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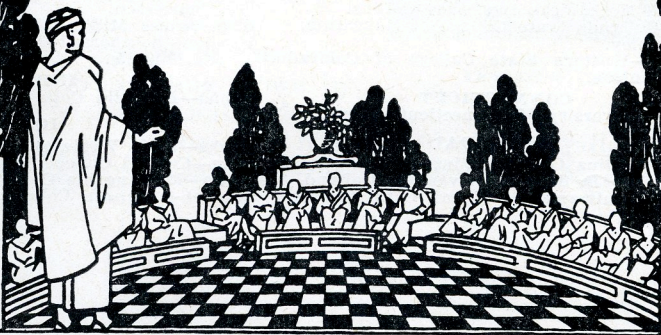
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NO. 1

## *Why Discussions Go Astray*

IRVING J. LEE

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(Condensed from an article by the same title in *ETC*, A Review of General Semantics, Vol. IV, No. 2, Winter 1947. Dr. Lee is Chairman of Department of Public Speaking, School of Speech, Northwestern University, a Fellow of the Society of General Semantics and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of General Semantics.)

The points of breakdown in group discussions are many and varied. Much of the time they coincide with the failure of participants to understand each other. Sometimes they occur when the participants understand each other too well. Very often it is by the expression of differences of opinion and interest that ideas are clarified and solutions worked out. But whenever the controversy and conflict signals a loss of rapport, so that the participants seem to be talking at or past rather than with each other, then the differences should be recognized as disintegrative rather than productive . . .

On the assumption that the study of the sources of conflict might throw light on the processes of understanding, patterns of disintegration were looked for in fifty discussion groups. This essay summarizes some of the preliminary findings which came from focusing attention on the character of the understanding shown by the participants of what was said.

It was realized in the early phases of the investigation that "understanding" was a many-faceted phenomenon. As a work-



IRVING J. LEE



ing basis six possibilities (considered neither exclusive nor exhaustive) were isolated. . . .

After twenty of the group discussions had been analyzed and after the sectors of controversy had been re-examined, another definition was added.

Understanding—the making of proper evaluations. A understands B, a thing, a condition, a situation, a happening, a relationship, etc. (i.e., non-verbal phenomena), or what is said about each, when his response is to it rather than to something else; when his sizing-up of anything, any situation, etc. is free of identification of it with anything else; when his taking account of it is not affected by assumptions of which he is unaware; when what he says about the situation, etc. fits it, that is, neither distorts, disorders, oversimplifies, overcomplicates, overgeneralizes, negates, adds to, takes from, or artificially separates it. A understands anything then, when his diagnosis, at any moment, is free from identifications and when he is cognizant of the structural relationships discoverable both in what is talked about and in what is said.

The emphasis in the study of the remaining thirty group discussions was turned to a descriptive listing of the kinds of misevaluations manifested. One of the most persistent is here set out.

## THE PREVENTION OF PROJECTION

Bertrand Russell introduced the term propositional function, concerning which Cassius J. Keyser observed that "it is, perhaps, the weightiest term that has entered the nomenclature. in the course of a hundred years." Roughly, a propositional function is a statement containing one or more variables. By a variable is meant a term whose meaning or value is undetermined and to which one or more values or meanings can be assigned at will. A propositional function becomes a proposition when a single value is assigned to the variable.

A significant characteristic of a propositional function (e.g., "x are scarce," "Shakespeare was a great writer," "Religion is an opiate," etc.) is that such a statement is neither true nor false, but ambiguous. If to x is assigned the single, more definite value "Houses for rent in 1947" and we say, "Houses for rent in 1947 are scarce," the propositional function has become a one-valued true proposition. "Negroes are cowards" is to be considered a many-valued statement and therefore indeterminate. But assign to the variable "Negroes" the value "Pvt. Woodall I.



Marsh of Pittsburgh, of the 92nd Div., who won the Silver Star for taking twelve wounded paratroopers out of the front line to safety, fording a raging torrent in his truck, after an officer had said it couldn't be done," and the resulting statement is a proposition, but now a false one.

A rather considerable amount of the talk in the discussions was carried on in statements containing many-valued variables as if they were single-valued. Much too often a permanence and a specificity were assumed in the speaking, where on closer analysis there could be found only processes and varieties, even though concealed by the terms as used. Difficulties were to be expected (and they occurred) whenever the distinction was not recognized and wherever there was confidence that single-values prevailed. It should be noticed that difficulty arises not because variables are used, but only when they are presumed to be something other, i.e., identified with non-variables.

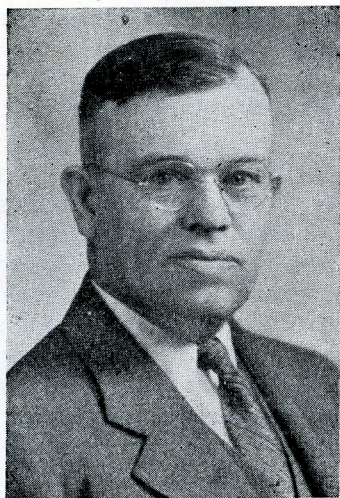
Some surprise was shown at the San Francisco Conference on World Security when the Polish question became a source of controversy as both the American and the Russian delegates took for granted a non-existent singularity in value in the variable "democratic." Democratic<sub>1</sub>, concerned with the protection of minority opinions, is not democratic<sub>2</sub>, the Soviet notion of racial equality and Communist dominance. It is not argued that the awareness of the semantic distinction would have dissolved the difference in interests at that conference—but in terms of our findings it is believed that the awareness might at least have exposed the source of the friction which grew out of the belief of each delegation that the other was behaving badly, since had not both agreed on the necessity of "democracy" in Poland?

The mechanism involved here can be put in focus by comparison with the simplicity-clarity doctrine. This view would locate the trouble in the word "democratic," making it the "barrier rather than the medium of understanding." Our view suggests that it might be equally cogent to note the projection-response, i.e., the assumption of a listener that he knew how the term was being used.

At the heart of projection-misevaluation is the belief that there are values or meanings in terms. But values and meanings are assigned or ascribed to terms by a human nervous system. But so pervasive is the unexamined notion that words can have exact meanings compounded in and of themselves, in the way a tree has branches, that it is often difficult to persuade a listener

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ALFRED WESTFALL

## ALFRED WESTFALL

*An Appreciation*

For the first time in fifteen years, Alfred Westfall is free of responsibility for THE FORENSIC. During that period as well as during an earlier one from 1920 to 1928 when he served first as secretary-treasurer of Pi Kappa Delta and then as president his influence has been tremendous and continuously healthful.

Becoming a member of the English department at Colorado State College, Fort Collins, in 1913, and Head of the department in 1922, he has through the years encouraged deep interest and scholarly effort in numerous phases of speech and English. To him a host of

young men and women owe their start in college forensics. To him, also, a large number owe their start in college teaching. To him Phi Kappa Delta owes its deep appreciation for his devotion and loyalty to its welfare.

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## *Announcements*

### TO THE PROVINCES OF PI KAPPA DELTA

The National Council is anxious to have each province engage in a provincial tournament this year; either a meeting for the one province alone or for two or three provinces together. To that end it has voted to appropriate \$50.00 for each province that holds such a tournament. Make your plans early and write the National Secretary about them.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

G. W. FINLEY, *Secretary-Treasurer*

The debate proposition for 1947-48 will be: Resolved that a federal world government should be established.

The Discussion subject for 1947-48 will be: What should be done to insure peaceful relations among the nations of the world?



## *The President's Page*

Greetings and best wishes for the 1947-1948 school year! We hope that the increased enrollments in colleges and universities throughout the land will mean increased opportunities for Pi Kappa Delta.

Every year seems to bring a challenge of some sort to Pi Kappa Delta. The war years found our organization faced by the need to provide our communities with Victory speakers and to nurture forensics that it might blossom again after V-Day. The Provinces responded to the challenge in 1945-1946 to provide regional tournaments in place of the National Tournament and Convention. Last year the chapters rallied to the first National Convention since 1942. The challenge this year is to make for forensic activities an appropriate place in the crowded collegiate schedule.

In order that more college men and women may have the opportunity to participate in Pi Kappa Delta it is hoped that there will be an upsurge in local chapter activities. The fundamental concept on which our organization is based is that of encouraging beginners to participate. P. K. D. does not represent a distant goal which the freshman may hope someday to reach, but rather is a functioning body which provides advancement to the beginning speakers.

Pi Kappa Delta is at the same time a defender of tradition and a pioneer in new fields. It pioneered the debate tournament idea and held the first national tournament; it promoted intercollegiate extemporaneous speaking and at Bowling Green made a significant contribution in the area of intercollegiate discussion. We should continue to preserve what is best in competitive forensics and develop new approaches to intercollegiate speaking.

For the majority of contestants at Bowling Green the Fifteenth Pi Kappa Delta National Convention and Tournament was a "first":—first because it was a debate tournament that was more than a tournament; first because it brought together college men and women in friendly competition from across the land, first because it set a high mark in hospitality. In retrospect the week spent on the campus of Bowling Green State University becomes more and more memorable.

From the prairies of Ohio several hundred college men and women returned to their college halls to spread the word that "The National" is not just another debate tournament. And as



we begin a new Pi Kappa Delta biennium, let us plan for a meeting in '49 which will match in enthusiasm California's Gold Rush Centennial!

I am sure that all members of your new Council join me in a sincere invitation to suggest ways and means of improving Pi Kappa Delta. We dedicate ourselves to the accomplishment of this aim.

EDWARD S. BETZ.

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### WHY DISCUSSIONS GO ASTRAY

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that in discussion the other fellow may be assigning a value to his variables which is not at all the one the listener would assign if he were speaking.

In the thirty group discussions the projection-developed conflicts arose mainly at three points: in the exploratory-phase where the effort is to locate and expose the problem to be talked about; in the search-for-solutions-phase where the conflicts of interests arise; and in the formula-phase where effort is directed to the search for a program of action on which agreement can be reached. Present findings suggest that irrelevant discords which arise because of failure to uncover the individual values assigned to variables, and because of the unconscious assumption of the participants that each knows how the variables are being used by the others are an irritating influence on the rest of the discussion.

Obstructionists, either naive or sophisticated, can readily tie up any discussion by insisting on the fixing of all variables. This is the age-old sophistry which insists that terms be defined once and for all. But no definition can prevent a speaker from assigning other values to the variables, either by design or accident, as the discussion continues. In fact, the investigation revealed that there is most danger of by-passing when the members of the group hold fast to the belief that since the term has been given a definition everyone will use it in just that way. But it should be clear that no matter how terms are defined, the necessity of analysis for the values being assigned in the course of the talk still exists. . . .



# *Annual Report of the Treasurer*

July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947

## RECEIPTS

|  |             |            |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Balance in treasury, June 30, 1946 ..... |             | \$8,320.84 |
| Membership fees .....                    | \$ 4,300.00 |            |
| The Forensic .....                       | 35.50       |            |
| Keys .....                               | 3,114.82    |            |
| Convention receipts .....                | 2,129.00    |            |
| Interest .....                           | 105.00      |            |
| Certificates .....                       | 6.50        |            |
| Bad checks made good .....               | 41.40       |            |
| Checks written off .....                 | 7.20        | 9,739.42   |
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|  |             | 18,060.26  |

## EXPENDITURES

|   |             |          |
|---|-------------|----------|
| Convention expenses .....               | \$ 3,403.33 |          |
| Keys .....                              | 2,613.61    |          |
| The Forensic .....                      | 1,542.09    |          |
| Postage .....                           | 85.27       |          |
| Printing .....                          | 114.65      |          |
| Debate Committee expenses .....         | 19.61       |          |
| Bad checks .....                        | 41.40       |          |
| Refunds .....                           | 58.67       | 9,445.53 |
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| Balance in treasury, July 1, 1947 ..... |             | 8,614.73 |

## Distribution Funds, June 30, 1947

|                           |             |          |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Checking account .....    | \$ 3,764.73 |          |
| Faculty Club bonds .....  | 3,000.00    |          |
| United States bonds ..... | 1,850.00    | 8,614.73 |

## CHAPTER REPORTS

| Chapter                    | Fees     | Keys   | Totals  | Refunds |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| <b>Alabama</b>             |          |        |         |         |
| Alabama College .....      | \$ 30.00 | \$ ——— | \$30.00 | \$      |
| <b>Arizona</b>             |          |        |         |         |
| Tempe State College .....  | 30.00    | ———    | 30.00   |         |
| <b>Arkansas</b>            |          |        |         |         |
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| Ouachita College .....     | 20.00    | ———    | 20.00   |         |
| <b>California</b>          |          |        |         |         |
| Univ. of Redlands .....    | 20.00    | 99.31  | 119.31  | 1.00    |
| Calif. Inst. of Tech. .... | 15.00    | ———    | 15.00   |         |
| Col. of the Pacific .....  | ———      | 38.20  | 38.20   |         |
| Pepperdine College .....   | 50.00    | ———    | 50.00   |         |



|                              | Chapter                        | Fees   | Keys   | Totals | Refunds |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| <b>Colorado</b>              |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                              | A & M College .....            | 35.00  | 31.10  | 66.10  |         |
|                              | St. Col. of Ed. ....           | 10.00  | —      | 10.00  |         |
|                              | West. St. College .....        | 15.00  | —      | 15.00  |         |
| <b>Florida</b>               |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                              | Stetson University .....       | 25.00  | 5.60   | 30.60  |         |
|                              | Univ. of Miami .....           | 20.00  | 36.30  | 56.30  |         |
| <b>General Chapter</b> ..... |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                              |                                | 10.00  | 41.84  | 51.84  |         |
| <b>Georgia</b>               |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                              | Univ. of Georgia .....         | 40.00  | 40.20  | 80.20  |         |
| <b>Idaho</b>                 |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                              | Col. of Idaho .....            | 15.00  | —      | 15.00  |         |
|                              | No. St. T. C. ....             | 20.00  | 15.82  | 35.82  |         |
| <b>Illinois</b>              |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                              | Wesleyan Univ. ....            | 20.00  | —      | 20.00  |         |
|                              | Eureka College .....           | 35.00  | 61.60  | 96.60  |         |
|                              | Carthage College .....         | 25.00  | 14.80  | 39.80  |         |
|                              | Bradley Univ. ....             | 50.00  | 70.20  | 120.20 | 3.32    |
|                              | Monmouth College .....         | 30.00  | 115.20 | 145.20 | 11.70   |
|                              | I. S. N. U. ....               | 20.00  | 30.90  | 50.90  |         |
|                              | North Central Col. ....        | 35.00  | 16.30  | 51.30  |         |
|                              | Wheaton College .....          | 70.00  | 28.60  | 98.60  |         |
|                              | W. St. T. C., Macomb. ....     | 10.00  | 45.00  | 55.00  |         |
|                              | Augustana College .....        | 110.00 | 80.00  | 190.00 |         |
|                              | N. St. T. C., DeKalb .....     | 25.00  | 6.50   | 31.50  |         |
|                              | The Principia .....            | 40.00  | 40.00  | 80.00  |         |
|                              | E. St. T. C., Charleston ..... | 35.00  | —      | 35.00  | 1.00    |
|                              | Millikin University .....      | 55.00  | 67.00  | 122.00 |         |
|                              | S. I. N. U. ....               | 80.00  | 30.10  | 115.10 |         |
| <b>Indiana</b>               |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                              | Franklin College .....         | 30.00  | 14.40  | 44.40  |         |
| <b>Iowa</b>                  |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                              | Central College .....          | 35.00  | 49.50  | 84.50  |         |
|                              | Morningside College .....      | 20.00  | 11.20  | 31.20  |         |
|                              | Simpson College .....          | 25.00  | 7.51   | 32.51  |         |
|                              | Coe College .....              | 50.00  | 24.10  | 74.10  | 2.00    |
|                              | Western Union College .....    | 10.00  | 1.00   | 11.00  |         |
|                              | Univ. of Dubuque .....         | 20.00  | 54.60  | 74.60  |         |
|                              | Wm. Penn College .....         | 15.00  | —      | 15.00  |         |
|                              | Luther College .....           | 20.00  | —      | 20.00  |         |
| <b>Kansas</b>                |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                              | Ottawa University .....        | 25.00  | 14.90  | 39.90  |         |
|                              | Washburn University .....      | 35.00  | 29.80  | 64.80  |         |
|                              | Southwestern College .....     | —      | 14.90  | 14.90  |         |
|                              | Emporia St. T. Col. ....       | 50.00  | 121.45 | 171.45 |         |
|                              | Wesleyan University .....      | 30.00  | 27.62  | 57.62  |         |
|                              | Baker University .....         | 20.00  | 45.41  | 65.41  |         |



| Chapter                        | Fees   | Keys   | Totals | Refunds |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Bethany College .....          | 5.00   | 10.62  | 15.62  |         |
| Ft. Hays St. Col. ....         | 10.00  | 19.45  | 29.45  |         |
| Bethel College .....           | 30.00  | 15.60  | 45.60  | 1.00    |
| McPherson College .....        | 5.00   | —      | 5.00   |         |
| <b>Kentucky</b>                |        |        |        |         |
| Georgetown College .....       | 35.00  | 34.50  | 59.50  |         |
| Centre College .....           | 60.00  | 25.20  | 85.20  |         |
| Wesleyan College .....         | 10.00  | 7.40   | 17.40  |         |
| <b>Louisiana</b>               |        |        |        |         |
| Louisiana College .....        | 90.00  | 11.80  | 101.80 |         |
| Centenary College .....        | 5.00   | —      | 5.00   |         |
| S. W. La. Inst. ....           | 120.00 | 123.95 | 243.95 |         |
| Louisiana Tech. ....           | 50.00  | —      | 50.00  |         |
| <b>Maine</b>                   |        |        |        |         |
| Colby College .....            | 35.00  | —      | 35.00  |         |
| <b>Michigan</b>                |        |        |        |         |
| Kalamazoo College .....        | 5.00   | —      | 5.00   |         |
| Hope College .....             | 90.00  | 59.77  | 149.77 |         |
| Michigan State College .....   | 115.00 | 46.80  | 161.80 |         |
| Mich. St. Normal College ..... | —      | 19.25  | 19.25  |         |
| University of Detroit .....    | 40.00  | 32.80  | 72.80  |         |
| Cent. Mich. Col. of Ed. ....   | 60.00  | 11.80  | 71.80  |         |
| <b>Minnesota</b>               |        |        |        |         |
| Macalester College .....       | 35.00  | —      | 35.00  |         |
| St. Olaf College .....         | 55.00  | 15.85  | 70.85  |         |
| Gust. Adolphus College .....   | 10.00  | 4.85   | 14.85  |         |
| Hamline University .....       | 5.00   | —      | 5.00   |         |
| Col. of St. Thomas .....       | 20.00  | 3.60   | 23.60  | 1.00    |
| Concordia College .....        | 30.00  | 15.50  | 45.50  |         |
| <b>Missouri</b>                |        |        |        |         |
| Westminster College .....      | 35.00  | 40.10  | 75.10  |         |
| Park College .....             | 5.00   | —      | 5.00   |         |
| William Jewell College .....   | 40.00  | 30.10  | 70.10  |         |
| Culver-Stockton Col. ....      | 15.00  | 32.60  | 47.60  |         |
| Warrensburg State Col. ....    | 15.00  | —      | 15.00  |         |
| Kirkville St. Col. ....        | 30.00  | 18.60  | 48.60  |         |
| Cape Girardeau St. Col. ....   | 10.00  | 9.00   | 19.00  |         |
| Drury College .....            | 5.00   | 6.50   | 11.50  |         |
| <b>Montana</b>                 |        |        |        |         |
| Mont. State College .....      | 40.00  | —      | 40.00  |         |
| <b>Nebraska</b>                |        |        |        |         |
| Wesleyan University .....      | 35.00  | 84.30  | 119.30 | 2.00    |
| Doane College .....            | 10.00  | —      | 10.00  | 2.00    |
| Hastings College .....         | —      | 7.51   | 7.51   |         |
| Kearney State College .....    | 25.00  | 18.25  | 43.25  |         |
| University of Omaha .....      | 30.00  | —      | 30.00  |         |
| Wayne State College .....      | 40.00  | 27.10  | 67.10  |         |



| Chapter                      | Fees  | Keys  | Totals | Refunds |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| <b>North Carolina</b>        |       |       |        |         |
| No. Car. State Col. ....     | 30.00 | 6.00  | 36.00  |         |
| Wake Forest College .....    | 5.00  | —     | 5.00   |         |
| Lenoir Rhyne College .....   | 15.00 | 6.80  | 21.80  |         |
| <b>Ohio</b>                  |       |       |        |         |
| Baldwin Wallace College .... | 15.00 | 33.84 | 48.84  |         |
| Heidelberg College .....     | 50.00 | —     | 50.00  | 5.00    |
| Hiram College .....          | 50.00 | 16.27 | 66.27  |         |
| Otterbein College .....      | 35.00 | —     | 35.00  |         |
| Marietta College .....       | 20.00 | —     | 20.00  |         |
| Bowling Green St. Univ. .... | 50.00 | 79.75 | 164.75 | 11.05   |
| Univ. of Toledo .....        | 20.00 | —     | 20.00  |         |
| Kent St. Univ. ....          | 75.00 | 18.80 | 93.80  |         |
| <b>Oklahoma</b>              |       |       |        |         |
| Univ. of Tulsa .....         | 85.00 | 37.90 | 122.90 | 2.00    |
| Oklahoma Baptist Univ. ....  | 10.00 | —     | 10.00  |         |
| East Central St. Col. ....   | 35.00 | 14.20 | 49.20  | 2.00    |
| Southeastern St. Col. ....   | 10.00 | —     | 10.00  |         |
| <b>Oregon</b>                |       |       |        |         |
| Linfield College .....       | 5.00  | 39.46 | 44.46  | 1.00    |
| <b>Pennsylvania</b>          |       |       |        |         |
| Grove City College .....     | 20.00 | 18.30 | 38.30  |         |
| St. Vincent College .....    | 45.00 | —     | 45.00  |         |
| Seton Hill College .....     | 5.00  | —     | 5.00   |         |
| <b>South Carolina</b>        |       |       |        |         |
| Winthrop College .....       | 5.00  | —     | 5.00   |         |
| Univ. of So. Car. ....       | 45.00 | —     | 45.00  |         |
| <b>South Dakota</b>          |       |       |        |         |
| Wesleyan University .....    | 45.00 | 5.70  | 50.70  |         |
| Huron College .....          | —     | 11.20 | 11.20  |         |
| Yankton College .....        | 20.00 | —     | 20.00  |         |
| St. College .....            | 35.00 | 15.90 | 50.90  |         |
| Sioux Falls College .....    | 60.00 | 39.80 | 99.80  |         |
| Aberdeen St. College .....   | 45.00 | —     | 45.00  | 1.00    |
| Augustana College .....      | 35.00 | 15.00 | 50.00  |         |
| <b>Tennessee</b>             |       |       |        |         |
| Maryville College .....      | —     | 8.60  | 8.60   |         |
| Tenn. Polytechnic Inst. .... | 55.00 | 59.60 | 114.60 |         |
| Carson-Newman College ....   | 20.00 | .81   | 20.81  |         |
| <b>Texas</b>                 |       |       |        |         |
| Southwestern University .... | 25.00 | —     | 25.00  |         |
| Trinity University .....     | —     | 5.90  | 5.90   |         |
| Howard-Payne College .....   | 55.00 | 13.40 | 68.40  |         |
| Mary Hardin-Baylor Col. .... | 5.00  | 15.14 | 20.14  |         |
| Texas Christian College .... | 35.00 | —     | 35.00  |         |
| No. Texas St. College .....  | 10.00 | 11.20 | 21.20  |         |
| Hardin-Simmons Univ. ....    | 10.00 | 19.10 | 29.10  |         |



| Chapter                       | Fees       | Keys       | Totals     | Refunds |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Baylor University .....       | 50.00      | 48.00      | 98.00      |         |
| Sam Houston St. College ..... | 35.00      | 29.20      | 54.20      | 2.00    |
| San Marcos St. Col. ....      | 80.00      | 7.10       | 87.10      |         |
| <b>Washington</b>             |            |            |            |         |
| College of Puget Sound .....  | 55.00      | 93.30      | 148.30     |         |
| Seattle Pacific College ..... | 5.00       | 45.17      | 50.17      |         |
| State College .....           | 125.00     | 92.20      | 217.20     |         |
| <b>Wisconsin</b>              |            |            |            |         |
| Ripon College .....           | 70.00      | 97.70      | 167.70     |         |
| Carroll College .....         | 15.00      | 15.75      | 30.75      |         |
| Oshkosh State College .....   | -----      | 14.10      | 14.10      |         |
| River Falls State Col. ....   | 35.00      | 54.09      | 89.09      |         |
| Whitewater State College .... | 25.00      | 45.90      | 70.90      | 11.60   |
|                               | -----      | -----      | -----      | -----   |
|                               | \$4,300.00 | \$3,114.82 | \$7,414.82 | \$58.67 |

(Chapters whose names do not appear on this list did not send in any memberships or key orders during the past year.)

The following memberships were sent in after July 1, 1947, too late to get into the above report: Doane College, 1; University of Akron, 4; Aberdeen, S. D., 9; Augustana, Ill., 1; Southwestern College, Kansas, 6; University of Omaha, 5; Seattle Pacific, 4; Fort Hays State College, 1; Montana State, 1; College of the Pacific, 5; Georgetown College, 1; Texas A & I, 8; Sterling College, 7; Gustavus Adolphus, 1.

## COMMENTS ON THE 1946-47 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Once more Pi Kappa Delta has come through the year with the balance on the right side of the ledger. The above statement shows a surplus for the year of \$293.84, in spite of the fact that expenses were heavy due to the cost of the national convention; they ran \$9400 this year as compared to about \$5300 the preceding year. Fortunately receipts increased, too, about \$9700 this year as compared with about \$5500 last. The item that saved the day for us was the one for membership fees; they jumped from around \$2900 in '45-46 to around \$4300 in '46-47. So once again the credit for the fine financial showing is due largely to the local chapters that put on such excellent forensic programs.

The local chapter report shows that the best records for the amounts sent in for fees and for keys were as follows:

### TEN BEST RECORDS ON FEES

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1. Washington Gamma, State College .....          | \$125.00 |
| 2. Louisiana Gamma, S. W. La. Inst. ....          | 120.00   |
| 3. Michigan Delta, State College .....            | 115.00   |
| 4. Illinois Xi, Augustana College .....           | 110.00   |
| 5. Louisiana Alpha, Louisiana College.....        | 90.00    |
| 5. Michigan Gamma, Hope College .....             | 90.00    |
| 7. Ohio Eta, Bowling Green State University ..... | 85.00    |

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# Talk and Talkers

"There can be no fairer ambition than to excel in talk; to be affable, gay, ready, clear, and welcome; to have a fact, a thought, or an illustration; pat to every subject; and not only to cheer the flight of time among our intimates, but bear our part in that great international congress, always sitting, where public wrongs are first declared, public errors first corrected, and the course of public opinion shaped, day by day, a little nearer to the right."—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

Charles A. Beard, when asked whether he could summarize the lessons of history in a short volume, replied that he could do it in four sentences:

1. Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad with power.
2. The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small.
3. The bee fertilizes the flower it robs.
4. When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

"Until a man knows the truth of the several particulars of which he is writing or speaking, and is able to define them as they are, and having defined them again to divide them until they can be no longer divided, and until in like manner he is able to discern the nature of the soul and discover the different modes of discourse which are adapted to different natures, and to arrange and dispose them in such a way that the simple form of speech may be addressed to the simpler nature, and the complex and composite to the complex nature—until he has accomplished all this he will be unable to handle arguments according to rules of art, as far as their nature allows them to be subjected to art, either for the purpose of teaching or persuading."—*Plato.*

"As the healing art is of very little use and makes very little progress in nations which enjoy particularly robust constitutions and vigorous frames, so the orator gets an inferior and less splendid renown where a sound morality and willing obedience to authority prevail."—*Tacitus.*



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At the beginning of a new debate season students and in some instances coaches are industriously seeking significant data, briefing arguments, planning cases and reflecting gravely upon international affairs. Dark pictures of the status quo and still darker ones of new patterns of political organization are being painted.

The immediate goal apparently is the winning of contests. Relatively, however, the number of victories which a squad may amass is of little consequence. What the debaters do in the future with their acquired skills, whether they can attain a rigor of thinking and a power of action which will serve to diminish the gigantic social, political and economic problems of the modern world are of the uttermost concern.

For all the verbal outpourings of debaters, legislators, sermonizers and editors, human relations are largely dominated by primitive and at times barbaric motives and manners. War does not suddenly appear on the international scene. It is preceded by long periods of human frustration, anger, and intense hatred, dissociated and redirected by selfish manipulators of symbols.

May all debaters and orators devote themselves to the age-old task of building a saner and more humane social order.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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|   |       |
|---|-------|
| 7. Oklahoma Beta, University of Tulsa .....           | 85.00 |
| 9. Illinois Upsilon, So. Ill. Normal University ..... | 80.00 |
| 9. Texas Lambda, San Marcos .....                     | 80.00 |

## TEN BEST RECORDS ON KEYS

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| 1. Louisiana Gamma, S. W. La. Inst. ....             | \$123.95 |
| 2. Kansas Zeta, Emporia State Teachers College ..... | 121.45   |
| 3. Illinois Zeta, Monmouth College .....             | 115.00   |
| 4. California Alpha, University of Redlands .....    | 99.31    |
| 5. Wisconsin Alpha, Ripon College .....              | 97.70    |
| 6. Washington Alpha, College of Puget Sound .....    | 93.30    |
| 7. Michigan Delta, State College .....               | 92.20    |
| 8. Nebraska Alpha, Wesleyan University .....         | 84.30    |
| 9. Illinois Xi, Augustana College .....              | 80.00    |
| 10. Ohio Eta, Bowling Green State University .....   | 79.75    |

1946-47 was a good year for Pi Kappa Delta all along the line. At that the next two years should be even better. This year we should be able to get every chapter that has been inactive since the War broke out back on the active list. That is aiming high but not too high. Then we should have every one of our nine provinces engaging in a strong provincial tournament, some of them in joint tournaments, and, of course every chapter doing the best work it has done since its institution.

Then in 1948-49 we will have another grand national convention, our Sixteenth, with the best attendance and the strongest tournaments we have ever put on. Right now we are listening attentively for invitations from chapters that would like to act as host for that 1948-49 convention!

G. W. FINLEY, *National Secretary-Treasurer.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Leroy Allen, Dean of Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, died August 3, 1947.

For twenty-five years Dean Allen coached Southwestern's debate teams and served as sponsor of Kansas Delta. His debate teams were strong, winning among other honors second in the 1926 National tournament at Estes Park and first at Wichita in 1930.

The students who had him for a judge will recall his kindly judicial manner and his penetrating criticisms, tempered always by his humor and his great love of youth.

Truly, of Dean Allen, it may be justly said that he exemplified in the highest degree the ideals of Pi Kappa Delta, "the art of persuasion, beautiful and just."



## Personals

Hugh Burnett, Director of the Extension Division at Fort Hays State College and Member of Kansas Nu, has been elected District Governor of the 122 District of Rotary International for 1947-48.

Lawrence W. Robinson, owner and publisher of Mitchell (S.D.) Gazette and Member of South Dakota Gamma will serve as District Governor of the District of Rotary International.

Harvey A. de Weerd, who earned membership in the Hope College chapter in 1921, membership number 1756, and later coached at Colorado A & M College, Colorado, has become an authority on Military History and has several books to his credit. He is now on the Staff of the University of Missouri.

Cunera Van Emmerick, former member of the National Council, stopped over for a call at the National Secretary's office this summer on her way back to Pella, Iowa, after spending a two-week vacation in Colorado. She is now in charge of the Alumnae Office at Central Iowa College but will *continue to direct* forensics there.

Roy D. Mahaffey, Director of Forensics at Linfield and a new member of the National Council, taught speech at the University of Florida during the past summer.

Dr. Alfred Westfall, retiring Editor of THE FORENSIC, will be on leave of absence from Colorado A & M this year. He will spend the year at the University of Missouri where he will give special courses on Shakespearian literature. Frank Davis who coached at Colorado A & M from 1939-41 will be back at Fort Collins to take charge of Forensics during the absence of Dr. Westfall.

S. R. Toussaint, National President of PKD 1938-40 and Director of Forensics at Colorado State College of Education during the past nine years, began his new work at the College this fall as Director of Personnel. Dr. Toussaint earned his membership in PKD at Ripon College, then transferred to Monmouth and later to Greeley, Colorado.



The new National President of Pi Kappa Delta, Edward S. Betz, College of the Pacific, was a welcome visitor at the National Secretary's office this last August. He and Mrs. Betz with their three children were on their way to spend part of their vacation with friends and relatives in Nebraska. Besides being the National President of Pi Kappa Delta he is now Director of Forensics and Dean of Men at his college.

M. Harold Mikle, who taught at Ripon College the past year, has left the Badger State to join up with the Buckeyes as a member of the Speech Staff at Bowling Green State University.

President Frank J. Prout and Mr. Frederick Walsh, Comptroller of the University, whom those of you who were at the Convention last spring will remember with pleasure, were both elected to Honorary membership by the Ohio Eta Chapter.

Roy D. McCall who has been at the College of the Pacific for some years past went to Eugene, Oregon, this fall to take over the Headship of the Speech Department at the University of Oregon. Ray Nichols went along to help with the work.

E. O. Wood, new member of the National Council, spent this last summer at the Library of Congress doing research work on a new book he expects to have ready for the publisher soon on The Psychology of Religion. He got back at the old stand at Louisiana College at the opening of the fall quarter.

Dr. George W. Frasier, President of Colorado State College of Education for the past 23 years, is retiring from that position January 1, 1948. He has been a member of Pi Kappa Delta for many years, having earned eligibility during his undergraduate days at Ypsilanti, Michigan; key No. 2283. After retirement he will remain in the teaching profession as Professor of Education at Greeley. He will spend the rest of 1948 as a special lecturer on Education at the University of Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana T. Burns stopped in at the National Secretary's office early in September.