

eight-cent fare becomes un-American. The Revolutionary fathers died to prevent it. Lincoln suffered that it might not come to pass, resistance to it was implied in the death of those who sleep in France.

The tendency I'm talking about was what Dr. Samuel Johnson had in mind when he said "Patriotism is the last resort of a scoundrel."

Then, too, we know of the tendency in politics to indulge in ad hominem personal attacks. George Creel, in an article in the *Woman's Home Companion* last year, said in effect that this type of attack still carries more weight with the American people than pure reasoning, and from his activities in the Public Information Service during the war he certainly ought to be qualified to speak on the workings of the mass mind. William Rainey Bennett, in a Convocation Address last year deplored the fact that the American people are too ready to believe the stories about a man in public life having been "caught with a blonde." All of us are familiar with the whispering campaigns of politics.

Now I recognize full well that all of us are subject to prejudice, that we often read to confirm our prejudices, that all the influences that come to us are conditioned by our past experiences. But at the same time I feel that the college debater, knowing of the dangers of prejudice, does his utmost to fight it, and that, for the most part, he is less susceptible to, and more immune from, some of these malign influences.

Talking about whispering campaigns leads directly to the third advantage accruing from intercollegiate debating. The college debater does not indulge in personalities. He recognizes that there are two distinct fields, the field of issues and the field of personalities. We will concede that sometimes there is a sort of twilight zone which makes it seem difficult to talk about issues without touching upon personalities. But it isn't considered good form in debating any more to be calling each other liars. It is said of Senator Borah that he always confined himself to issues, that during his long protracted fight against the League of Nations he never once made a slighting personal reference

against President Wilson. I was reading an article not long ago telling how Woodrow Wilson was riding along Pennsylvania Avenue in the declining days of his life. Seeing Senator Borah on horseback, he turned to his companion and, pointing a bony finger at the Senator, said: "There is one irreconcilable whom I can respect." That thrilled me.

Or, let's come down to date. Let's take Carter Glass and President Roosevelt, good Democrats both. Carter Glass just couldn't see these inflationary powers that were voted to the President. He delivered a very impassioned speech against the measure in the 100 days Congress. At the same time he said: "It is painful for me to disagree with the occupant of the White House whom I love and respect."

I believe that in the field of controversy there is a tremendous opportunity for the application of the Golden Rule. Too many of us are like Deacon Stebbins whom Glenn Frank tells of in one of his speeches. When a quarrel was developing in the church, the Deacon said, "I ain't made up my mind what side I am gonna take but when I do I'm gonna be awful bitter."

Now if I seem to be talking in riddles and about things far away, I suggest a few names: Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his "forgotten man" speech, was accused of being a demagogue. Herbert Hoover had the expression used about him, in connection with the charge that he was a foreigner, that he should go back to England "where reside his victims and his friends."

The fourth advantage from intercollegiate debating is this: the debater learns to acquire the proper attitude toward controversial questions. And by attitude I might just as well put in a synonym and call it tolerance. I think a little more tolerance in this funny old world would go a long way anyway. Sometimes we try to outdo ourselves in intolerance as was the case with the two merchants. One of them put up a sign "We are one hundred per cent American; we hate Negroes, Jews, and Catholics," and the other, not to be outdone, put up a sign, "We are two hundred per cent American; we hate everybody."

I realize very well when we talk of tolerance and use words like "broadmindedness" and "narrow-mindedness", I am on quite shaky ground. Whole volumes have been written on the subject, and for lack of time it is so easy to be misunderstood. I am inclined to think that perhaps one of the most narrow-minded of persons is the one who is too ready to call the other person narrow-minded. Let us, like a good debater, define terms and dissect tolerance as I am speaking of it into its component parts.

The college debater recognizes that "there is much to be said on both sides." It isn't considered good form any more to prove anything "beyond the shadow of a doubt." The debater knows that controversial questions have to be settled, as do questions of civil law, according to the preponderance of the evidence. He learns also to hold suspended judgments in such cases where immediate decision is not required. He does not jump at conclusions. Jumping at conclusions isn't good exercise anyway as the dog found out when he jumped at the conclusion of the mule! Next, he constantly investigates with a receptive mind and, lastly, he changes his mind when occasion demands, and he doesn't do it either with the attitude of one man who said, "I can change my mind all right, but I'd like to see the man who can make me do it."

Now, in all this, I am not urging that we do not espouse causes vigorously. I do not urge a nonchalant Light-a-Murad failure to take a side just because there is much to be said on both sides. I am not urging that we pull our punches and hedge as did the minister who took liberties with the gospel and preached on the amended text, "Except ye repent to a degree, and be converted in a measure, ye shall be damned to an extent." Consider the fiery, zealous speech of Patrick Henry, which enabled many of us to win first prize in declamation, the one climaxed with the impassioned "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" There certainly was no pulling of punches there, and yet, that speech *began* with these often forgotten words: "No man thinks more highly than I do of the patriotism, as well as the ability of the two

worthy gentlemen who have just addressed the house."

Now I am fearfully afraid of being misunderstood at this point, and I don't want to be. In my imaginative ear I can just hear someone say to me, "Young man, you've got a lot to learn. You stress tolerance too much. Remember truth is eternal. There can be no compromise with wrong. We must have the courage of our convictions." I agree to every word of it. There is nothing irreconcilable in this with the attitude of tolerance I urge.

We all appreciate the lone voice calling in the wilderness ahead of his time. We all recognize that "the heterodoxy of one generation is the orthodoxy of the next," and nowhere is this more apparent than in the present peaceful political revolution we are undergoing at the present time. We know that Holy Writ opposes the Laeodician lukewarm, neither-hot-nor-cold attitude. We thrill at the memory of the martyrs who would not recant their faith.

But I'm involved in no inconsistency. Here is how I would explain that. There are certain things in the moral law that all of us are agreed upon. There is unanimity among all right-minded citizens on such points as: sexual immorality is reprehensible; temperance is desirable; murder isn't the best of form in civilized countries.

The kind of thing I've been talking about is in the field of controversial questions. These are questions upon which honest men may, can, and do differ. Truth there need not be defended; truth isn't known; it is in process of discovery. We don't debate such questions as "Resolved: That a judge should not accept a bribe." It is a mistake to talk about the "right" and "wrong" of some of these debatable questions.

Now in telling you these things I am not deluding myself into thinking I'm saying anything new. I make no pretense of saying anything original. Aristotle in his *Rhetoric* long before Christ pointed out that "Just causes may, at times, lead two wise men to take different sides." But I do think that the seat of many of our difficulties today lies in our forgetting this old truth. There is a tendency on the part of many to take things out of this one category of controversial questions, to invest them with halos of right and wrong

and to move them into the other category, and then to feel righteous about doing so, and to vent indignation and wrath upon the opposing issues and the people who hold them.

I believe that some of those who boast of having the courage of their convictions in reality have nothing but the cowardice of their prejudices. This is a world of give and take, and there are people who instead of being deserving of praise are just plain mule stubborn.

These, then, are the contributions of intercollegiate debating to citizenship. Some of you will readily detect that college debaters do not have all of these qualities, especially the last two points, avoiding personalities and possessing a tolerant attitude. They are perhaps more observed in the breach than in the observance. But they are reasonably good guide rules which all educated men try to observe with regard to questions of controversy.

We face many problems today. The age itself can be characterized by the characterization of Professor William James of a new-born baby, "A bloomin', buzzin' confusion." What shall we think of Hitler's rise in Germany, of the N.R.A., of the activities of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, of the recent repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment? All of these are subjects clamoring for attention and calling for solution. It is a time, too, of turmoil and stress, of strain, of fretting and fuming, of irritability, and of jangled nerves.

Now my thought in closing is just this: If we apply these two guide rules toward all our questions of controversy, then it may be that this country on the road to its destiny may not solve its problems faster, although I think it will; it may be that these problems will not be solved more accurately, although I think they will be. But one thing is certain, we shall have a happier, kindlier, gentler time while we are on the way.

Student Representatives

The constitution of Pi Kappa Delta provides for two student members of the National Council. Article V, Division C2, paragraph 4 states: "The Student Members shall be elected in the following manner: The Chapter which is to be host to the National Biennial Convention shall elect, not later than the Fifteenth of October prior to the convention, a Student Representative on the National Council. The second Student Representative who shall be of the opposite sex, shall be elected from one of the other chapters in the host province, the election being held not later than the fifteenth of November, following that of the first Student Representative." In the same section, paragraph 9 reads: "The Student Representatives shall be regular voting members of the Council. They shall perform such duties as shall be assigned them by the National President. They shall hold office only while undergraduates." We present on this page your student representatives on

the National Council for the Brookings Convention.

Robert Maek, a junior chemistry major at South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota, is completing his third year of competition in discussion and debate, his second year in extempore speaking. He holds the Degree of Proficiency. He is one of six national recipients of a \$1000 scholarship grant by the National Association of Manufacturers and has recently returned from an all-expense trip to the Congress of American Industry, New York City.

Beverly Jones, a junior speech major at Huron College, Huron, South Dakota, is now in her third year of collegiate competition in discussion, debate, and oratory. Last year she won the State Contest in Women's Oratory and represented South Dakota in the Interstate at Evanston, Illinois. Miss Jones holds the Degree of Honor and is secretary of her chapter.

Ridin' the Provinces

This writer is one of those demented people who enjoys playing with numbers. It was sheer joy to know that our Secretary-Treasurer shares some of the same mania. Out of my curiosity and D. J. Nabors information this column grew. By examining the rolls of Pi Kappa Delta back to 1921 at approximately five year intervals we were able to dig out some information about the nature of the growth of our organization by chapters. It shows partly that our organization has followed the national population trend in its growth. However, this is not all, for human personality and sectional attitudes toward debate is also a factor.

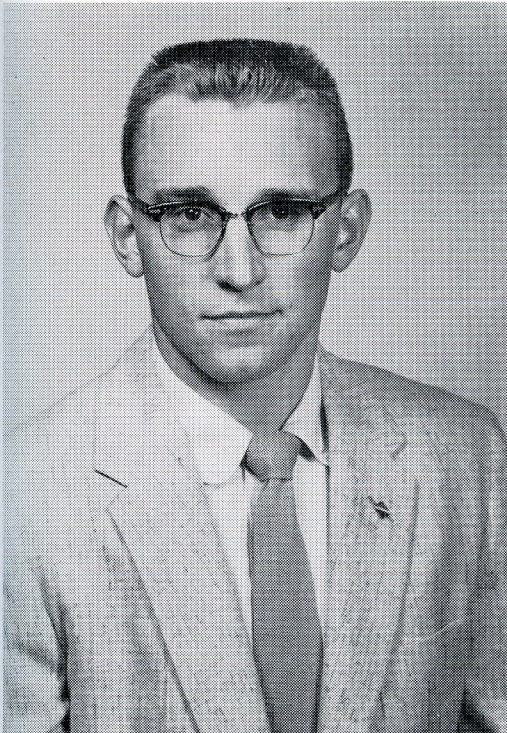
In the early years Kansas, the state of our founding, had the largest number of chapters. However, by 1935 the force of population gave Illinois a lead which she has never relinquished. Today, counting charters that are currently being processed, Illinois has 21, California 13, Kansas, Missouri and Texas 12; Iowa, and Oklahoma 10, South Dakota 9 and Minnesota, Ohio and Washington 8. Ignoring California and Washington which will be discussed later, we see that the pattern of our strength has been in the populous Middle West (Ohio to the Missouri River) and the much less populous plains states (from North Dakota to Texas). These plains states were so strong that in 1921 they were almost equal to the more industrial areas of the Middle West and they still run a strong second ahead of the rising west (from the Rockies to the Pacific). The lack of population, not interest in forensics, has held back the colleges of the Great Plains.

The westward population movement is probably reflected in the growth of the number of chapters in the West. It poses the only real challenge to the second place position of the Plains. Washington, for instance, has added five chapters since 1945 to take its place in the top eleven states. California added two chapters at the last convention, will add two more this year and has one more in process. In part this can be attributed to the natural growth

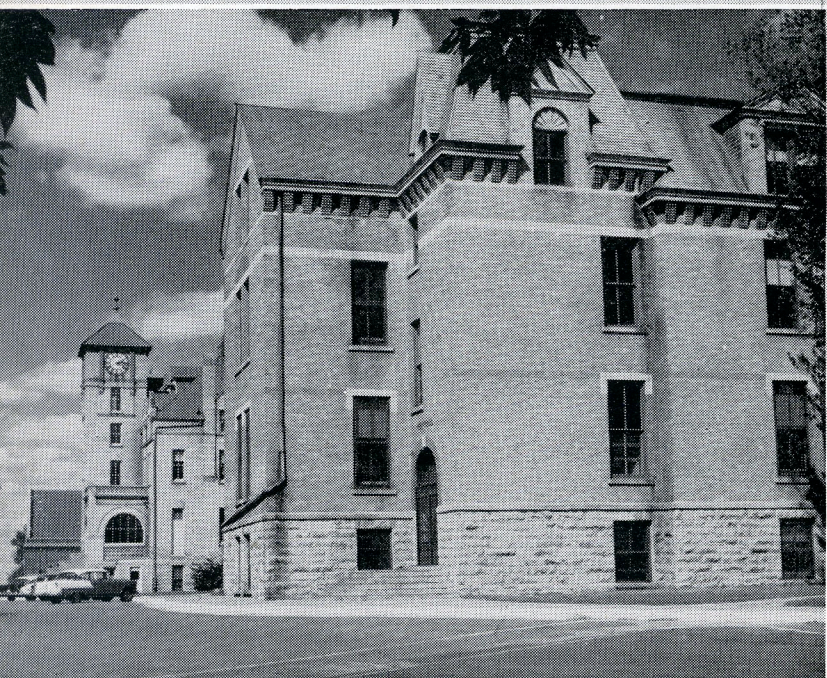
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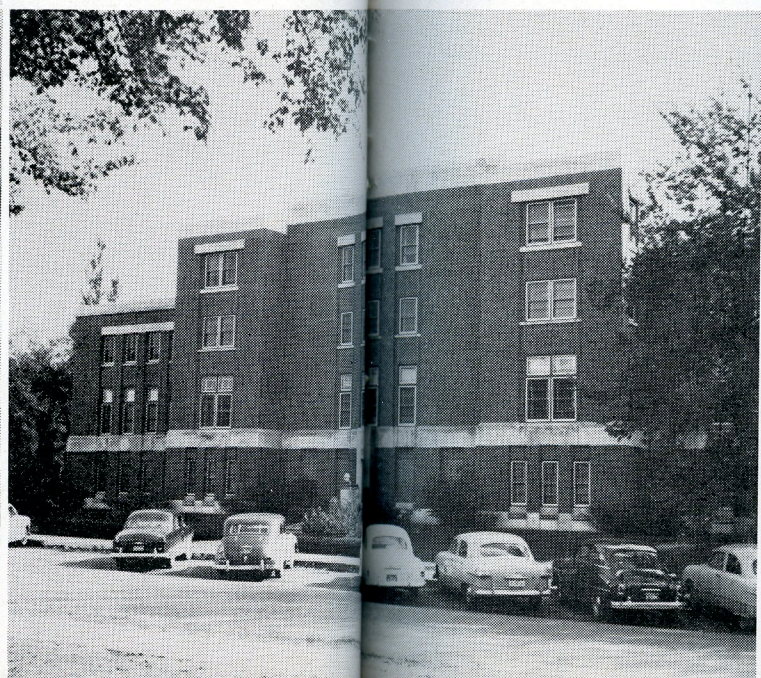
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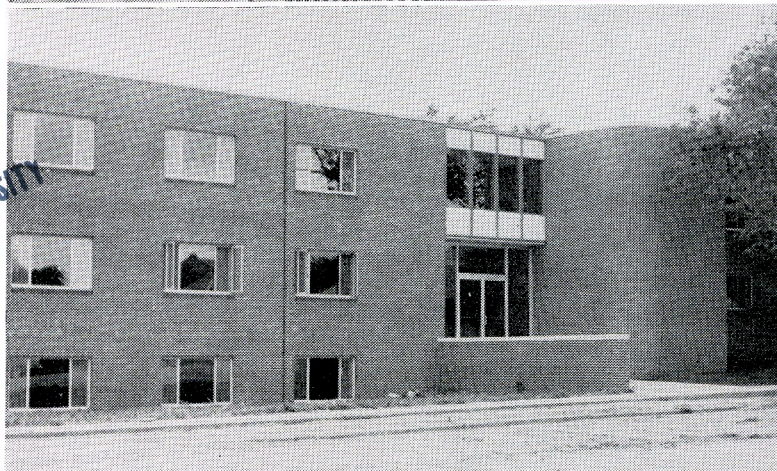
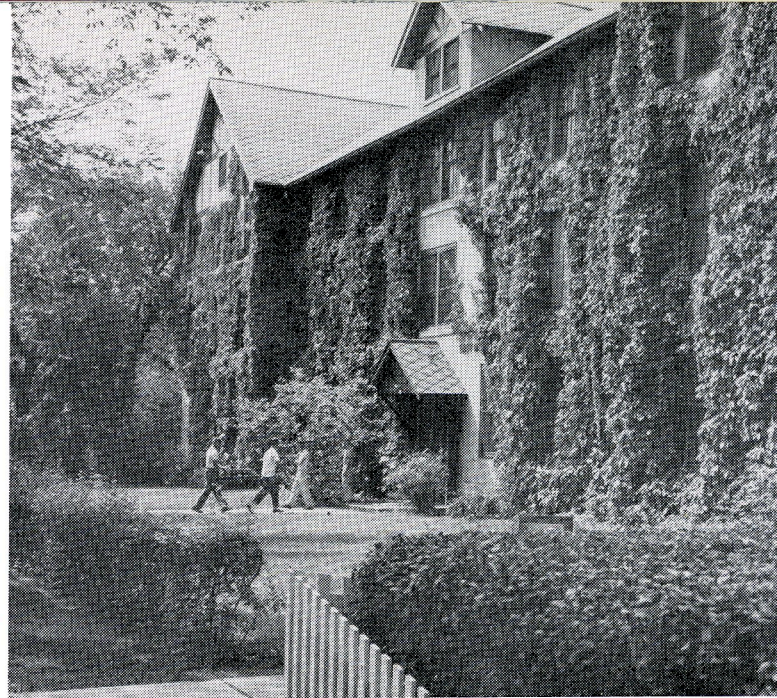


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President's Letter

Within a month Pi Kappa Deltans from all over the United States will be on their way to our Twentieth National Convention in Brookings, South Dakota. I am happy to report that all signs indicate that everything will be in readiness for a banner convention. We are exerting every pressure on the weatherman to give us sunny skies and moderate temperatures. No final assurances have been given at this date, but we are encouraged by the mildness of the winter we have had so far. But no matter what the weather, the warmth of our fraternal spirit will keep us comfortable. If everyone does his part, nothing can keep us from having an enjoyable and profitable time as guests of South Dakota State College.

In a former letter on this page, I suggested that the National Council is trying to create a real convention atmosphere during our Brookings meeting. I would like to tell you here about several special events that are deserving of emphasis. One of our distinguished guests will be Senator Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota. He will deliver the pre-discussion address on Monday afternoon, April 15th. This feature has been introduced as a means of accentuating the significance of the discussion event in our program. Senator Mundt is an able speaker whose familiarity with foreign policy legislation will add much to our realization of the significance of this year's discussion question.

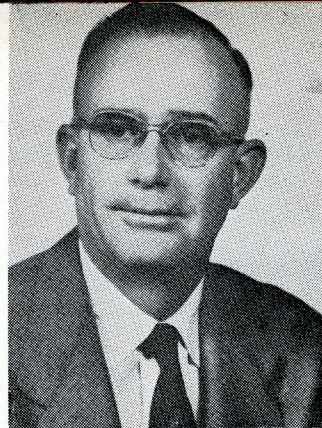
Senator Mundt will also receive Pi Kappa Delta's first Distinguished Alumni Award. Your National Council decided at its summer meeting to single out one or more of its distinguished alumni every biennium for this award. We felt that it was a good thing to recognize in this way those men and women who have applied the talents of public speaking in the service of their fellow men. We are certain that our membership will endorse this new venture of our fraternity. We are grateful to our Public Relations and Research Committee who have worked out the details of the citation and the award.

Another feature of our Brookings Convention will be an address by Professor Robert T. Oliver of Pennsylvania State College on Wednesday at 10:30 in the morning. Professor Oliver comes to us with a wide background and experience as a speech educator and as a prolific writer in our field. He also has performed significant work for our government, including a recent assignment in South Korea.

Our convention program also includes several entertainment features to break the monotony of forensic competition and the educational diet. Several movies have been arranged by the host chapter to help relieve the tension that mounts as competition stiffens. The host province entertainment on Monday evening, the Pi Kappa Delta talent night on Wednesday, and the convention dance on Thursday evening will give delegates a chance to further their social interests.

Several new Pi Kappa Delta chapters will receive their charters during the Sunday evening convocation. To the delegates and directors of these schools we extend a warm hand of fellowship. To these groups our Twentieth Convention will be a memorable one. To all of us it will be the highlight of this forensic season. To all of you, on behalf of the National Council and all the committee members who have been, and will be, working on the many phases of the convention, I extend a hearty welcome to Brookings.

Secretary's Page



Less than a week after the entry blanks for the National were mailed several had been filled out and returned to this office. As this is being written, the deadline for entries is still two weeks away and it is impossible to give an accurate report on attendance at the National, but all indications point to an increase in attendance over our other post-war conventions.

Several petitions have been received by the Charter Committee by those trying to make the deadline for the Convention. Ten or more new charters will be presented at South Dakota State.

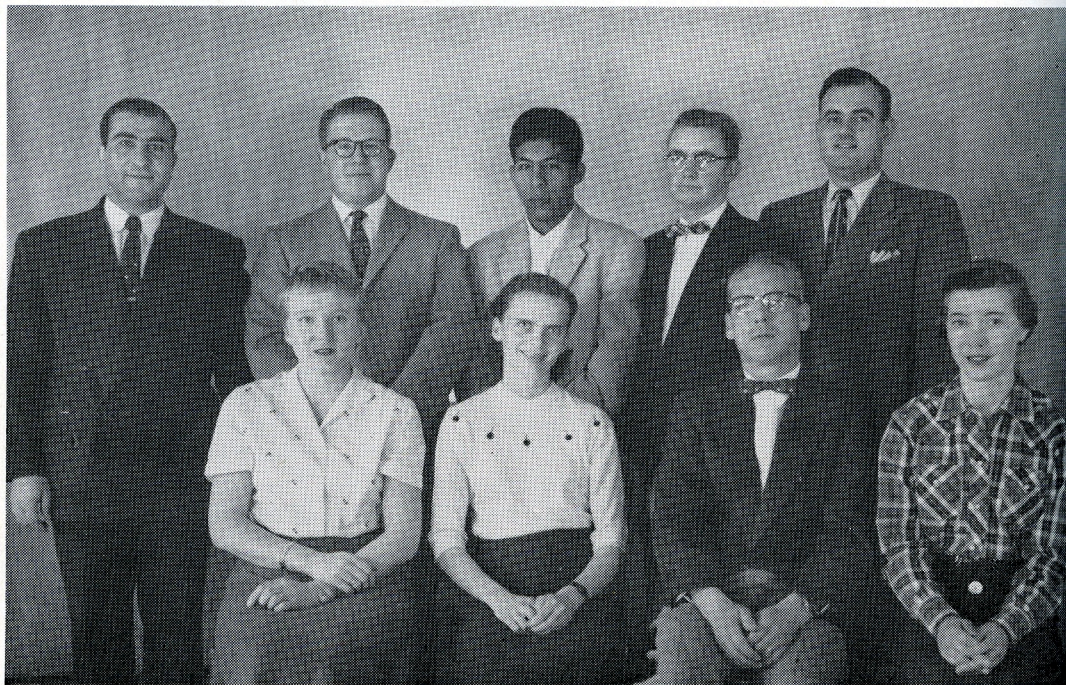
Many chapters have stationery made to order by local printers. In an attempt to standardize Pi Kappa Delta stationery, the Balfour Co., our official jewelers, has been designated as official stationers. Samples and prices may be received by writing directly to the Balfour Company. Some interest has been manifested in a ring for Past-Governors and the Balfour Company has been asked to submit possible designs for such a ring.

Take advantage of the opportunity while at the National to replenish your supply of rituals, membership application blanks, key order forms and other supplies while at the Convention. A delay of several days can be avoided by placing your order while at South Dakota State. Occasionally we receive a rush order for a key by someone who assumes that we have them in stock ready to be mailed. All keys are made on special order and two or three weeks should be allowed for delivery during the early part of the year while as much as six weeks may be necessary during the months of April and May.

When Pi Kappa Delta resumed its National Conventions after the close of the war the National Council passed a resolution to the effect that its program should be in keeping with the general aims of education and speech education in particular, and that its program should be re-evaluated from time to time to keep it in step with those aims. Much effort has been expended during the months since the 1955 convention with this purpose in view. Old-timers in PKD convention attendance will note that the features which have stood the test of time have been retained while new features have been added. The schedule of events has been changed to provide a more balanced schedule with the adjournment by Friday noon. Thus there will be no Friday afternoon contests to overlap the Good Friday observance. This will be free time for worship services, listening to the Good Friday broadcasts or travel for those desiring an early start on the return trip home.

Bring your copy of the Pi Kappa Delta Constitution to Brookings. Due to the number of new chapters the supply of constitutions is low. Another printing will not be made until after the National in order to make the changes that may result from action at Brookings.

Chapter Notes



STANDING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Munir Ibrahim; Mike Benson; Ben Sanchez; John Aydelotte and Richard Thomason. **SEATED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Lisa Krupka; Marcella Horn; Bill Turner, Director, and Patty Kulp.

ADAMS STATE COLLEGE

The Adams State College speech squad recently received notice of approval by the national office of Pi Kappa Delta. The squad was organized three years ago under the direction of Mr. Bill Turner. Bad luck in the form of drop-outs caused slow progress with the group until this year. Although handicapped by the fact that few high schools in the area from which the college draws its students ever participate in speech work, the squad has grown. Interest is at a high level. Novice debaters have much to learn, but the group puts in long hours and members have developed quickly. A point of stable participation seems to have been reached.

This year the squad has participated in speech meets at Colorado University, Colorado State College of Education, Denver University, and Colorado College. All members anticipate the journey to South

Dakota State where the Pi Kappa Delta charter will be officially granted.

The ASC squad might be called "cosmopolitan." One student, Munir Ibrahim, is from Iraq; another, Lisa Krupka, is from Czechoslovakia and the director, Bill Turner, was born in England. In addition, a Spanish boy participates as an orator.

ALABAMA COLLEGE

Alabama College forensics lost its international flavor this year as Samira Khaki, who represented the college in numerous discussions of Near Eastern Affairs, graduated in January and returned to her home in Cairo, Egypt. Raquel Szantal, from Bogota, Columbia is also unable to compete this spring.

The recently-elected chapter officers at Alabama Beta are Geneva Bryant, President, and Gloria Bell, Secretary.

BETHEL

The Kansas Xi Chapter is carrying on an extensive program to revive interest in forensics activities and Pi Kappa Delta on the Bethel College campus. On September 21 a discussion and social was held for all prospective members as well as alumni of the local chapter to promote interest in the coming season of forensic activities.

Besides the usual participation in inter-collegiate tournaments the chapter replenished the treasury by managing the publicity and ticket sales of the fall play in cooperation with the school's drama department.

A special spring responsibility of the Chapter is the 1957 Kansas Conference forensics tournament to be held on the campus in March.

During intervening months several projects were discussed and investigated as Pi Kappa Delta promotions. The school library received several suggestions as to needed source material for debate. Also a spring initiation banquet was discussed.

The most concentrated effort of speech promotion included publicity for all activities of the debate squad in various publications. This included the latest and most successful debate of the season for the Bethel squad at Pittsburgh State College, February 1 and 2. Leonard Goering and Ivan Harder were ranked as one of the top four teams but met defeat in the semi-finals. Jim Juhnke and Mary Ann Lagree had a three win, one bye, and two loss record. Winona Waltner ranked third in oratory.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

The Illinois Delta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is involved in a busy season of inter-collegiate forensic activities. Forty-one Bradley undergraduates will participate in twenty speech tournaments this season. The local undergraduate membership of Pi Kappa Delta now stands at eighteen.

On March 30, two British debaters, encountered two Bradley debaters in a public debate. The Bradley Pi Kappa Deltas again sponsored the annual Bradley Invitational Speech Tournament last November. Other activities of the chapter include introduction of all speakers appearing in the lecture-arts program, the publication

of an annual brochure on forensic activities of the year, and the selection of a speaker of the year from the local area, who is given honorary membership in Delta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. Last year Senator Everett M. Dirksen was the Chapter choice.

CENTRAL COLLEGE (Iowa)

Eight schools met at Central College on Saturday, February 9, for the annual Turn-of-the-Semester tournament. Twenty-eight teams competed from Cornell College, Drake University, Iowa State College, Iowa State Teachers College, Missouri State College (Kirksville, Mo.), Simpson College, Wartburg College, and Central College.

The three Central teams competing were Shirley Groendyke and Carolyn Coleman, John Reynen and Neal Busker, Bethene Ohm and Larry Suntken. Two of these three teams competed again in the Nebraska University tournament at Lincoln, Nebraska; the State University of Iowa tournament at Iowa City; the Iowa Forensic Association tournament at Cornell at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and in the National Pi Kappa Delta tournament at Brookings, South Dakota.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Michigan Theta claims to be the only chapter with two Province governors. Dr. Gilbert Rau, who was elected to the office of Governor of the Province of Missouri, is now at *Central Michigan College* assisting Dr. Emil Pfister, who is Governor of the Province of the Lakes, with the discussion and debate program. Under the direction of these two men Central Michigan College has been very active this first semester. They served as hosts of a high school debate tournament as well as promoted intercollegiate speech activities on campus. The alumni files are being brought up to date and about a hundred Pi Kappa Delta calendars were sent with Christmas greetings to alumni scattered all over the nation.

Theta Chapter consists of twenty student members and eight faculty members the first semester and sixteen new members were initiated on February 24. This raised the chapter to an all-time high in

membership. The treasury also is in excellent condition since each member donates to the Chapter their first fee earned in judging high school debates. Plans are being made for Theta Chapter to be represented in all events at the National Convention.

Twenty-eight of Central's debaters have participated in forty-seven decision debates so far this year winning thirty-seven and losing ten. Two Central freshmen-sophomore teams won the second place trophy at the Freshmen-Sophomore Tournament at the *University of Illinois, Navy Pier*, losing only to Notre Daame. Central's senior debaters coached the novice teams which won 12 out of 18 debates at the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Novice Tournament. They have also been debating "teacher merit rating" before various teacher's clubs all over the lower peninsula of Michigan. They have enjoyed the audience situation so much that it will be difficult for them to go back to tournament debating.

CENTRAL COLLEGE (Missouri)

Central College, Missouri Gamma Chapter made a "flying start" with seven wins in eight debates at the Midwest Speech Festival at Kirksville, Missouri. Partly responsible for the good beginning were such new additions to the squad as Bill Hughes and Roberta Woodwington who teamed with Pi Kappa Deltans Ronald Unser and Stanley Geiger. The squad numbers sixteen debaters. Non-decision debates with the University of Missouri squad are now regularly scheduled.

Gamma's faculty adviser, Harold C. Svanoë, former governor of the Province,

is leading a second tour of Europe this summer. Traveling with him and Mrs. Svanoë will be approximately thirty students and friends of the college.

COLLEGE OF IDAHO

Beginning with two active members in the fall, Idaho Alpha of the Province of the Northwest has now added ten new members to its chapter at the College of Idaho.

Under direction of Dr. Lester McCrery, who came here last fall, the forensic program at the college now lists 18 students taking part in various activities. Before coming to Idaho, Dr. McCrery was director of forensics at California Institute of Technology where he piloted California Gamma members through three national conventions.

Twelve members of C of I's forensics squad attended the Columbia Valley practice tournament at Pullman in October. Two men's teams attended the Western Speech Association at Stockton in November where one team went into quarter finals in debate, and where Jess Armas, freshman, took second place in extempore speaking. In December the students pictured on this page were first winners of the Ada County Bar Association rotating tri-college debate trophy. In December, also, Idaho Alpha sponsored a third dis-

TEN NEW MEMBERS were added to Idaho Alpha of the Province of the Northwest this year. Shown above with their newly-acquired Ada County Bar Association debate trophy are the following: standing, left to right, Dave Spilver, chapter president; Mark Worden, Bill Van Every, Jess Armas and Fred Grant; seated are Donna Liechty, Dr. Lester McCrery, Donna Grant and George Forschler. Not in the picture are Lavonne Skalsky, Phyllis Redfield, and Earl Neumeister.

