

5-30-1989

## 05/30/1989 - Speech Team

University Marketing and Communications

Follow this and additional works at: [http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press\\_releases\\_1989](http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_1989)

---

### Recommended Citation

University Marketing and Communications, "05/30/1989 - Speech Team" (1989). 1989. 268.  
[http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press\\_releases\\_1989/268](http://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_1989/268)

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Press Releases at The Keep. It has been accepted for inclusion in 1989 by an authorized administrator of The Keep. For more information, please contact [tabruns@eiu.edu](mailto:tabruns@eiu.edu).



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
Charleston, Illinois

# news

ART TATE, Assistant Director, University Relations  
Office: (217) 581-5983 - Home: (217) 348-7553

89-350

May 30, 1989

FILE COPY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU SPEECH TEAM PLACES FIRST IN NATION

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's Individual Events Speech Team has placed first in the nation in the National Forensic Association's national championship speech tournament held recently at Upsala College in East Orange, N.J.

EIU team members Jill Taylor of Charleston, Gretchen Moore of Heyworth, Marie Burge of Springfield and Sheryl Friend of Washington competed against students from 96 public and private colleges and universities in Eastern's division.

In addition to winning the national award, individual awards went to Taylor who placed seventh in the nation in poetry/interpretation and to Moore who placed seventh in the nation in persuasive speaking.

Assistant Professor of Speech Communication Tom Worthen, who has coached Eastern's team since 1984, said, "We were very happy and surprised to have won the national championship."

More than 2,000 students from 126 colleges and universities participated in the tournament which consisted of 10 different events in three main categories of competition, including public address, oral interpretation and limited preparation, Worthen said.

He said in order to qualify for the national competition, Eastern's team had to do well in speech events held during the regular season. "We placed in the 'top 10' in 10 of 12 events we participated in this year."