Extensive Tour Of Universities Slated For Top Rice Debaters

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The Rice University debate team embarks January 27 on what is perhaps the most extensive tour ever made by a group of non-scholarship students representing Rice.

A first for Rice debaters, the tour will take them to Harvard and Northwestern Universities for debate tournaments, and to Yale, Columbia, and Princeton Universities for exhibition debates. The tour will last a week.

IN THE PAST, Rice teams have attended the Harvard debate tournament, and occasionally the West Point Nationals, the big event in intercollegiate debate circles. Last year's team of Harry Reasoner and Neil Anderson compiled a good record of six wins and two losses at Harvard.

THIS YEAR'S tour will carry the Rice team into previously unknown territory, and the originator of the tour, Jim Bob Doty, hopes that a successful showing may bring the Ivy League debaters to Rice next year, to debate before the students here.

AT HARVARD and Northwestern the debaters will argue the national intercollegiate debate topic, "Resolved, that the Federal Government should institute a program of compulsory health insurance." The Princeton and Columbia exhibitions will be on the topic, "Resolved; that the United States should work for a federated and united Europe." The Yale topic, as yet undecided, will probably be on the lighter side. Yale doesn't want its boys depressed.

The four Rice debaters making the trip will be Gary Webb, John Wolf, Jim Bob Doty and Reed Martin.