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USD SPEECH TEAM SCORES VICTORY

SAN DIEGO, Calif. --University of San Diego's speech team scored impressive victories last Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 and 26, at El Camino Junior College, Torrance. Debators Jim Staunton and Rick Walton defeated U. C., Santa Barbara, Biola, University of Utah and USC debate teams, said Richard Lott, speech coach.

The sophomore 4-0 record earned them gold medals and certificates of superiority, Lott said. Staunton earned an additional certificate in impromptu speaking.

Earning awards in their first contests were Dan Webster and Tom Belleperche. The Toreros gained their first award in expository speaking with Webster at the podium. Belleperche earned an excellence in impromptu.

Some sixty college and universities from four southwestern states participated, said Lott.

Four members of the speech team conducted an assembly Monday, Oct. 28, at La Jolla Country Day High School. The merits of Richard Nixon, Republican candidate for President, were debated.

Defending Nixon's candidacy were Rick Walton and Steve Maddox. The opposing view was voiced by Jim Staunton and Tom Ronco. Brian Thompson, speech squad president, was the moderator.

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