

Jean Porter, Honor Student and Speaker

H. R. CHRISTENSEN, South Dakota State College



JEAN PORTER

Honor student, Jean Porter, was graduated from South Dakota State College in June, 1948, with majors in journalism, history and political science, and minors in speech and Spanish.

Particularly outstanding in speech work, Jean entered five extemporaneous speaking contests this last year, and only on one occasion did she rate lower than second place. At Iowa State Teachers College she received a superior rating; at the Red River Valley tourney at Concordia College she won the women's extemp contest; in the mixed contest at the University of Nebraska she received one of the four superiors given (the other three were men); in the South Dakota state contest Miss Porter placed second; and in the joint tournament of the Provinces of the

Sioux, Plains and Pacific of Pi Kappa Delta she came through with another first place.

Miss Porter and her colleague won 70% of all their debates this last year. Highlighting their season at Concordia College where they garnered first place in the women's division and going through the University of Nebraska tourney undefeated. In addition to contest work Miss Porter has appeared before many live audiences and in every instance her efforts have been appreciated.

Among her scholastic awards Jean received the Freshman Scholastic Forensic Award (1945), Faculty Women's Scholarship (1946), and the Sigma Delta Chi Scholarship Award (1948).

She has been very active in many activities at State, serving as business manager of the college yearbook, *The Jack Rabbit*; writing for the student paper, *The Collegian*; director of the all-college variety show Rabbit Rarities; instructing social and modern dancing; was instrumental

in the development of the mouse-powered radio station on the campus, and served as program director of the station.

Other organizations of which she was a member included: Pi Kappa Delta, honorary forensic society; Pi Gamma Mu, honorary social science fraternity; Sigma Lambda Sigma, senior women's scholastic society; Guidon, national auxiliary to Scabbard and Blade; Stakota Club, women's pep organization; By-Liners, women's journalism society; Twirling Club, and the Art Club.

State College and the Forensic Council will miss Jean, but we wish her great success in her future undertakings.

Illinois Phi

MARGARET FOREMAN, Illinois College



Eight persons were initiated into the Illinois Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta when the chapter was installed, May 22, 1948, on the Illinois College campus in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Six of the candidates were students and two members of the faculty were made honorary members in recognition of their support of the debate program during the past year. The student members of Illinois Phi Chapter are: Donald Polzin, president; Richard Mills, vice-president; Margaret Foreman, secretary-treasurer; John Burhorn, William Shaffer, Nancyann Fernandes. The honorary members are Dr. H. Gary Hudson, president of the college, and Dr. John S. Wright, Professor of History. Mr. Lloyd P. Dudley, debate coach, is already a member in the degree of Special Distinction.

Dr. F. L. D. Holmes of Normal University, Bloomington, Illinois, was the installing officer.

Following the initiation a banquet was held in Baxter Hall. The main address was given by Dr. Holmes. His topic was "Mission Completed?"

Other speakers were: Dr. Hudson, "The Administration Looks at the Forensic Program;" Dr. Wright, "History of Forensics at Illinois College," and John Burhorn, "A Student Looks at Forensics."

Minnesota Eta

BARBARA LUGER, College of St. Catherine



The College of St. Catherine was founded in 1911 as a Catholic Girls College. Incorporated as a liberal arts college it offers a four-year course in the liberal arts and sciences leading to the degree of Bachelor of A. ts. The degree of Bachelor of Science is given to those whose major sequence for the four years is in a vocational field such as Home Economics or Nursing. In addition, the College offers to graduates of approved colleges a one-year course in Library Science leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Library Science.

Rated as one of the top Catholic Women's Colleges in the United States it is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; is a charter member of the Association of Minnesota Colleges; is on the approved list of the following national educational organizations: 1. The Association of American Universities, 2. The National Catholic Educational Association, 3. The American Association of University Women, 4. The American Council on Education. In addition it is one of three Minnesota colleges that enjoys the distinction of having a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

In 1911 it had a student body of 18, and today the number lists between 950 and 1000 students representing 29 states, Canada, Mexico, Porto Rico, Costa Rica, Panama, Chile, Peru, Ireland, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Austria, and China.

The college is located in St. Paul, Minnesota, and its picturesque campus covers 100 acres of beautiful woodland overlooking the Mississippi and Minnesota River valleys. Seven modern and up-to-date buildings dot the campus including a library of 65,000 volumes.

The administrative officers of the college include: Sister Antonius, Ph.D.; President, Sister Cecelia, M.A.; Dean, Sister Helen Margaret, Ph.D.; Registrar, Sister St. Charles, Bursar, and the Reverend James J. Byrne, S.T.D., Spiritual Director.

The head of the department of speech and drama is Miss Mabel Frey who received her M.A. from the University of Minnesota. She received further graduate study at the University of California at Berkeley and at the University of Heidelberg in Heidelberg, Germany.

Director of Forensics is Robert A. Forsythe who received his B.A. from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. He served four years in the Army with two years spent in the European Theater of Operations. He studied for one term at Cambridge University in England and will receive an L.L.B. in August of 1949 from the University of Minnesota. While at

St. Olaf he was a member of the Minnesota Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. He attended National Pi Kappa Delta Conventions in 1940 at Knoxville, Tenn., 1942 in Minneapolis, Minn., and in 1947 in Bowling Green, Ohio. In both the 1942 and 1947 conventions he received a Superior in Extemporaneous Speaking and an Excellent in Oratory in the 1947 convention.

The forensic program at St. Catherine has now been revived after a lapse during the war years. Prior to 1942 the Women's Division of the Northwest Tournament was held at St. Catherine. During the 1946-47 forensic season the College of St. Catherine enjoyed an outstanding year. In four tournaments of major size the leading team of Kitty Nilles and Mary Richardson suffered only one defeat.

During the past season of 1947-48 the forensic activity was expanded to include debate, oratory, extemporaneous speaking, discussion, after-dinner speaking, and impromptu speaking. In debate the squad took part in 70 decision debates winning 33 and losing 37. At the Red River Valley Tournament held at Concordia College and Moorhead State Teachers College, the team of Marian Casey and Maureen Mashek tied for second place in wins and losses and placed sixth in percentage points. At the Eau Claire State Teachers College Tournament the squad ranked sixth with a fourth in extemp speaking by Maureen Mashek and a third in after-dinner speaking by Patricia Barnett. In the University of Minnesota Tournament the team of Maureen Mashek and Eileen Smith debated their way to the finals and lost on a split decision to gain runnersup honors, in the advanced division. Both speakers received a Superior award. In the freshman division of the same tournament Marian Casey received a Superior award. The college was one of five to receive Superior in that tournament. For the first time in the history of the school, St. Catherine was accepted into the Minnesota Oratorical Association and was represented in the state oratorical contest by Leah Colwell. Miss Colwell is a veteran of World War II and wrote her oration on the subject of leprosy.

Highlight of the season was the acceptance of St. Catherine into Pi Kappa Delta as the Minnesota Eta Chapter. A formal installation banquet was held on May 24, 1948. Dr. Theodore F. Nelson of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, Governor of the Upper Mississippi Province, installed the chapter. Mr. Richard Krueger of St. Thomas assisted in the ceremony.

The following charter members of the Eta Chapter were installed:

1. Patricia Barnett Junior
2. Marian Casey Freshman
3. Leah Colwell Junior
4. Mary Ann Franklin Sophomore
5. Catherine Heinz Freshman

6. Mary Keith	Senior
7. Eileen Leahy	Senior
8. Barbara Luger	Sophomore
9. Rosemary Manion	Freshman
10. Maureen Mashek	Sophomore
11. Jean Peschel	Freshman
12. Eileen Smith	Junior
13. Mary Elizabeth Woll	Senior
14. Robert A. Forsythe	Forensic Director

The following honorary charter members were also installed:

1. Sister Antonius
2. Miss Mabel Frey
3. Sister Cecelia

Officers of the chapter are: Maureen Mashek, president; Eileen Smith, vice president; Barbara Luger, secretary; and Patricia Barnett, treasurer.

At this writing Miss Eileen Leahy, one of the graduating seniors of the squad, has accepted a teaching position at Windom High School, in Windom, Minnesota. She will teach speech and English.

In a freshman debate tournament held in April of 1948 Catherine Heinz and Rosemary Manion won first place with eight wins and no losses.

With two good seasons behind them and with an expanded program the St. Catherine squad is looking forward to another successful season which will be climaxed by a trip to the National Pi Kappa Delta Convention.

The new Eta chapter is happy to become a member of Pi Kappa Delta and looks forward to many years of association with chapters all across the nation.

Nebraska Kappa

PROFESSOR SARAH A. HAWKINSON, Midland College



The Nebraska Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was established at Midland College on May 19, 1947, with six charter members, five new students, and two faculty members being initiated.

The ceremony followed a dinner in the Midland College dining

room, with representatives from the Nebraska Iota Chapter of Wayne State Teachers College in charge. The representatives were the chapter's sponsor, Miss Lenore Ramsey, and her appointed helpers in the ceremony, Jim Morrison and Tom Johnson, both speech students at Wayne.

Dean Herman Gimmestad, debate professor at Midland College for the twelve years prior to 1944, was presented as the first honorary member. He received the degree of honor order of instruction. Lyle B. Gill, Fremont attorney who instructed in debate during the leave of absence of the regular professor, was presented with the order of instruction.



Front row: Delores Mikkelsen, Marjorie Lang, Dean Herman Gimmestad, Professor Lenore Ramsey, Professor Sarah A. Hawkinson, Carol Munson, Ruth Bergfelder; Second row: Tom Johnson, Jim Morrison, Bob Hartwig, Hugo Rathkamp, Bill Christenson, James Seiffert, Waldo Hansen, Paul Kuenning.

Mrs. Sarah Hawkinson, a debate professor at Midland College, was presented with orders of instruction.

The charter members initiated into the order were: Paul Kuenning, this year's president; Gene Vosseler, Waldo Hansen, Carol Muson, Ruth Bergfelder, Jim Seiffert, Hugo Rathkamp, Bill Christenson, Bob Hartwig, Marjorie Lang, and Delores Mikkelsen.

The officers installed for the coming year are Bill Christenson, president; Hugo Rathkamp, vice-president; Marjorie Lang, secretary; and Delores Mikkelsen, corresponding secretary.

The President's Page



We will miss the leadership of George Finley during the year ahead. We will miss his interest and enthusiasm while planning the National Convention. We will miss his keen sense of humor and his warm friendliness.

To carry on for the balance of Mr. Finley's term of office, we have appointed Dr. Sylvester Toussaint of Colorado State College of Education where he is Professor of Speech and Director of Personnel. "Syl" is well known to many of you. The Bowling Green Convention was the second National meeting of Pi Kappa Delta he has missed since 1922. He is admirably fitted to take over the secretaryship not only because of his association with Mr. Finley at Greeley but also because of his previous experience in Pi Kappa Delta. First elected to the National Council in 1930 he served as National President from 1936-1938 and at Topeka, directed our largest national convention.

The National Council met at the home of our new secretary late in August. A large room of the Toussaint home is given over to Pi Kappa Delta business. "Syl" has efficient secretarial help and I am sure you will receive excellent service from his office.

A second replacement on the Council was necessitated by the resignation of Dr. Evelyn Kenesson. Miss Kenesson will be remembered as the efficient local chairman at Bowling Green. Soon after being elected to the Council in 1947 she became a member of the speech staff at the University of Santa Barbara which has a chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha. Miss Kenesson expressed her appreciation to the members of Pi Kappa Delta for their confidence in electing her to the Council but felt that under the circumstances she must submit her resignation.

The junior member of the National Council is Professor D. J. Nabors of East Central State College, Ada, Oklahoma. "D.J." has long been associated with Pi Kappa Delta, having been an undergraduate student of the former president, Bill O'Connell. His experience in Pi Kappa Delta affairs include two years as governor of his province, service on the Charter Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Men's Debate Committee. He will be a valuable member of the National Council.

From the point of view of years served on the National Council, your officers this year are probably the youngest in the recent history of Pi Kappa Delta. Every one of them, however, has had years of experience in forensic matters and we can assure you an interesting National Convention in 1949.

Annual Report of Secretary-Treasurer

July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance, July 1, 1947	\$3,764.73	
Keys	3,792.91	
Fees	5,285.30	
Forensics	30.00	
Convention	14.88	
Provinces	14.21	
Certificates	9.50	
Interest on Investments	112.50	
Outstanding Checks Written Off	4.00	
Total Receipts		\$13,028.03

DISBURSEMENTS

Keys	\$3,946.51	
Postage	101.65	
Office Expenses	1,632.78	
Printing	381.33	
Forensics	1,398.50	
Convention	247.21	
Provinces	464.21	
Premium on Bonds	307.77	
Short Checks Charged	22.50	
Debate Committee	57.74	
Refunds	55.47	
Outstanding Check Formerly Written Off	2.00	
Total Disbursement		\$ 8,617.67

Book Balance, June 30, 1948	4,410.36
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Reconciliation of Bank Statement

Bank Balance, June 30, 1948		\$ 5,678.02
Less Outstanding Checks:		
No. 3677	\$ 1.25	
No. 3684	1,255.85	
No. 3686	2.56	
No. 3688	10.00	1,269.66
Corrected Bank Balance		\$ 4,408.36
Discrepancy		2.00
		\$ 4,410.36

Statement of Assets Owned

Cash in Weld County Savings Bank	\$4,408.36	
Colorado State Normal School Bonds	3,000.00	
U. S. Savings Bonds	1,850.00	
		\$ 9,258.36

CHAPTER REPORTS.

Chapter	Fees	Keys	Totals	Refunds
Alabama				
Alabama College	\$10.00	\$ 5.38	\$15.38	
Spring Hill College	60.00	-----	60.00	
Arkansas				
Henderson Teachers	20.00	-----	20.00	
State College	95.00	6.71	101.71	
California				
Univ. of Redlands	20.00	14.53	34.53	
Calif. Inst. of Tech.	25.00	-----	25.00	
Col. of the Pacific	25.00	19.25	44.25	\$5.49
U. C. L. A.	25.00	20.70	45.70	
Pepperdine College	65.00	68.58	133.58	
Colorado				
A & M College	40.00	91.90	131.90	
Greeley State	65.00	99.51	164.51	
Western St. College	25.00	21.33	46.33	
Florida				
Stetson Univ.	20.00	21.80	41.80	
Univ. of Miami	40.00	85.60	125.60	32.86
General Chapter		53.24	53.24	
Georgia				
Univ. of Georgia	25.00	27.24	52.24	
U. of G., Atlanta	70.00	-----	70.00	
Idaho				
College of Idaho	25.00	-----	25.00	
No. St. T. C.	10.00	-----	10.00	
Illinois				
Wesleyan Univ.	40.00	13.20	53.20	
Eureka College	40.00	54.63	94.63	
Bradley Univ.	40.00	34.60	74.60	
Monmouth College	55.00	55.98	110.98	
I. S. N. U.	53.00	6.50	59.50	
Shurtleff College	15.00	11.91	26.91	
Wheaton College	70.00	45.81	115.81	
Macomb Teachers	50.00	88.06	138.06	
Augustana College	78.70	15.50	94.20	
DePaul Univ.	20.00	5.00	25.00	
DeKalb Teachers Col.	20.00	-----	20.00	
E. St. T. C. Charleston ..	30.00	-----	30.00	
Milliken Univ.	60.00	87.31	147.31	
Illinois College	40.00	26.80	66.80	
Indiana				
Franklin College	55.00	44.60	99.60	
Iowa				
Central College	30.00	42.90	72.90	
Simpson College	35.00	34.11	69.11	
Parsons College	10.00	9.85	19.85	
Upper Iowa Univ.	45.00	18.71	63.71	
Coe College	15.00	13.21	28.21	
Westmar College	35.00	5.08	40.08	

Chapter	Fees	Keys	Totals	Refunds
Dubuque Univ.	30.00	26.31	56.31	
Drake Univ.	---	8.43	8.43	
Wm. Penn. College	---	17.36	17.36	
Luther College	35.00	---	35.00	
Kansas				
Ottawa Univ.	35.00	5.00	40.00	
Washburn Univ.	30.00	17.10	47.10	
Kansas State	25.00	---	25.00	
Southwestern College	30.00	---	30.00	
Emporia Teachers Col.	85.00	76.10	161.10	
Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	38.00	6.66	44.66	
Emporia St. T. Col.	---	5.60	5.60	
Baker Univ.	20.00	19.80	39.80	
Sterling College	35.00	4.88	39.88	
Bethany College	20.00	---	20.00	
Ft. Hays St. Col.	20.00	49.14	69.14	
Bethel College	---	7.80	7.80	
McPherson College	40.00	9.04	49.04	
Kentucky				
Georgetown College	30.00	---	30.00	
Centre College	---	.60	.60	
Wesleyan College	20.00	---	20.00	
Louisiana				
Louisiana College	55.00	---	55.00	
La. Polytech. Inst.	30.00	---	30.00	
S. W. La. Inst.	50.00	46.43	96.43	
Maine				
Colby College	---	19.90	19.90	4.56
Michigan				
Kalamazoo College	20.00	6.60	26.60	
Hope College	30.00	26.33	56.33	
Michigan State Col.	120.00	234.74	354.75	
Michigan St. Normal	110.00	107.82	217.82	
Univ. of Detroit	5.00	11.76	21.76	
Cent. Mich. Col. of Ed.	75.00	68.08	143.08	
Minnesota				
Macalester College	30.00	---	30.00	
St. Olaf College	45.00	7.34	52.34	
Gust. Adolphus Col.	5.00	23.00	28.00	
Hamline Univ.	45.00	35.70	80.70	
Col. of St. Thomas	40.00	5.10	45.10	
Col. of St. Catherine	75.00	63.10	138.10	
Mississippi				
Miss. State College	50.00	45.50	95.50	
Miss. St. Col. for Women	125.00	143.85	268.85	
Miss. So. College	50.00	---	50.00	
Missouri				
Westminster Col.	30.00	19.45	49.45	
Central Col.	45.00	7.40	52.40	5.00
Wm. Jewell Col.	55.00	9.35	64.35	
Culver-Stockton Col.	20.00	22.40	42.40	
Warrensburg Teachers Col.	20.00	---	20.00	

Chapter	Fees	Keys	Totals	Refunds
Kirksville T. Col.	20.00	6.10	26.10	
Cape Girardeau T. Col.	30.00	49.76	79.76	5.00
Drury College	20.00	-----	20.00	
Rockhurst Col.	55.00	16.97	71.97	
St. Louis Univ.	40.00	-----	40.00	
Montana				
State College	30.00	59.30	89.30	
Nebraska				
Wesleyan	40.00	70.97	110.97	
Doane Col.	40.00	47.93	87.93	
Hastings Col.	50.00	83.39	133.39	
Kearney T. Col.	75.00	63.32	138.32	
Omaha Univ.	65.50	-----	65.50	
Wayne T. Col.	15.00	-----	15.00	
Midland College	70.00	-----	70.00	
North Carolina				
No. Carolina State Col.	35.00	39.39	74.39	
Wake Forest Col.	15.00	-----	15.00	
Lenoir Rhyne Col.	25.00	24.02	49.02	
Ohio				
Baldwin-Wallace Col.	20.00	12.30	32.30	
Heidelberg Col.	35.00	27.62	62.62	
Hiram Col.	15.00	65.36	80.36	
Univ. of Akron	50.00	11.50	61.50	
Otterbein Col.	50.00	-----	50.00	
Marietta Col.	15.00	11.67	26.67	
Bowling Green St. Univ.	65.00	43.71	108.71	
Univ. of Toledo	5.00	13.42	18.42	
Kent State Univ.	25.60	42.84	68.44	
Oklahoma				
Okla. A & M	5.00	-----	5.00	
Univ. of Tulsa	-----	6.75	6.75	
Okla. Baptist Univ.	10.00	-----	10.00	
Okla. City Univ.	15.00	-----	15.00	
Ada Teachers Col.	10.00	4.80	14.80	
Durant Teachers Col.	-----	10.91	10.91	
Edmond Teachers Col.	10.00	10.16	20.16	
Oregon				
Linfield Col.	45.00	25.02	70.02	
Pennsylvania				
Grove City Col.	15.00	-----	15.00	
St. Vincent Col.	25.00	-----	25.00	
Seton Hill Col.	35.00	-----	35.00	
South Carolina				
Univ. of So. Carolina	15.00	44.90	59.90	
South Dakota				
Wesleyan Univ.	20.00	24.70	44.70	
Yankton Col.	50.00	19.22	69.22	
State Univ.	45.00	3.90	48.90	
Sioux Falls Col.	40.00	17.26	57.26	
Aberdeen Teachers Col.	45.00	-----	45.00	
Augustana Col.	30.00	-----	30.00	

Chapter	Fees	Keys	Totals	Refunds
Tennessee				
Maryville Col.	60.00	18.10	78.10	
Polytechnic Inst.	50.00	80.42	130.42	
Carson-Newman Col.	45.00	-----	45.00	
Texas				
Trinity Univ.	35.00	9.16	44.16	
East Texas T. Col.	5.00	-----	5.00	
Texas Christian Univ.	35.00	1.60	36.60	2.56
Denton T. Col.	25.00	36.64	61.64	
Hardin-Simmons Univ.	25.00	32.49	57.49	
Baylor Univ.	105.00	107.90	212.90	
Sam Houston T. Col.	35.00	-----	35.00	2.00
San Marcos T. Col.	50.00	2.00	52.00	
Stephen F. Austin T. Col.	45.00	-----	45.00	
Texas A & M	175.00	63.80	238.80	
Virginia				
Mary Washington Col.	40.00	-----	40.00	
Washington				
Seattle Pacific Col.	50.00	140.01	190.01	
Wash. State Col.	50.00	19.20	69.20	
West Virginia				
Wesleyan Univ.	25.00	-----	25.00	
Wisconsin				
Ripon Col.	-----	9.20	9.20	
Carroll Col.	30.00	24.11	54.11	
River Falls T. Col.	55.00	79.50	134.50	
	<u>\$5,285.30</u>	<u>\$3,792.91</u>	<u>\$9,078.21</u>	<u>\$57.48</u>

To the Officers of Pi Kappa Delta:

This is to certify that I have examined the books and records of the Treasurer for the period beginning July 1, 1947 and ending July 1, 1948.

The attached statements show the results fo my examination and, I believe, an accurate report on the financial status of the organization as of June 30, 1948, together with the operations during the period under consideration.

Respectfully,

A. O. COLVIN.

THE FORENSIC OF

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

For the first time in twenty-five years the notes from the secretary come from someone other than George Finley. I can only say that I shall try to carry on in a way that will promote the best interests of Pi Kappa Delta. It is a privilege to be associated in an active way once more with an organization which has brought rich friendships to Mrs. Toussaint and me. By the time this issue of THE FORENSIC reaches you we ought to be organized to give you a prompt response to all communications.

Key Orders

One matter of importance with respect to the office is already apparent. About three-fourths of the key orders are figured incorrectly and we have to recopy the order for Balfour and bill you for the difference. You forget to do two things:

1. Add the price of jewels other than pearl or amethyst;
2. Add the federal and state taxes of 22% on all costs except the handling charge.

An example follows of the correct figuring for the key of a student who is of the degree of fraternity, order of debate, which is the most frequent jewelery requested:

	Fob Size	Lavalier Size
Basic price of key	\$4.25	\$3.50
Ruby75	.75
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	\$5.00	\$4.25
Taxes	1.10	.93
Handling charge50	.50
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Total	\$6.60	\$5.68

You must also add price of emeralds, turquoises, diamonds, if the degree and order call for it, or the pin. The price of the miniature key includes the pin.

National Council Meeting



The National Council met in Greeley on August 28-29 with all members present. The coming national convention was the chief subject of discussion and action. The convention will open on Sunday, April 10, with a sacred concert appropriate to Palm Sunday, and close Friday, April 15. There will be contests in debate, oratory, extempore speaking and discussion for men and women. The complete time schedule and rules will be published in the January and March FORENSICS.

One feature of the program will be a Monday evening service designed as an appropriate memorial to George Finley and an opportunity to emphasize the fraternity of Pi Kappa Delta.

New chapters approved by the National Council after an affirmative referendum vote of the society are:

- No. 202—Washington Delta, Whitworth College Spokane, Wash.
- No. 203—Georgia Gamma, University of Georgia, Atlanta Division.
- No. 204—Mississippi Delta, Mississippi Southern, Hattiesburg.
- No. 205—Oregon Beta, Lewis and Clark College, Portland.

The council voted that in the future chapters would receive their charters at ceremonies held at National or provincial conventions. This does not mean that they cannot hold local installations nor initiate members before that time, but the action was taken in the hope that it would emphasize to old and new chapters alike the ties within the national organization.

The council also restored the original requirements for new chapters, some of which had been suspended since the beginning of the war period.

President Betz was instructed to appoint a committee to study the possibilities of a George Finley Memorial Award. This was a matter on which many chapters had already made suggestions.

Several recommendations for constitutional amendment were referred to the committee on revision. Various other convention committees were appointed and will be announced later when acceptances have been received.

Talk and Talkers

"Let this then be laid down among the first principles (and it will be better understood presently), that the eloquent man whom we are looking for cannot be rendered such without philosophy. Not indeed that there is everything necessary in philosophy, but that it is of assistance to an orator as the wrestling school is to an actor; for small things are often compared with great ones. For no one can express wide views, or speak fluently on many and various subjects, without philosophy. Since also, in the *Phaedrus* of Plato, Socrates says that this is what Pericles was superior to all other orators in, that he had been a pupil of Anaxagoras, the natural philosopher. And it was owing to him, in his opinion (though he had learned also many other splendid and admirable accomplishments), that he was so copious and imaginative, and so thoroughly aware—which is the main thing in eloquence—by what kinds of speeches the different parts of men's minds are moved."—Cicero.

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"It is not easy to describe, in words, the precise impression which great and sublime objects make upon us, when we behold them; but every one has a conception of it. It consists in a kind of admiration and expansion of the mind; it raises the mind much above its ordinary state, and fills it with a degree of wonder and astonishment, which it cannot well express. The emotion is certainly delightful; but it is altogether of the serious kind; a degree of awfulness and solemnity, even approaching to severity, commonly attends it when at its height; very distinguishable from the more gay and brisk emotion raised by beautiful objects."—Blair.

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"I return now to the proper and natural idea of the sublime in composition. The foundation of it must always be laid in the nature of the object described. Unless it be such an object as, if presented to our eyes, if exhibited to us in reality, would raise ideas of that elevating, that awful, and magnificent kind, which we call sublime; the description, however finely drawn, is not entitled to come under this class. This excludes all objects that are merely beautiful, gay or elegant. In the next place, the object must not only, in itself, be sublime, but it must be set before us in such a light as is most proper to give us a clear and full impression of it; it must be described with strength, with conciseness, and simplicity. This depends, principally, upon the lively impression which the poet or orator, has of the object which he exhibits; and upon his being deeply affected and warmed, by the sublime idea which he would convey. If his own feeling be languid, he can never inspire us with any strong emotion. Instances, which are extremely necessary on this subject, will clearly show the importance of all those requisites which I have just now mentioned."—Blair.

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Less than a year ago, a college orator representing a college with a long and splendid tradition in intercollegiate oratory denounced science and scientists as relentless enemies of religion and the good life. Both individual scientists and systems of scientific thought were alleged to debase man and to encourage materialism and skepticism. That scientists had checked disease, eased pain, provided nutriment, and in thousands of other ways made life easier and more productive went unacknowledged. That as a result of the work of the scientists, ignorance, and superstition and intolerance gave way to understanding and insight was no mitigation of offenses.

The opinions of the young orator, held by many, illustrate how tremendous may be the gap between two equally sincere groups of people, each claiming that right is on its side. If in the future the great rifts in our society are to be closed, the highest type of persuasive speaking and writing will be needed.

Whatever other academic interests a college student may have, he cannot escape the responsibility of being interested in the basic problems of human communication, if he is to contribute to the tragically needed social unity.

Chapter News



The Southwestern College will hold its annual extemporaneous speaking and debate tournament on December 6 and 7. Teams from nearly 100 colleges and universities are expected. This tournament now under the direction of J. D. Hansen, head of the Department of Speech, has become the outstanding tournament of the year.

Southwestern will also hold a high school debate tournament on November 19 and 20.

Bradley University will hold its speech tournament at Peoria, Illinois, on November 18 and 19. Bradley University also announces the organization of a speakers bureau in which Pi Kappa Delta members are very active. This bureau is composed of both students and faculty members and offers its services to college and civic clubs needing programs. Vinson Miller, Carolyn Jurgens, James Killespie, and William Ward have spoken a number of times before a wide variety of audiences.

Dr. Lawrence E. Norton, formerly of Eureka College, has joined Dr. Clara Mawhinney in the Speech Department at Bradley University.

A number of schools reported on the year's activities too late in May for an account to be given in the May FORENSIC. A summary of those reports is given below.

Louisiana College reported having attended eight tournaments during the school year 1947-48. The year was climaxed by their receiving an invitation to the National Debate Tournament at Westpoint Military Academy. In addition to tournaments the debaters held a large number of discussion groups throughout the community of Pineville.

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, although not successful in a number of wins, reported a satisfying year for new debaters. Individual speakers won a number of poetry reading contests and placed high in oratory, after-dinner speaking, and extemporaneous speaking. Probably the most worth-

while undertaking was the panel they held on the question, "Should Discrimination Between the Negro in the South Be Eliminated?" The panel was presented before the student body and a record was made of the entire discussion. The results were enthusiastically received.

Southwestern Louisiana Institute reported that the highlight of its season was the winning of sweepstakes honors in Forensics at Durant, Oklahoma. Their season was closed with the annual, "Speech Takes a Holiday," picnic. Pi Kappa Delta officers elected at the final meeting are: William Deny, president; Calvin Blue, vice-president; Marguerite Richard, secretary; Billie Trahan reporter.

Southwestern State College under the leadership of P. A. Houston climaxed its successful season by attending the National Tournament at United States Military Academy at West Point.

A new squad at West Virginia Wesleyan Institute revived debate and again established the Pi Kappa Delta chapter on an active basis. The squad held twenty intercollegiate debates and participated in the state tournament.

East Central State College at Ada, Oklahoma, under the directorship of National Council Member, D. J. Nabors, placed second in four important tournaments and first in two regional tournaments. In addition the Pi Kappa Delta chapter conducted the annual football queen contest and raised \$2100 for their Forensics activities and the student memorial fund.

Texas Christian University reported winning first place in four regional tournaments, second place in four. The year was climaxed by winning fifth place in the National Tournament at West Point.

The Colorado Beta Chapter at Colorado State College of Education received the award for being the most active organization on the campus.

The Texas Nu Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta became a new organization to the campus at Texas College of Arts and Industries in November, 1947. Installation ceremony conducted by Baylor University's Glenn Capp, Past President for Pi Kappa Delta, was held at a banquet which highlighted the Texas A. & I. Forensic Tournament. Although this tournament was the first of its kind to be held at A. & I. College, it was attended by seven colleges—six from Texas and one from Arkansas. Plans are being made to continue this event annually.

The debating season began for the squad with the Southwest Texas State Teachers College Speech meet at San Marcos, Texas. Patti Myers placed "superior" in poetry reading and "excellent" in Bible reading. George Rhodes gained an excellent rating in Men's Extemporaneous Speaking.

The Sam Houston State Teachers College Forensic Tournament was attended by the debate squad. At this meet Billy Wylie and Jack Brown placed second.

Five teams traveled to Waco for the Baylor University Forensic meet. Rita Binkley and Jane McBath advanced to the quarter-finals in Junior Women's Debate.

The outstanding event of the season was a trip to New Orleans to attend the Glendy Burke Centennial Tournament at Tulane University.

The debate squad concluded its intercollegiate activities by attending the provincial Pi Kappa Delta debate tournament at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Six new members, Rita Binkley, Joe Brown, Jack Brown, Billy G. Wylie, Roy Hranicky, and George Rhodes, were initiated into the Texas Nu Chapter on May 6, 1948. Next year this debate squad promised to be even larger and more active in the various forensic contests.