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DebateWatch 2000 promotes local involvement in the debate process

As host of the Oct. 17 presidential debate, Washington University in St. Louis is coordinating the regional, grassroots effort for DebateWatch 2000. The Commission on Presidential Debates' DebateWatch 2000 program encourages people to gather in small groups, watch the televised debates, discuss them and answer the CPD's brief, anonymous survey. The results of the survey will be turned over to the media and the candidates within several days of the debates.

As a nonpartisan activity, DebateWatchers do **not** pick a winner or loser, but rather focus on the issues involved in the debates.

Media coverage opportunities

Undergraduate Debate Team conducting DebateWatch on campus

What: Jennifer Rigdon, director of debate and forensics, and about 10 members of the University's undergraduate debate team will be holding their own DebateWatch. The students and their coach can discuss debating techniques and why the presidential debate process is important. The homepage for the debate team, which competes against other universities nationally, is <http://www.rescomp.wustl.edu/~debate>

When: 8 -10:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17

Where: Residential Computing office classroom, Gregg House, Washington University

To arrange for coverage: Contact Ann Nicholson, Washington University senior news editor, at (314) 935-5251 or ann_nicholson@aismail.wustl.edu

DebateWatches throughout St. Louis

What: Members of the St. Louis community gathered in small groups to participate in DebateWatch either in their own homes or at area schools and universities.

When: 8-10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17

Where: Details on these locations will be posted on the Washington University debate Web site (debate.wustl.edu) or are available by contacting Ann Nicholson.

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