

National Student Congress



Members of Pi Kappa Delta who plan to attend the national convention in Topeka next spring are urged to keep in mind the first national Student Congressional Session, which will be a feature of the convention. The Congress will consist of a Senate of 40 members, and a lower House of 125 members. Procedure in the two houses will follow that of the national Senate and House as closely as is practicable, with members introducing bills of their own drafting, considering them in committee, debating them on the floor in each house, and finally passing or rejecting them.

While there is no "approved list" of subjects to be discussed—every member may introduce whatever measures he pleases—topics which probably will come before the Congress include our neutrality policy, armaments, continuation of work relief, dollar stabilization, social security policies, judicial settlement in labor disputes, reorganization of the Supreme Court, submission of a new child labor amendment, and dozens of other matters of national importance. A portion of the proceedings of the Congress will be broadcast.

Political activity will be an outstanding feature. Already, representatives of some chapters are making plans for the formation of party organizations, with floor leaders and party whips and a complete slate of candidates for congressional offices. In legislative sessions held by students of mid-Western colleges in Topeka during the past three years, party groups have been highly organized, each with its own program of legislation to be advanced and supported as party measures. It is probable that similar party "platforms" will form the basis of much of the activity in the national Congress next spring.

Pi Kappa Delta chapters in the mid-Western area, whose members are interested in familiarizing themselves with the procedure of a student legislative body, might do well to send one or more representatives to the annual Student Legislature to be held early next December in Topeka, under the supervision of Professor George S. Fulbright of Washburn College. The last Topeka legislative session, held in December, 1936, was attended by nearly 125 students from 23 colleges and universities in eight states, and an equally large attendance is expected this fall.

H. B. SUMMERS,
Chairman of Committee in Charge.

Student Congressional Session Rules



1. Sessions of the Student Congress will be held daily from Tuesday to Friday, during the convention, in the Senate and House chambers of the state capitol building at Topeka.

2. Since meetings of the Congress will conflict with scheduled rounds of the men's and women's debate tournaments, members of debate teams entered in the national tournaments are not eligible to hold seats in the Congress.

3. Each Pi Kappa Delta province is entitled to three seats in the Senate of the Student Congress. The Senatorial delegation of each province is to be chosen by election, under the supervision of the Province Governor, not later than November 1st, 1937. Immediately following the election in each province, the Province Governor is asked to send the names of the three elected Senators from the province, and of the three candidates next in order to H. B. Summers, chairman of the Committee in charge, to make advance organization of the Senate possible.

4. Each chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is entitled to one seat in the House of Representatives. The Representative chosen by each chapter will be selected by that chapter in whatever manner the chapter desires. Entries certifying Representatives and Senators must be sent to the Committee in charge of the Congress, not later than February 1st. These entries, together with the entry fee, \$1.00 for each member of the Congress, must be sent to the National Secretary, along with the other entries and entry fees, not later than March 15. Each chapter may also submit the name of an alternate, to be seated in the House of Representatives if the list of members of that body is less than 125 in number. Names of alternates must be on the official entry blanks, but no additional entry fee need be sent for them.

5. Vacancies occurring in the list of Senators from any province prior to February 1st will be filled from the list of Senatorial alternates from that province. Vacancies occurring in the Senate or House of Representatives after February 1st will be filled by the Committee, as desired.

6. Rules governing the procedure of the Senate and House will be sent to each chapter president, each Senator, and each Representative, at least one month prior to the opening of the national convention.

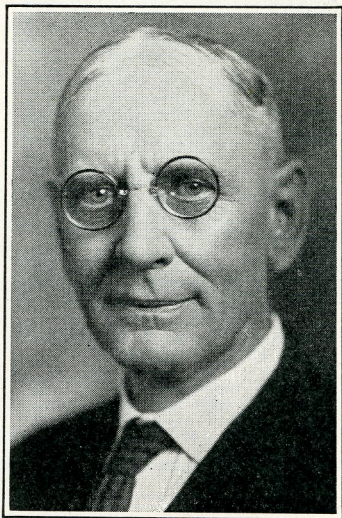
Student Legislative Assembly



All Pi Kappa Delta Chapters are invited to send representatives to the Fourth Annual Student Legislative Assembly which will be held in Topeka, Kansas, December 9-11. We hope many of the chapters that are expecting to be represented in the Student Congress at the National Convention next April will take advantage of this opportunity to give some of their members a little experience in legislative organization and procedure.

Professors H. B. Summers and Geo. R. R. Pflaum, members of the committee in charge of the Student Congress, will be on hand at the Assembly. Both of these men are thoroughly familiar with all the details of student legislative bodies. They have been especially active in promoting and conducting our previous assemblies. It will be well worth while for students to establish personal contact with these men at this time. Furthermore, a number of student representatives who have been active in the Assemblies of the past two years will return this year. Their experience will be helpful to new or prospective representatives. Last year colleges from eight states were represented. Most, if not all, of these institutions will be enrolled this year.

Requests for information have already come in from colleges not heretofore represented. Undoubtedly some of these will send students this year. We hope to be able to take care of all who can and will attend. But in the matter of representatives we must observe a policy of "first come, first served." When all the seats in the Legislative Hall are spoken for no more active representatives can be accepted—we use one house only. The maximum number of representatives from each institution has not been determined, but it will probably be not more than three or four. However, there will be no limit on the number of visitors or non-repre-



HON. FRANK J. RYAN
Secretary of State of Kansas

Who will call the Student Legislative Assembly to order.

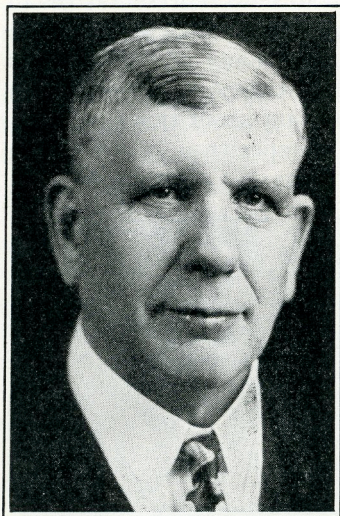
sentatives who may attend. Visitors may attend the sessions and participate in all the activities of the Assembly apart from serving on committees, debating on the floor of the House, and engaging in the business of the Assembly.

Plan to send at least one representative, if possible, or non-representative, if you prefer or if you are late in enrolling. We especially hope that a large number of debate coaches and other faculty members will come, including our national officers.

The Assembly will be called to order at 10 a. m. Thursday, December 9, and will close at 12 noon the following Saturday. Caucus meeting will start Wednesday night. From then on there will be "something doing" day and night. Be on hand for the opening session.

Further information including bulletins, rules, enrollment blanks, etc., will be sent out on request. Here's hoping to hear from you. Address all communications to

G. S. FULBRIGHT,
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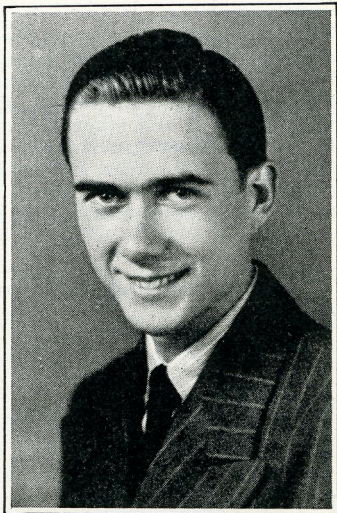
of the Kansas Supreme Court
Who will administer the oath
of office

NEWS FROM TEXAS MU CHAPTER PI KAPPA DELTA

Kenneth W. Kennedy, first ranking debater at Stephen F. Austin and one of the recently-elected senators to the National Convention at Topeka next year, received notice of his appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point early in July. Kennedy had an outstanding record both as a debater and as a scholar, and his absence is a great loss to the Texas Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. Kennedy was also one of six men who were initiated into our Sacred Order at the end of last year's formal debate season. Other members initiated were Ben Grissom, Gorman McMullen, Harold Wisely, Harlon Martin and Griff Terry Ross.

Each of the initiated members were honor students of the first degree during both Fall and Spring semesters at Stephen F. Austin. A survey made of honor students showed that the members of Texas Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta had higher scholastic averages than the members of any other organization on the campus at S. F. A.

Prospects for a good debate squad at S. F. A. during the next year loom large with the arrival of two freshman recruits, Dan Hinds and Tom Reavely, regional champions in Texas interscholastic league competition last year.



KENNETH W. KENNEDY

THE DIXIE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The sixth annual Dixie Invitational Tournament will be held at Winthrop College, South Carolina Delta, December 2-4, 1937. Last year 26 institutions participated, most of them from the South, although one New Hampshire institution, Dartmouth, was represented. Each contestant must pay a registration fee of \$3.00 which entitles him to six meals and two nights' lodging. There will be participation in debate, extempore, after dinner speaking, oratory, impromptu, problem solving, and harangue. The Pi Kappa Delta question will be used in debate. The extempore subject will be "World events during the year 1937."

Those interested are invited to write to Dr. Warren Keith, Rock Hill, South Carolina, for further information.

EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest

Schopenhauer, in his rule for debating, shows how to win a weak case by insidiously transferring an argument from its right field, and discussing it instead from some irrelevant but impregnable angle. Father knew nothing of Schopenhauer, and was never insidious, but, nevertheless, he had certain natural gifts for debate. In the first place his voice was powerful and stormy, and he let it out at full strength, and kept on letting it out with a vigor that stunned his opponents. As a second gift, he was convinced at all times that his opponents were wrong. Hence, even if they did win a point or two, it did them no good, for he dragged the issue to some other ground then, where he and Truth could prevail.

CLARENCE DAY in "*Life With Father*"

"If ever a woman feels proud of her lover, it is when she sees him as a successful public speaker."—*Harriet Beecher Stowe* in "*Dred*".

Language is the dress of thought; every time you talk your mind is on parade.—*Anonymous*.

First among the evidences of an education I name correctness and precision in the use of the mother tongue.—*Nicholas Murray Butler*.

Peitho Kale Dikaia, the art of persuasion, beautiful and just. Some debaters who are just about evidence forget to be beautiful and gracious about its use.

The geographical center of the United States is located in Kansas, the state in which the Pi Kappa Delta will hold its national convention next spring.

"If I should make any comment upon THE FORENSIC, this is how it would go. We all enjoy it a great deal, and if anything, it is getting better all the time."

WESLEY GEORGE, *President*, Iowa Nu, Penn College.

"I failed to receive the May copy of THE FORENSIC. I should appreciate your forwarding the same. I find this magazine only second to the JOURNAL in keeping in touch with forensics."

ALAN NICHOLS, The University of Southern California.

"Your last FORENSIC was the best ever."

WARREN G. KEITH, Winthrop College, South Carolina Delta.

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To build up a successful forensic program it is necessary to interest the students with the greatest natural ability and start them on a speaking career as early as possible in their course. Experience counts in forensics. All but two of last year's All-American football team were seniors. There is usually about the same proportion of seniors among the national winners in forensic contests. If a debater is good as a freshman, he is usually better as a senior with three years of experience behind him.

Forensic organizations should try to interest the incoming students before other activities claim their attention. The modern college seethes with activities. Few students of ability and leadership are on a campus long before they are claimed by some organization. Once they have taken out a football suit or started writing news for the college paper it is hard to get them working on a debate question or writing an oration.

Students with forensic talent are usually good scholars. It is only those with a surplus of intellectual energy who come out for debating. A coach will do well to look for his future stars among those who stand high scholastically. Most institutions now give a battery of tests to entering freshmen. It is usually possible to get the list and send an invitation to all those in the upper deciles. Some coaches follow this plan.

Some get the idea—usually from those poor students who shy away from intellectual effort—that debating is all drudgery and no fun. Forensic people can well do something early in the year to

dispel this notion. Some Pi Kappa Delta chapters sponsor a picnic or a dinner. Others open the season with some lively debate or program. Forensic students are usually keen minded and fun to be with. The intellectual student feels at home with them. He should have a chance to get acquainted with them and join in their contests of wit.

CONTEST COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR THE 1938 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Men's Debate—Martin J. Holcomb, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

Women's Debate—Upton Palmer, Southeast Missouri Teachers College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Men's Extempore Speaking—Glenn R. Capp, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Women's Extempore Speaking—Miss Enid Miller, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Men's Oratory — R. D. Mahaffey, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon.

Women's Oratory—Vernon Utzinger, Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Judging Committee—Emory Lindquist, Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas.

Southeast Missouri Teachers College, Missouri Iota, will entertain a twelve-state debate tournament early in the season. One college in each of the twelve states has been invited to bring one men's and one women's team to Cape Girardeau, where each team will debate six rounds. Winners will be determined by the rating system used at the Franklin College tournament last year. Fifteen minute critic decisions will be given after each debate. A refutation contest will also be held in which all debaters will take part in groups of five. The College of the Pacific will furnish recorded speeches that all contestants will refute in five minute speeches.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Some of our chapters are pretty good at this guessing game, judging by their vote on the selection of the debate question. The following chapters placed the four questions voted on in the exact order in which they came out in the total vote: Ouachita, Tempe, Oklahoma City U., Denton, Michigan State, Cape Girardeau, Hamline, De Paul. City U., Denton, Michigan State, Cape Girardeau, Hamline, De Paul, Nebraska Wesleyan, Grove City, Hiram, Linfield, Illinois Normal University.

A glance at the annual financial statement will show a number of interesting things. In the first place the balance is on the right side, even if it is not more than \$126.14. It should be more than that, but so long as we keep our reserve growing a little we do not need to worry.

You may wonder how we can have a "Convention Account" in a non-convention year. It includes items left over from the Houston convention and paid after July, 1936, and pre-convention expenses for this year's convention.

If you count the "blanks" you will find that 19 chapters sent in no funds during the year 1936-37. There were only seven chapters in that category year before last, but, of course, that was a national convention year. Of the nineteen on the "blank" list Cape Girardeau and Tulsa have sent in members since July 1.

Don't fail in ordering keys to notice the new scale of prices printed on the back of this issue. There is an increase in prices for the lavalier and the fob, the small and the large sizes; the miniature remains practically unchanged. The increase, we are informed by our national jewelers, was made necessary by the increase in costs of production all along the line; in the price of gold and jewels, the cost of labor, and the new Social Security tax. If members of your chapter, or any of their friends, are ordering keys as Christmas presents, be sure to get the orders to me by the first of December at the very latest.

The prizes for the largest number of members sent in during the year goes this time to the following chapters: First, Hope; second, Illinois State Normal University; third, Tempe and Winthrop; fifth, Central, Iowa, and Concordia; and seventh, Illinois Wesleyan and

Bowling Green. Those for the greatest number of keys purchased to: First, Tempe; second, Illinois State Normal University; third, Bowling Green; fourth, Macalester; fifth, Luther; sixth, Carroll; seventh, Macomb. The "sweepstakes," for the largest total sent in during the year goes to Illinois State Normal University; second place to Bowling Green; third, Winthrop.

Do not be misled by that \$6500 plus, the amount in the treasury July 1. That is our maximum balance, not our true reserve. The latter is what we shall have left March 1, about \$3500.

Drake, Iowa Mu, has planned a southern debate trip for December, with contests scheduled against institutions in Indiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, and Florida. It is also hoping to arrange an eastern debate trip for February.—*Drake Times-Delphic*.

Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan was made an honorary member of the Delta chapter at Michigan State May 26. He spoke at the initiation banquet.—*Michigan State News*.

Edmund Mottershead, Macalester, Minnesota Alpha, won the state Peace oratorical contest. Ernest Zack of St. Thomas was second, and Harold Holmquist of Gustavus Adolphus third.—*The Aquin*.

Speakers from the College of St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon, carried on a series of radio debates with representatives from the other Twin City colleges. On May 9 they discussed the supreme court question with speakers from Macalester. Each of the four speakers presented a different proposal. One advocated the Roosevelt plan, another the Norris counterplan, a third proposed to give Congress the power to override decisions of the court, while a fourth defended the status quo.—*The Aquin*.

Among the eight juniors selected for the senior activities honorary fraternity Excalibar was Robert Refior, debater and business manager of the college paper.—*Michigan State News*.

The annual Western Association of Teachers of Speech Convention and Tournament will be held at the University of Denver November 25-27. The general program of the Rocky Mountain Speech Conference will be combined with this convention.

College of St. Thomas will meet both the Australian and Scottish University teams on their coming trips.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE CONTEST RULES:

1. The new style of debate tournament. The new plan won in the vote of the chapters taken last spring by the surprising majority of 75 to 15.
2. The addition of the National Student Congress. Notice that members of the Congress may not debate, but they may take part in oratory or extempore speaking.
3. The early date for the oration manuscripts, and the entry blanks, March 15. Orators should get started on their work right away; the earlier they begin the better chance they will have to win.
4. The change in the length of the orations, 1200 instead of 1500 words.
5. Names of the congressional representatives and senators, together with those of alternates must appear on the official entry blank.

Mr. Robert N. Bush, last year coach of debate at Greeley, Colorado, and Governor of the Province of the Platte, will this year teach in Menlo Park Junior College and work on his doctor's degree at Stanford. Miss Margaret Blackburn will have charge of the debate work at Greeley this fall, and at Christmas time National President S. R. Toussaint will come to Colorado to head the Speech department at the Greeley school.

The first reply to this year's debate questionnaire came from our old friend, Guy M. Oliver, North Central, Illinois Iota. The next mail brought replies from Dubuque, Ouachita, Jamestown, Parsons, Illinois Polytechnic Institute, and Vice-President Forrest Rose. Prompt replies to chapter letters put a broad smile on the face of the National Secretary.

Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas Beta, will entertain two debate tournaments—the women's division of the Mid-South Debate Conference and the second Annual Battle Royal of the Junior Division debaters.

The Speech Department at Coe College, Iowa Theta, will this year be headed up by J. Dale Welch.

Michigan State College, Michigan Delta, has a newly established Department of Speech headed by Dr. Donald Haworth, formerly of the University of Akron. There are now eight members of the speech faculty. J. D. Menchhofer, a former national councilman of Pi Kappa Delta, and James McMonagle will be in charge of debating, and Gordon Fischer will coach the orators.

Weston McIntosh, who has finished his master's degree in speech since winning the extempore contest at Houston, will be an instructor in speech in charge of forensics at Park, Missouri Beta.—*The Park Stylus*.

Dr. J. Thompson Baker has been elected Director of Publicity for Southwestern College. He remains as Director of Forensics, but is given another assistant who will relieve him of much of the class work and responsibility for most of the active coaching of debate.

Mary Strahon, one of duo to win the St. Thomas and the Red River Valley tournaments last year, as well as place second in the National Interstate Oratorical, will this year be in charge of speech work at Flandreau, S. D., High School.

“Do you Know a Wish-Bone Waltonian?”, an interesting article by Karl E. Mundt, former debate coach at Eastern State Teachers, South Dakota Theta, appeared in the September issue of *Outdoor America*.

Southwestern College, Kansas Delta, reports excellent prospects for this year's forensics. They have ten of last year's debate squad back and a number of likely looking recruits from freshman and upper classes.

Sherod J. Collins, former Kirksville debater, Degree of Honor, joins the department of Speech at Northeast State Teachers this fall. He will direct forensics and assist with dramatics.

Cape Girardeau has recently installed a New Universal Professional Electric Recorder. Upon this debaters, orators, and extempore speakers can now check themselves regularly.

Sidney Rand, a Special Distinction member, was elected president of Minnesota Zeta chapter for this year.

Approximately sixty debaters reported at the first debate meeting at Baylor University this fall. The debate squad was divided into four divisions and a round-robin tournament will be held in each division. The winners of the divisions will then engage in an elimination series to determine the championship of the squad. Last year's winning team, Matthew Dawson and Frank Rosson, will defend their championship this year. Interest is strong all along the line, and already tournaments have been scheduled on three separate debate questions. Glenn Capp, Director of Debate, plans to use at least 40 students in intercollegiate competition during the year. A new 30 passenger bus has been purchased by the University to be used in transporting the teams to various tournaments.

"The final characteristic of a good debater is the nonchalant manner he acquires of gathering his note cards together while awaiting the judges' decision, as though the decision were of little importance to him.

"The perfect debater then shakes hands, with a modest or a good-loser attitude, as the occasion demands, pays off his library fines, resolves never to debate again, and begins at once to polish up the old speech or organize a new one for another question."—Professor Paul J. Harkness, Northern State Teachers College, South Dakota Zeta, in *The Exponent*.

Mr. Winston Brewbeck, coach of debate at Western Union College, spent the summer in graduate speech work at the University of Wisconsin. He will remain at Madison to continue his work during this fall semester. —

Dr. Liman Spicer Judson, formerly Chairman of the Department of Speech, University of Wisconsin Extension Division, will this year have charge of the speech work at Kalamazoo College, Michigan Alpha.

Illinois Beta welcomed new students interested in forensics at a social hour which was preceded by a dramatized radio debate presented over the public address system.

Louis Sandine, varsity debater, was elected president of the student body of the College of the Pacific. He received a large plurality.—*Pacific Weekly*.

Kentucky Wesleyan says: "Financial arrangements are already complete for the trip to Topeka."

Professor and Mrs. H. R. Pierce, of Rollins, Florida Alpha, have been broadcasting during the summer, a commercial program over WCSH Portland, Maine. The program was a serial story about Casco Bay—Shipwrecks—a \$500,000,000 trust fund—six speaking parts, all of which were taken by the two Pierces. Mr. Pierce, as Capt. Oliver Storm, played a musical number each time on a conch shell. Have you ever tried to play on a conch shell? No? Well, try it once and you'll see it can't be done—so— he used a long piece of conductor pipe and a lamp chimney instead, to make "Asleep in the Deep" sound deep. The radio audience was interested in the conch shell music, because the shell is used to blow on to call the cows, hired-men, and almost any old thing along the sea-coast in New England.

Millard Ahlstrom, member of the winning national debate team at the Lexington convention, was admitted to the bar this summer. Kyle Montague, another member of the same team, was in the Speech Department of the Waukesha, Wisconsin, high school. Edgar Carlson, who was on the winning team at the Wichita convention, is now a member of the Gustavus faculty, while Wilton Bergstrand, the other member of that team, is now National Secretary of the Augustana Luther League. Carol Linner, finalist in Oratory at Lexington, is completing her master's work at Columbia in Dramatics, while Osler Peterson, finalist in Extempore at Lexington, is now a medical student at the University of Minnesota.

Leroy T. Laase, our Fifth National Vice-President, completed the work on his doctor's degree this past year at Iowa University. The subject of his dissertation was "The Effect of Pitch and Intensity on the Quality of Vowels in Speech." He returned to Hastings this fall to resume his position as Head of the Speech Department and Director of Forensics. Mr. Edward S. Betz, who had charge of the department during Dr. Laase's absence, has been retained by the college as an instructor in Speech and Assistant Forensic Director.

Harry M. Anderson, long-time Professor of Speech and Coach of Debate at Oklahoma Alpha, has returned from a year of graduate work at the University of Southern California. Joseph Wetherby, of Wayne University, has been appointed a permanent member of the Speech Department at Oklahoma A. & M.

In November Gustavus, Minnesota Delta, will hold its Tenth Annual International Debate with the team from Scotland.

Look out for Iowa Epsilon! Here is what they say in a recent letter: "We are out for scalps this year, and are learning all the Indian Warwhoops we can find! We are also specializing in the application of war-paint." (Men and women both, apparently.) "In other words we intend to invade Kansas with tomahawks—and machine guns. We'll probably return home minus our war-paint, tomahawks, and scalps. Anyway—we'll see you in Topeka!"

Franklin College is planning another big year in forensics after the most successful season last year in the school's history. With Janet Brown, state champion orator and Province Debate champion as a nucleus the Franklin speakers are planning to reach the first ten in National Pi Kappa Delta ranking this year.

River Falls, Wisconsin Delta, participated in 115 debates last year. Twenty speakers competed against representatives from 34 other institutions, winning 62 per cent of the decision debates. Roman Zorn and Daniel Dykstra participated in 29 debates. Dykstra has been elected chapter president for this year.—*Student Voice*.

Roy McShane of Davenport, Iowa, has been elected to head the Illinois Mu chapter at Wheaton for this year. McShane is debating for his fourth year. He holds the degree of Special Distinction and orders of Debate and Oratory.

Dr. Merle Ansberry, specialist in speech pathology of the University of Wisconsin, will join the Tempe, Arizona Beta, faculty as director of debating and oratory.—*Alumni Bulletin*.

Eleroy Leonard Stromberg, Pi Kappa Delta member at Nebraska Wesleyan, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Psychology and Philosophy at Oklahoma A. & M. College.

George W. Anderson is serving his first year in the Speech Department at Gustavus Adolphus. He has his A.B. from Gustavus and his M.A. from University of Minnesota.

Ernest Zack, last year's champion St. Thomas debater, won a scholarship in Harvard Law School, and will attend Harvard the next three years.

William Quinn, formerly St. Thomas' leading debater, has been appointed assistant U. S. District Attorney at St. Paul.

Book Reviews

University Debaters' Annual: 1936-1937. Edited by Edith M. Phelps and Julia E. Johnson. New York: The H. W. Wilson Company, 1937. pp. 533. \$2.25.

This is the twenty-third annual in this series. I think I have handled every one and read a good share of each. To my mind this is the best. It gives a better view of what was done in debating last year among American colleges and universities than have any of the other splendid volumes in this series. Here are debates on the most pertinent questions. Here are examples of different styles of debating, the problem solving type from the Pacific coast, the symposium, the radio, the heckling debate.

Last year American debaters discussed everything from the government ownership of electric utilities to paid athletes and sit-down strikes. Debates on all the important questions are presented in this volume. Some were written up by the speakers after the contest, some were taken down by stenographers, and some were electrically transcribed.

No forensic coach can get along without this volume. Every serious student of debate can profit by a thorough study of it.

The Speech Choir, by Marjorie Gullan. New York, Harper & Brothers, 1937. pp. xix, 284. \$1.75.

A practical volume by an English speech teacher and director of the London Verse Speaking Choir based upon her course in the Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1935. There are good explanatory essays and poems for use in verse reading classes. Material is arranged according to type, with practical suggestions for reading each type.

The Rehabilitation of Speech, by Robert West, Lou Kennedy, and Anna Carr. New York, Harper & Brothers, 1937. pp. xxii-475. \$4.00.

At the present time speech correction is one of the most rapidly growing speech fields. This volume summarizes what is being done, giving material on every phase of the subject in a dependable and up-to-date manner. It suggests convincingly that speech correction demands technical training and laboratory equipment beyond what is ordinarily available in the average college or university.