

want the speaker to be afraid of them. They want the speaker to master them. That is what they came there for.

To be unafraid, however, is not sufficient in itself to enable a speaker to master an audience. This is a negative quality. To really master the audience, the speaker must have, in addition, the other two qualities mentioned above. Fearlessness, geniality and sincerity, then, are essentials for the highest success in extemporaneous speaking, but the greatest of these is sincerity.

Contests in extemporaneous speaking are already held locally in Grinnell College, North Dakota University, Macalester College and many other collegiate institutions. It has been observed that the extemporaneous contests bring out a greater number of persons for the tryouts than the "old line" contests ever did. A popular advertisement reads, "there's a reason." People like to be talked to and not at; they like a man to speak out straight from the shoulder to them and not up in the air. Moreover they like the fresh, crisp message that is still warm from the brain and heart that conceived it, rather than a message that has just the shadow of the taste and odor of cold storage.

Of course I realize that many "old line" speeches are delivered with all the directness and freshness of an extemporaneous speech. In fact, the closer a speaker in an "old line" contest approaches the ideal of the methods of the good extemporaneous speaker, the better are his chances for winning. The first class judge exclaims over such a speech, "That's the real thing." If extemporaneous speaking, then, is considered the real thing, why make all of our oratorical contests mere imitations of the real thing?

I should like very much to see in the near future, intercollegiate contests in extemporaneous speaking springing up all over this country. I should like to see Pi Kappa Delta take the initial step in this. If it were not for the great distances, there could be nothing better than a series of sectional contests followed by a final national contest.

When the question came up some time ago in the National Intercollegiate Prohibition Association whether the state and national prohibition contests should be revived, I took the liberty of recommending the adoption of the extemporaneous mode of speaking as a relief from so many of the more formal academic contests. In case the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association does not decide to take this up, the field will be open to some other organization to undertake it. In the meantime, the establishment of local contests in all of the institutions having chapters of Pi Kappa Delta would be stimulating, and I am sure the best interests of forensic would thereby be served.

Park Orator: "My friends, if we were each of us to turn and look ourselves squarely in the face what should we find we needed most?"

A Voice From the Crowd: "An India rubber neck, mister!"

Gwendolyn: "That full back is a wonderful kicker."

Prunella: "He ought to be. His mother used to be in politics and his father's a senator."

NEWS NOTES FROM THE CHAPTERS

California Alpha—began the year with thirteen members—is planning a great year in forensics—expects to send four men and coach to the Convention, going by northern states and returning by south—has good schedule for women's debate, including contests with Occidental, Pomona, possibly Reid College and the University of Arizona—is giving early in December Dickens' "Christmas Carol," assisted by Theta Alpha Phi and by the Redlands Community Drama Association, to help in raising funds to send the team to Simpson in March. Professor E. R. Nichols will direct the production—leading role will be taken by Professor Herbert Wise of the University of Redlands faculty.

California Beta—has thirteen members—has arranged for freshman debates with Occidental, Southern Branch of the University of California, and Redlands—expects varsity contests with Redlands, Southern Branch, LaVerne, and perhaps some others—hopes to send an orator to the Convention—sent a delegation to the Peace Conference held on Armistice Day at Pomona College.

Colorado Alpha—has fourteen members—has scheduled debates with Wyoming, Colorado College, Denver, and Colorado Teachers—is sending a team and coach to convention and will probably secure debates on the way there and back.

Colorado Beta—has eight members—Colorado Teachers College opened with record enrollment—Coach Finley and a delegation are planning to attend the Convention.

Illinois Alpha—begins the year with seven members—Miss Nettie Shearer of Illinois Wesleyan won first honors in the State Oratorical contests held at Monmouth College, seven colleges competing, making the second victory in oratory for this institution, Harry Evans winning last year—Professor P. C. Somerville of this chapter has had the thirty-third degree of Masonry conferred upon him, being the only professor in the state of Illinois and the only minister in the Illinois conference who has received this honor.

Illinois Beta—has five members—lost eight last year—Eureka has formed a pentangular league with Illinois Wesleyan, Bradley, Carthage, and Hedding—this pentangular will replace the triangular formerly made by Eureka, James Miliken, and Illinois Wesleyan—the subject to be debated is that of Veterans' Compensation.

Illinois Gamma—has ten members—plans to send a delegation to the Convention—in addition to the pentangular mentioned above, Carthage may form a triangular with Illinois and Augustana Colleges—opens forensic year with a Freshman, Sophomore debate arranged by the chapter—has a women's triangular with Hedding and Illinois Wesleyan.

Illinois Delta—began year with only four members—plans to come to Convention—great interest in debate in Bradley—will enter pentangular and may meet either Milliken or Monmouth in dual debate—Coach Marvin is holding debate classes twice a week and is giving practice in extemporaneous speaking. After six weeks the teams will be selected.

Illinois Epsilon—No word from this chapter—do not know names of officers—college paper not coming.

Indiana Alpha—has ten members—is planning to send a delegate to the Convention.

Iowa Alpha—no word from this chapter—have received one copy of "The Wesleyan News," but not the names of officers or other information required.

Iowa Beta—has been dead for some years but shows symptoms of coming to life.

Iowa Gamma—died owing to merging of Highland Park College with Des Moines University—may be revived in latter institution.

Iowa Delta—alive, as usual, with ten members—meets University of South Dakota in dual debate—has formed triangular with Macalester and St. Olaf's—contemplates with South Dakota a combination of a decision debate and the open forum—Morningside voted to suspend the usual triangle with Simpson and State Teachers in order to leave open dates for eastern teams coming to the Pi Kappa Delta Convention—has held exceptionally promising tryouts for debate—Morningside was visited recently by Frank Preston Johnson, lecturer, a former Morningside debater and orator, and student of Professor Marsh.

Iowa Epsilon—with fourteen members is preparing to entertain the Convention in March—will have capacity taxed, but Iowa is famous for hospitality.

Iowa Zeta—has eleven members.

Kansas Alpha—has eight members—begins the forensic season with a Freshman-Sophomore debate—Ottawa plans to attend the Convention.

Kansas Beta—begins year with eleven members.

Kansas Gamma—has lost two debate coaches this year, Dr. J. G. Emerson having been granted a year's leave of absence to coach debate at Leland Stanford and Professor O. H. Burns having resigned to go into business—K. S. A. C. has a heavy debate schedule, opening with a dual debate with Iowa State College early in December—the eight college literary societies are holding intersociety debates upon the Pi Kappa Delta subject in order to locate material for the intercollegiate contests—a room in one of the lecture halls has been fitted up for a forensic center—the National Farm House fraternity entertained the Kansas Gamma chapter of Pi Kappa Delta with a dinner—C. W. Howard, graduate member of Kansas Gamma, now a county agent in Ellis county, has developed a champion live stock judging team for the state of Kansas—the chapter has fourteen members.

Kansas Delta—has not sent names of officers—expects to debate Kansas University, Missouri University, Ripon College and other colleges on the way to the Convention—Southwestern submitted the question chosen for the Kansas Intercollegiate Debating League, members of which are: Southwestern, Sterling, Kansas Wesleyan, Fairmount, Friends, Bethany, Bethel, and McPherson. It is, Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Enact legislation Embodying the Principles of the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations for the Settlement of Labor Disputes in Public Utilities—in a questionnaire submitted to members of the Southwestern Y. M. C. A., 28 expressed a preference for public speaking among the student activities.

Kansas Epsilon—has not sent names of officers—Fairmount has exceptional forensic prospects as a great number of last year's debaters and orators have returned to the college this year—word has been received that J. Lynn Beebe, one of the charter members of Kansas Epsilon, is one of the eight highest ranking students in the Harvard Law School this year. Mr. Beebe had a distinguished career as an orator and debater when he was at Fairmount.

Kansas Zeta—begins year with seven members—many students have gone into the tryouts—contests are assured with K. S. A. C., College of Emporia, and Southwestern—Professor V. A. Davis, the new debate coach, is creating much enthusiasm for the work.

Kansas Eta—has made no report to this office.

Kansas Theta—has not reported officers—has scheduled debates with a number of institutions, having received an inquiry from Heidelberg—expects to enter someone in the interstate oratorical.

Kentucky Alpha—began the year with only three members—has a live program for the year which includes forensic rallies, intercollegiate debate and oratory, the bringing of famous lecturers to the college, the perpetuation of the annual Forensic Day, commemorating the founding of the chapter, and the holding of a Senior Oratorical.

Maine Alpha—Colby College is sending a team to the Convention. This team will make the longest trip ever made by Colby debaters. It expects to meet several colleges in debate on the way to and fro—Colby will also debate the University of Maine, New Hampshire State, and will continue the triangular with Tufts and Clark—Colby College conducts a series of interfraternity debates—Maine Alpha began the year with six members.

Michigan Alpha—is rejoicing at having secured Professor Paul Brees from the Michigan Aggies as the Kalamazoo debate coach—is planning to send a debate team again to the Convention—is still engaging in active missionary work, having at present the best record of all the Pi Kappa Delta chapters in that respect.

Michigan Beta—Olivet has ten members—the college looks as though it were going to double its last year's enrollment—the chapter hopes to send a delegate to the Convention.

Michigan Gamma begins the year with seven members—reports a thoroughly alive chapter at Hope College.

Michigan Delta—has seven members—hopes to send a delegation to Convention and to debate on the way—Michigan Aggies did not like to lose Professor Brees.

Michigan Epsilon—has thirteen active members—has had very enthusiastic tryouts for the oratorical contests—has selected a debate team to meet Kalamazoo—expects to send a delegation to the Convention.

Minnesota Alpha—has ten active members—will have its greatest forensic season, offering debates, extemporaneous speaking and oratorical contests—expects to debate Redlands, Lawrence, Jamestown, Ripon, Huron, St. Olaf's, Morningside—a new literary society, the Alethean, has been formed at Macalester—Dr. J. C. Hazzard, debate coach at Macalester, has just published a textbook on Browning—Dr. Hazzard, formerly head of English at Dakota Wesleyan, transferred to Macalester where he organized Minnesota Alpha—Chester Tobin, graduate member, is now head physical director of the St. Paul Y. M. C. A.

Missouri Alpha—has eight members—plans to send a delegation to the Convention.

Missouri Beta—has ten members—is stirring up much forensic enthusiasm in Park.

Missouri Gamma—has eleven members—a new man on the Central College faculty is the debate coach, Dr. M. K. Thompson. While at Yale he won first prize in the New England and Eastern Section Intercollegiate Prohibition Oratorical Contests. He also represented Wesleyan University in intercollegiate contests in the New England League—Central plans to have two men's triangular debates and one women's triangular. The former will be with Culver-Stockton and Westminster, and with Missouri Valley and Central Wesleyan; and the latter with Culver-Stockton and Central Wesleyan.

Montana Alpha—began the year with only four members—may debate Redlands as the latter goes to the Convention.

Montana Beta—has fourteen members—expects to send a delegation to the convention—the chapter has formed a debating club to stimulate interest in forensics in Montana State—expects to engage in a no decision debate with the University of Montana.

Nebraska Alpha—has ten active members—has scheduled twenty debates for this season involving teams from four states.

Nebraska Beta—has six members—Cotner has a record enrollment this year—hopes to repeat forensic successes of last year—S. R. Bradley, president of Nebraska Beta was elected chairman of committee to aid European students.

Nebraska Gamma—has six members—hopes to send delegate to the Convention.

Nebraska Delta—has not reported names of officers—Hastings plans a triangular debate with Doane and Kearney, and duals with York, Grand Island, Cotner, and Wesleyan—preparation for the intercollegiate debates is made by intra and intersociety debates—Luther E. Stein, one of the charter members of Nebraska Delta, is in a theological seminary at San Anselmo, California.

Ohio Alpha—has ten members—hopes to send a delegate to the Convention—members of the chapter were given the chapel hour at Baldwin-Wallace in which to boost forensics.

Ohio Beta—plans to send an entire debating team to the Convention—has seventeen members—expects to meet Baldwin-Wallace, Wittenberg, Ohio Northern, Otterbein, Akron, Hiram, besides institutions on the way to the Convention—the chapter has elected to honorary membership Dr. Francis W. Kennedy, Professor of Social Sciences, and Professor E. I. F. Williams, publicist for Heidelberg.

Oklahoma Alpha—began the year with only one faculty member, Professor H. I. Jones. He initiated three others, including the new debate coach. The chapter expects to be strong again by the end of the year. It will send a delegate to the Convention. It now has seven members.

Oklahoma Beta—has eight members—plans on sending at least one delegate to Convention—interclass debates prepare the material for the intercollegiate teams—Miss Margaret Wyndham, charter member of Oklahoma Beta, is vice-president of the Drama League of Tulsa—in the Hall of Fame column of the University of Tulsa Collegian, Miss Elvira Jones, last year's president of the chapter, receives a most appreciative writeup.

South Carolina Alpha—has thirteen members—expects to send a delegate to the Convention.

South Dakota Alpha—has fifteen members—will send a delegation to the Convention—held its declamatory contests in November and its Home Oratorical about December 1st.

South Dakota Beta—has nine members—Huron has formed another literary society—the college has a heavy forensic schedule this year—preparation is being made by intersociety debates.

South Dakota Gamma—has nine members—plans to send a delegate to the Convention—out of an appropriation of \$1500 for student activities, Yankton devotes \$225 to forensics.

South Dakota Delta—has twelve members.

South Dakota Epsilon—has eight members—debate and oratory in Sioux Falls College have been reorganized under Miss Jean Brady—prospects in forensics are very bright—George A. Lang, now in the Rochester Theological Seminary, sends greetings to Pi Kappa Delta of which he was a charter member.

Texas Alpha—begins the year with five members—plans to send a delegate to the Convention—Southwestern enters a triangular with Texas Christian and Trinity.

Wisconsin Alpha—has seven members—is coming to the Convention—Clemens Lueck will represent Ripon in the State Oratorical at Beloit in February—Ripon has an extensive forensic program and will meet Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois Wesleyan, Coe, Monmouth, Hamline, Lake Forest, Milton and Carrol, and perhaps Redlands.

EXCHANGES

(Ypsilanti Normal College News)

Last year our records in athletic and forensic events were good, though not exceptional. This year our athletic season is beginning with great promise; the debating and oratory will soon be under way.

This week the members of the Oratorical Board were elected. It therefore seems an auspicious occasion to offer a few suggestions regarding public speaking events.

During the past few years it was the policy of the board to trust Providence to supply us with opponents in debating. Providence did not do what it was expected to. Consequently the debates were every year fewer and with institutions of lower academic standing.

What will the new Oratorical Board do?

For the honor of Alma Mater, they can do one of two things; they can abolish debating altogether, or they can arrange several debates with colleges of standings equal or superior to our own. And if they choose the latter alternative, they must accelerate their velocity.

Debaters and orators have sometimes been chosen in contests between the debating societies. We think that the results do not encourage the continuation of this practice.

We think that no debate should be undertaken unless some member of the faculty is ready to coach the team.

We would suggest that the forensic roulette by which the college orators are now chosen might profitably be replaced by something more closely resembling the actual intercollegiate contest.

We strongly urge that every student who has any pretensions to intellect should join one of the literary societies, and train for one of the contests in debate or oratory.

(Yanktown Student)

Every Tuesday evening at 6:45 there is held at Campus Hut, a meeting of the Gavel Club of Yanktown College. This Club has for its purpose the promotion of forensics in this college. The programs are varied so as to be both interesting and instructive. The question for the Pentangular Debates is: Resolved that the open shop in industry is justifiable. At each meeting some person who is well acquainted with the subject will speak. After this will follow an open discussion of the various phases of the problem. From time to time lectures in the technic of debate will be taken up. If YOU are interested in the forensic welfare of YOUR College you can attend these meetings.

Hereafter in some prominent place in this paper will be displayed the program for the Tuesday following the issue. Everyone should try and inform himself of the rudiments of the question before coming. If this club is to accomplish its purpose everyone must help. Take your "Student," go down to the Library and look up something about the subject and topics which will be discussed at the next meeting. And then don't fail to come and help out at the meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 1921.

(Huron Alphonema)

It is very evident that the next few years will see rapid growth in forensic activity among South Dakota colleges. Unprecedented emphasis is being put on the value of extended work in oratory, debate, and extemporane-

ous speaking. All colleges are waking up to the great need of more training along that line and are doubling their efforts to meet that need. This means that Huron must get into the game and do more intensive work than ever before if she is to keep abreast of the times. She must encourage work in public speaking, she must give every possible incentive for the development of speaking ability, that the many capable students she has may be drawn out, and interested in the work, and finally she must provide more adequate instruction.

Two forms of contests are beginning to receive attention and will be developed rapidly. They are the decisionless debate and extemporaneous speaking contest. Both have strong advantages over the old methods. This year initial steps will be made in developing this sort of contest among South Dakota colleges in the Forensic Association. This means that every school which desires to maintain her standing will need to develop a large number of ready speakers and place greater emphasis on inter-class and inter-society competition.

Huron now has five strong literary societies in the College, having in them the best of material from which to develop speakers. If these societies will get busy at once in an effort to boost the forensic program, Huron will be able to put good teams in the field this year. Besides the regular schedule there are requests from other schools for debates and extempore contests which can be handled if sufficient material is developed. The primary object is not to win decisions, but to develop speakers who can win and to make the forensic department one of the strongest departments of the College. Huron must get the vision and realize the importance of this fast developing field or she will find herself lagging behind other colleges of the State.

(Kalamazoo College Index)

Everyone should have heard the talk Professor Brees gave us last Thursday evening at our first meeting. He filled us so full of pep and enthusiasm for the coming year that we are afraid the school won't be able to hold us. At any rate, we hope we will increase in such amazing proportions that we will scarcely know ourselves and if all our plans for debates materialize we ought to have a large number of orators and debaters up and coming this year.

Paul Brees, A. B. of the University of Illinois, comes here from M. A. C., where he was an assistant professor in the Public Speaking Department, to fill a like position in Kalamazoo. Mr. Brees has had ample experience in public speaking and dramatics and will do a great deal toward making Kalamazoo College occupy a real place on the forensic map if he finds here real student support. During Mr. Brees' student life in Kansas he was the winner of a state oratorical contest, winner of the interstate Old Line Contest, and winner of second place in the National Contest the same year. The following year he won the state peace contest. Those same years he was a member of the state championship debating teams. During his course at the University of Illinois he was a member of the debating teams that defeated rival teams from the University of Michigan and Iowa, as well as participating as Illinois' representative in the contest of the N. O. L. in which he won second place. As a coach of oratory and debate he has won success also.

(Southwestern Collegian)

Dear Editor:

The Kansas Industrial Court should be abolished because the first affirmative stood too much on one foot. The Government should take over railroads because the second negative seemed a little passive.

It sounds like the minutes from the third story of the third hill, doesn't it? Not so. It is the way we supposedly decide on matters of national moment in debate.

This is the fruit of promiscuous grading on effect. The critic who in days of yore carefully analyzed the argument and weighed point against point for a decision is in his last long lingering illness. Instead, today, the judges are turned loose on the fray with a nondescript formula of "argument, delivery and stage presence" and they are stranded high and dry without standard or measure.

Comes now a debater who has read a debater's handbook and adopted a tailor made brief and a mass of pre-digested facts. He debates in a voice like an over heated buzz saw and fairly crams data down the honorable esophagi. He wins.

Assuredly delivery must enter into debate but it is merely the platter upon which the food for thought is served. The argument should be paramount. If an imperfection or impediment in delivery blurs the intelligence of that fact, set it down against the argument in its proper subsidiary form. But it is time to deny the divine right of a debate delivery which decrees that a man must stand like a wooden mummy, recite his speech from memory like a third grade "piece," pound the atmosphere to a pulp with short jabs and uppercuts registering animation, and bark out his sentences like an infuriated prairie dog. In other words, let us pay more attention to the ham and eggs and cease raving about the bea-utiful chinaware.

We must call a halt if we would not further dehydrate debate. Thus will we stamp out every inducement for originality for it will be too easy for the superficial thinker to adopt a canned line and push it over by superficial dramatics.

All very fine theory, you say, but what are you going to do about it?

Did you ever think of a grading standard? A formula which would definitely fix the points upon which the judges are to grade? This would certainly make for uniformity in grading and give the debaters an insight into the prerequisites of success. The society debates are coming on and I make the motion, second it and vote——unanimously in the affirmative that we give our serious consideration to some such scheme.

And while we are at it, let us put argument above dramatics, headwork above hand and foot work, brain power above lung power. Let us remember that "Pep Without Purpose is Piffle," and make debate the noble, nimble game of wits that it is.

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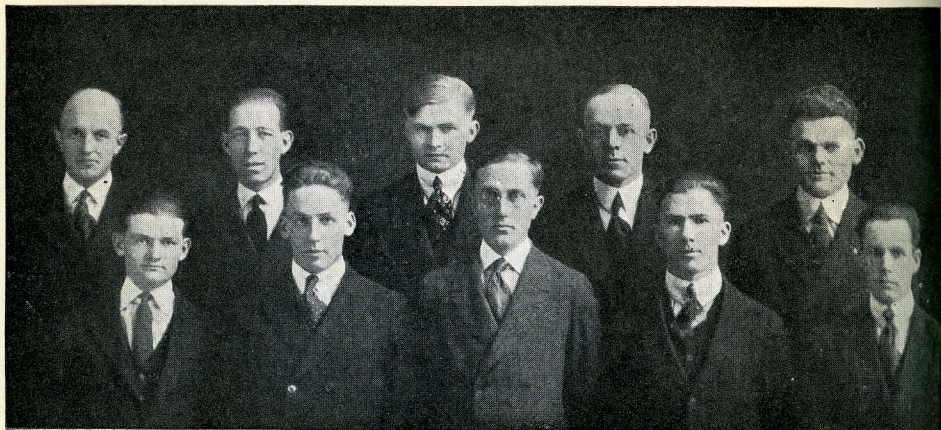
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