

# *Hopkins Debate Society*

986 Forest Road  
New Haven, CT 06515

February 8, 2010

Dear Fellow Debaters and DANEIS Members,

The Hopkins School Debate Society invites you to participate in our Parliamentary Debate Tournament (Straight Resolutions) on Sunday, February 28, 2010. There will be both Novice and Advanced divisions. The resolutions will be "straight" policy-oriented resolutions, and new resolutions will be provided for each of the three rounds. The top teams in the Advanced division will conduct an exhibition debate for the Hopkins Debate Tournament Championship in Heath Commons after the three rounds have been completed. **Each school may enter one four-person team in each division, and must also provide one judge for each four-person team (with an adult judge in the advanced division, not a student).** All schools are expected to have briefed their judges thoroughly on the rules, format, and the scoring techniques of debating. Schools are invited to bring additional students as observers.

Registration on the day of the debate will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M in Heath Commons. Judges' and debaters' briefings will follow the registration. In addition, brunch and snacks will be served throughout the day in the Heath Commons Dining Hall. The debate will conclude no later than 5:00 PM.

The format will be as follows (with 10 minutes to prepare an argument):

Prime Minister - 5 minute constructive

Member of the Opposition - 8 minute speech

Minister of the Crown - 8 minute speech

Leader of the Opposition - 8 minute speech

Prime Minister - 3 minute rebuttal

Preparing cases before the debate is strictly prohibited. Teams may not consult any reference materials of any kind during their preparation time. Teams that violate these rules will be disqualified from the tournament.

There is a sixty dollar entry fee for each four-person team, and an additional ten dollar entry fee for each observer in order to offset tournament costs. You may either send your entry fee to us with your entry form or you may bring it with you to the tournament. Please make your checks payable to *Hopkins School*.

**Please fill out the attached entry form and send it by mail to the above address or e-mail it to us by February 23, 2010.** Because our space is limited, we encourage schools to contact us ahead of this deadline as we may run out of space before February 23. If you have any questions, please email our adviser, Mr. Thom Peters, at [tpeters@hopkins.edu](mailto:tpeters@hopkins.edu). You may also call 203-397-1001 (x 175) at school.

We look forward to seeing you in February!

Very sincerely,

Alex Pack, Captain

Earl Lin, Captain

Neal Patel, Captain

Thom Peters, Adviser

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Examples of “Straight” Resolutions: (Yale Debate Association)

- This house believes assisted suicide should be legal in the United States.
- This house would allow foreign-born citizens to be president of the United States.
- This house would use force to spread democracy internationally.

Rules:

Teams are not allowed to “redefine” the resolution in a straight resolution debate. A preparation time of 10 minutes begins immediately for the Government and Opposition after the resolution has been chosen. Judging will occur on a 100-point scale.

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**Registration Form**

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced Division: 1 Four-Person Team**

**A**

**B**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Judge \_\_\_\_\_

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**Novice Division: 1 Four-Person Team**

**A**

**B**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Novice Judge \_\_\_\_\_

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