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Our Host . . .

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE

LOCATION

On April 14, 1957, Pi Kappa Delta will descend on Brookings, South Dakota for their bi-annual convention. This will be the first time Pi Kappa Delta has been to the Great Plains since 1942 when the convention was held at Minneapolis, Minn.

Brookings, a town of 9,000 population, is the home of the 1,360 acre campus of South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Brookings is situated on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, U. S. Highways 14 and 77, and has regular airline service at the Brookings Municipal Airport.

HISTORY

On February 21, 1881 the Dakota Territorial Legislature approved an act pro-

viding for "an Agricultural College for the Territory of Dakota be established at Brookings, provided that a tract of land not less than eighty acres be secured and donated to the Territory of Dakota." The first building, Central building, was opened for use September 24, 1884.

CAMPUS

The College owns a total of 1,360 acres. The college campus is ornamented with many varieties of beautiful trees and shrubs, and laid out with necessary walks and drives. Adjoining to the north, northeast, and northwest are the college farms.

Central Building houses the departments of bacteriology, foreign languages and mathematics. The Old North Building, which was completed in 1887, is used by

the school of agriculture, speech department, operation and maintenance, college editor, and classrooms.

The Women's Dormitories are Wenona Hall, built in 1909, and Wecota Hall, built in 1916, together with the Annex to Wecota Hall, which was completed in December 1939. The old dormitory for men, named East Men's Hall, was built during 1920 and 1921 for the benefit of men who were disabled while in the United States Army or Navy and were sent to this college for training by the United States Veteran's Administration. A dormitory for men, named Scobey Hall, was completed in 1940. The Albert S. Harding Hall, a dormitory for men, was started in the fall of 1952 and completed in 1954. Development Hall, a dormitory used for women in 1954-55, houses 100. The Lincoln Memorial Library was built in 1927 and was dedicated by President Calvin Coolidge. It provides modern and efficient library facilities.

The Coughlin Campanile or Chimes Tower, built in 1929, is a gift of Charles L. Coughlin of the class of 1909. The tower houses eighteen tubular chimes. These are electrically played and are used to mark the hours, and to give concerts of hymns and other music. The tower is surmounted by two powerful lights, one

revolving and the other stationary, which serve as a beacon to aviators.

The Pugsley Union is the center of student social life. It provides very suitable space for student organizations and the Student Association Book Store. Game rooms and lounges provide well managed recreational facilities.

The College farms include 1,240 acres, about 360 of which are used by Agricultural Experiment Station as an experimental farm. Here the field experiments with crops, soils, and livestock are conducted, and the students may witness and actually participate in this scientific work. The horticultural gardens comprise about 50 acres adjoining the campus. Here and in the greenhouse a large amount of work in fruit propagation and plant experimentation is being carried on.

FORENSICS

Dr. John W. Headley has been the President of South Dakota State since 1952. Alphus R. (Chris) Christensen is Head of the Department of Speech and also serves as Director of Special Services. Donald E. Sikkink is Director of Forensics. The Department of Speech provides for a major and a minor in speech. Its main emphasis is on service to the students. Forensics is a major part of this service and provides an opportunity for any student to participate. The college also has an active program in drama including a local chapter in Alpha Psi Omega. The campus radio station KAGY also provides opportunity for students to write, act and announce for radio. For those who have special problems in speech the department has a Communications Clinic.

SCENERY

Visitors coming to South Dakota and especially those driving in from the West will be able to route their trip through the scenic Black Hills in the western part of the state. In the Black Hills they can see the "Shrine of Democracy", Mount Rushmore Memorial, historic Deadwood City, home of Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickock and Homestake Gold Mine, the largest gold producing mine in the United States. East of the Black Hills are the colorful Badlands and wide open plains. Oahe and Fort Randall dams on the Missouri River are masterpieces of con-



struction and planning by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Within a short distance of Brookings there are packing plants, grain and feed mills and hybrid seed corn plants. Oak-wood Lakes are interesting both for their scenic beauty and Indian history. South Dakota in April usually can be expected to have quite a number of colder days and it will be advisable to bring topcoats, sweaters and heavy jackets. Even with mild weather it will still be too chilly to plan for any swimming although picnics may be a reality. Casual clothes can be brought for informal recreation and lounging but semi-formal dress will be required for the convention banquet and dancing.

Don't bring your shotguns, pheasant season doesn't open until October.

LOCAL HOSTS

South Dakota Delta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta and South Dakota State College are the hosts for the 1957 National Convention.

John Randolph, past president of Pi Kappa Delta, is the convention chairman. Dr. Alphus Christensen, head of the speech department at State College, is chairman of the convention committee at State College. Dr. Carl Wilson, Governor of the Province of the Sioux; Dr. D. E. Sikkink, director of forensics, and Roger Zebarth, president of Delta Chapter, are members of the steering committee at South Dakota State.

Members of Delta Chapter and other chapters in the Province of the Sioux have been making plans for the big event since early in 1956.

HOUSING AND FOOD

Delegates to the convention will be housed on the campus of State College. Rooms will be available at a cost of \$2 per person per night. Linen will be provided but guests will have to bring towels.

Housing will be available on campus at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 14 when registration begins. Delegates who arrive prior to Sunday will be able to obtain temporary housing by applying at the convention desk located in the Student Union Building.

Commercial housing will also be available at the Hotel Sawnee and Hotel Sheldon or at the Brookings, Hillcrest, Malinda, Park Dale and Wayside motels. Rates at these vary from about \$2 to \$5 per night.

Delegates who expect to receive mail at the convention should have it addressed to convention headquarters where they may pick it up at the desk.

Meal tickets for the entire convention can be purchased during registration for a cost of \$11. Banquet costs will be \$2 per person and will be included in the registration fee. The Student Union cafeteria facilities will remain open throughout the convention to provide fountain service and snacks.

Other facilities that will be available to delegates include: the game rooms and television lounge in the Student Union, the State College Library and the Student Health service.

THE CONVENTION

The students and faculty have done everything possible to make our stay in Brookings a pleasant one. In addition to the regular convention events they have provided for the showing of first rate movies every day. The old timers will welcome the return to the program of "Talent Night" when schools and Provinces will show that Pi Kapps have talents other than word hurling.

The efforts of the National Council and South Dakota State College are aimed at making this one of the most successful conventions in our history. The indications are that there will be a big turnout as from all over the country comes reports of the migration to South Dakota for the greatest talk fest in America.



Members of Pi Kappa Delta, left to right are: Back row, Dr. Carroll Ellis, debate coach; Denny Crews, Bill Phillips, Earl Edwards, Paul Rogers, Phillip Slate, Larry Connelly and Wayne Tincher; second row, Maxine Smith Rose, James Vandiver, Marlin Connelly, Charles Trevathan, Robert Hamlin, Norma Riggs. Seated on the floor, Jess Hall and Hope Camp.

David Lipscomb College

The Tennessee Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was organized at David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tennessee, May 25, 1956, with the initiation of fifteen members. The charter for this chapter, which marks a milestone in the College's forensic program, is to be granted at the 1957 national convention of Pi Kappa Delta.

Dr. Batsell Barrett Baxter was appointed head of the Department of Speech and Director of Debate in 1947. Under his leadership, the speech faculty was expanded to four members, and after Lipscomb became a senior college in 1948, the entire speech and forensic program developed greater depth and variety. Dr. Carroll B. Ellis became chairman of the department in 1953. He has since served two terms as president of the Tennessee Speech Association, through which he has

worked for the expansion of forensic activities in colleges and universities over the state. Both Ellis and Baxter were members of Pi Kappa Delta before coming to Lipscomb. Baxter is now head of the Bible Department, having succeeded his father, the late Batsell Baxter, a former president of the college.

The showing of David Lipscomb College at the Southeastern Regional Pi Kappa Delta Tournament, held in Cookeville, Tennessee, last May, gives evidence of the strong debate program maintained under both Dr. Baxter and Dr. Ellis. At this first Pi Kappa Delta Tournament attended, Lipscomb won the sweepstakes award in men's division, its Marlin Connelly and Earl Edwards, who won seven certificates, being the only team undefeated. Connelly was president of the squad last year.

Achievements of the past several years

have included victory in men's debate in the state tournament for four out of the last five years; the winning of the Millsaps tournament in 1953 by Don McWhorter and John Shoun; and the winning of more awards in the Grand National Tournament held at Fredericksburg, Virginia, and also the debate tournament held by the Southern Speech Association in Memphis in 1955, than any other school represented at these contests. Phillip Morrison and Don McWhorter were one of the teams representing District 6 at West Point's Grand National Invitational Tournament in 1955. As a rule, Lipscomb attends seven or eight invitational tournaments a year, in addition to numerous exchange debates with nearby colleges. A regular program for furnishing judges for high school debate events in the Nashville area is under the direction of Jess Hall, a senior student.

One of the outstanding features of Lipscomb's forensic program is the annual Intramural Forensic Contest. This spirited week was started in 1948 by Dr. Ira North, Professor of Speech, and has continued annually under his direction. Each year inter-class contests are held in debate, one-act plays, extemporaneous speaking, oral interpretation, after-dinner speaking, radio speaking and Bible reading. For the past few years, an average of at least 150 students have actively participated. The rivalry engendered in this contest is one of the high points of the year, and many of those who subsequently become members of the debate squad get their start in

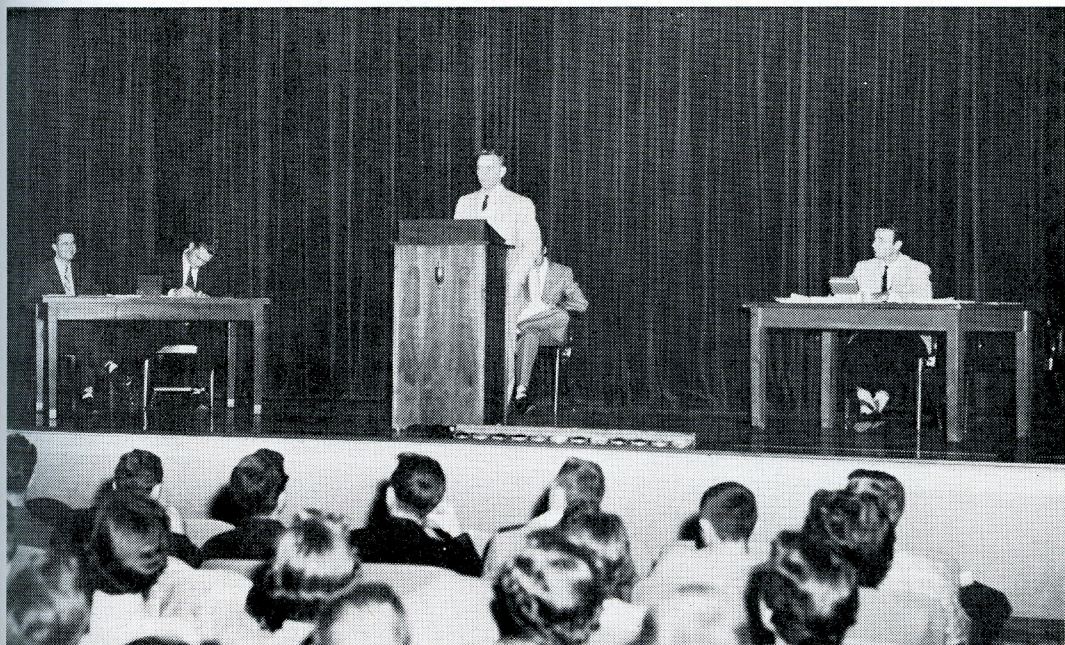
this annual event. Faculty members serve as judges, and a banquet is held for all who participate.

Last year a debate workshop was held on the campus, and 22 high schools from the middle Tennessee area sent 150 students. Four of the college debaters presented a model debate on the high school topic, and other members of the college team helped in leading two rounds of discussion on the subject. This year, in addition to the Workshop, Mr. Don Garner of the Speech Department is conducting a drama clinic on October 27.

Looking forward to their first year of debating in Pi Kappa Delta, the fraternity elected Charles Trevothan, president; James Vandiver, vice-president; Maxine Smith Rose, secretary-treasurer; and Denny Crews, recording secretary. Other members of the fraternity are Phillip Slate, Marlin Connelly, Jess Hall, Larry Connelly, Lynn Fulgham, and Norma Riggs. The entire debate squad is composed of about 25 people.

What establishment of the Pi Kappa Delta Chapter means to the College is summed up in this statement by Dr. Ellis: "David Lipscomb College hopes to carry on the traditions of Pi Kappa Delta, and believes that its forensic development will be strengthened and enhanced by membership in this organization."

At the Lipscomb Debate Workshop, Jess Hall speaks while his colleague, James Vandiver, and opponents, Hope Camp and Paul Rogers, listen.



Morris Harvey College



Left to right — Jerald McAllister, Ervin Walther, Archie Snedeger, Allen Jones, Caron Lopinsky, Ray Holdren, Dr. O. J. Wilson (standing), Clark Hawley, Joe Hash, Jeanne Crawford, and David Parker.

The West Virginia Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, came into being on May 13, 1956, when Dr. Ben Hope, Director of Forensics at Marshall College, installed the chapter at Morris Harvey College, Charleston, West Virginia. The following charter members were initiated: Robert D. Johnson, Mary Lee Smith, Archie Snedeger, Edward Maslow, John L. Sticklen, Carlos Clifton, Julia Ann McCutcheon, Norma Jean Parkins, Vincent G. Thomas and Professor O. J. Wilson. Dr. Wilson, Chairman of the Division of the Humanities and Director of Forensics, was installed as faculty sponsor.

The Chapter participated in the Province of the Lakes Regional Debate Tournament at Grove City, Pennsylvania, this year after National Secretary D. J. Nabors arranged to send the charter to Province Governor Wofford G. Gardner at the tournament. The arrival of the charter was eagerly anticipated throughout the tournament, in order to make participation of the college completely "official," but it was not

until every item of business on the agenda had been disposed of in the final convention session that a postman arrived with the charter. Thus, the final act of the convention was to present the charter to the chapter delegates before adjournment.

Morris Harvey College, a four year liberal arts institution, was founded in 1888 by the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church. It became a private institution in 1935 and has continued to expand until it has become the largest private college in West Virginia with an enrollment of approximately 2500 students.

Forensics at Morris Harvey College has always been an activity in which students enthusiastically participate. Morris Harvey President, Dr. Leonard Rigglesman, gained wide recognition as a debater at the college in the early '20's when the team on which he debated was undefeated for an entire academic year. His continuing interest and support of forensics enabled Morris Harvey College debaters to debate from coast to coast during the past year, traveling well over 10,000 miles during 1955-56. One of the highlights of the year was the demonstration debate with the United States Merchant Marine Academy

before the Speech Association of America Convention and the America Forensic Association in Los Angeles on December 29. President Rigglesman also went to Los Angeles to see the Morris Harvey College team in action. At that same convention he addressed a breakfast meeting of the American Forensic Association on that same day. His speech combined the best techniques of the debater and the humorist to point up the interrelation of debate and democracy. It was printed in the January 1956 issue of *The Forensic*. The editors recommend it to those who have not yet read it.

Morris Harvey College conducts an annual forensic meet on the Friday and

Saturday nearest the first of December of each year. The meet provides competition in debate, discussion, oratory, impromptu, extempore and after-dinner speaking and is one of the major campus events at the college. Each year a "guest" school is invited to meet Morris Harvey College in a public debate on Thursday evening immediately prior to the meet. Notre Dame was the guest last year, and Harvard University is the guest this year.

With an active interested student body and staff, an established forensic program and a tradition of forensics Morris Harvey should continue as one of the fine forensics schools and expand its program because of its marriage to Pi Kappa Delta.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 14-19, 1957

Sunday, April 14

- 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m., Registration
- 8:00 p.m. — Convocation
College Chapel

Monday, April 15

- 8:30 — Business Meeting and
Charter Presentation
- 10:15 a.m. — Drawing for Extempore,
Round I
- 10:30 a.m. — Movies
- 11:15 a.m. — Extempore, Round I
- 1:30 p.m. — Oratory, Round I
Movies
- 3:00 p.m. — Pre-discussion Speaker
- 4:30 p.m. — Debate, Round I;
Discussion, Round I
- 8:00 p.m. — Host Province
Entertainment

Tuesday, April 16

- 8:30 a.m. — Debate, Round II;
Discussion, Round II
- 10:15 a.m. — Drawing for Extempore,
Round II
- 10:30 a.m. — Movies
- 11:15 a.m. — Extempore, Round II
- 12:30 p.m. — Province Governor's
Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. — Oratory, Round II
Movies
- 3:00 p.m. — Debate, Round III;
Discussion, Round III
- 7:00 p.m. — Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 17

- 8:30 a.m. — Debate, Round IV;
Discussion, Round IV
- 10:30 a.m. — Convention address
- 11:45 a.m. — Taking of Convention
Picture
- 1:00 p.m. — Oratory, Round III
- 1:30 p.m. — Movies
- 2:30 p.m. — Debate, Round V
- 4:00 p.m. — Drawing for Extempore
Round III
- 5:00 p.m. — Extempore, Round III
- 8:00 p.m. — Pi Kappa Delta
Talent Night

Thursday, April 18

- 8:30 a.m. — Debate, Round VI;
Discussion, Round V
- 10:30 a.m. — Movies
- 11:00 a.m. — Oratory, Round IV
- 1:30 p.m. — Drawing for Extempore
Round IV
Movies
- 2:30 p.m. — Extempore, Round IV
- 4:00 p.m. — Debate, Round VII
- 6:30 p.m. — Convention Banquet
- 9:00 - 12:00 p.m. — Convention
Dance

Friday, April 19

- 8:30 a.m. — Debate, Round VIII
- 10:00 a.m. — Province Meetings
- 11:00 a.m. — Business Meeting
- 12:00 a.m. — Announcement of
Winners

Dale A. Level, Jr., *University of Florida (1950-1952), Eastern Illinois State College (1952-1954) — B.S. in Education, 1954, Purdue University — M.S., 1956 (Thesis "Objectives and Effects of Debate as Reported by Sponsors of Pi Kappa Delta")*. Fall of 1956 — *Begin work on Ph.D. — Purdue University. Member of Pi Kappa Delta; Eastern Illinois State College, 1953.*

Objectives and Effects of Debate

DALE A. LEVEL, JR.

"Many of us go about our extra-curricular speech work simply as a result of habit, and with little questioning as to objectives."¹ "We have lost all sight of the true purposes of debate training. It may be that some directors have only a hazy conception of the ends for which they are striving. Some may have clearly defined goals but are not so clear as to methods, while others have no objectives whatever. We can never achieve any objectives if we have none."²

These statements by J. F. O'Brien and P. X. Knoll are heard as often today as when they were written twenty years ago. Objectives and possible effects have long been a matter of interest to debate coaches and teachers, but there has not been any serious attempt to establish a consensus. Through personal experience of being a member and coach of college debating teams, and through a review of earlier studies, the writer became aware of this fact. It was thus decided that an attempt to determine what objectives were actually cited and what possible effects were observed, while not conclusive in all respects, would be interesting and profitable.

"Objectives" were defined as the end results toward which efforts have been directed by the debate coach and the debater. "Possible effects" were defined as the end results that have been produced by an action or cause, (i.e., effort toward the objectives), as reported by sponsors of Pi Kappa Delta.

The population chosen for this study was composed of sponsors of Pi Kappa Delta. This organization was chosen be-

cause it is the largest National Honorary Forensic Fraternity and because the writer is a member. A directory of current chapters and sponsors was secured from the national secretary in October of 1955. This directory listed one hundred and seventy-three chapters located at a like number of colleges and universities in thirty-one states.

A questionnaire was developed for the purpose of collecting the data. This was mailed to the sponsor of each chapter listed in the directory. The final form of the questionnaire contained blanks for the name, institution and approximate number of years' coaching experience of the sponsor. The remainder consisted of two parts: (I) a list of seven objectives of debate derived from debate texts, personal experience and consultation with debate coaches, and (II) twenty-eight possible effects of debate training and experience, which had been previously judged to be either advantageous or disadvantageous for the student.

Each sponsor was asked to rank the seven objectives listed in Part I, in a preferential rank-order method, with the major objective of his program in debate being given the rating of one; the second most important, two; third, three; and continuing until they had been ranked one through seven. In Part II, each sponsor was asked to indicate the frequency with which each

1 Joseph F. O'Brien, "The Status Quo in Debate," *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, (June, 1934), P. 377.

2 Paul X. Knoll, "A Restatement of the Purposes of Debate Training," *A Program of Speech Education In A Democracy*, Ed. by W. Arthur Cable (Boston: Expression Company, 1932), p. 219.

of the twenty-eight possible effects of debate training was observed in his debaters.

In carrying out this research, two limitations became evident: (1) debate programs vary from college to college. Such things as the mechanics or organization of a program might well determine its objectives or results; or, the attitudes toward debate by college officials might differ in such a way as to affect the end results. The effects of this variable were minimized by the number of responses from sponsors of programs of all types. (2) It is possible that these sponsors, because of the close association with this activity might be biased either favorably or unfavorably toward it; hence, it is possible that they would report judgments in support of their bias. On the other hand, these persons have had the greatest opportunity to determine the objectives and possible effects of debate training and experience over a period of time.

The 128 responses to the questionnaire were divided into two groups: (1) coaches having ten years or less of experience, and (2) those coaches having eleven years or more of debate coaching experience. The range in the number of years of coaching experience of these Pi Kappa Delta Sponsors was from zero (the current year being their first) to thirty-eight. The average number of years was 12.45; the mode, 5; and the median, 10 years.

It should be noted that the objectives listed on the questionnaire were given in the same order on all questionnaires. Since the rankings are somewhat similar to the order of presentation, it is possible the ratings were affected by this order. While this may obtain, both the range in rankings of individual items, and the changed final rank of some items indicate that the order of listing did not prevent the coaches from indicating their real judgments of rank.

Within the limitations noted, the cumulative results of these judgments of 128 sponsors of Pi Kappa Delta forensic programs were:

PART I

1. Of the seven objectives listed, the following rank of importance was noted by means of the mode and mean: (The number after the objective indicates the order of presentation on the questionnaire.)

(1) To promote and/or heighten skill in critical thinking and analysis; reasoning and synthesis of logical arguments, (2),

(2) To promote greater skill in oral communication — the ability to present material clearly and effectively, (3),

(3) To develop critical listening and evaluation of arguments presented by others, (4),

(4) To promote research — discovering, selecting and evaluating material, (1),

(5) To develop ability to think quickly, (5),

(6) To develop co-operation within a framework of competitive team endeavor, (6), and

(7) To cultivate social growth and development, (7).

2. The measurement of central tendency by the median duplicated the above order of importance, except that numbers five and six in the above listing were given the same rank of five by the median.

3. The objectives ranked one, six and seven, received those rankings by a larger percentage of sponsors than did the intermediate objectives.

4. The length of time a sponsor had been coaching was related to the ranking of only one objective: "to promote research — discovering, selecting and evaluating material." In this case, sponsors with ten years or less of coaching experience rated this objective as fourth in importance; those with eleven or more years of coaching experience rated this objective as third in importance.

5. The sponsors cited the objective most frequently mentioned in debate texts, (i.e., "to develop and/or heighten skill in critical thinking and analysis, reasoning and synthesis of logical arguments") as most important of the seven listed on the questionnaire.

PART II

1. The greatest number of sponsors of Pi Kappa Delta Chapters reported the belief that the following possible effects of debate training and experience were observed as being generally true: aids in personality development, provides recreational opportunities, develops respect for the opinions of others, increases knowledge of the use of the library, increases self-confidence, de-