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SEVERAL THINGS

REFER MONEY MATTERS TO FINLEY

Sorry to state that we are not authorized to accept money for subscription or extra copies of the Forensic.

Letters concerning such matters addressed to our office are referred to our National Secy.-Treas. Prof. George Finley. Please address such communications to him direct.

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BACK NUMBERS

Please do not send back numbers of your college paper. Such papers are of no value. Furthermore, to do so does not satisfy the requirement that chapters send papers regularly. Our "fine" list is sent to the National Secretary at the end of each month and we do not expect to recheck delinquent lists. Either clip news items or place your paper on the Forensic mailing list, NOW!

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MARK YOUR FORENSIC NEWS

It is of course not our intention to do away with the campus papers as a source of news. In fact we prefer the papers to personal letters when they contain usable material. Letters should be supplementary only when necessary. (See page 142 of the January Forensic.)

We suggest that local representatives for our magazine follow this procedure.

- I. Have the copy of your paper sent to you instead of the Editor.
- II. Do not send us the entire paper.
- III. Clip the forensic items that give the facts concerning

your chapter activities.

IV. Mark date of each story in the margin of the clipping.

V. Somewhere in your communication state:

1. The name of your college.
2. The name of your paper.
3. The name of your chapter.
4. The name of your official Forensic correspondent.

VI. Discard all papers and items that are not significant.

VII. Send these clippings in an envelope so that the Editor will receive them by the end of each month.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN—FORENSIC NEWS?

Some have asked us this question. Well, what sort of thing interests you from other chapters? We believe the following general categories will answer our needs:

1. News of outstanding victories, e. g.,
 - a. State winnings in oratory, debate or extempore speaking.
 - b. Outstanding achievement of prominent Pi Kappa Delta members in any activities, e. g., lead in theatricals, president of students' association, appointment to Rhodes scholarship, acceptance of big-time, after-graduation, high-salaried position.
 - c. The more important debates, e. g., international contests, important tours, East-West, North-South sectional clashes.
 - d. Unusual occasions, e. g., programs before state legislatures, service clubs, etc.
 - e. Debates on other than our P. K. D. proposition.
 - f. Local victories of contests leading to state or province participation.
 - g. Items which if written of other chapter achievement would interest you.

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DID GEORGE WIN?

Altho we have some very good evidence that a certain small group of P. K. D. are actively interested in our organization affairs, we are not yet convinced that this interest is sufficiently inclusive to declare President George Pflaum the winner in our bet as placed in the January Forensic.

Perhaps we should adopt the psychology so commonly used

now in radio advertising. Let's give something as an incentive to response. We might offer a gold embossed copy of J. D. Coon's National Convention banquet address delivered every two years, or an autographed picture of your favorite critic debate judge.

From Prof. Carl Mundt, speech mentor at Eastern State Teachers College, South Dakota, comes the suggestion that we offer as one prize a copy of "Hair Raising Stories for Bald Headed Debaters." We are not advised whether this suggestion originally came from our chairman of the national convention committee. (See directory of National officers.)

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THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER—

And we hope you will accept this printed form-letter as a personal reply to you just as if we had used your front name.

We have received many letters in response to our chapter letter and to the January Forensic. Letters bringing forensic news, suggestions for improvement of Pi Kappa Delta and the Forensic, reactions to Forensic articles, expressions of a spirit of cooperation, etc., etc.,—have been received and noted and in some cases passed on to those more directly concerned.

Following this interest, expressed and implied, has come tangible evidence of action. Chapters, in response to the suggestions for news gathering, have appointed their official Forensic representatives and we have received additional news from them. The list of chapters, delinquent thru failure to send campus papers, has materially decreased.

Correspondence which we felt needed immediate and personal attention has been cared for in the usual way. We wish here in this unusual way to merely acknowledge letters from those who perhaps did not expect response in any form. Please remember this is our "personal" reply to you.

Thanks for Your Letter:

Stanley Clifton, Pres. Texas Beta.

B. D. Smith, Pres. Texas Delta.

Jean Starr, Intermountain Union College, Montana Alpha.

Herbert S. Van Wyk, Central College, Iowa, Beta.

John Casteel, Dept. of Public Speaking, Nebraska Wesleyan.

Wm. Blizzard, Editor, "Top O' the World," W. S. C. Gunnison, Colorado.

Lois M. (S) Phelps, Illinois Delta.

Edward Saxon, Kentucky Delta.

Oklahoma, Epsilon Chapter.

Rena Calhoun, Dept. of Speech, Kentucky, Alpha.

Neva Stacy, Iowa, Alpha.

Prof. R. H. Ritchie, Dept. of Speech, Kansas, Alpha.

John T. Eischeid, Oklahoma, Zeta.

Ernest Baker, Hays (Kans.) Teachers College.

Elizabeth Johnson, Sec'y. P. K. D., Virginia, Alpha.

Joyce R. Gregory, Sec'y., South Dakota, Theta.

Evelyn Rude, Sec'y, Oklahoma, Zeta.

Jim Bellitt, Iowa Wesleyan.

Lois McIntire, Pres. Kansas, Epsilon.

Loren T. Jenks, Iowa, Theta.

Dorothy Whitmore, South Dakota, Epsilon.

Prof. Chas. A. Marsh, U. C. L. A.

Roy A. Taylor, Forensic Correspondent, Tennessee, Alpha.

Prof. Barnes, Park College.

R. D. Mahaffey, Province Governor.

Mildred Patterson, Sec'y-Treas. Michigan, Delta.

Helen Leach, Sec'y-Treas. Oregon, Alpha.

Clarice Totman, Instructor in Speech, Okla. Zeta.

Prof. Nichols, Redlands University.

Edith Whitaker, Instructor in Speech, Simpson College.

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CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS FOR THE FORENSIC

Several chapters have informed us that they have, or will appoint, a local chapter correspondent to cooperate with the Editor of the Forensic in making available chapter news. Only a very few names of such correspondents have been sent to us. Doubtless the chapter secretary in some cases will hold such appointment.

We should like to have the name of your local appointee.

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WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR "NATIONAL ORATORICAL"

President Pflaum Appoints Judges

We are to have a "national oratorical" this year altho this is a Provincial year. Here's how.

Each province must determine who is its best orator if our suggestion is to materialize. This will be easy in those provinces having only one oratorical contest. But what shall we do in provinces having an "old line" contest, a peace oratorical or per-

haps divisions of these for men and women? We suggest that the judge or judges be required to keep in mind all orators and place first honors upon one of them whether in the same contest or not. Perhaps coaches of non-winning schools can be depended upon for this decision if it can not be determined otherwise. We must leave that matter to the governor and coaches of each province.

At any rate we want all provinces represented in our "national" contest.

What then? Well, President Pflaum has already appointed the judges for this national contest. They are: Prof. Marsh of U. C. L. A.; former Pres. Veatch of Washington State; Prof. J. W. Parlette of Morningside; Edith Whitaker of Simpson College; Prof. J. W. Carmichael of Bowling Green State College. The winning orations will be sent to each of these judges who will rank them on basis of oratorical thought content after which the individual ratings will be sent to National Secretary Finley for final tabulation and decision.

President Pflaum points out that it cannot be an oratorical contest since the judges cannot judge the platform performance. Of course our president is right. However, since the orations already shall have been judged in the provinces on the performance side, our contest will in some respects be an oratorical contest. If preferable we can call it an Essay-Oratorical.

Perhaps we shall have both "preliminary" and "final" contests, asking our first group of judges to select the three or four best, which in turn will be judged by another group.

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SPECIAL TO OUR FORENSIC REPORTERS

In addition to sending us your marked forensic news (see page 199 this issue) we are hereby requesting you to tell us what plays have been and will be produced on your campus this year. Please state whether plays are one-act or three-act.

Also please have your dramatic coach or head of the speech department rank these plays on the following basis.

- I. If excellent, much worth while.
- II. If good.
- III. If not worth doing.

We believe that such information from our 132 chapters will be of interest to our readers as a whole and of real value to those who will produce plays next year.

Send us the available information now and add to it when

later plays are produced. The October Forensic will carry the compiled data.

In order that this information may be of most value you should give:

- a. The title of the play
- b. The name of the author
- c. The publishers.

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AN 8,000-MILE DEBATE TOUR

Do you know of any non-professional debaters who will travel more than 8,000 miles this year? If you do we should like to give them at least one paragraph of space in the May Forensic.

"The Simmons Brand" of Simmons University states that a debate team of that institution composed of Calvin Whatley, Johnnie Reagan and Johnnie Lowell will leave the first of March on an 8,000 mile tour that will include colleges and universities in Western United States and Canada. They will be on tour about three weeks.

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G. R. R. Pf. of P. K. D. to Judge 1st V. P. vs. 3rd V. P. Contest

We trust this case may be one of 100 per cent fraternal conviviality and that after March 10 we can record in truth (and not because we are under official pressure) that a good time was had by all.

We have in mind an occasion that will have something of the earmarks of a national event. On the date mentioned the debate teams of First Vice President Menchhofer of Michigan State College and Third Vice President Toussaint of Monmouth College will compete for a decision with National President Pflaum in the judge's stand. The fact that Prof. Toussaint is chairman of the Inter-chapter Relations Committee should provide lubrication for the troubled forensic billows on this occasion.

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AND WHILE YOU ARE AT IT—

Send in one of those "30 red hot tips" as suggested on page 74 of the October Forensic.

ALSO—

Apparently President Pflaum has given up hope of any member writing words or music for a Pi Kappa Delta song. If you cannot provide the song perhaps you can help out by suggesting a prize-winning contest that will interest other poet-musicians.

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THEN TOO—

There is our Forum department open for your criticisms, suggestions, whatnot. If you have any "burning issue" (e. g. the problem of contest judging, if that suggests anything) that you would like to rap or defend, send your contribution to the Editor. The space below is for you.

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GLEE vs. GLOOM

S. R. TOUSSAINT, Chairman Inter-Chapter Relations Committee

Did you have a GOOD time at any college on a debate trip this year? If you did, don't keep it to yourself. We always air the bad treatment we get—why not spread a little of the appreciation of the good entertainment we had. There are many Pi Kappa Delta chapters waiting to hear how other chapters made their guests feel at home—they are after ideas so that they, too, may be more sociable than before—more fraternal and more sisterly. Now, Mr. or Miss President of that local chapter anywhere in Pi Kappa Deltaland appoint someone to write a letter to Miss Edith Whitaker at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, on the general subject, "The best time we had this year at a debate or oratorical contest." Miss Whitaker is a member of the Inter-chapter Relations committee, which is trying to encourage the fun as well as the battle when good PKD's get together in combat.

May we have your help? Editor McCarty says you won't write any letters. How many chapters will help the committee prove that Ye Editor was in error? If you don't write we'll think no one treated you well. Who will break into the May issue? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

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BETTER WATCH THESE SPEAKERS IN THE PROVINCIAL MEETS

Judging by the comment of the campus press and chapter advice, we feel safe in sounding a warning to those aspiring to forensic honors in the various province tournaments. We hazard a guess that the following will come in for honorable mention in that special Province Number of our Forensic in May:

Dorothy Sedgwick, Iowa Wesleyan University

Miss Dorothy Sedgwick is president of Iowa Alpha, a senior, four-year debater and has never been on a losing team; as a freshman she represented her college in the state extempore contest; won the provincial extempore contest at Des Moines when a sophomore; represented Wesleyan in state oratorical contest last year; participating in both oratory and debate this year. Miss Sedgwick having won the local contest in oratory will represent Iowa Wesleyan in that event in the state contest and in the provincial meet.

Paul Johnson, Central Mo. S. T. C.

Paul Johnson is serving his third year in the forensic activities of Central Missouri State Teachers College, and his second year as president of the Missouri Eta chapter. He won the degree of Honor in both debate and oratory last year. With the beginning of this season he has achieved special distinction in debate and he aspires also to that degree in oratory. Besides his P. K. D activities, he is prominent in many other organizations.

John Mason, St. Olaf College

During his four years at St. Olaf College John Mason has taken an active part in forensics, dramatics, and student government. He has been an intercollegiate debater for three years and was a member of the 1930 debate team which made a trip to the Pacific coast, meeting in debate Washington State college, University of Idaho, and Montana State college. He is president of the local Pi Kappa Delta chapter.

James E. Latture, Michigan State Normal College

Senior and president of Michigan Epsilon. He holds the Pi Kappa Delta certificate as coach of forensics. Has diamond key. Has debated four questions, participating in 26 debates. In oratory he tied for first in state peace contest; and won first in the state contest on the Constitution.

Horace W. Robinson, Oklahoma City University

Horace W. Robinson of Oklahoma Epsilon, holds the degree of Special Distinction in Debate; is the president of the Student Council of Oklahoma City University and a delegate to the National Student convention of 1930; is now a senior and four year debater for O. C. U.

Louis R. Anderson, N. N. I. S.

A senior, a veteran debater and orator; winner, as sophomore, of the provincial oratorical contest in the Sioux Province, and in the same tournament a member of the debate team placing second; placed third in the national oratorical at Wichita last year. Continuing in both debate and oratory this year.

Frank M. Wilson, Texas Iota

In 1929 Mr. Wilson represented Baylor University in twelve intercollegiate debates, in eight of which he was on the winning side. In 1930 he represented the university in the national Pi

Kappa Delta convention at Wichita, where he won four of six debates.

This year Mr. Wilson is a senior law and senior academic student. A great part of his expenses as a student has been earned through work in the offices of Waco attorneys.

L. Arthur Larson, South Dakota Eta

With a background of three years of high school debating, Mr. Larson is now in his seventh year of competition. During this time he has participated in fifty-five interscholastic debates, winning eighty-two percent of them. He was member of the Augustana team that tied for third place at the 1930 convention at Wichita.

In oratory, Mr. Larson has won three state contests besides interstate and national honors. As a sophomore, first in the state (S. D.) "old line" oratorical; third the same year in the interstate. In his junior year he won the state peace oratorical and the state, inter-state oratorical contest on the Constitution, and finally third place and \$750 at the national finals at Los Angeles. At Wichita he won second place in the oratorical finals. Recently he won the annual state extempore contest.

Mr. Larson is now a senior at Augustana college. He is one of several successful speech students in recent years to have been directed by Prof. Hugo A. Carlson.

Geraldine Doyle, Shurtleff College

On February 13th Miss Doyle won the women's state oratorical contest in Illinois, competing against nine state finalists.

Virgil Martin, Illinois Wesleyan

Mr. Martin of the Illinois Alpha chapter won the men's division of the state oratorical contest held at Monmouth College on February 13.

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THESE CHAPTERS MAY THREATEN PROVINCIAL HONORS

We hesitate in prophesying as to the winning chapters in the coming provincial meets. However, the papers do record and say that certain chapters of our one hundred and more, have been going strong in many contests in debate, oratory and extempore speaking. We therefore suggest that these same chapters may continue to succeed and we warn accordingly the ambitious whose names are not here recorded.

We believe the following chapters will offer strong competition for high provincial honors:

Oregon, Alpha	Kansas, Epsilon
Nebraska, Delta	Texas, Iota
Missouri, Gamma	Oklahoma, Beta
Kansas, Delta	Missouri, Delta
Texas, Delta	Iowa, Delta
California, Alpha	Illinois, Lambda
Minnesota, Gamma	Michigan, Delta
South Dakota, Zeta	South Dakota, Eta
California, Epsilon	Missouri, Beta
Kansas, Mu	Nebraska, Alpha
Nebraska, Gamma	Minnesota, Alpha

If the various thirteen provincial governors provide us with the list of winners under their respective jurisdictions, our May Forensic will give the finished facts.

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QUESTIONS USED BY P. K. D. SCHOOLS

No doubt the P. K. D. question will again be the most widely used of any question. Here are a few others that are used by P. K. D. Schools:

1. Unemployment Insurance.
2. Smoot-Hawley Tariff Bill.
3. State Medicine.
4. Great Britain Should Immediately Grant Dominion Status to India.
5. The Emergence of Women from the Home is a Regrettable Feature of Modern Life.
6. A Formation of a Federation of European States Would Be Conducive to World Peace and Prosperity.
7. The Principle of Democracy Has Been Tried and Found Wanting.
8. The present System of Military Preparedness Should Be Abandoned.
9. The Principle of the Chain Store is More Harmful than Beneficial to Society.
10. Installment Buying is a Danger to American Prosperity.

IN THE MORGUE! HELP!!!

Are you interested in vital statistics? Chapters of P. K. D. like individuals are born and die without making their presence felt locally or nationally. Like some individuals they never serve themselves or others.

For the months of October and November there were 50 delinquent chapters. Since then that number has been very materially reduced but far too slowly. For February we must send to our National Treasurer (we refuse to call him bill collector) a fine list of 28. Sixteen of these are in 7 states. One state alone has four in the "morgue" this month.

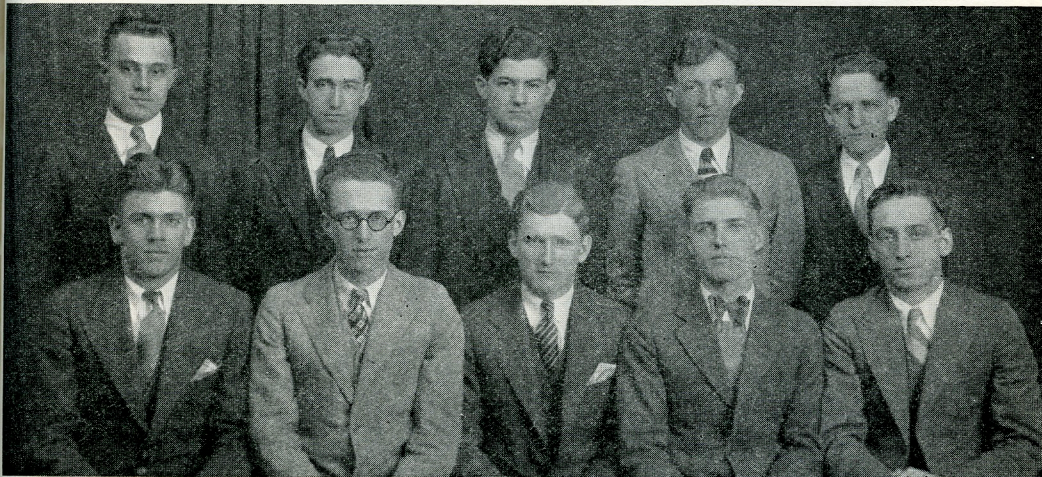
We are not sure that a significant correlation can be shown to exist between chapter interest as evidenced by its response to a matter as relatively unimportant as sending us its forensic news, and forensic achievement in our national tournaments, yet there seems to be such correlation. We were interested in studying the chapter achievement report made by Prof. Jacob and his committee as given in the October Forensic. (See p. 52) We note that of the 28 delinquent chapters for February, only 6 are to be found in the upper quartile of the winners in the last three national tournaments, while 11 of these, more than one-third, are listed in the lower quartile. Of course other factors enter in to warn us to be wary of hasty conclusions. We note that three of our most prominent chapters, active now and successful in all three tournaments referred to, are in our February "morgue." These three are of course not chronic in their delinquency. Many of the remainder are.

What is the trouble in these chronic cases? Is it the coach, the chapter president, the chapter as a whole, or shall we also blame this on Congress?

But we are not so concerned about who started the world war or who won it. We do want to avoid another. So it is with our chapters. What is the remedy? What shall we do, Doctor Finley? Can you prescribe some stimulating interest potion that in some miraculous way can be injected into these comatous chapters to reclaim them from their lethargy?

If we must continue to resort to the unscientific procedure of writing emotional requests, can you tell me to whom I should direct the appeal in order to get action? Help!

OSHKOSH STATE TEACHERS HOSTS TO PI KAPPA DELTA CONVENTION



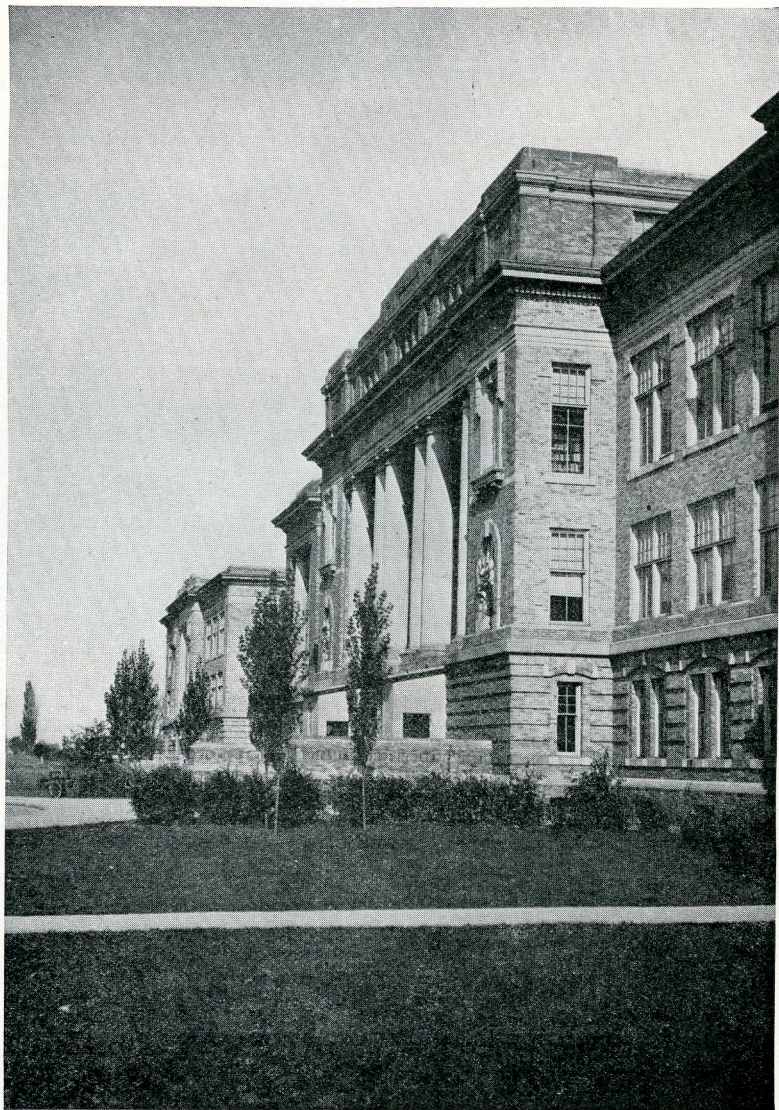
The Wisconsin Gamma chapter is very active with plans to make the Province of Illinois Tournament to be held April 1, 2 and 3 a long remembered occasion for all who attend. Members of the entertaining chapter pictured above are, (as printed) John Novakofski, Russell Ryan, Francis Flanagan, Darrell Mierswa, and George Pfeil; on the upper row. On the lower row are, Everald Kellogg, Wilbur McDaniels, Melvin Bartz, Leonard Frohling, and coach N. S. James. Others not included in this picture are Frances Fiss and Myron Hildebrand.

WISCONSIN-ILLINOIS PROVINCE CHAPTERS

Illinois

Alpha.....	Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington, Prof. W. C. Fulton.
Beta.....	Eureka College, Eureka, Prof. T. E. Wiggins.
Delta.....	Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Prof. Lawton.
Zeta.....	Monmouth College, Monmouth, Prof. S. R. Toussaint.
Eta.....	Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Prof. F. S. Sorenson.
Iota.....	North Central College, Naperville, Prof. G. E. Oliver.
Lambda.....	Shurtleff College, Alton, Prof. Harold Allen.
Mu.....	Wheaton College, Wheaton, Prof. Herbert Moule.

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A CAMPUS VIEW AT BOWLING GREEN STATE COLLEGE