with the UHFS growing by more than 700% since start of the 2008-2009 term, the need for additional staff is a dire need. The current organization is filled with extremely talented students, but the lack of more than one full-time staff members prevents successful recruitment efforts of academically-qualified high school students. More importantly, current students do not have regular access to coaching/direction for their competitive efforts.

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Objective – Establishment of UH as a Premier Host of Collegiate Contests

This objective has been actualized. During the 2008-2009 school year, the UH Main Campus is one of only twenty major institutions in the U.S. to host major annual contests with another major university – with LSU Baton Rouge being UH’s co-host.

Objective - Presenting public speaking seminars and/or coaching sessions for UH students and campus organizations

Based on the number of requests the UHFS already receives on a weekly basis, plans are being made to offer free coaching services for UH student organizations. Such services/seminars have already been provided three times since January 2004.

- Elevating the level of media coverage for our organization in on-campus publications
- Attracting outstanding high schools seniors with strong academic and forensic backgrounds
- Encouraging further UH alumni participation in reunions and/or fund drives

Establishment of New Objectives

In spite of working with only one full-time staff person, the UHFS has received significant recognition from both its alumni and the Greater Houston community. For these reasons, the following new objectives have been developed during FY09.

Hosting On-Campus Events for K-12 Students [Beginning FY09]

- Because of the strong reputation for its ability to administer large-scale academic events, the UH Forensic Society has been asked – by the SGA and Meade Group – to host additional on-campus events (featuring forensics, ballet folklorica/mariachi, stepping, drum line, and academics) for K-12 schools. These additional seven events will bring considerable recognition to the UH Main Campus – and an estimated 3,000 students to our campus.

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Hosting the 2009 Novice National Championships

- The UH Main Campus will serve as the host of the 2009 Novice National Championships, bringing more than 40 colleges/universities to our institution. Based on UH's hosting of the 2004 Novice Nationals – which brought the largest level of attendance in the 25-year history of this contest – it is anticipated that attendance records will be broken when UH hosts this prestigious event in March 2009.

Financing and/or Providing Opportunities for the Growing No. of Members

- As the UHFS has swelled in size from 23 members to 200+, funding and/or opportunities must be provided for our organization in its newer, larger size. With the UHFS experiencing tremendous growth during this school year, it is imperative that additional fund sources must be obtained to satisfy the demands caused by the larger no. of members.

Partnership with the National Urban Debate League (NAUL)

- The NAUL has identified the Houston Independent School District as a recipient of its funding and mentorship – to bring debate programs to fifteen inner-city, low-income schools beginning in August 2008. The NAUL's objective is to provide high school students with the requisite debate experience to enable them to enroll and compete for the UHFS on a collegiate level.

Re-Initiation of a Policy Debate Program

- The UHFS alumni has initiated a 'policy debate' program at the UH Main Campus. With UH being sponsoring one of the Top Five Teams in the U.S. during the 1950-1975 time period, there is a strong desire to re-establish a nationally-recognized program in policy debate activities.

UHFS' policy debate program was begun with no additional funding – and has quickly earned national recognition, earning awards at contests held at Vanderbilt University, University of Southern California, University of Texas at Dallas, and Baylor University.

Suffice to say, the UHFS is now in dire need of obtaining funds for this part of our programs.

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4. Please discuss the means that you are utilizing to evaluate both your success in achieving the aforementioned objectives and their importance as compared to other objectives that you might pursue. Where data exist, discuss the number of persons served by each of your programs and the satisfaction level of those served. Please provide the method for collecting these data.

Achievement of FY2009 Objectives and Their Relative Importance

For this sixth full year of our organization, the three original objectives are undoubtedly the most important ones we determined to pursue as our year began.

We are extremely pleased with our success in achieving our initial objectives. Because the current Forensic Society celebrated its sixth anniversary this past July – we are amazed at the extreme diversity of student involvement and the number of individuals served both on-campus as well as throughout Texas. **More than 6,500 individuals have benefited from our on-campus programs or elsewhere in the Houston community.**

The diversity and level of involvement is explained by the following recap of our FY09 activities and objectives:

Objective – To attract a diverse group of students into a forensic organization.

Without question, the UHFS is one of the most diverse academic organizations on the UH Main Campus. While the organization is aligned with the Honors College, its members are well-represented by students from all academic backgrounds and disciplines. Roughly half of the students who represent UH in national competition are non-Honors students.

There is extreme diversity of the racial/ethnic composition of Team members who represent the University of competition with the following % breakdown:

Anglo American	-	30%
African American	-	20%
Middle Eastern	-	30%
Hispanic American	-	10%
Asian American	-	10%

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Objective – To initiate a series of community service opportunities for Team members.

The UHFS maintains an ongoing relationship with the Greater Houston community. **Members have already performed service projects that have touched the lives of 6,500 individuals throughout our city. Events held as of today include:**

Saturday, October 19, 2008 - Wheatley H.S.

25+ UHFS members served as judges of this first debate tournament of the Houston Urban Debate League Tournament. This was the first time that a majority of 15 Houston I.S.D. schools had participated in debate activities in 15+ years.

Friday, November 14, 2008 - Westbury H.S.

20+ UHFS members served as judges at this second debate tournament of the Houston Urban Debate League Tournament.

Fri/Sat, November 21-22, 2008 - G. C. Scarborough H.S. (Houston ISD)

Members served as judges of speech, debate, & theatre contests for a Texas Forensic Association State-Qualifying Tournament. More than 200 Texas high school contestants competed in this volunteer-directed event.

Friday, November 28, 2008 - Depelchin Children's Orphanage

Team members performed group improvisations and television commercials for/with male orphans at this facility.

Friday, December 12, 2008 - H.S. for Law Enforcement

20+ UHFS members served as judges at this second debate tournament of the Houston Urban Debate League Tournament.

Friday, December 26, 2008 - Depelchin Children's Orphanage

Team members performed group improvisations and television commercials for/with female orphans at this facility.

Fri/Sat, January 23-24, 2009 - Pasadena Memorial H.S.

Members served as judges of speech, debate, & theatre contests for a Texas Forensic Association State-Qualifying Tournament. More than 300 Texas high school contestants competed in this volunteer-directed event.

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Objective – To host a series of contests and workshops for students in K-12 schools, and universities.

With maintenance of the following calendar of events, the UH Main Campus is now **the most active collegiate sponsor of speech/debate/theatre contests in Texas:**

October 3-4 – The Annual University of Houston Texas Forensic Association (T.F.A.) State-Qualifying Tournament was held on the UH Main Campus. **More than 300 students and faculty from 23 Texas high schools participated after local schools were closed for two or more weeks due to Hurricane Ike.**

October 10-12 – The UH Main Campus and LSU @ Baton Rouge co-sponsored The Sixth Annual UH/LSU National Invitation Tournament, **featuring 100+ contestants who represented 11 universities from throughout the U.S.**

February 20-22 – The UH Main Campus will host The David A. Thomas Cougar Classic Natl. College Tournament. **Roughly 100 students and faculty from 10+ universities are anticipated.**

April 24-25 – The UH Middle School Forensic Tournament will be held, **bringing an estimated 500 faculty, staff, and students to the UH Main Campus.**

May 3 – The UHFS will host The First Annual Greater Houston Ballet Folklorica/Marichi contest. **An estimated 400 faculty, staff, and students will come to the UH Main Campus – representing elementary, middle, and high schools.**

May 7 – The UHFS will host The Fifth Annual UH Speech and Elementary School Speech & Interpretation Contest, **bringing an estimated 300 students to the UH Main Campus.**

May 10 – The UHFS will host The Greater Houston Step Show Championships, **bringing an estimated 400 faculty, staff, and students to the UH Main Campus – from middle and high schools.**

Status of Other FY08 Objectives

PLEASE SEE THE ANALYSIS AND DESCRIPTIONS INCLUDED IN ANSWER 3 FOR THE STATUS/SUCCESSSES IN THE OTHER FY08 OBJECTIVES OF THE UH FORENSIC SOCIETY.

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5. Please discuss any budget changes from your last (FY2009) request, their impact on your programs, and your reason for implementing them.

With 200 undergraduate and graduate students already hosting this year's on-campus contests, participating in community service activities, and competing in national contests, the SFAC funds allocated for FY2009 have been vital to the organization's growth and maintenance.

The FY07 base augmentation for student office workers has truly helped growth of the organization. The ability of the UHFS to maintain a student office staff has provided a level of continuity not available during FY05. Likewise, the base budget allowed for part-time forensics staff has been vital to the UHFS activities held on the UH Main Campus and around the U.S.

In order to provide services and opportunities for the growing spectrum of students who wish to participate, **it is vital that additional base SFAC funds be obtained** for (1) increases in transportation/economic costs since FY04 and (3) the SIGNIFICANT increase in size of the UHFS. For these reasons, **the following base budget is needed for FY2010:**

<u>Base Funding Allocation - \$50,720</u>	
Air Fare [Fifteen Members @\$260/Ticket for Eight Contests]	\$31,200
Ground Transportation [Two Vans @\$80/Day for Five Days for Eight Contests]	6,400
Food/Lodging Accommodations [Five Rooms for Four Nights @\$90/Night for Eight Contests]	10,240
Tournament Entry Fees [Eight Regional & National Contests @\$800/Contest]	6,400
Published Materials for Speech Contestants [Twenty Subscriptions @\$70/Subscription]	1,400
Total	\$55,640
Less: Tournament Profits	<4,920>
Net = Base Allocation	<u>\$50,720</u>
<u>Base Funding for Student Workers</u>	<u>\$23,790</u>
<u>Base Budget for Part-Time Asst. Dir. of Forensics</u>	<u>\$17,040</u>
<u>Requested Base Augmentation for Student Travel Needs</u>	<u>\$15,171.</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	<u>\$106,721</u>

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6. Please list your 2008-2009 objectives in priority order. Larger units may wish to group your response by subprogram. Under each objective, state the specific programs, activities, and/or services that you plan to implement to meet your objectives.

IT IS GIVEN THAT THE ORIGINAL THREE UHFS OBJECTIVES (DISCUSSED IN THE RESPONSE TO QUESTION 4) WILL REMAIN CORNERSTONES OF OUR ORGANIZATION. THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS OUR RANKING AND STRATEGIES FOR FULFILLING OUR OTHER OBJECTIVES ADDED IN FY09:

Objective - Elevating the levels of national recognition earned in collegiate competition during FY2009

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- Baylor University (January 2009)
- Louisiana State University @ Baton Rouge (February 2009)
- Novice National Championships (March 2009)
- Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament (March 2009)
- Natl. Parliamentary Debate Assn. Debate Championships (March 2009)
- American Forensic Assn. National Championships (April 2009)
- Natl. Junior Debate Tournament (April 2009)

Objective - Preparing UH students to serve as contest judges and speech coaches/teachers in K-12 schools throughout the U.S.

The UHFS will conduct in-house training and referrals for UH students. These students will be directed to contests in need of judging expertise. These contests are offered by

- The Texas Forensic Association
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- *National Forensic League*

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Objective - Encouraging UH alumni to participate in reunions and/or fund drives

The UHFS will continue its annual alumni fund drive. Enthusiastic support for such an effort has already been expressed due to the success of The Sixth Annual UHFS Alumni Reunion and Celebration hosted this past November.

The next reunion is scheduled November 2009. **The theme of the seventh reunion will be ‘Those Who Have Made a National Impact’**

Objective – Completion of Office Construction to Create a Usable Work Space

Our current space lacks central heat/air, flooring, ceiling covering, office lighting, and wall fixtures. While we are extremely appreciative for this space, it is very uncomfortable without proper air ventilation and amenities of all other UH office spaces.

Objective – Establishment of a Full-Time Associate Director of Forensics Position

The current organization is filled with extremely talented students, but the lack of a second full-time associate director prevents successful recruitment efforts of academically-qualified high school students. More importantly, current students do not have regular access to coaching/direction for their competitive efforts. At present, there is a single, full-time Director of Forensics position. Whereas a majority of collegiate forensic programs sponsor 20+ students, the UHFS sponsors 200+ members . . .and is growing.

Objective – Establishment of UH as a Premier Host of Contests for All Students

This objective will be actualized eight days after this document is presented to the SFAC Committee on February 12. During the 2008-2009 school year, the UH Main Campus is the only institutions in the U.S. to host two major annual collegiate contests as well events for elementary, middle, and high schools.

Objective - Presenting public speaking seminars and/or coaching sessions for UH students and campus organizations

Based on the number of requests the UHFS already receives on a weekly basis, plans are being made to offer free coaching services for UH student organizations. Such services/seminars have already been provided three times since January 2004.

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7. What are the other possible sources of funding available to your unit and what efforts are being made to access them (e.g. grants, donations, etc.)?

Other possible sources of funding include the following:

- Proceeds from intercollegiate forensic contests
- Proceeds from on-campus contests for secondary schools
- Revenues from summer institutes and workshops
- Donations raised in an annual alumni fund drive
- Pledges by corporations to sponsor national events
- Proceeds from an annual alumni reunion

In its sixth full year since being re-established under the dual guidance of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the UH Honors College, the above sources of funding have raised roughly \$35,000 to date. **This represents an annual increase of 82%+ over amounts raised in FY2004.** Specific efforts to utilize these sources have generated the following amounts and/or plans:

- On October 3-4, the UHFS hosted its Annual University of Houston Texas Forensic Association State-Qualifying Tournament on the UH Main Main Campus. **Approximately 250 students from 23 Texas high schools competed, generating more than \$3,000 in funding. This year's event was the first forensic contest offered following school closures caused by Hurricane Ike.**
- On October 10-12, the UHFS co-hosted The Sixth Annual UH/LSU Swing Natl. Invitation Tournaments on the UH Main Campus. **Roughly 100 students and faculty members from 11 colleges/universities participated. Our event was originally scheduled on Sept. 12-14 but had to be re-scheduled due to the destruction caused by Hurricane Ike.**
- On Friday-Sunday, February 21-23, The Annual David A. Thomas Cougar Classic National Invitation Tournament will be hosted. This event is expected to bring over 100 students/faculty to the UH Main Campus, **raising an estimated \$1,000 in profit.**

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Other Efforts to Locate/Obtain Funds

In addition to on-campus contests, other plans/efforts to obtain funds include the following:

- The Third Annual University of Houston Summer Forensic Institute is scheduled in July. With more than 125 high school students attending our second institute in the Summer of 2004, we **anticipate raising \$2,000.**
- The Annual University of Houston Summer Policy Debate Institute is scheduled in July. With more than 100_ high school students expected to attend this two-week event, we **anticipate raising \$2,000.**
- Ongoing efforts are planned to pursue corporate sponsorship and volunteer involvement for UHFS on-campus events.

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8. Please describe any overlap between your unit and any other unit(s) providing services to students and the rationale for the overlap.

There are no other units or organizations on the University of Houston Main Campus that provide the services and opportunities offered by the UHFS.

Specifically, this organization is unique in its focus on providing opportunities which enable development and application of speech/debate/teaching skills in all of the following areas:

Volunteering

- Performing community services in homeless shelters & orphanages
- Mentoring and coaching inner-city schools
- Providing judges for high school and middle school contests
- Assisting/coaching other UH student organizations for public speeches
- Making recruiting presentations about UHFS to Greater Houston high schools

Hosting

- Hosting three on-campus events for Texas K-12 school students
- Offering three low-cost summer programs for middle/high school students
- Hosting national championship contests for forensic competitors
- Making recruiting presentations about UHFS to Greater Houston high schools
- Holding/organizing fine arts contests on the UH Main Campus for Greater Houston K-12 schools, inc. ones featuring drum line, ballet folklórico/mariachi

Competing

- Preparing/coaching competitors to represent UH in regional contests
- Representing the UH in national collegiate competition throughout the U.S.