Debaters Journey To Ivy League For National Tourney, Exhibition

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Scouring the library shelves for books on international trade, Jim Doyle, the indefatigable president of the Rice Debate Council last week desperately completed preparations for the Council's annual "Eastern Tour." Doyle and three other Rice debaters flew to New York Monday night on the first leg of the trip.

THE MAIN stop on the weeklong tour will be the Harvard Debate Tournament, scheduled to begin tomorrow in Cambridge, Mass. Rice will enter two teams: Doyle and Eugene Kellen, juniors, and freshmen John Chrisman and John Early.

In addition to the tournament competition, exhibition debates are scheduled with the University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins (for which the teams will fly to Washington), and arrangements are being sought with Georgetown and Columbia.

THE HARVARD Tournament is national in scope, with entries from such schools as Stanford, Northwesterns, West Point, and Kansas. Rice sends teams to the tournament every year under an administration grant.

Debating in exhibitions and in a tournament like Harvard brings notice to Rice in circles where she is relatively little known, and the debaters often bring back fresh ideas from other schools; this year they will stay in the Harvard dorms; last year they stayed at MIT.

DOYLE REFUSED to make any predictions regarding the Rice teams' prospects in the tournament, but win or lose it seems likely that they won't fail to arouse interest. Rice has a national reputation for wildly imaginative debating; last year their affirmative case was the talk of the tournament (but unfortunately not the winner).

Their treatment of this year's topic, a world-wide common market, promises to be equally interesting.

SNOW—OF SORTS—A light sleet mixed with snow glazed the Rice campus December 20, but melted before the day was out. North America's coldest winter since 1900 has so far failed to produce a snowfall to equal that of February, 1960, when two inches fell.

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