

was accompanied to Little Rock by three bunting-covered trainloads of students, the band, and what amounted to pompon girls. And "although the orator had impeccable enunciation" on his topic, "The Victories of Peace," he finished second to the speaker from Hendrix in Conway. The first debate on the proposition, "Resolved: that the United States should adopt the free coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen to one, regardless of the action of any other nation," featured George Vaughn, who later became a professor of law, and Johnny Martine, who was Governor of the State twenty-seven years later. Arkansas lost that debate to the University of Missouri, and the account stated that "Arkansas had the better orators, but Missouri had better reasoners."

The first away debate was held in 1906 at Georgetown, Texas, against Southwestern College. Arkansas lost that one too, its debaters Newberry and Hurst being logical in reasoning but unfortunate in having been forced into a too-rapid delivery.

The Golden Age of Debate began in 1910 and was characterized by change and experimentation. A debating council of faculty members chose the debaters and acted as judges, and the period saw the beginning of debating leagues, such as the Triangle, the Pentagonal, and the Missouri Valley.

In 1911 Gates and Kellar of Arkansas won a unanimous decision for Arkansas over the University of Tennessee at Knoxville on the topic, "Resolved: that the system of direct legislation known as initiative and referendum should be adopted by the several states." Arkansas' first recognized debate coach was Julian Cecil Waterman, an instructor in public speaking, who in 1917 instituted a bona fide course in debate worth four credits. After the war Dr. Waterman returned to become the first dean of the Law School. Other notable names in debate at the U. of A. were the Honorable Brooks Hays and Gales Ragsdale, who in 1918 defeated Texas on a two-to-one decision on "Resolved: that the federal government should require arbitration of disputes between organized labor and interstate

public service corporations, constitutionality granted." They were quoted as saying that they would win, not only because they had the easier side of the topic, but because they had to settle the score for a football defeat the preceding fall, and that two men from Arkansas could out-argue two men from Texas any time.

In 1919 John Clark Jordan of Trinity College became the coach. Johnson sponsored non-decision debates and later became the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, whereupon he cancelled credit for the debate course, saying that this led to the debaters being loyal to themselves rather than to the school. He also instituted a type of debate with Oklahoma State in which an Arkansas debater joined an Oklahoma debater in a split-team type of effort. In this year a chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha was established which continued into the 1940's.

The next coach, James Fred Magrew, left the one-team — one-debate-a-year plan, believing in the greatest possible amount of debate for the greatest number of debaters and began the first full season of debate with a thirteen school schedule. During 1927 Arkansas joined the Missouri Valley Conference, debating such schools as Drake, Texas, and Oklahoma. Later in the twenties, Orville C. Miller from Michigan, touted much as athletic coaches are now, was brought in with a record of 80 percent of his 45 debates. Miller wanted to expand the program to include women; unfortunately he won only one debate that season and disappeared from the scene.

In the 1930's the Department of Speech and Dramatic Art truly came into its own under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. Virgil Baker. As coach, Dr. Baker instituted the tournament system as we know it today and engaged in international debate.

Everyone knows what happened to intercollegiate competition during the war years, and following those the fortunes of forensics at Arkansas were entrusted to Ralph Weidner, Dr. Jack Murphy, and Robert Deutsch. The regime of Jack Gregory and Company assumed command in the 1960's and enjoyed a great deal of national renown, debating



from the hills of Colorado to the prisons of Georgia.

Then followed that period of doldrums which saw the decline and disrepute of debate in the world of academe. J. D. Maynard of the University of Maryland was succeeded by graduate student Terry Jones, and lack of support brought forensics to a virtual halt.

In 1972 the debate program was completely revamped and expanded into an intercollegiate forensic program under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ingalls and the support of the department chairman, Dr. Richard Rea. The new concept of curriculum included not only debate but all activities in public address, interpretation, radio, television, and student forums and congresses. It gained strength, numbers, and recognition. University of Arkansas debaters won the State Championship in 1975, and the work was cul-

minated by the establishment of Pi Kappa Delta Arkansas Iota in May of 1976. Initiated were the following charter members: Randall Oxford and Rita Kirk with the degree of special distinction; Sharon Fitzgerald, James Jones, and Mark Vanzandt with the degree of honor; Roger Heflin and Ann Lee with the degree of proficiency; Candy Clark, Christine Kalder, Kay Kelley, Kelley King, William Riggs, and Julia Robinson with the degree of fraternity; Mrs. Mary Ingalls, sponsor, and Mrs. Pearl Galloway, cosponsor who transferred her membership from Henderson State; Kirby Miller, graduate assistant; Dr. Dennis Bailey, new department chairman who transferred from David Lipscomb College; and Dr. Richard Rea, honorary member. Now consisting of twenty-eight members, the squad engages in a full tournament schedule each year, in addition to hosting two annual tournaments of its own.

## CHAPTER NEWS

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### province of the missouri

#### **SOUTHWEST BAPTIST COLLEGE**

*Reporter: Roger House*

In the fall with only four returning debaters and even fewer

in individual events, the squad added a number of green, junior-novice debaters. Tournament plans included trips to Louisiana, Kansas, and Texas. Of course, the highlight for every PKD school is the National Convention and Tournament in Seattle.

Returning members include Randy Arnett, Roger House, Sharla Boyce, and Darrell Moore, chapter president. Betty Steinshouer returned to compete during the fall semester before her final graduation date. She has been a winner in informative public address, after-dinner speaking, interpretation of poetry, prose, and story, and extemporaneous speaking. Last year Betty won first place in oratory at the state tournament and represented

Missouri PKD schools in the Interstate Oratory Contest in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Betty and her debate colleague acquired a superior rating at the Biprovince Tournament in Louisiana.

The squad hopes to help many new pledges gain admittance to PKD and to hear "well done" spoken by the sponsors, Dr. Bob Derryberry and Eric Moore.

#### **CENTRAL COLLEGE**

*Reporter: Betty Brunsting*

Jeannine Parrent, president of Central College's Iowa Beta chapter, is doing an Achievement in Creativity Term in New York as an assistant to Vinie Burrows. Ms. Burrows' show "Walk Together Children" ran off-Broadway for five months and broke all records for the longest-running-one-woman-show.

Ms. Parrent will travel with Vinie Burrows as she performs her new show "Sister, Sister" as well as "Children" at various locations from coast-to-coast.



Prior to leaving for New York, Ms. Parrent participated in the Nebraska Wesleyan Tournament and captured the second place trophy for interpretation of poetry. Two chapter initiates, sophomores Dan Plato and Kelly Summy, also participated in the Nebraska tourney.

### province of the plains

## WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

Reporter: Patricia Zwiebel

The Missouri Delta chapter at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, was active first semester attending several tournaments in surrounding states. Under the direction of Barry Salsbury in his first year as coach, the Jewell squad attended Oklahoma Christian College's tournament, October 1-2. A few weeks later at Kansas State University, Kelly Klopfenstein advanced to finals in oratory, while Keith Kopp, Karen Burns, and Isiah Lewis reached prose finals with Isiah taking first place.

At the Bethel College tournament October 29-30, Jewell was awarded sweepstakes. Kenna Bratcher placed first in oratory and second in informative speaking; Keith Kopp took second in interpretation, and Isiah Lewis and Michele Hopkins reached finals in interpretation and extemporaneous speaking, respectively.

William Jewell's own Blizzard Debate Tournament was held on November 12-13, with twelve schools participating.

The final tournament was the biggest victory. The squad attended the tournament at the University of Central Arkansas, January 21-22. In individual events Kelly Klopfenstein placed second in extemp., while Kurt Stadtwald made finals in that event. Klopfenstein also reached finals in persuasive speaking. Keith Kopp and Eddie Roush made finals in poetry with Keith taking third. In debate the team of Klopfenstein-Roush placed first with a 6-0 record, while the Phelps-Stadtwald team won second with a 5-1 record.

Plans for second semester for the chapter include a February initiation and the undertaking of travel plans for the Seattle Nationals.

### province of illinois

## ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Dean Sasman

The Illinois Alpha chapter of Pi Kappa Delta began a new venture this year — a radio show. In cooperation with the campus radio station, WESN, "The Pi Kappa Delta Half-Hour" has been on the air Monday nights since September, under the leadership of Richard "Bruno" Poshard. In January, members gave one show to each of the four high schools in Bloomington and Normal.

To raise money for the Seattle Convention, the chapter is holding roller-skating parties at a roller rink conveniently located across the street from the campus. The project was the idea of Past President Darryl Moore. The manager of the rink has donated \$100 to the Seattle fund.

Several members and pledges were involved in a readers theatre production of *J.B.* by Archibald MacLeish. Leading roles were played by members Scott DeNier, Beth Hughes, and Dean Sasman, and pledges Randy Workman and Julie Zimmerman. *Don Juan in Hell* by Shaw will be the next production.

Members acting as judges in high school speech tournaments have been Scott DeNier, Beth Hughes, and Vicky Seavers. The entire chapter competed in speech tournaments at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, and Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Officers are: Vicky Seavers, president; Richard Poshard, vice-president; Dean Sasman, secretary; Scott DeNier, treasurer; and Marla Donato, campus publicity.

## RIPON COLLEGE

Reporter: Bonnie Buzza

Wisconsin Alpha chapter of Pi Kappa Delta began the year under the leadership of President Laurie Hays. Six new members were initiated with another initiation planned.

A new tradition was started with an intersquad speech contest in November. Plans are underway for two major fund-



raising projects in the spring. These include a high school forensic tournament and our own special variety of "Trivia Bowl."

Under the leadership of Dr. Bonnie Buzza, the Wisconsin Debate and Forensics League was started last year, and Ripon hosted the first debate tournament in the league this year. The early successes of the Ripon team ushered in an exciting year of competition.

### **HARDING COLLEGE**

*Reporter: Richard Paine*

**province  
of the  
lower mississippi**

Having lost most of last year's squad, Harding's forensic team consists of a few veterans and many totally new participants. So far the chapter has attended nine tournaments and garnered over thirty awards. Most recently, at the LSU Shreveport tournament, Butch Dulaney and Linda Tipton reached the quarterfinals in debate while Linda placed first in poetry; Karl Wendt and Pam Smith were in the quarters with Karl ranking second in poetry and third in persuasive speaking (as well as being second place novice speaker); Alan Pogue and James Sudbury were also quarterfinalists with Alan being fifth place novice speaker, while the team of John Jordan and Danny Bowers were quarterfinalists, with John reaching the finals in extemp. Harding's fifth team, Donna Coker and Jeff Bolton, took that weekend off, following their first place finish at La. Tech and their semifinalist ranking at Arkansas State where they were paired in semis against Pogue and Sudbury.

Harding is looking forward to the spring semester and the National Convention and Tournament in Seattle. Pat Garner has returned following the completion of his doctoral work at the University of Oklahoma and will be working with the squad.

### **PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**

*Reporter: Doug Kirkpatrick*

**province  
of the  
northwest**

This year is proving to be especially exciting in terms of

forensic participation and success. Several able debaters and individual events participants are having a successful season.

Officers include Maxine Permenter, treasurer; Stephanie Olsen, secretary; Sharon Ganser, vice-president; and Doug Kirkpatrick, president.

The chapter recently sponsored a high school student congress for the area.

Being just a few miles from Seattle, the PLU chapter doesn't need to raise money for the trip, but members are working hard for the success of the 1977 National Convention.

### **CARROLL COLLEGE**

*Reporter: Judith D. Clouse*

During the fall semester, members of the Carroll College forensic team attended the Top of the Rockies Debate at the University of Wyoming, October 7-11, and the Yellowstone Valley Speech Tournament, October 14-16, at Eastern Montana College in Billings, Montana. At Billings they netted two third place awards and a high rating in junior debate. Frank Clinch and Kelly Klem had a record of four wins, four losses in junior debate. Greg Mullowney won third place in both oral interpretation and original oratory, while Kim Babcock was also rated in the top six finalists in the two events.

Carroll was represented at the Inland Empire Debate Tournament at Conzaga University in Spokane, Washington, October 29-31, where Mark LaMoure and Chuck Duus posted a four win, two loss record. Debaters Clinch and Klem also had a four win, two loss record.

The Gem State Jamboree at Idaho State University in Pocatello proved a highly successful tournament for Carroll, as the team was awarded second place sweepstakes. LaMoure and Duus took third in debate; Henry Leake placed first in oratory; and Clinch won third in extemporaneous speaking. Angela Romain ranked third in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

The Carroll team wrapped up the semester with a third place sweepstakes win at Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyoming, November 12-14. They scored the highest total speaker points of any Montana team at the Powell tourna-



ment. In debate LaMoure and Romain took second, with Romain taking third in individual debating points. Leake placed first in oral interpretation, and Monica Verploegen ranked second. Klem tied for fourth in impromptu speaking; Mullowney and Verploegen ranked second in duet interpretation, while LaMour and Peggy Ryan tied for fourth.

The squad has netted eleven trophies during the first semester. "This squad has brought Carroll the most trophies of any squad in four years," said Carroll forensic coach, Harry Smith.

Tournaments scheduled for spring semester include the Treasure State Tournament at Bozeman, January 27-29, the Boise State Invitational on February 11-13 in conjunction with the Montana State Forensic Association Tournament, the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament and

Convention, and the Big Sky Tournament at the University of Montana, Missoula, April 21-23.

Dan McGowan will serve as student lieutenant governor at the Pi Kappa Delta Nationals in Seattle.

**province  
of the  
northeast**

**SOUTHERN  
CONNECTICUT  
STATE COLLEGE**

Reporter: Seth R. Hawkins

Southern Connecticut set a squad record of 162 trophies won in 1975-76, breaking the old mark of 144 set in 1973-74, on the way to a tenth place official listing among 637 schools in Dr. Jack Howe's *Intercollegiate Speech Tournament Results*. Bowling Green was the only other PKD school in the Howe top ten. Sixty-four of those trophies were garnered by Gregory Denaro (*Forensic*,



Seth C. Hawkins (left), director of forensics at Southern Connecticut State College, is shown with debaters Candace Vessella, Karen Hyfantis, and Robert Steiner. All three students are seniors. Photo credit: Dick McGinniss.



May 1976, pp. 28-30) toward his landmark career total of 120.

The fall SCSC home tournament was, according to *ISTR*, the fourth largest of 350 held in the nation last year, with 492 people attending. The "small" spring tournament with 341 was sixteenth largest in the nation, marking the third time in history that SCSC has been the only school in the nation to run two of the twenty largest tournaments in one year.

SCSC debaters set three squad records. James Carriero and Karen Hyfantis were 32-11, for a .744 percentage, topping their own record for the second straight year among the varsity. Novices Robert Steiner and Candace Vessella were 27-15, for a record novice mark of .644. The squad percentage of .684 (65-30) was also a SCSC high-water mark. Carriero and Hyfantis took twelve speaker trophies and six team trophies in seven tournaments.

Sweepstakes finishes by SCSC squads included first place at Fordham and at Spring CEA; third of fifty-three schools in cumulative sweepstakes in the Great Eastern series of six tournaments, fifth at Bridgewater; third at George Mason; fourth at St. Rose, at Delaware, and at New Jersey Tech; and third at Suffolk. SCSC was also second at Plattsburgh, fourth at Niagara and at CFA Fall, and fifth at both of its own home tournaments. An unusual show of strength without numbers was the SCSC fifth place finish at Monmouth with a "squad" of two contestants. Southern also won the debate division at Penn State and was third in sweepstakes at PKD provincials. Fifteen sweepstakes trophies in one year is probably a school record.

### province of the colonies

## CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE

Reporter:

Betty Jo McDonough

Pennsylvania Zeta  
chapter is proud to

participate in another year of forensic activity and fraternal brotherhood. We would like to recognize our new members: Carolyn Herman, Felix Yerace, Kevin Jenkins, September Swann, Angie Russo, Rich Martin, Debbie Rushak, Mark

Andrews, Carol Burletich, Robert Had-dox, and Betty Jo McDonough.

New officers are Betty Jo McDonough, president; Martin Haberl, vice-president; Felix Yerace, treasurer; and Carolyn Herman, corresponding secretary. Additional members are Kim Shallenberger, Marybeth Trapani, Erik Grube.

In anticipation of the PKD Nationals in Seattle, Zeta chapter is busily selling raffle tickets, planning candy sales and other money-making schemes so that our group will be well-represented. Patrick Miller and Marcie Blout are chapter coaches.

One of our new members, September Swann, was first runner-up at California State College's homecoming, and PKD had the honor of being one of her sponsors.

## BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE

The Delta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Bloomsburg State College has discovered that fairy godmothers still exist. Recently our Student Government presented us with the money for ten students and two coaches to attend our Convention in Seattle. Once there our team, under the direction of Harry C. Strine III, hopes to continue our "winning ways." To date we have collected approximately thirty trophies, with hopes of doubling that number in the coming semester.

Once again our chapter president is Regina Wild. Gina Zopetti assists her as vice-president, with Kim Diliplane and Kathie Steighner fulfilling their duties as secretary.

A special thanks goes to Mr. Neil Hilkert for taking over after the recent illness of our Pi Kappa Delta sponsor Professor Erich Frohman. Mr. Frohman suffered a heart attack while attending a forensic tournament with fifteen students in Muncie, Indiana. We're sure you join us in our wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

In spite of our busy schedule, we want to take the time to wish all of you luck and success in the coming season. See you in Seattle!



# A Word From The Editor...

If the axiom "the unexamined life is not worth living" can be applied to groups as well as to individuals, then the corporate life of forensics must be worthwhile indeed. We in forensics are always looking inside our activities to see what we can see. What is our identity? What are we trying to accomplish? What motivates us? What are our ideals? Do we live up to them? How can we improve our image? What, really, are we worth? Would anybody miss us if we were gone?

Several years ago at Sedalia Retreat House near Denver, about three dozen of forensics' top national analyzers spent six days scrutinizing our collective psyche. They probed incisively, and, in true forensic fashion, talked a lot about what they found. And, because forensic people hate nothing worse than not being heard, they published the proceedings in *Forensics as Communication*, edited by James H. McBath.

Anyone — student or professor — who has ever tried to describe who we are and what we're about will find this book enlightening. After having spent the first part of this spring semester studying it with my forensics class, I can say that no aspect of our forensic personality was neglected. The exploratory team, including our PKD representative John Baird, did not quit when they found

something quite inadequate or downright contradictory. They mulled and then mulled the mullings. And in the end, they were still raising questions, still trying to figure out what we signify.

Although I was not a part of the Sedalia Conference, I feel that I have been let in through the book. Many of the questions raised by the conferees are concerns I have; hearing the deliberators has enabled me to work out some of my ideas. My disagreeing with some members is typical of the differences between delegates. Even defining *forensics* is so difficult that consensus is practically precluded. Nevertheless, the effort is worthwhile, if for no other reason than by so doing we show that we are thinking about who we are.

I have seldom gone to a tournament without hearing someone speculate on the relevance of our functioning, suggest a way we can improve forensics as a part or whole, or wonder, just wonder. While I do not applaud endless questioning which leads nowhere, I find a certain satisfaction in knowing that intelligent people are raising intelligent questions about this rather unique composite named *forensics*. Even in the asking, we are revealing something important about ourselves.

Carolyn Keefe

Washington State Ferries provide a panoramic view of Seattle's skyline and constitute the largest ferry transportation system in the United States. During the PKD Nationals, the entire convention will take an excursion on these boats.







**SEE YOU IN SEATTLE!**