

trict high school debate tournament on the campus at the College of Idaho.

Getting in trim for the national this year, C of I debaters will take part in the Idaho Speech Conference at Idaho State College in February, and in the Linfield College tournament in Oregon in March. At the Idaho Speech Conference last year Fred Grant, shown in picture, won first place in oratory, extempore speaking, and debate.

CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE

The Culver-Stockton College Chapter has had strong debate teams the last five years but has done little in the other fields of speech. Four seniors graduated last year having excellent ratings in debate. Barry Williams and Roy Griggs are now in the College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, working toward B.D. degrees. Harold Martin entered the Medical School of the University of Missouri, and Carol Budorick has entered business in a bond agency in Chicago. They feel their experience in debate was very helpful.

This season Culver-Stockton has one senior men's debate team, Gary Glick of Brentwood, Missouri, and Jack Barnes of Kansas City. They have won half of their debates this year and will represent the college at the National Convention. Three beginning teams who will be heard from in the future.

DAVID LIPSCOMB COLLEGE

The Tennessee Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has participated in three debate tournaments this season: The Western Kentucky Tournament at Bowling Green on November 17, 1956, the *Millsaps* Tournament at Jackson, Mississippi, on January 11 and 12, 1957, and the All South Agnes Scott Tournament at Atlanta, Georgia on January 12, 1957. David Thomas and John Barton won first place in the Western Kentucky Tournament, and a team group composed of James Vandiver, Charles Trevathan, Marlin Connelly and Phillip Slate took the first place award at the All Southern Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

The Drake University Debate Team, composed of Bill Jasper, Will Hefter, Neal Leas, and Larry Torgerson, is actively preparing for the coming semester's forensic activities. The team has won the Iowa Debate Championship two years in a row and last year won the Iowa Sweepstakes Trophy which covers all forensic events in the tournament. So far this year, they have debated and discussed at Grinnell and Simpson Colleges and Omaha, Bradley, and Northwestern Universities. At Bradley, the team compiled a record of 4 superiors and 13 excellents. Having been quite successful this year they are eagerly awaiting the State and National Speech Tournaments.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE COLLEGE

East Tennessee State's President Burgin E. Dossett was made an honorary member of Pi Kappa Delta last year as Tennessee Gamma chapter initiated eight members. Ten new members will be initiated into the chapter this year. The officers for this year are Bill Hammond, president; Roy Bledsoe, secretary; Wayne Davis, historian; Hugh Johnson, *representative* to the Student Senate; and Jack King, chaplain.

Last year in addition to presenting panel discussions to various groups and high schools and judging in the high school tournaments, the group traveled 4200 miles to five tournaments including the Southern Speech Association in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

During this year, under the direction of Dr. Chase S. Winfrey, the group has presented panel discussions to various organizations and over television and participated in an intercollegiate debate tournament the Appalachian State Tournament, at Boone, North Carolina. The group tied for second place in debating with the University of South Carolina and won third place.

GROVE CITY COLLEGE

The Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Grove City College is carrying out an extensive program of activities during 1956-57. The officers who are leading this program are: Tom Ordi-

way, president; Lynn Payne, vice president; Marilyn Lanyon, secretary-treasurer, and John Werren, corresponding secretary. Dr. James Paton III is the chapter sponsor.

An original oratory contest was sponsored by the members of Pi Kappa Delta in November to promote speech in other departments. Prizes were: first place, \$10.00; second and third places, \$5.00 each. Members of the faculty served as judges and Pi Kappa Delta members were ineligible to participate.

A speech festival was held on campus in January in connection with the drama department at Grove City College. Pi Kappa Delta put on a demonstration debate which was open to all members of the college community. Following the debate a coffee hour was held. On the following day the Rodgers Memorial Oratory Contest was held. Prizes for this contest were donated by an interested member of the community. They were: first place, \$25.00; second place, \$15.00; and third place, \$10.00. All members of the student body including the members of Pi Kappa Delta were eligible to participate.

The debate teams are busy working in preparation for the coming tournaments. Practice sessions were scheduled with neighboring schools during the month of January. Al Davidson was elected as captain of the varsity team this year.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

The fifteenth annual Buckeye debate tournament was scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 1957. The participation of 27 schools makes this Buckeye tournament the largest in recent years.

The Kent State University debaters, composed of all newcomers but two, will travel about 5,000 miles during the season. Having already covered some of this distance, the debaters have won one novice tournament and the Ohio Conference Women's Debate Championship. The women's championship debate team is composed of two freshmen and two sophomores. One of Kent State's extempore speakers won the Ohio State Invitational Tournament on January 26.

One of the brightest campus forensic events of the year will be a debate between a British team and K. S. U. speakers, and it is scheduled for April 4.

LINFIELD COLLEGE

The Oregon Alpha chapter of Pi Kappa Delta will be sponsoring two annual tournaments this year. The one for high schools was on February 21, 22, and 23. The other, for colleges, is on March 7, 8 and 9. This is the silver anniversary of the high school tournament and the twenty-seventh continuous year for the college meet. The college tournament began as an official province tournament its first year.

We also have scheduled trips to other tournaments and on campus some Pi Kappa Delta activities, including a movie for the entire student body.

Wallace Cory, chapter president, has won the State Extemp Contest, and the State After Dinner Speaking Contest so far this year. The other Linfield representative, Betty Allen, also took second in the women's division of the after dinner speaking contest.

McPHERSON COLLEGE

Forty-two teams from sixteen colleges participated in the annual Economy Debate Tournament on Saturday, January 5, sponsored by the Kansas Omicron Chapters of PKD. States represented at the tournament were Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

McPherson teams have participated in tournaments this year at Wichita University, Southwestern College at Winfield, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, and their own Economy Tournament.

Dr. Maurice A. Hess, long distinguished in the fields of debate and oratory, is retiring from the teaching faculty of McPherson College at the close of this semester. The Kansas Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was founded in 1942, with Hess as sponsor, and he remained its sponsor until 1956. He also helped found the Kansas Intercollegiate Debating League and served as its General Secretary for many years, retiring in 1956.

For eighteen years, Dr. Hess served as head debate coach at McPherson College, and even longer as advisor in debate. During the period of his coaching his teams won nine state championships; many times they were in second place. In the field of speech many championships or near

championships likewise are to be attributed to his coaching. These include a national first and a national second in peace oratory. He served as governor of the Province of the Plains division of Pi Kappa Delta for a total of five years, an honor not held by any other person.

Dr. Hess is a graduate of Ursinus College. He received the A.B. degree from that institution in 1914. The A.M. degree was conferred upon him by the University of Pennsylvania in 1917, after which he continued his studies at the University of Chicago. His major field of study was Latin. His name is listed in *Who's Who in American Education* and in the *Directory of American Scholars*.

Dr. Hess will retire to live near his daughter at Knobnoster, Missouri, R.F.D. 2. He will be missed, not only in forensic organizations and activities, but by all who have had occasion to be under his influence during his successful teaching career at McPherson College.

MIDLAND COLLEGE

The Midland Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta held its annual forensic tournament on January 25 and 26. Sixteen schools sent 28 senior and 10 junior division teams to compete in five rounds of debate; a large number also participated in extemporaneous speaking and original oratory competition. Midland debaters participating in the tournament were Nancy Hoppel, Linda Mann, Jacque Janecek, and Mary Jane Thompson. Midlanders competing in original oratory were Mary Jane Thulin, Verne Wilson, and John Price. Delmer Anderson and Nancy Hansen entered extemporaneous speaking.

For the second consecutive year, debaters from *Augustana College*, Rock Island, Illinois, returned home with the annual *Midland College* debate tournament trophy. The top debate team members were Norman Lefstein and Dick Johannessen. Top individual honors went to the following: Bill Chittick, *South Dakota State*, extemporaneous speaking; Barbara Rolins, *St. Olaf*, original oratory; and Phillip Hubbard, *Augustana*, top individual debater.

Mr. Donald Wolfarth, debate coach at *Midland*, was general director of the tour-

namment. Judges for the debates included members of the Midland faculty and local townspeople.

As a stimulus to the *Midland* student body, a recent convocation period was devoted to a 6 and 3 debate on the question: "Resolved: That the Federal Government should subsidize higher education for qualified students." Taking the affirmative stand in the debate were freshmen Jacque Janecek and Nancy Hoppel. The negative case was presented by Nancy Hansen, sophomore, and Mary Jane Thompson, freshman. A shift-of-opinion ballot was handed to the members of the student body. It was a close match; the affirmative team won by 12 votes of over 350 cast!

MORRIS HARVEY COLLEGE

The West Virginia Gamma Chapter at *Morris Harvey College* is presently engaged in the most ambitious forensic program in the history of the college. In addition to the Annual Morris Harvey Forensic Meet the college has participated in the Ohio Wesleyan Tournament on January 12, two tournaments at Ohio State University on January 19 and 26, respectively, and the Marietta College Invitational Tournament on February 2. The next competition will be at the Marshall-Wythe Tournament at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, followed by the North-South Tournament at Morgantown, West Virginia, the Grand National Forensic Meet at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the Pi Kappa Delta Tournament at the National Convention, Brookings, South Dakota.

In addition to regular tournament debating the college debaters have completed one "barnstorming" trip during which they met seven colleges and universities. A second such trip is contemplated which will enable the debaters to spend two days in the Washington, D. C. area, two days in the New York area and two days in the Boston area.

NEBRASKA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE (Kearney)

The Nebraska Zeta Chapter has had a lot of activity over the last two months. Four new members were admitted to the

ranks of one of the Midwest's most active chapters of Pi Kappa Delta. The new members include Miss Jane Miller, freshman, order of debate; Miss Judy Pollock, sophomore, order of oratory; Miss Donna Siebler, junior, order of debate; and Mr. Larry Lechner, freshman, order of debate.

Also included in Chapter activity were a number of tournaments. The members have fared very well so far this season. At the tournament held on January 19, 1957, at Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, Colorado, the team of Bill Milldyke and Larry Lechner took the championship in the Novice Division, while the senior team of Gary Weeks and Bob Pottinger won three out of four rounds in their division.

The Chapter plans a high school tournament to be held soon on the campus of Nebraska State along with much activity to promote the field of Forensics on the campus.

NEBRASKA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE (Wayne)

The outstanding achievement of last year's squad was the selection of Miss Donna Lage, who is the retiring president of the Nebraska Iota chapter, to represent the state of Nebraska in the Women's Division of the Interstate Oratorical Contest at Evanston, Illinois, last April. This year, in addition to regular competition the chapter conducted an Invitational Tournament on December 1, 1956. One hundred and eighty-five students from fourteen colleges participated.

This year Professor C. Loyd Shubert, who with Miss Lenore Ramsey has sponsored the forensic program at Wayne State Teachers College, is attending the University of Nebraska. He will return to the Wayne State campus in the fall of 1957. This year the officers of Nebraska Iota are: President, Bill Wollenhaupt; Vice President, Bill Taylor; Secretary-Treasurer, Jo Springgate.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

The Missouri Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has had representatives attending tournaments at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois; William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri; Pittsburgh Teachers College,

Pittsburg, Kansas. The local chapter sponsored the sixteenth annual Kirkville tournament December 7 and 8, 1956. Missouri Theta Chapter will plan to attend tournaments at Lincoln, Nebraska; Pella, Iowa; the State Tournament at William Jewell College; and the national tournament at Brookings, South Dakota.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE

The Pacific Lutheran College chapter of Pi Kappa Delta held their fourth annual Washington State High School Debate Tournament February 22 and 23. Representatives from thirty-five high schools participated. Owing to the popularity of this tourney, contestants are limited to ten from each school. In addition to debate, individual events of extemporaneous and impromptu speaking, oratory and interpretative reading were offered. Earlier in the season PLC's chapter sponsored one of the first West Coast debate tournaments of the year when fifteen colleges and universities participated. The two-day tourney included debate and individual events.

An International Debate in December featured the Oxford team of Roy Dickson and Alex Grant from London, England. Two PLC senior debaters met them on the national debate topic before an enthusiastic college and community audience.

In November, a ten-man debate squad left for College of the Pacific and the Western Speech Association tourney there. Eight members received certificates of excellence and participated in the final events. Four of the five teams took part in the qualifying rounds of debate with the senior women's team tying for third place. The same squad earlier visited Washington State College tournament which featured debate. PLC's senior women's team tied for first place in their division while the junior women's team tied for second place. In the Men's Championship flight, PLC's senior men tied for second place. The junior squad won five of ten first places at Seattle Pacific College's tournament for Junior Division debaters. PLC's men and women swept first place in both divisions of debate. At the recent College of Puget Sound Tyro tournament, PLC garnered three firsts and five seconds to place third in line for the sweepstakes award.

SEATTLE PACIFIC COLLEGE

Five neophytes are being accepted as members of the Washington Beta chapter at Seattle Pacific College: Geneva Ensign, Jeannette Lechelt, Ewing Stringfellow, Eunice Vordahl, and Roger Wilder. Plans are being made for them to be formally installed at a semi-formal banquet this spring. Barbara Carter was recently elected president of the chapter. The other new officers are Jo Anne Pearson, vice-president, and Al Braden, secretary-treasurer. Professor Paul Rosser and Professor Glyndon Riley are the advisers.

Seattle Pacific has sponsored two speech tournaments recently: the Northwest Invitational Tournament for college students, and a high school tournament. In addition, they have attended practice tournaments at the College of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran College, the Washington State College debate tournament, and the tyro tournament at C.P.S. Future plans include the annual Tournament of Champions at Linfield College and the National Pi Kappa Delta tourney at Black Hills State Teachers College. The club is selling picture certificates to earn money for the National.

SIMPSON COLLEGE

Iowa Epsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta held pledging ceremonies for six students on January 12 at the home of their Pi Kappa Delta sponsor, Miss Elizabeth White. Pledges are: Paul Brown, freshman; Jack Ventling, junior; Elizabeth Reed, freshman; Shirley Schwartz, freshman; Jerry Willis, freshman; and Stephen Tyler, senior. Dale Goodhue, midyear graduate, was presented a gavel to commemorate his four years of work in debate with the Simpson squad, during which time he achieved the degree of Special Distinction in debate. In addition to the pledges, Simpson has an active chapter of eight members this year. They are: Larry Banks, president; Tadd Hall, vice-president; Adrienne Ames Thornburgh, secretary; and Dale Goodhue, treasurer; Gwen Groomes, Dick MacFarland, Roberta Lamb and Loah Grabill.

The Simpson Chapter was host to the Drake and Central debate teams for one round of debate with critiques and a

coffee hour on Wednesday afternoon, November 7. Eight teams in all participated in the debating.

Simpson participated in the Bradley Tournament at Peoria, Illinois, on November 16 and 17 with three debate teams, three interpretative readers, two extemp speakers and three discussants. Stephen Tyler received a superior in discussion; Larry Banks, excellent in extemp; Paul Brown and Ken Ross, excellent beginning debate team; Elizabeth Reed, Shirley Swartz, and Paul Brown, excellent in interpretative reading; and Jerry Willis, excellent in discussion.

Other tournaments which Simpson has attended or plans to attend this year include: The Ft. Dodge Debate Tournament on December 15 in which the team of Stephen Tyler and Larry Banks gave a demonstration in Oregon Style debate with the University of South Dakota.

Three teams participated in the Blizzard Tournament at William Jewell on January 12. Three teams debated at Central, Iowa, on February 9 in the Turn-of-the-Semester tournament.

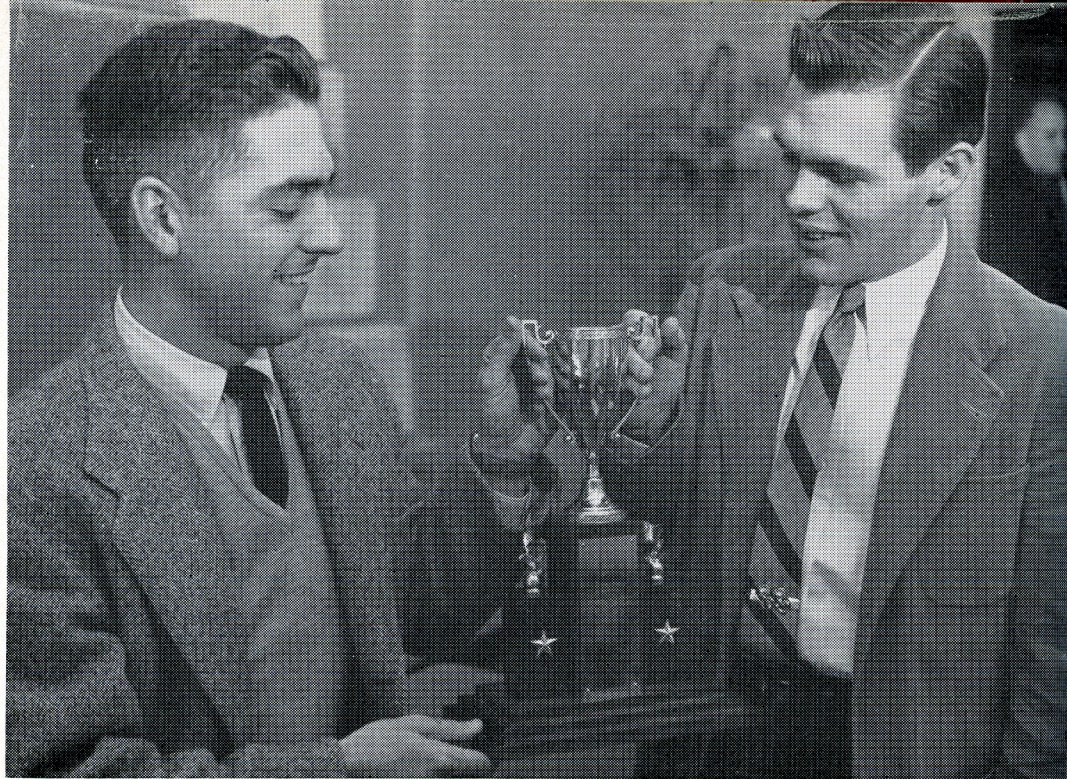
Simpson debaters will journey to Iowa City March 1 and 2 for the State University of Iowa's Intercollegiate Forensics Conference.

On March 8 and 9, the Iowa State Forensic Tournament at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, will be attended. The season will be climaxed on April 14 to 19 at the National Pi Kappa Delta Convention at Brookings, South Dakota.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The Southern Illinois University debate squad (Illinois Upsilon) completed the fall quarter of the 1956-57 school year with a total record of 77 wins and 23 losses. A total of 22 SIU debaters were used in the five tournaments attended so far this year.

The team of Joseph Selement and Richard Rieke compiled a record of 16 wins and 1 loss in winning both tournaments they attended this year. They won the championship trophy at the Northwestern University Invitational Tournament at Evanston November 30 - December 1. After winning five of their six preliminary rounds they defeated the University in the quarter-finals, Marquette in the semi-finals, and the University of Illinois in the final



Joe Selement, DuQuoin, Illinois, left, and Richard Rieke, Carbondale, top debaters at Southern Illinois University, display the championship trophy they won at the Northwestern University Invitational Tournament in Evanston December 1. The two posted an 8-1 record in the tournament, defeating the University of Illinois for the championship. Their single loss was to the University of Nebraska in the preliminaries. Some 35 schools were represented in the meet.

round. Thirty-four colleges and universities from 12 states participated in the competition.

The following week (December 7-8) Selement and Rieke captured the championship trophy in the senior men's division of the Southwestern College Tournament at Winfield, Kansas. They were undefeated in the five preliminary rounds. In the eliminations, they defeated Peru Teachers in the quarter-finals and the University of Oklahoma in the semi-finals. They then took a 3-0 decision over Southwest Missouri (Springfield) in the final round of the tournament.

Both of the women's teams from Southern Illinois University survived the preliminary rounds at Winfield. The team of Shirley McCluskey and LaDonna McMurray were undefeated in the first five rounds. In the quarter-finals they won from East Central College of Oklahoma. They lost to St. Olaf in the semi-finals. The

other SIU women's team of Regina Miller and Marsha Wiehn was defeated in the quarter-finals by Kansas State.

The team of Ted Foster and Peter Morris won five out of six debates at the Northwestern Tournament and four out of five at Winfield.

While the "A" squad was competing at Winfield, three more SIU teams attended the Midwest Speech Tournament held on the campus of Northeast State College at Kirksville, Missouri. These three teams won 11 debates while losing one. Robert Holton-Ray Canterbury were undefeated in the senior division while Richard Hunsaker-Harry Lux won all four debates in the junior division. The husband and wife team of Harold and Nancy Allen won three debates in the four rounds of competition in the mixed division.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE COLLEGE

The Stephen F. Austin State College Chapter is engaged in an extensive debate schedule for the current year. The schedule calls for ten tournaments including the Southern tournament and Student Congress at Athens, Georgia, sponsored by the Southern Speech Association. The longest

trip of the year, of course, will be to the National Tournament at Brookings. Competition in the squad is strong for this trip.

Stephen F. Austin has the largest debate squad this year that the school has had in several years, all together about twenty-five students are participating.

As usual Stephen F. Austin is holding its annual Piney Woods Debate Tournament March 15 and 16. This is the ninth consecutive year for this tournament and competition again promises to be strong.

A valuable addition to the staff is Miss Edna Sorber who has been debate coach at *Southern* in Winfield, Kansas. She is assisting Dr. Robert B. Capel, the head of the department, with the squad this year.

STERLING COLLEGE

Kansas Lambda is getting ready for several major tournaments. February brings the Rocky Mountain and Emporia State tournaments, March the St. Johns tournament and then on to Brookings. On February 5th our chapter was augmented by the addition of six new members.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

The charter petitioners of St. Mary's University were happy to hear that they had been awarded a chapter, Texas Pi. Phill Pickett was elected as the first president. Even before learning that their petition had been granted, the group conducted the first annual Bexar County Student Congress, a unicameral practice legislature for high school students that proved quite popular and very successful. The event is to be sponsored annually. On Sunday, January 27, Pi Kappa Delta was featured by the chapter in a half-hour television program over WOAI-TV, San Antonio's oldest television station.

TENNESSEE TECH

Debaters and discussers at Tennessee Tech have attended three tournaments this season and have had a good year in forensics so far.

On Thursday, November 1, five representatives from Tech traveled to the three-day discussion tournament at the University of Alabama. Twenty-six colleges and universities from about ten states were

represented at the tournament. Ganelle McClure was the only woman to receive the superior rating. For two years in a row Tech has been the only school in the tournament to place a woman in the superior group. Faye Derryberry received a rating of excellent, the score given to the highest ten percent.

Four debate teams attended the Western Kentucky State College Debate Tournament at Bowling Green, November 17. Faye Derryberry was presented the cup for the best individual debater.

Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia, was the setting for Tech's most recent tournament. The school won second place in over-all debating. The affirmative team, consisting of William Harris and Ed Bon-durant, won one-half of their debates, and the negative team, Ganelle McClure and Faye Derryberry, won five debates and lost one.

Other tournaments scheduled for this season are the West Georgia Tournament, January 31 - February 1 - 2; the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament, *Carson Newman College*, Jefferson City, Tennessee, February 8-9; Smoky Mountain Tournament, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, February 22 - 23; Magnolia Tournament, *Mississippi State College* for Women, March 1-2; South Atlantic Forensic Tournament, Hickory, North Carolina, March 7-9; and the National PKD April 14-19.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

The Illinois Psi Chapter opened the 1956-1957 academic year with six members of Pi Kappa Delta. Martin Farrell was elected president and Richard Mora secretary. The group set up a booth at the Registration Mixer to promote debating among new students and later manned a booth complete with signs, promotional literature, public address, and recordings in the front lobby of the building. Another service of the chapter was filling in debate records on the application blanks of former UIC students seeking Pi Kappa Delta graduate memberships. As a service to the entire college, the forensic group, under the supervision of Miss Lenore Evans, sponsored a series of split-team

debates on issues in the 1956 Presidential campaign. Members of the chapter have also taken a prominent part in the forensic activities for the entire campus. Twenty-six students participated in a four-round intramural tournament in November. Prior to Christmas UIC had participated in tournaments at Bradley, Northwestern, and at home, had engaged in a number of non-decision debates, and had competed in intercollegiate contests in discussion, oratory, extempore speaking, and after-dinner speaking. The Ninth Annual UIC Freshman - Sophomore Debate Tournament attracted 192 debaters from 38 colleges in nine states for a record total. Tied for first place with seven wins and one loss were *Eastern Illinois, Wisconsin State College at River Falls, Central Michigan, Loyola, Notre Dame, and Marquette*. The tie was broken by tabulating speakers' ratings. The first-place trophy went to Notre Dame and the second-place trophy to *Central Michigan*. Richard Fischmar brought his string of consecutive debate victories to fourteen before losing to *Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire*.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

On January 13th, Lester Reid and Richard Barter participated in a television debate with Colby College on the national proposition. The program, carried as a part of the University of Maine's regular series - "In Search of Knowledge", was aired over Station WABI-TV, Bangor, Maine. On February 15-16, the 9th annual Maine Debate Tournament for high schools was held on the campus in Orono. The University of Maine has participated in tournaments at Bates College, University of Vermont, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dartmouth College, and Boston University. About twenty students are participating in the program. Pi Kappa Delta officers for the current year are: President, Joan Williams Hutchinson; Vice-President, John Lymburner; Secretary-Treasurer, Betty Buzzell, and Reporter, Lester Reid.

WESTMAR COLLEGE

So far the two debate teams representing Iowa Iota in Pi Kappa Delta competition have a four-out-of-six record, win-

ning from South Dakota State College, Northwestern College, and Black Hills Teachers College (twice) while losing to South Dakota State College and Southern State Teachers College. Although only recently re-vitalized and re-established on the national Pi Kappa Delta roll by its coach and advisor, Mr. Robert E. Dorress, the Westmar chapter of Iowa Iota feel that there is a bright horizon to be crossed if they can solve one primary shortage now present in the forensic program: WOMEN.



Layen Adelmann, Wendel Thompson, William Geiger, Mr. Robert E. Dorrell (Coach), Robert Koth.

WHITMAN COLLEGE

Forensic activity on the Whitman campus this year began with the annual intramural tournament. Teams were entered by the fraternities, the sororities, and the independents. The winner in the men's division was Phi Delta Theta. In second place was the independent men. The independent women won the women's division with Alpha Phi second.

The chapter continues its steady growth. Members are Othal Lakey, President; Evelyn Robinson, Vice-President; Betty Vaughan, Secretary-Treasurer; Larry Lucher, James Joy, Byron Ehle, Bert Tucker, Tim Hill, Patricia Gowen, and Barbara York. Those who have become eligible for membership during the first semester are Dennis O'Brien, Mike Hagan, Bruce Campbell, Kenneth Irvine, Edwin Coe, Ron Knutson, Dick Powell, Iam Tervet, Kirsten Johnson, and Marietta Stark. They will be initiated in the spring with those becoming eligible in the second semester.

In a tournament at Pacific Lutheran College in November, O'Brien and Hagan won first place in the junior men's division. They have won sixteen of eighteen debates so far this year. Lakey was winner of second place in senior men's oratory, and placed third in extemp. O'Brien tied for third in extemp. The entire squad had a two-thirds win record in debate. In the Washington State College tournament, which was for debate only, Vaughan and Robinson tied for first place in senior women's debate, and Johnson and Stark tied for second place. O'Brien and Hagan tied for second place in the junior men's division. The seven Whitman teams entered had a win record of sixty-four percent. At the University of Idaho meet for freshmen and sophomores, the teams of Vaughan and Robinson, and O'Brien and Hagan tied for second place in debate, the only tournament event. The squad had a sixty-seven percent win record.

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE (Eau Claire)

Wisconsin Zeta has been carrying on its wide variety of forensic activities.

At the Northwestern University tourney held in Evanston on November 30 - December 1, the *Eau Claire* team of Jocelyn Gilbertson, last year's winner of Interstate Oratorical, and Rose Pribil, who debated in 1956 final rounds at West Point, was one of two undefeated teams. *Southern Illinois* was the only other undefeated team. *Eau Claire* bowed to Marquette in the quarter finals and *Southern Illinois* was the winner of the final debate.

On January 12, *Eau Claire* played host to the 13th Annual Interstate debate tournament for high schools. Thirty-three schools sent 440 debaters and judges to participate in the annual high school classic. Duluth Denfeld won the plaque for first place in the "A" division of the tourney and South St. Paul won the trophy in the "B" division. Two hundred college students assisted the busy members of Pi Kappa Delta with various duties connected with this mammoth project.

Junior members of the squad participated in the *River Falls* "B" tourney on January 19. *Eau Claire's* troupe of eight participating teams topped all guest en-

tries. Jim Johnson with a first place in after dinner speaking joins Tom Holter, Dick Siler and Ralph Zimmermann in giving *Eau Claire* four wins in five years.

February events include the trip to Red River Valley Tournament at Moorhead, Minnesota, where *Eau Claire* will attempt to retain women's sweepstakes won last year and *Eau Claire's* Thirteenth Annual Speech Meet on February 14, 15 and 16.

Ridin' The Provinces

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and in part it must be attributed to fine leadership in the province.

The statistics on the Southeast are astounding. From 1921 to the present, the Plains area increased its number of chapters by a two-one ratio, the Middle West by three to one, the West by five to one, but the Southeast increased at the rate of TWELVE TO ONE. A good example of how statistics lie. In 1921 there were only two chapters; today there are twenty-four, the same number as was on the rolls in 1939. By 1945 the area had risen to twenty but has since fallen back to twenty-four. Thus, in the early years there were few chapters in the Southeast but the thirties brought a rapid increase which ended with World War II and has remained dormant for almost twenty years. Tennessee and Louisiana are the bright stars in this area having shown steady growth, but the rest of the states have fallen off. These two states with six chapters each make up fifty per cent of all the chapters in this ten state area.

It is in the East that Pi Kappa Delta has been weakest from the beginning. In 1925 there were three chapters between Maine and West Virginia and today there are only four. This may be a reflection of the fact that there is stronger organization of Delta Sigma Rho in the area, but Delta Sigma Rho and Tau Kappa Alpha are both strong in the Middle West where Pi Kappa Delta is also strong. It may be the fact that the Mid-Continent orientation of Pi Kappa Delta has not been conducive to Eastern growth. There can be no doubt, however, that this is a great potential area of expansion even if it means missionary activity.

Fourteen states have no Pi Kappa Delta chapters. Nine of these (Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Rhode Island, Utah and Vermont) have never had chapters and five others (Connecticut, Florida, North Dakota, South Carolina and Virginia) had chapters but lost them through inactivity. Only one of these, North Dakota, is from the Plains or Middle West and only three, Utah, New Mexico, and Nevada, are from the West. All four are lightly populated as compared with the ten states on the Atlantic seaboard who make up a sizeable proportion of the nation's population but do not have a single Pi Kappa Delta chapter.

Despite amazing growth in the West and a healthy organization of 182 chapters Pi Kappa Delta is not as large as 1951 when there were 191 chapters. We are now at the size we were in 1945 before the post-war gain and the house-cleaning of inactive chapters. Professor D. J. Nabors says that our present rate of increase should put us over the 200 mark in three or four years.

There are some questions which come to mind when examining the records of the past few years. For instance, why are Iowa, Illinois and Missouri among the top six while Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana have not produced a correspondingly significant number of chapters. This is particularly true of Indiana. One would suspect that osmosis from Illinois alone would give it more than the single chapter it has had since the beginning. It might be interesting to know what is behind the clean lines that differentiate one area or state from another. In the case of Indiana it may be Tau Kappa Alpha's strength; in another it may be personalities.

Pi Kappa Delta like the little girl with the curl in the middle of her forehead has been either very, very good or horrid. The East Coast has been held by a small stockade in Maine, one in Pennsylvania and one in West Virginia just recently been increased to two. On the other hand it's almost impossible to think of an Illinois school outside the three large universities

that isn't Pi Kappa Delta. While the distance from the Middle West and Plains States to be the Southeast is no greater than to the West, the difference between these two regions in the extent of Pi Kappa Delta's growth has been astounding. The Southeast seems to have given up the lead it had over the West without a fight. The West, on the other hand, has had a steady growth which since the war has, like its population growth, tended toward geometric ratios. The presence of E. R. Nichols and Charles Battin, Pi Kappa Delta founders, on the West Coast may account in part for this in growth.

If you have read this far you can at least confirm the fact that some people will do anything to get into print. But then what do you write for people who are meeting at a National Convention? President Nelson and many others will tell you of the real growth of Pi Kappa Delta in terms of its service to education and to the best of persuasion. They will tell you of the many who learned and, having learned, served. Perhaps the skeletal outline in terms of numbers will indicate some basis for asking how we can serve better. Are there other colleges in our area who should have Pi Kappa Delta chapters? Are there other Pi Kappa Delta people we know of in areas of small Pi Kappa Delta strength who can help us to build?

It is not the purpose here to suggest what to do. However, it is worthwhile for all of us to look at the facts. The Plains, land of our origin, and the Middle West are the bulk of our strength. The West is rising fast. The Southeast has not moved in some time and seems to be biding time. The East has always been our weakest spot. Our present status has been a product of the original homes of our first chapters, the expansion of population to the West and the nature of the leadership in particular areas. In specific spots competing organizations, local prejudice and population density may cause a lack of interest in Pi Kappa Delta. There are many factors which may come to us from these figures. This column will welcome any comments about what this may mean to our organization.

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