

U. of M. predecessors manifested has been the biggest tradition the students have known, and they are justly proud of it. The two words "Fight, Miami!" explain the history of the University of Miami, for it has had to fight its way from a most humble beginning to the position it now holds.

Graduate degrees are now offered in addition to standard undergraduate degrees. The University of Miami is the Hispanic-American University of North America and has helped to further the spirit of Hispanic-Americanism through its annual Hispanic-American Institute featuring South and Central American speakers and American speakers on inter-American affairs. The Winter Institute of Literature presenting current writers in a lecture series has a wide following and is popular among the winter residents in Miami and adjacent communities. The undersea biology classes have received nationwide notice, for in this class the students don driving helmets and go walking on the sandy ocean floor in search of a better understanding of marine life.

Debating came into the extra-curricula activities of the University in 1927 with the formation of the Debate Council. There was a debating and speech fraternity too, Rho Beta Omicron, founded by Ruth Bryan Rhode, once minister of America to Denmark, one-time professor of public speaking at the University of Miami, and now a member of the Board of Trustees. Rho Beta Omicron, however, disbanded in 1937. Today, with Dr. Charles Doren Tharp, associate professor of English, as coach, debating is a well-developed activity at the University. The debaters have made several road trips through the South and have met outstanding collegiate orators from all sections of the United States.

The outstanding contribution to the campus life by the Debate Council is this year being shared by Pi Kappa Delta, which came on campus in April, 1942. This contribution is the intramural debating competition which is open to anyone not a varsity debater. In the spring these two will also sponsor an oratorical contest open only to non-varsity orators. This year the intramural debate topic is: "Resolved that the University of Miami administration should ration kisses during the war-time crises, and that suitable books be issued for same."

Illinois Tau---James Millikin University



Illinois Tau chapter of Pi Kappa Delta tells its history! We were established May 8th, 1942, after our college was granted a charter at the Minneapolis Convention last year. So that you may know more of our surroundings and activities, we will give you a short history of Millikin itself.

James Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois, was founded in 1901. The President of the United States, the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, on the 4th of June, 1903, delivered the dedicatory address on the completion of the first group of four buildings. The College was opened on September 15, 1903. It is a private school supported by endowment. On the campus are located eight attractive buildings, all of Elizabethan architecture. The average enrollment is about 700.

The James Millikin University is a twentieth century institution which seeks to achieve distinctive excellence in higher education. Its foundation is Christian and its viewpoint progressive. Since the year of its opening, it has sought to co-ordinate the traditional offerings in liberal arts with many vocational studies which prepare youth for the practical art of earning a living. The University believes that a student in this college should gain, insofar as his time and abilities will permit: fruitful knowledge of himself in mind and body and of the laws of nature found in the study of science; growing skill in expressing himself correctly and effectively; enlarging capacities for thoughtfulness, exactness, discrimination, and insight; preparation for a vocation adequate for a reasonable assurance of success.

Forensic interests have held an important position in Millikin's College life for the last 10 years, but Pi Kappa Delta has been the realization of the higher ambitions of Milliken's coach and debaters. Illinois Tau chapter was installed on Millikin's campus last May 8th—an important occasion for all those interested in our forensic work. Our chapter started as a group of sixteen and since then has initiated eleven more.

In spite of the fact that many of our members have been called to the service during the school year, we have kept up quite well—being able to send four teams to the regional Pi Kappa Delta tournament. We were also represented earlier this year at the invitational tournament held at Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois.

Our only remaining work for this year is the Dr. Brown Debate held on April 8th. The question is the same as the national question used by Pi Kappa Delta. Dr. Brown, former professor of Millikin,

left in his estate a certain sum of money, the interest of which amounts to fifty dollars each year. The winners of the debate each receive fifteen dollars and the losers each receive ten. The judges are usually prominent Decatur men.

L. C. McNabb, Director of Forensics.

Nebraska Iota at Wayne Teachers

LENORE P. RAMSEY



The Nebraska State Teachers College at Wayne, Nebraska, was first conducted as a private normal school in the public school building of Wayne. Later a company was formed, land purchased, and a permanent institution established with Professor J. M. Pile as president and owner. At Mr. Pile's death, the state purchased the institution which included frame dormitories, the residence of the president, one brick building, and thirteen acres of land. In 1910 the school was reorganized as a state normal; in 1921, by act of legislature the school became a state teachers college with legal power to grant the bachelor of arts degree.

There are now nine large, fire-proof modern buildings on a beautifully landscaped campus of fifty-one acres. One of the dormitories bears the name of the founder of the school—Pile, and another the name of the poet-laureate of Nebraska and an alumnus of the school, John J. Neihardt. The Student-Faculty Activities building provides cafeteria, lunch and fountain service, club rooms, recreation rooms and lounges for the students and faculty.

While the State Teachers College has for its primary purpose the training of teachers, a teacher training program offers many courses that serve as pre-professional requirements for other vocations; consequently, many students take the first two years of preparation for law, medicine, or engineering here.

Until 1930 the forensic program of the school contained very little debating. In September of that year Miss Florence M. Drake organized a debate squad. Since that time we have had an interested and an active group of debaters and speakers who participate in intramural, inter-collegiate, and tournament discussion, oratory, and debate.

Mr. Harrell Beck, our first chapter president, was one of the state representatives at the Inter-American Council discussion contest at Kansas City last spring.

Forensics at Wayne are now directed by Miss Lenore P. Ramsey.

EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest

He who first runs out of reason strikes the first blow.

"The Greek cities conquered the eastern Mediterranean with the sword. But they conquered posterity with their minds."—"Genuine Education", Wendell L. Willkie, *Kappa Alpha Theta*, March, 1943.

A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word in due season, how good is it! *Proverbs*, 15:23.

"Every declaration about human affairs consists of two parts (perhaps hopelessly confused): a statement of fact or facts (real or alleged) and an expression of opinions. Only the facts can be authenticated with more or less precision.

The Discussion of Human Affairs, Charles A. Beard.

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you *can* make words mean so many different things."

"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master—that's all."
Through the Looking-Glass, Lewis Carroll.

The voice so sweet, the words so fair,
As some soft chime had stroked the air.

Ben Jonson.

"Speech is civilization itself. The word, even the most contradictory word, preserves contact—it is silence which isolates."

The Magic Mountain, Thomas Mann.

Absolutely certainty is a privilege of uneducated minds—and fanatics. It is, for scientific folk, an unattainable ideal.

C. J. Keyser.

Fire in each eye, and papers in each hand,
They rave, recite, and madden round the land.

Pope, Prologue to Satires.

The names of Cicero and Demosthenes are familiar to every educated man, but who can name one of the Greek athletes who won honors at the great Olympic games?

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The stress of the war has proved the vitality of inter-collegiate forensics. Recent tournaments and competition have given evidence that debating and oratory are going to survive. Outside the educational world as well as in it, many activities have succumbed. Although somewhat curtailed, forensics are not dying. How many boys and girls can keep working on speech activities with some form of military service just ahead is a marvel. They compete one week and don a uniform the next. Hugo Pearson of Augustana, Illinois Xi, is an outstanding example. He won the state oratorical contest two weeks before he entered the Air Corps. Since his induction he has been selected to appear as one of the four speakers in the final radio debate of the American Economic Foundation. Fortunately the army is granting him a ten day furlough to compete in both these contests.

One of the most convincing evidences of the healthy condition of forensics is the record of the provincial conventions on earlier pages of this issue. Eight of the nine provinces held conventions with their usual accompanying tournaments. Attendance was good and interest has been at a high pitch. Some of the conventions drew more than a dozen chapters and over eighty delegates. In spite of travel difficulties, some delegations took long rides of more than a thousand miles on chair cars and busses. Nor has it been Pi Kappa Delta alone which has continued its forensic program. Only a few of the annual state meets have been cancelled. The Southern Association of Teachers of Speech met in Mississippi. The Old Line Interstate Oratorical contest is being held. At these war time meets a larger proportion than usual have been women, but men have par-

ticipated in not inconspicuous numbers. "The quality is better than ever," comes the report from the Province of the Pacific.

Many organizations have announced plans for next year. The provinces that met voted to meet again next year unless there was a national convention. Three provinces have asked for a national convention. It should be at a central place, suggests the Province of the Plains. "We were unanimously in favor of it," reported Roy D. Mahaffey of the Province of the Pacific. The Province of the Lakes also went on record as favoring a national. The Province of the Upper Mississippi asked at least for a central convention of several provinces.

It is perhaps too early now for the National Council to make a decision. Too many things may happen between now and next spring. There may be additional travel restrictions. College activities may be halted by federal order. There is the outside possibility that the war may have taken such a favorable turn that we can schedule something like our normal program.

Why this evidence of robust forensic health? Chiefly because our students recognize the value of the training they are receiving. They feel that they are performing patriotic service in spreading democratic doctrines and an understanding of the issues involved. In a democracy we must be prepared as individuals to take an intelligent part not only in the conduct of the war, but also in the building of the peace afterwards so that another war may not be necessary. It is our government. If we do not take concern for it and prepare to influence its leadership, who will?

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Pi Kappa Delta extends congratulations to Delta Sigma Rho on the election of its new National President, Professor E. C. Buehler, of the University of Kansas. We are especially interested because years ago Professor Buehler was the debate coach at Washburn, Kansas Beta, and a member of Pi Kappa Delta. THE FORENSIC of 1925 contains a contribution by him when he was beginning his writing career. The relations between Prof. Buehler and the members of Pi Kappa Delta have always been friendly. When our own National President, Martin Holcomb was at Bethany, Kansas Mu, he had opportunity to work with Professor Buehler and to know him personally. The friendship and respect begun many years ago has continued. We mourn the loss and untimely death of former president Woodward. We feel sure that the splendid cooperation between the two societies will continue under the new national president of Delta Sigma Rho.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

The National Intercollegiate Debate Question and Discussion Subject

Under the general plan for the selection of a National Intercollegiate Debate and Discussion Subject the general committee was to be made up of two members from each of the four National Honorary Forensics Fraternities, Delta Sigma Rho, Tau Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Delta, and Phi Rho Pi, and one member from the National Association of Teachers of Speech. This year the chairmanship was to be held by Delta Sigma Rho. The committee, as organized to date is as follows:

For Delta Sigma Rho: Hugo Hellman, Chairman, Marquette University, and N. Edd. Miller, Texas University; For Tau Kappa Alpha: Lionel Crocker, Dennison University; For Pi Kappa Delta: Wilbur Moore, Michigan Central College of Education, and Forrest Rose, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; For Phi Rho Pi: J. D. Davis, Glendale Junior College, and W. P. Rayner, Jackson Junior College, Jackson, Mich. (Two other members still to be appointed.)

The colleges throughout the country have been asked to send in their suggestions for subjects and these are now in the hands of the general committee. This committee will pick out what it believes to be the four or five best subjects, and some time in May the colleges will be given this list and asked to indicate their choice on a preferential ballot before July 1. The general committee will count the ballots and determine the result of the vote. It will then formulate the question and be ready to send it to all organizations some time in September.

Prof. Hugo Carlson, long forensic director at Augustana, South Dakota Eta, has again gone into broadcasting. He is now with Station KOIL, Omaha. Keith Case, one of his former students and a member of the team which won second in the 1934 national debate tournament, is now handling the forensic work. South Dakota Eta has had a very active year. It ended the season by winning sweepstake honors at the provincial. Earlier it lost most of its men's squads to the armed forces. The chapter has furnished a number of speakers for defense activities. "If the colleges continue with forensics, we shall probably participate next year. If the college program is abandoned for the duration, we shall continue to supply speakers for local groups. I believe that our speech set-up here is strong enough to stand the shock of war," writes Coach Case.

Emporia State Teachers' Zeta Chapter stressed its work in speech in its part in the war effort by conducting a contest on its campus to elect a war bond queen. In a four-week period from February 25 to March 18, Zeta chapter maintained a war bond booth in the college administration building where students and faculty bought war bonds and stamps on successive Thursdays and voted for a queen at the rate of one vote for each cent invested in war stamps and bonds.

On the first Thursday, sales totaled \$65.10. The second week they jumped to \$634.10. The third week's figures were \$1,429.85, and the last week brought \$6,355.15, for a grand total of \$8,484.20.

The drive was climaxed by a War Bond Hop at which Zeta's president, Frances Nunemacher, and adviser, George R. R. Pflaum, presented a bouquet to the newly-elected queen, Miss Lydia Lou Haslouer, and corsages to the two runners-up. Dr. Pflaum spoke briefly to students who packed the ballroom for the coronation about



Frances Ireland does her stint at Zeta's war bond booth, at which \$8,484.20 worth of bonds and stamps were sold. A cardboard PKD key was prominently displayed on the wall while the drive was in progress.



From left to right: Dr. George R. R. Pflaum, Shirley McCasland, Bond Queen Lydia Haslouer, Jerry Jensen, and Zeta's president, Frances Nunemacher pose after Miss Haslouer was presented as Emporia State War Bond Queen by Dr. Pflaum.

Pi Kappa Delta's part in the war effort.

Zeta's work was highly commended by members of the Kansas State war bond commission which thought unusual a situation in which a group with six active members could raise the amount which they did from a student body of 600.

Vin La Barbera and Andy Van Gorder represented Grove City in the eighth annual Pennsylvania Debaters Convention at Pennsylvania State college, March 19-20. The convention took the form of legislative study of Post-War World Organization.—*The Collegian*.

LATE NEWS

Hugo Pearson, Augustana, Illinois Xi, has just been notified that he has been selected as one of the four who will speak in the final debate of the American Economic Foundation, broadcast by station WJZ, R. C. A. Building, New York, over the Blue Network on the "Wake Up, America!" radio forum, 3:15-4:00, E. W. T., Sunday, April 18. Mr. Pearson will be teamed on the negative with Allan Conwell, Northwestern University. The affirmative speakers will be William A. Rusher, Princeton University; and Jack F. McClement, University of Oregon. The first and second prizes are \$1,250 and \$600 in cash and war bonds.

Mr. Pearson is now in the army air corps at Miami Beach, Florida. He has been granted a ten day furlough to participate in the debate. This will also allow him to represent Illinois in the Interstate Oratorical Contest, April 22-23.

Harold Brack, Augustana's other representative in the National Radio Debate, has been selected as the first affirmative alternate. There were originally 265 entries in the debate.

The question used in these debates is: "Should American youth support the re-establishment after the war of competitive enterprise as our dominant economic system?"

Maryville, Tennessee Alpha, has just completed a season almost as full as in normal years, according to secretary Phyllis Anne Cain. Transportation difficulties have not kept the members away from tournaments. Nine members of the squad participated in the South Atlantic tournament at Lenoir-Rhyne, North Carolina Delta, early in March. The girl's teams went through eight rounds undefeated. Seniors Natalie Yelton, Margaret Clippinger, Phyllis Anne Cain, Dick Boyd, and Ed Rowley closed their forensic careers in the Grand Eastern Tourney at Winthrop, South Carolina Delta, April 8-10.

Our student body has shown more interest in debate than ever before, writes Virginia Kent Sedgley of State Teachers, Farmville, Virginia. "We have done patriotic service by presenting phases of the debate question before local clubs. Although we have no debate coach, we have met such teams as the University of Virginia, Hampden-Sydney, and participated in South Atlantic, Southeastern, and Grand Eastern tournaments. Travel restrictions are severe and we have held down our trips to meet criticisms. Nine neophytes have qualified for the debate club."

The Citadel, in which the South Carolina Epsilon chapter was established in 1940, was written-up with a two page display of pictures in the *Saturday Evening Post*, March 20, 1943. The Citadel is described as "The youngest and largest of the distinctly military colleges in this country, except the national academy at West Point." It leads all American colleges in the percentage of graduates now serving in the army, with 99 per cent of them officers. The Citadel is celebrating its hundredth anniversary. It has been inextricably tied up with our history. It was the superintendent of the Citadel who gave the command and one of its students who fired the first shot at the Star of the West, the shot which marked the opening of the Civil War. But the Charleston, South Carolina, College is no longer a Southern institution. Its 1957 students represent almost every state in the Union, more than a fourth of them from the North. While it is now bending its energies to making officers, it has long maintained an active interest in forensics. John West and Arthur Thrailkill, in their distinguished military uniforms, gave a splendid account of themselves at Minneapolis.

The war has only increased the importance of forensics at Wheaton, Illinois Mu, according to La Vone Betthel, the secretary. Wheaton has won or ranked high in several tournaments. The men's debate team won every debate on a five thousand mile tour of the southern states.

North Texas Teachers won the sweepstakes honors at the 14th Annual Savage Debate at Southeastern Teachers, Oklahoma Theta. Claudia Thompson, a freshman from East Central, Oklahoma Eta, won the after dinner speaking contest.—*The East Central Journal*.

Gail Bay, president of Missouri Mu at Tarkio, reports that some of the members presented the post war settlement problems before local organizations. Ben Lane won second in oratory at the Springfield tournament. Five new members are to be initiated.

Vivian Neldon, a freshman from Northern State Teachers, won the state oratorical contest and will represent South Dakota in the Interstate at Northwestern, April 23-4. "A Rondevous with War" is the title of her oration.—*The Exponent*.

"In This We Cannot Fail," an oration delivered by Craig Whitney, won the \$30 Fawcett prize at Upper Iowa.—*The Collegian*.

Five Colorado colleges held a two day legislative assembly in the chamber of the House of Representatives in the State House in Denver, April 9-10.

Coach Mordella Dahl of St. Olaf, Minnesota Beta, writes Ruth Glenn won the state oratorical contest and will represent Minnesota in the Old Line Interstate. Bob Borgwardt and John Dahl won the men's debate tournament at Steven Point, Wisconsin, February 26-7. Members of the chapter have spoken in radio forums over the local radio station. Two members have been lost to the army. "Next year we shall have only two men and probably a decreased enrollment. We cannot attend many tournaments. But there will be a splendid opportunity for the members of Pi Kappa Delta to stimulate worthwhile speech activities. We hope that there will be one big tournament—perhaps one in which several provinces can combine and which could be held nearby. Wouldn't such a meeting be worthwhile?"

Linfield, Oregon Alpha, has conducted a very ambitious program with both its state high school and annual college tournament, the thirteenth. The provincial was held at the same time. The students were keenly interested in the war problems and the speaking was better, writes Prof. Roy Mahaffey. March 19-20 he took nine of his students to the junior college tournament at College of the Pacific, California Delta, where they won four firsts and three seconds. All but one appeared in the finals of some event. His students have done a great deal of civilian defense speaking. He expects to have a large, strong squad back next year.

"Our speech group," writes Prof. Ralph N. Schmidt, of Jamestown, North Dakota Alpha, "was presented in programs before the Rotary Club on three separate occasions, and before the Kiwanis and Lions clubs once each. Chapel programs were provided on eight occasions, and the personnel of the group has been the mainstay of the college radio programs over KSJB."

Hope, Michigan Gamma, won 27 out of 44 decision debates at four tournaments. It has presented a number of speakers before high school, church, service club, and American Legion groups. It plans to initiate eight new members. Clinton Harrison, the chapter president, left in mid year when accepted for study by the Johns Hopkins Medical College.

The Southern Association of Teachers of Speech held a tournament and congress in Jackson, Mississippi, March 24-27. There were 78 delegates in the college section, including representatives from four PKD institutions, according to the report of the secretary, Robert B. Capel.

Olive Sharpee, Luther, Iowa Xi, was elected Bond Queen of her campus.—*College Chips*.

CASUALTIES

"All active members of Arizona Alpha are in the armed forces. There was no state meet because of transportation difficulties. The only members now on the campus are three faculty members. We shall hang on until we can once more establish eligibility for some of our students." Dr. Klonda Lynn.

"As our school is largely a technical one, we have not been able to carry on any forensic program this year." Arthur W. Seebart, Polytechnic Intermountain Union, Montana Alpha.

"Because of travel conditions, we were not able to attend the provincial. We are initiating two new members." Dr. Alan Swallow, Western State, Colorado Gamma.

"It looks as though the women's schools will have to uphold forensic traditions in our part of the country. Many of our debaters have gone to war. Our president, Gene McDonald, is now with the Marines. The Army Air Cadets have taken over the school. Earlier we participated in the Pittsburgh tournament and the Catholic Peace Conference in Cincinnati. We shall initiate a few before the end of the year." Patrick McKivigan, St. Vincent, Pennsylvania Beta.

Dr. E. A. Reiff, forensic director at Ottawa, Kansas Alpha, for the past six years, left teaching at the end of the first semester to take up a pastorate. Prof. R. H. Ritchie, who had retired after many years of forensic work, was called back to service to take over part of his work. Prof. Ritchie writes, "Small membership, no money, worn tires, no gasoline reserves, and an absent leader have combined to keep us close at home. We practically closed our season in January with the intramural contest for beginners in extempore. We may have two members to initiate, if Uncle Sam doesn't get them first."

Charles Davenport, president of Washington Beta at Seattle Pacific College, is building for next year. An all-college forensic tournament will be sponsored by the local chapter in May. Prizes of ten and five dollars will be offered in contests in dramatic reading, poetry reading, extempore and oratory. Prof. Roy D. Mahaffey of Linfield is coming to the campus April 30 to speak at the annual banquet.

Donald Soeffker, Hamline, won the men's oratorical contest and will represent Minnesota in the interstate at Evanston, Illinois, April 22-3.

Grace Downs, Coe, Iowa Theta, will represent Iowa in the interstate oratorical contest at Evanston, Illinois, April 22-3. The Iowa Theta chapter has also been very active in civilian defense speaking. The January discussion program involved forty students. In March the college students made more than sixty speeches through the speaking bureau. Earlier in the season Coe won the four-state Cedar Valley tournament. At the University of Iowa discussion contest, Bob Ray was selected as one of the finalists. He will appear in the National Discussion on Inter-American Affairs. The chapter has also sponsored local oratorical, speech arts, extempore, and poetry reading contests. In spite of losing a couple of dozen pledge possibilities to the armed forces, the Theta chapter will initiate thirteen members. Betty Subotnih, Secretary.

"An Evaluation of the Quality Rating System in Measuring Debate Achievement" by Dr. LeRoy T. Laase, former national Vice-President, appeared in the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, December, 1942. This is a study of the reliability of a rating system instead of a vote on wins and losses in a tournament. The judges rate the teams superior, excellent, good, fair, and poor. The study is based on results obtained in the Annual Hastings College Invitational High School Debate Tournament for the years 1938, 1939, and 1940, during which time Dr. Laase was director of forensics there. The study shows, among other things, that "The quality rating system was found to be a more reliable method of awarding honors in debate than the win-and-loss system."

A measles quarantine of the Doane, Nebraska Gamma, campus sent the scheduled state meet to Wesleyan March 15-7. Wesleyan made almost a clean sweep of top honors, winning first in men's and women's debate, oratory, and extempore, and in women's discussion, but taking second to Wayne Teachers in men's discussion. Irene Pickering and Richard Nickolas will represent Nebraska in the Interstate oratorical.

Dorothy Watson, Winthrop, South Carolina Delta, won the women's oratorical contest at the tournament of the Southern Association of Teachers of Speech at Jackson, Mississippi, March 23-4. Her colleague Peggy Kirk won the afterdinner speaking contest and was second in the extempore. Carolyn Hancock won second in afterdinner speaking.

Grace Bedenbaugh, president of the South Carolina Delta chapter at Winthrop asked to have the following tournament dates for next school year announced:

Dixie	December 1-2-3-4, 1943
Grand Eastern	April 5-6-7-8, 1944

Dr. Ross, formerly in charge of forensics at Eastern Teachers, Illinois Sigma, is now Director of the Speakers' Bureau of the American Red Cross. His work is being carried by Prof. P. Merville Larson, national president of Phi Rho Pi, the junior college forensic honorary society. Prof. Larson came from North Park College, Chicago, December 1. Prof. Buren C. Robbins, formerly in charge of forensics at Dakota Wesleyan, is now at Eastern Teachers. Elizabeth Podesta, who graduated in March, is now a WAAC. Several of the students have participated in civilian defense speaking engagements.

The political and economic union of Canada and the United States in post-war reconstruction was the subject of an international debate between Morgan Wright and Kenneth Williamson, of the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, and Bernhard Erling and Arthur Toupin of Gustavus Adolphus, Minnesota Gamma. The debate was held on the campus of the Minnesota college February 26. The Gustavus Adolphus team had previously won a decision from the University of Minnesota. Last year the boys defeated Northwestern and the University of North Carolina.

"If an 'outsider' may be permitted to comment, I would like most highly to commend the article by Dr. Wilbur Moore on "New Patterns for Debate" which you published in the January FORENSIC.

"If Pi Kappa Delta takes Dr. Moore's suggestions seriously and if the coaches will discipline themselves in the methods suggested, the article may come to be looked upon as a turning point in our profession."

Elwood Murray,

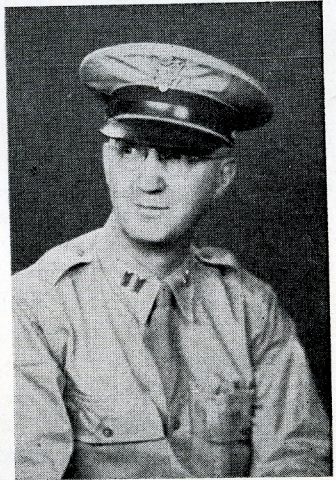
Chairman of the Department of Speech and
Dramatic Arts, University of Denver.

While Prof. J. D. Hansen is working on his doctorate at the University of Iowa, Dr. Robertson Strawn has been sponsoring forensics at Kearney Teachers, Nebraska Zeta.

Prof. Bert B. Hansen of Montana State reported that forensics there have been relatively inactive this year. The debaters were on a vacation helping to harvest sugar beets when the fall tournament was held. They did later participate in the Rocky Mountain and state tournaments, but were unable to go to Oregon for the provincial.

Transportation difficulties kept College of Idaho from doing much traveling this year and prevented attendance at the provincial. Prof. Erwin Schwiebert, director of forensics, is a member of the house of representatives of the state legislature.

Mary John Lee, president of Tennessee Delta at the Polytechnic Institute, was recently elected Miss Tech, the highest honor that can be conferred on a senior girl by the student body. Margaret Plumlee, recently completed her college work and is now a full time instructor in the mathematics department. Cordell Moore and Pierce Brown were initiated just before they left for military service. Five freshmen girls represented the chapter at the Grand Eastern tournament, hoping to complete their PKD qualifications. Members of the chapter have been very active in the work of the Red Cross Speakers Bureau. Herman Pinkerton, director of speech activities, is chairman of the bureau.



Capt. Hillier M. Burrowes

The former Grove City Debate Coach and veteran of the last war was called into service. He is now "Chief, Research and Historical Section, Pittsburgh Ordnance District Office."

"Dakota Wesleyan climaxed its most successful season for many years by winning sweepstake honors at the state meet at Aberdeen, March 5-6. Matthew Smith, who won the extempore contest, is outstanding in many ways. He is president of the South Dakota Alpha chapter, a member of the Naval Reserve, and valedictorian of his class. He is completing four years of forensic work. He has lived in Mexico ten years and speaks Spanish fluently."—Mrs. Helen N. Buchanon.

Book Reviews



Independence for India? Compiled by Julia E. Johnsen. The Reference Shelf, vol. 16, no. 3. New York. The H. W. Wilson Company. 1943. Pp. 292. \$1.25.

The test of how much the Atlantic Charter means will come with the treatment of India. If the Indian problem is not speedily settled and in good faith, the Atlantic Charter is only idle words and not a great human document. But the question is not simple. Only the informed can appreciate it. There is no better way to become quickly informed than by reading the selections in this volume.

The Art of Thinking. Ernest Dimmet. New York. Pocket Books, Inc. 1942. Pp. 180. \$.25.

"I have handed out several copies of this book to boys going away for military service. It has really good stuff to use for greasing your brains," wrote our former National Counsel, J. D. Coon, in calling our attention to this book. It is worth twenty-five cents to any one.

The United States in a New World. The Bureau of Special Services in collaboration with the Editors of *Time*, *Life*, and *Fortune*. New York City. 1943. Pamphlets reprinting articles from *Fortune* with questions and outline study guides. About 100 pages. \$.50.

THE FORENSIC commends the Bureau of Special Services of *Time*, *Life*, and *Fortune* for inaugurating this well planned and extremely useful guide to a more intelligent public discussion of current affairs. We are constantly hearing the statement that if we are to have good government in a democracy, the citizens must take an interest in public affairs and be able to discuss them intelligently. But no one does much to improve the situation. Now this service bureau of three great magazines offers practical assistance.

Associated with the larger publication is the *Time Fortnightly Discussion Guide of Current Affairs*. These guides contain series of directive study questions based on the magazine. The more ambitious discussion outline contains both the study outline and important articles reprinted from *Fortune* in attractive form and with fine illustrations. This first issue reprints the extensive articles on "Relations with Britain," "Pacific Relations," and "The Domestic Economy."

Of course the timid soul will smell the commercial taint and ask if this service does not advertise *Time* and the magazines associated with it. It does. Why should it not? Such comprehensive and carefully prepared publications cost money. There must be some excuse for the expenditure. But the theory of American business has been profit to both the buyer and seller. This venture can succeed only and in proportion as it benefits the reader.

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