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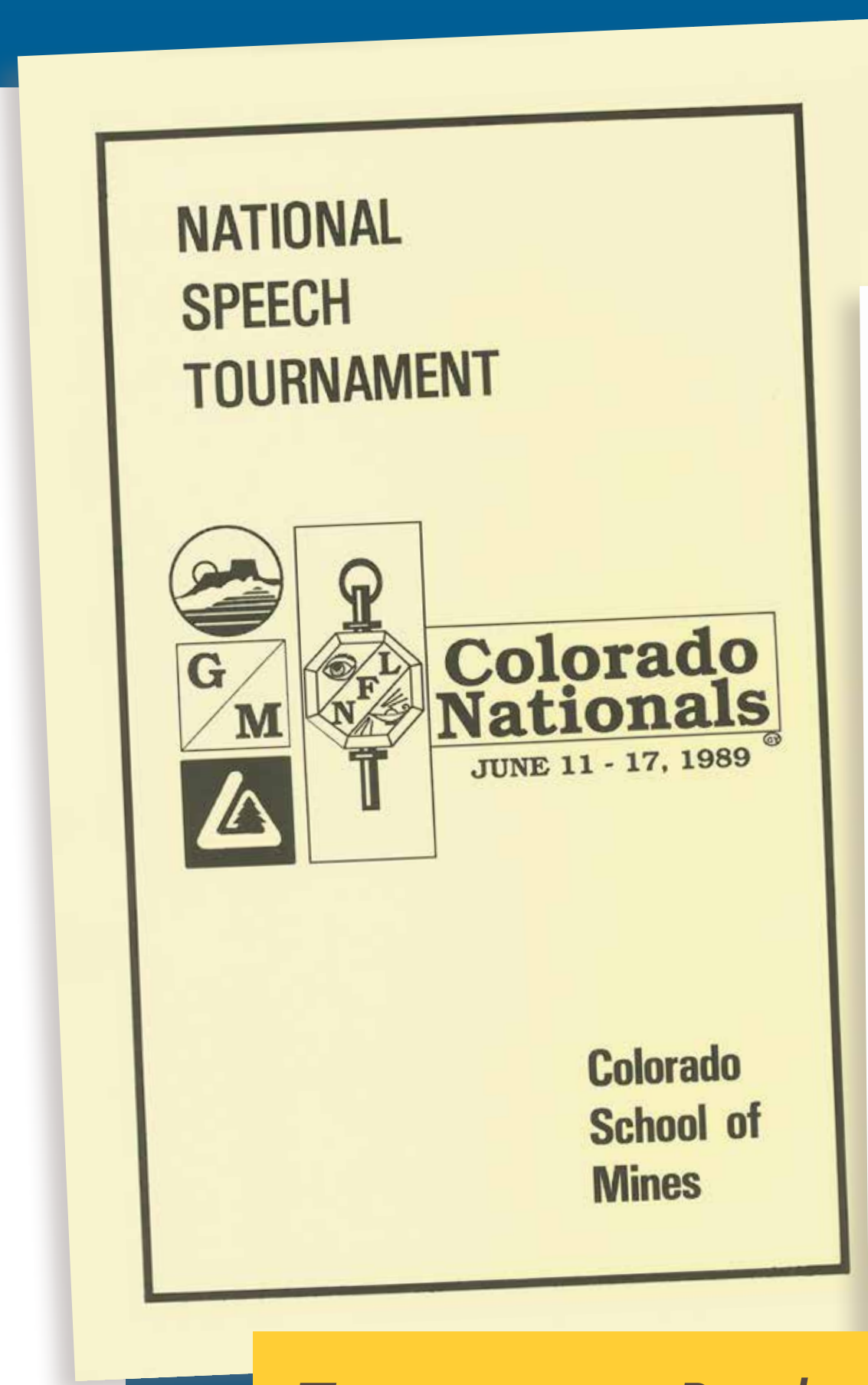
## POINTS SYSTEM EXPANSION

The points system expanded to include new degrees at 750 and 1,000 points. Point limits were raised to 500 per category and 1,000 overall. The individual student membership fee was raised to \$10.

1990

## GUARANTEED ROUNDS

More changes were made at the National Tournament. To increase competition, students were guaranteed six rounds for all speech and debate events.



Tournament Books, 1989 and 1990



1999

## ACADEMIC ALL AMERICAN AWARD

The Academic All American Award was created to honor students who excel in both academics and speech and debate activities. This award is still given out annually to high school students who have earned the degree of Superior Distinction (750 points); completed at least 5 semesters of high school; demonstrated outstanding character and leadership; and earned a GPA of at least 3.7.



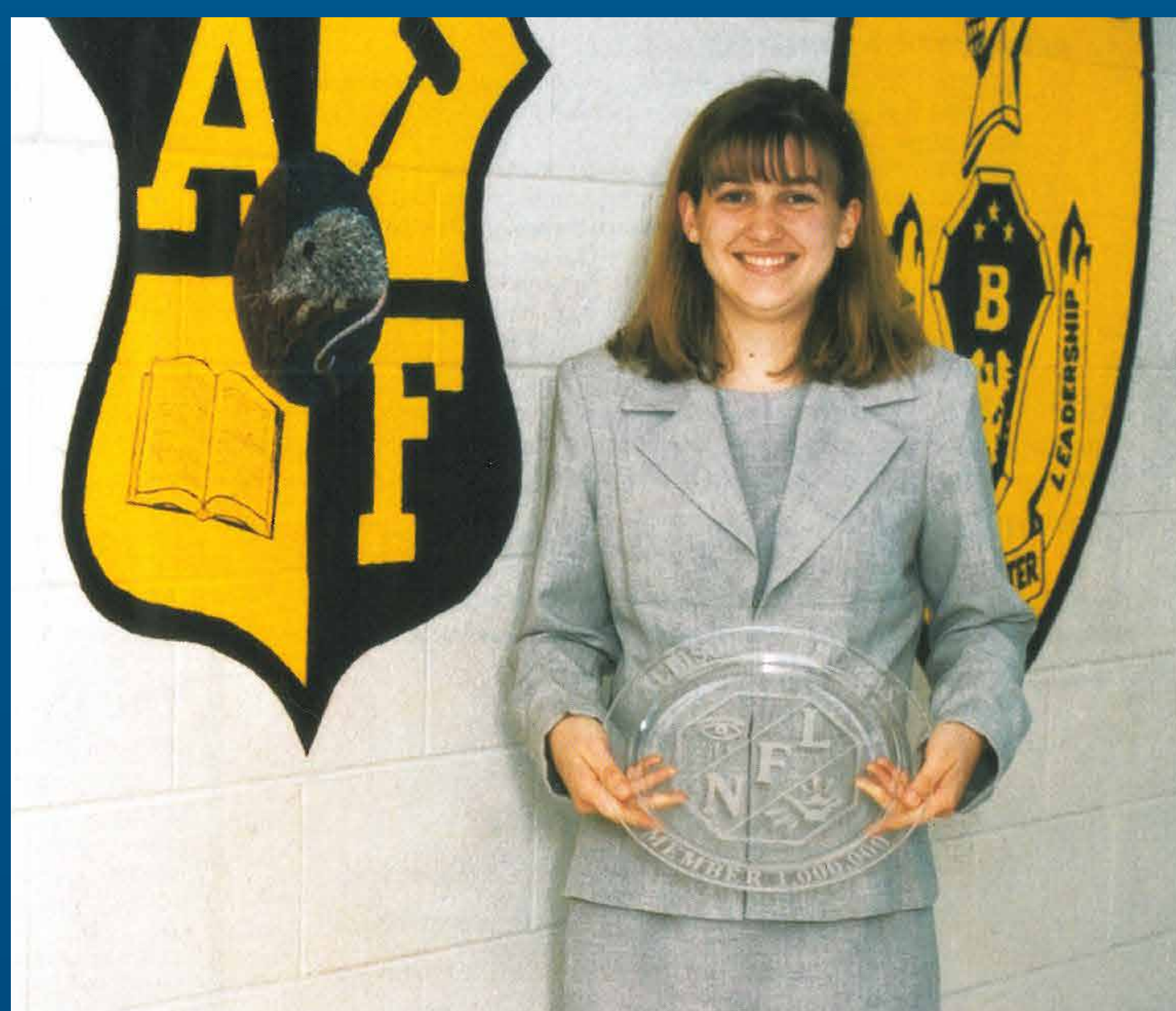
Academic All American insignia pin

2000-2001

## NEW MILLENNIUM

The League hit a major milestone at the turn of the new millennium. 75 years after the NFL was established, one million members were enrolled!

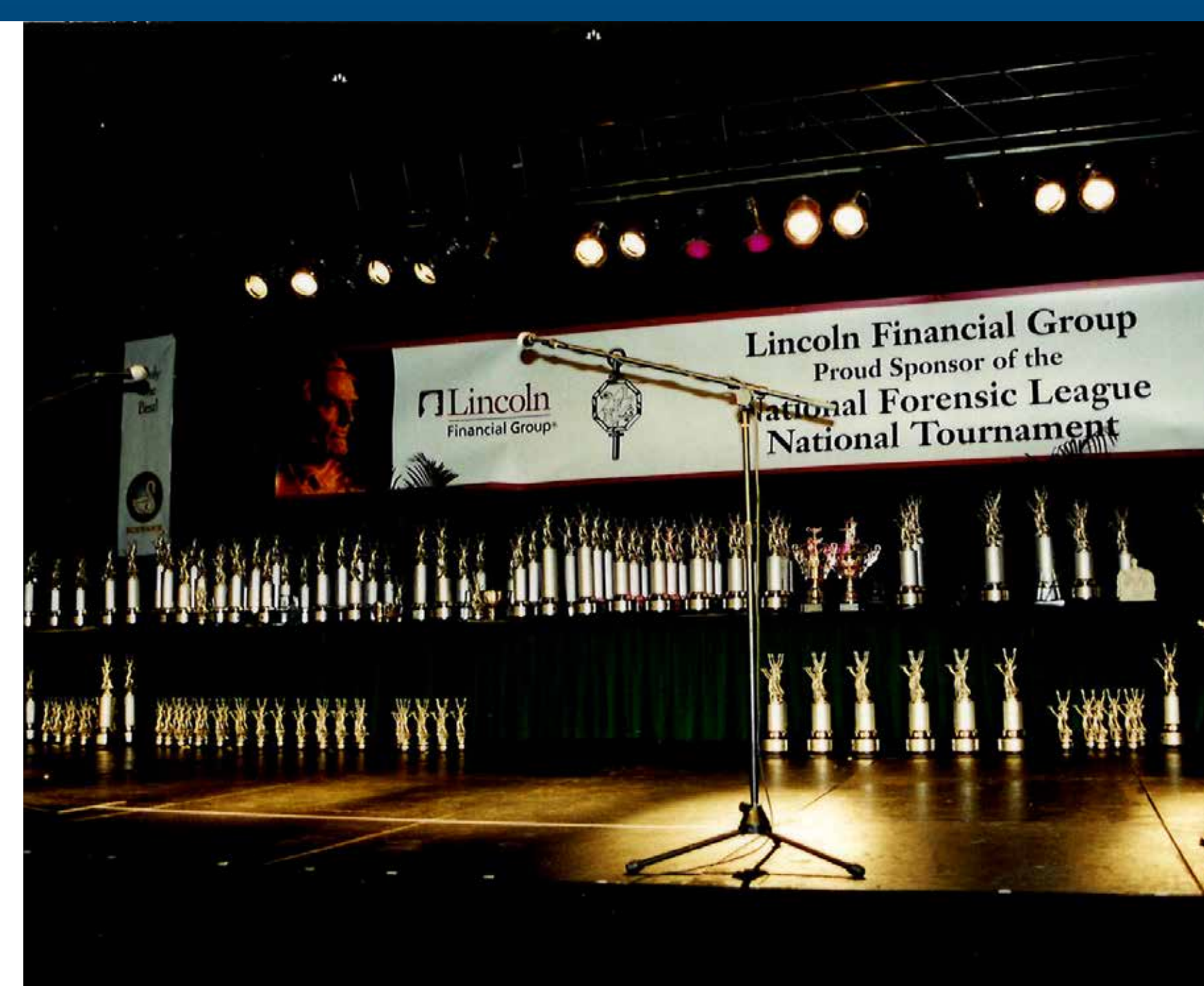
◀ Allison P. Thomas, 1,000,000th member



2000-2001

## MILESTONE MOMENTS

The first Middle School National Tournament was held at Fr. Ryan High School in Nashville. Dr. Joan Keston became the first woman named a national honorary member, and fellow honoree Ted Turner appeared as a featured guest at the National Tournament.



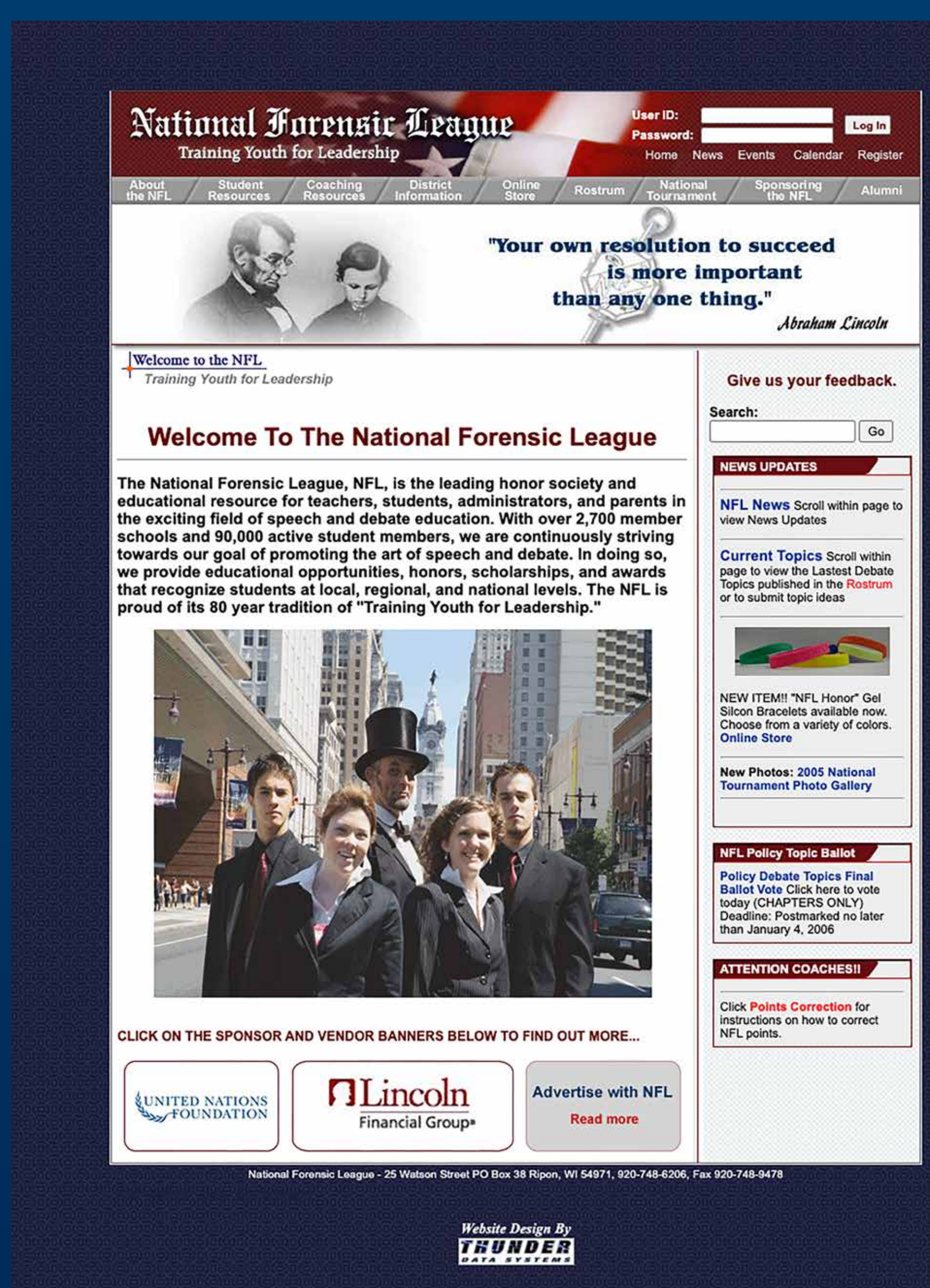
▶ 2001 National Tournament Final Round Stage

2000-2001

## FIRST WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The NFL welcomed a new era of technology with development of a website. Instead of mailing points into the national office for review, chapters began recording points online following a site hosted on the University of Vermont's "Debate Central" by Dr. Alfred C. "Tuna" Snider.

◀ www.nflonline.org, circa 2006

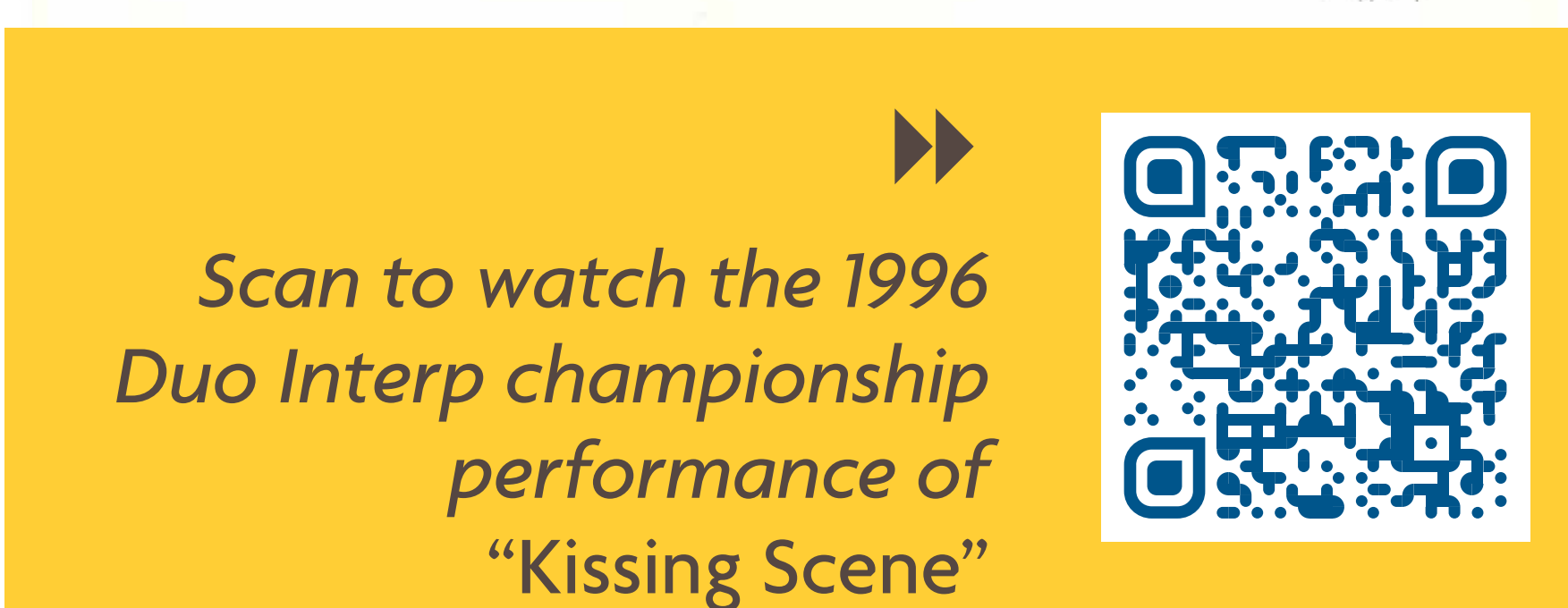
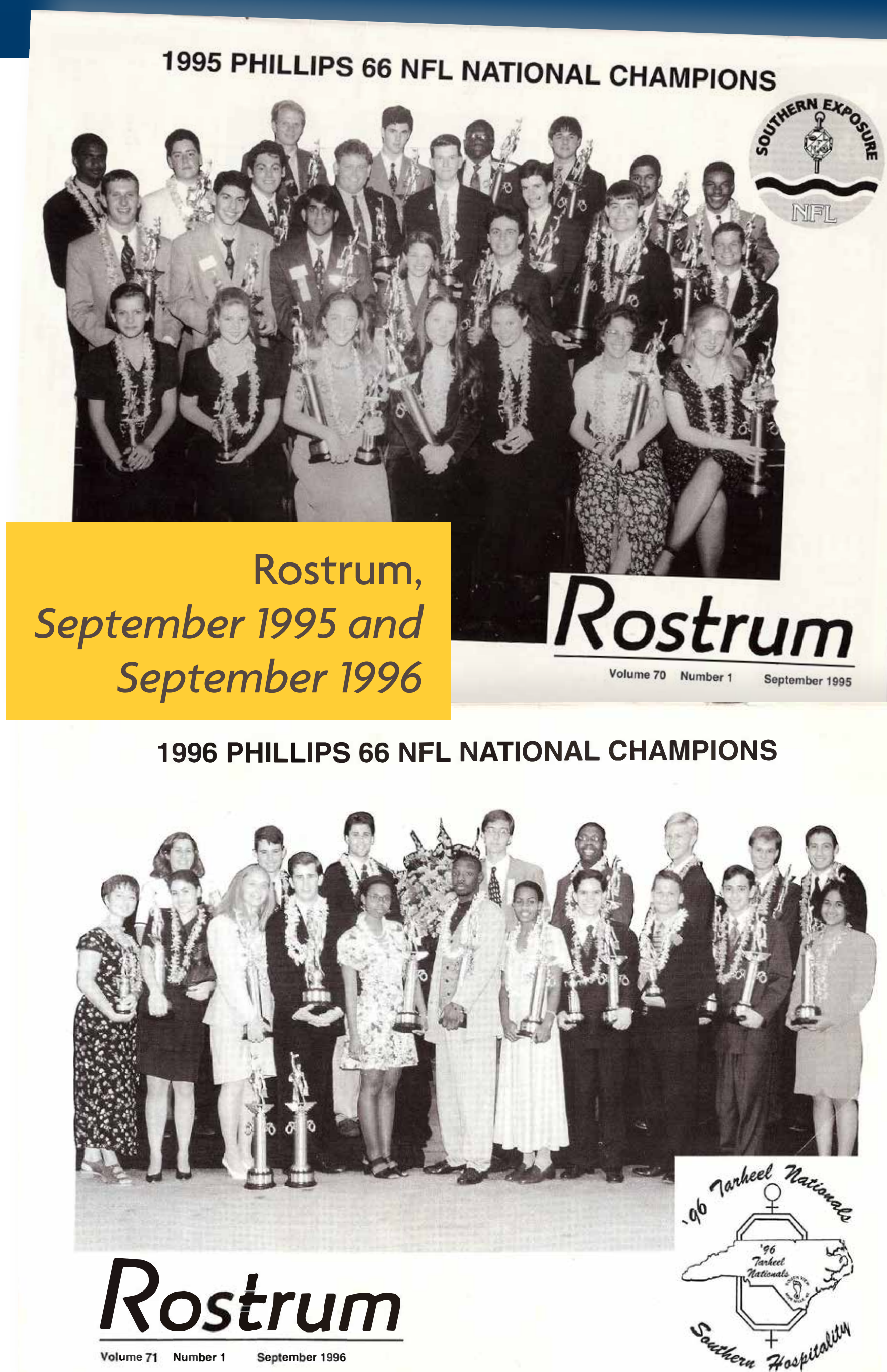


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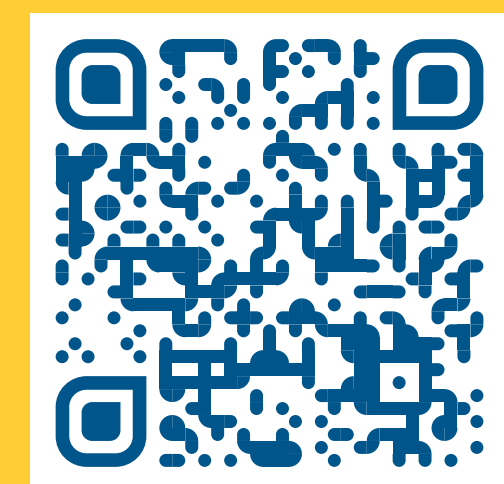
## EXPANSION CONTINUES

After 70 years of representing high school students, the National Forensic League expanded membership rules to include middle school students. The National Junior Forensic League (NJFL) was established in 1995. Today, there are more than 2,600 middle school students earning points in the Honor Society from nearly 600 schools. This same year, the 900,000th member was recorded!

Duo Interpretation was added as a national event in 1995. The first national champion in Duo performed at the National Tournament the following year.



Scan to watch the 1996 Duo Interpretation championship performance of "Kissing Scene"



2003

## PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE DEBUTS

Public Forum Debate, now known as one of the most popular debate styles covering current events, debuted at the 2003 National Tournament.

2003

## EXECUTIVE TRANSITION

Following Jim Copeland's retirement, Scott Wunn of Iowa became Executive Director of the National Forensic League. He still holds this position after more than 20 years.

J. Scott Wunn, Executive Director ▶



Scan to watch a video tribute to Jim Copeland



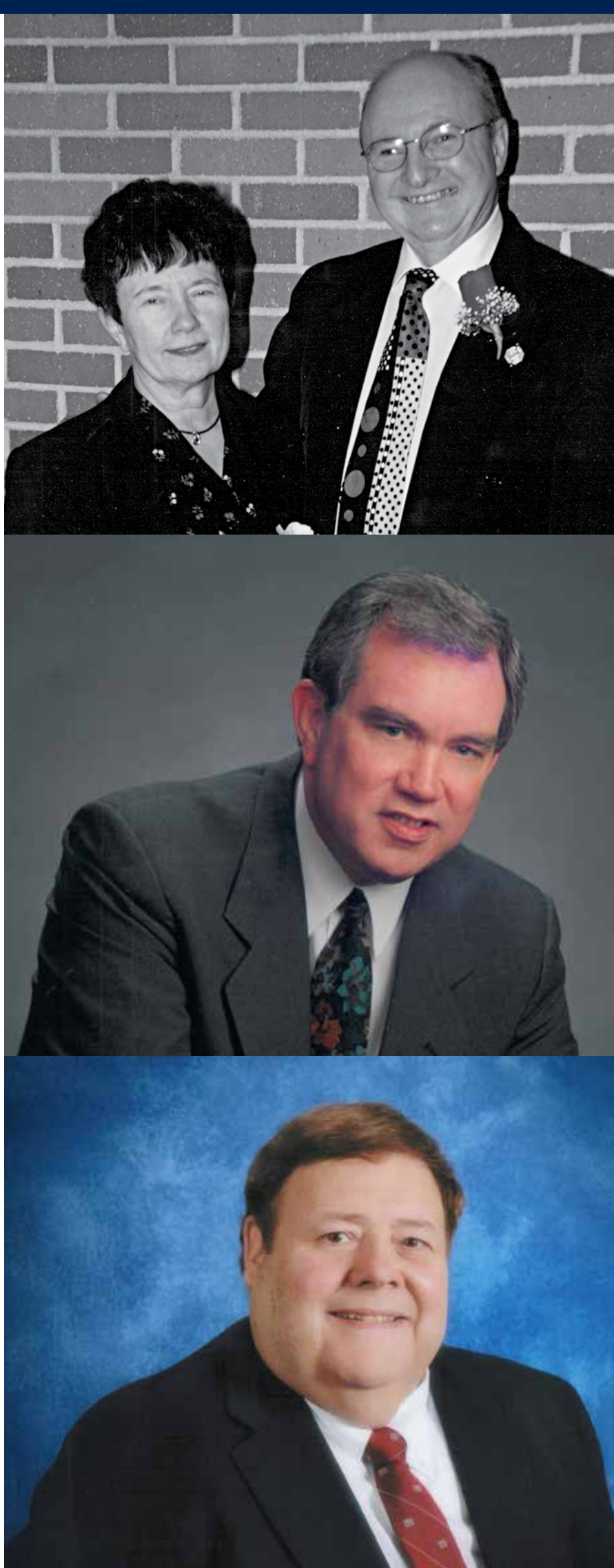
1994-1997

## NEW LEADERSHIP

Donus Roberts from South Dakota was elected Board President in 1994.

With an impressive coaching record and leadership experience, Lanny Naegelin of Texas was elected Board President in 1996. He passed away the following year, and Vice President Billy Tate of Tennessee became President of the Board.

(top to bottom) ▶ Donus and Lovila Roberts | Lanny Naegelin | Billy Tate



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