**GEOG1010/1015**

**Week 24: Graffiti Debate**

WHAT IS DEBATING? The purpose is to argue the "pros" and "cons" of a controversial issue in order to convince an audience or judge that one side of the argument is more logically sound than the other. The audience must be objective, set aside their personal views, and judge.

*It is essential that each team anticipate the arguments or points which will be made by the opposition. This will enable you to create a more effective argument*.

DEBATING PROCEDURES The chairperson and six debaters are seated at the front of the room. The team supporting the proposition is seated at the chairperson's right, the opposing team to his/her left. The chairperson states the proposition for the audience, introduces each speaker, and controls the proceedings like a judge.

All speakers must stand when speaking. No speaker may read his/her speech. All speakers must keep to the allotted time; any speaker running over time will receive penalty marks by the chairperson.

The order for speaking is as follows:

1st affirmative speaker (3 min. max. per speaker)

1st negative speaker

2nd affirmative speaker

2nd negative speaker

3rd affirmative speaker

3rd negative speaker

1st affirmative speaker rebuttal speech (1 min.)

Break to prepare for rebuttal

Final rebuttal speech Affirmative team (3 min. max)

Final rebuttal speech Negative team

Audience discussion and final judgement.

THE REBUTTAL The rebuttal speeches take place both *after* and *during*the arguments. It is both a *defence* of points attacked by the opposing team and an *attack* on the opposition's arguments.

THE SPEECHES Each team takes a stand for or against the proposition. The following are the duties of each team member.

First speaker:

\*presents the team's viewpoint on the proposition

\*defines the proposition (if necessary)

\*outlines the main points the team will present (in brief)

\*argues the team's *second best* point

Second speaker

\*refutes or defends against any points made by the previous speaker of the opposing team, ie. Second affirmative speaker will refute any points made by the first negative speaker.

\*argues the team's *weakest* point

Third speaker

\*refutes or defends against any points made by the previous speaker of the opposing team

\*argues the team's *strongest* point

\*provides brief summary of three points

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