

The Impromptu English Speech Contest Had Chosen the Winners

The 2002 Impromptu English Speech Contest sponsored by the English Department was held last Wednesday (March 13) at the International Conference Room, Ching Sheng Memorial Hall. A panel consisting of 3 professors from the English Department had chosen their pick in the following order: First Prize: Chung Yi-ti (Sophomore: English); Second Prize: Huang Chun-ling (Junior, International Trade); Third Prize: Lu Chiao-ping (Sophomore, English), Hsueh Ching-zong (Sophomore, English), Lee Chia-ling (Freshman A, English); Fourth Prize: Tai Ying-lu (Sophomore C, English) and Fifth Prize: Lin Chen-ying (Freshman, English).

The contestants were judged by 4 categories: manner, content of speech, English fluency and control of time. As it was an impromptu speech by nature, each contestant was only given 5 minutes grace period before the real show time, it became not just a test on his/her language ability, a participant's wit and poise were also at stake. For this reason, a facetious thing occurred when some speakers forgot to say the next sentence by a prolonged slur, while others would resort to an incessant "You know," and "You know", and a variety of equally funny antics.

Another unique thing about the contest this time was the more stringent requirements for the qualification of the speaker: they have to be ROC nationals and they must not have resided in an English-speaking nation after the age of 6; also, none of them should have studied in an English language school for more than 3 years. This was for the sake of fair play.

The three professors from the English Department are: Dr. Kuo Tai-chung,

Dr. Sophie Chen Hsiu-chieh and Dr. Darrel Doty.

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