



Secretary's Page

Pi Kappa Delta has just completed its best year since 1951 with 940 new memberships being issued and 350 new keys being ordered. The annual report of the treasurer is included in this issue of *The Forensic*. A summary of the report reveals that twenty-two chapters sent in more than \$100 for all purposes with the University of Illinois at Chicago, tops last year, again heading the list with a total of \$263.40. Kansas State College, Emporia, again ranked

second. Others in the top list for the second year were Bradley University, Redlands University, Central Michigan, Morris Harvey, and Southwestern Kansas. Six of the chapters in the honor group were new chapters including: Humboldt, Fresno, Loyola, Tabor, Southern State of South Dakota, and St. Mary's University of Texas.

Chapters sending in more than \$100:

University of Illinois at Chicago.....	\$263.00	State College of Washington.....	\$133.05
Kansas State, Emporia.....	\$231.53	Tabor College.....	\$133.05
Wisconsin State, Oshkosh.....	\$212.80	Pepperdine College.....	\$131.70
Central Michigan State College.....	\$203.20	Redlands University.....	\$129.45
College of the Pacific.....	\$186.85	Pacific Lutheran College.....	\$128.55
Southern State Teachers College.....	\$185.70	Hope College.....	\$126.00
Bradley University.....	\$163.97	Fresno State College.....	\$121.60
Black Hills State Teachers Col.....	\$160.95	Southwestern Kansas State.....	\$119.60
St. Mary's University, Texas.....	\$159.20	Loyola University.....	\$116.00
Morris Harvey State College.....	\$140.75	Luther College.....	\$105.71
Humboldt State College.....	\$135.00	Baylor University.....	\$100.85

Twenty-seven chapters sent in ten or more new members topping the record of twenty chapters which achieved this record last year. Seven of this group were new chapters with Wisconsin State, Oshkosh, heading the list. Other new chapters included were Harding, Humboldt, Fresno, Loyola, Tabor, and Portland State. Others that were also in this group last year were: University of Illinois at Chicago; Kansas State, Emporia; Marietta; Central Michigan; Morris Harvey; Wisconsin State, Eau Claire; Redlands; Southwestern Kansas State, and Baylor.

Wisconsin State Col., Oshkosh.....	\$158.00	Kansas State Col., Emporia.....	\$ 84.00
University of Illinois, Chicago.....	\$147.00	Pacific Lutheran College.....	\$ 82.50
St. Mary's University, Texas.....	\$144.00	Southwestern State Col., Kansas.....	\$ 77.00
Humboldt State College.....	\$130.00	Wisconsin State Col., Eau Claire.....	\$ 77.00
Central Michigan State College.....	\$126.00	Black Hills State Teachers.....	\$ 77.00
Hope College.....	\$126.00	Marietta College.....	\$ 71.00
Southern State Teachers College.....	\$122.50	Greenville College.....	\$ 70.00
Loyola University.....	\$116.00	Luther College.....	\$ 70.00
Fresno State College.....	\$116.00	Nebraska Wesleyan Univ.....	\$ 70.00
Redlands University.....	\$109.50	Portland State College.....	\$ 70.00
Tabor College.....	\$102.00	Augustana Col., S. Dak.....	\$ 70.00
College of the Pacific.....	\$ 98.50	Baylor University.....	\$ 70.00
Harding College.....	\$ 95.00	Whitworth College.....	\$ 70.00
Morris Harvey College.....	\$ 91.00		

Nineteen chapters sent in \$40.00 or more for key orders with Kansas State, Emporia, leading the group with \$147.53. The University of Illinois at Chicago,

Chapter Notes



Pictured above is Maynard Kaufman, president of the Pi Kappa Delta Chapter at Bethel College, with his wife (also a member) as they make plans for the future. Both have distinguished themselves in forensics and academic achievement. Maynard was recently granted a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and he and Marian will be studying at the University of Chicago next year. For the past two years, Marian has been teaching speech and dramatics in the Moundridge High School.

BETHEL COLLEGE

The active members of Kansas Xi Chapter, Bethel College, Newton, Kansas, conducted an impressive initiation ceremony at the Spring Banquet of the Chapter held April 27 at the Ripley Hotel. New members initiated were Leonard Goering, James Juhnke, Mary Ann Lagree, Melvin Schmidt, Janice Waltner and Winona Waltner. Miss Marguerite Schriver is faculty adviser of the Chapter.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

The forensic program at Bowling Green State University has shown a phenomenal growth over the past several years. Over one hundred and seven students participated in the 1956-1957 program, a total number which few universities have equaled or exceeded. The startling growth is revealed in comparison with the figures of preceding years; sixty-five in 1955-1956, forty-five in 1954-1955, and nineteen in

1953-1954. Thirty-five of the students received intercollegiate experience, which is also a new record.

The debate teams of the Ohio Eta Chapter this year traveled more than 6600 miles. The B.G.S.U. debaters participated in 128 rounds of intercollegiate debate with 51 colleges and universities from 20 states. Along with 11 cross examination debates and public debates with four different universities, the debaters appeared before audiences which totaled 2050 people.

Initiation of new members took place in February for Jerry Banniga, Dee D'Zurik, Tom Davis and Phyllis O'Reilly. At the business meeting which followed, Larry Gardner was elected president of the group for the 1957-1958 school year. Phyllis O'Reilly will serve as vice president and Dee D'Zurik as secretary-treasurer.

At the first Annual Speech Departmental Dessert, Dr. Raymond Yeager, advisor to the chapter, presented Fraternity Keys to Jerry Banniga and Tom Davis. Dee D'Zurik, Rollie Williams, and Phyllis O'Reilly received Proficiency Keys, and Larry Gardner advanced to the Degree of Honor.

Shirley Merritt received the Degree of Special Distinction and the Outstanding Woman Debater Award. Larry Gardner was awarded the Outstanding Man Debater Award and Rollie Williams was chosen as the Outstanding Senior Debater for the school year 1956-1957.

BUENA VISTA COLLEGE

The Iowa Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Buena Vista College carried out an extensive program of activities during 1956-57, which included participation in nine inter-collegiate tournaments and numerous local speaking engagements. Members of the Speakers' Bureau were especially active, appearing before service clubs, PTA's and other community groups.

The seventh annual high school forensics conference was a most successful venture, with over two hundred high school stu-



Standing, left to right: Vicki Norton, Ron Michener, Roger Decker, Ken Kannenberg, Merlyn McGarry, Craig Hinde, Stephen McCall, Jim Knott, Harlan Watson, and Carol Hammer. Seated, left to right: John Cross, George Pettengill, Judy Dillon, corresponding secretary; Carolyn Claussen, president; Ruth Paulson, vice-president; Gladys Kuehl, forensics director; Don Koebele, secretary-treasurer.

dents from Northwest Iowa participating in discussion, debate, oratory, and poetry reading. Advanced students under the direction of Professor Gladys Kuehl, director of forensics, acted as judges and chairmen for the various events. These students also judged other high school speech contests during the season.

Kappa Chapter also sponsored the third annual all-college oratory contest, the winners of which were presented with medals and a traveling trophy to the first-place speaker. Judy Dillon, freshman, was winner of first place.

Carol Hammer, senior, oratory winner in the women's division at the state contest, represented Iowa at the Inter-State Oratory Contest at Lansing, Michigan in April.

Nine members comprised the team entered in the National Pi Kappa Delta tournament at Brookings.

The formal banquet for initiation of new members and installation of officers was held on May 2. Four new members were initiated: Ruth Paulson, Craig Hinde, Judy Dillon, and Don Koebele. Eight seniors were initiated: Ruth Paulson, Craig Hinde, Judy Dillon, Merlyn McGarry, George Pettengill, Vicki Morton, Special Distinction; Harlan Watson, Roger Decker, John Cross, Proficiency; Gary Fiscus, Fraternity.

New officers for 1957-58 are: Carolyn Claussen, president; Ruth Paulson, vice president; Don Koebele, secretary-treasurer and Judy Dillon, corresponding secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, Athens

Georgia Beta chapter attended five tournaments during the 1956-1957 season. One of the highlights of the year came in October when Georgia debaters won all first and second place team and individual awards of the first All-Georgia Inter-collegiate Tournament held at Mercer University.

In other tournaments, debaters distinguished themselves with individual honors. Team captain, Roger Martinson, was named top debater at the 14th annual Carolina Forensics. Martinson, in addition, won honors of Superior in the Florida State Invitational Tournament and a Superior in Impromptu at the Southern Speech Convention which was held at the University of Georgia. Tommy Burnside also won a Superior rating in Impromptu and another Superior in Extemp at the Southern.

Georgia Beta chapter co-sponsored a debate between John O'Toole and Martinson and the touring British team. The debate took place before a capacity audience in the auditorium of the University library.

The chapter's faculty sponsor, David B. Strother, has returned from a two year leave of absence at the University of Illinois.

Georgia Beta expects to initiate several new members early in October to replace those who were lost through graduation. With more members and a larger budget, they expect a very busy forensic year.

GROVE CITY COLLEGE

In the closing days of the 1956-57 season Grove City's chapter of Pi Kappa Delta sent Bonnie Barr, Joan Spak, Rick Howard, Ruth Waddell, Martha McDougale and Lynne Payne to the finals at Wilkes Barre in the tournament sponsored by the Debate Association of Pennsylvania Colleges. Bonnie Barr returned with a third place in women's extemporaneous speaking. A picnic was also held at the Grove City Country Club in honor of the members of Pi Kappa Delta, the debate club, and chapter sponsor, Dr. James Paton, III. The picnic was given by Dr. Daniel McEuen, one of Grove City's strongest forensic enthusiasts.

Many activities have been planned by Grove City's Pi Kappa Delta chapter for the 1957-1958 season under the leadership of the new president, Miss Lynne Payne,

and Dr. Paton. Grove City will be host to a convention of the Debate Association of Pennsylvania Colleges, and in the spring will play host to a high school debate tournament. The chapter will also be sending representatives to the Pi Kappa Delta convention at Morris-Harvey College in West Virginia. Included in this year's program of forensics are many activities for the entire campus in order to stimulate interest in speech and debate. This will include oratory contests and demonstration debates all sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta.

Along with Lynne Payne, others elected to cabinet positions in the chapter were Marilynne Lanyon, Bonnie Barr, Tom Ordiway, and John Werren. With the reorganization of the chapter completed, the members of Pi Kappa Delta are looking forward to a very successful season in forensics.

HARDING COLLEGE

Harding College had a good record in forensics during 1956-57. The squad attended ten tournaments and placed high in many of them.

Leon Clymore was third in speaker ratings as Harding won the sweepstakes award at the East Central tournament. Bill Flora was first at the Southwestern tournament and third at the Tulane tournament

Ohio Men's Debate Champions, Heidelberg College — Standing, left to right: Earl Miller, Gerrold Galleher. Sitting, left to right: Downs Spittler, A. M. Thomas, and John Johnson.



in oratory. He teamed with Duaine McCampbell to reach the semi-finals at the Southeastern tournament and win first at the Arkansas tournament in debate. Eddy Nicklson was second in extemporaneous speaking and McCampbell was second in public address at Northwestern Louisiana. Nicklson teamed with Ron Ray to place first in Junior Men's Debate at the Arkansas State Tournament.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE

The Ohio Beta Chapter had a successful forensic season last year having participated in ten tournaments for a total of 82 intercollegiate debates, winning 56 and losing 26. Heidelberg teams traveled 3,566 miles and met teams from 12 states and the District of Columbia. The chapter sponsored its annual Invitational Tournament for High Schools during the winter and enjoyed the experience of promoting forensics on the high school level. Late winter saw chapter president Downs Spittler accept the trophy for the Ohio Men's Debate Championship as Heidelberg won 11 of the 12 debates in the state tournament. Other members of this championship team were Earl Miller, Jerrold Galleher and John Johnson.

New members initiated in May were Julia Volkmar, Miriam Shoffner, John Johnson and Jerrold Galleher. New president of the chapter is Earl Miller and he is making plans for the new year which includes the management of the high school tournament and planning the trip to the Province of the Lakes Tournament.

HOPE COLLEGE

Last year Hope College continued its outstanding record in oratory by winning first place in the Men's division in both of the Oratorical Leagues of which it is a member.

With his oration entitled "Person to Person," George Worden was awarded first place on February 9, 1957, in the contests of the Michigan Intercollegiate Peace Association. Mary Ann Klaaren placed second in the Women's division. In previous contests, Nathan Vander Werf placed first in 1956, Darlyne DeTuncq first in

1954, and Guy Vander Jagt first in 1953.

On March 1, 1957, Robert A. Winter won first place at Wayne University in the annual contest of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League. This organization, composed of 14 member schools, this year celebrated the 60th anniversary of its men's contest and 50th of its women's contest. In the 60-year-old history of these contests, Hope's men orators have established the enviable record of having won first place 14 times, second place seven times and third place ten times. Hope women orators achieved nine first, eleven second, and eight third place rankings.

The record since 1950 has been particularly outstanding. In that year Mary Houtman won first place; in 1951 Guy Vander Jagt won first for the men. The next year Roy Adelberg won third in the men's and Margaret Feldmann won second in the women's contest. In 1953, 1954 and 1955 Don Lubbers, Bruce Van Voorst, and K. Don Jacobusse won firsts for the men, the only time in the 60-year period when the same school won first three consecutive years. In 1956 Nell Salm won first in the women's contest. By Robert A. Winter's victory this year, Hope College has won a first place in either the men's or the women's division, for five consecutive years.

By this victory, Robert A. Winter represented the entire state of Michigan April 25-26 in the contests of the Interstate Oratorical Association with which the state organization affiliated in 1903. The Interstate Oratorical Association, organized in 1871, is the oldest such association in the country. Such well-known historical personages as Williams Jennings Bryan, Albert J. Beveridge, and Robert Marion LaFollette spoke for their schools during the long history of this association.

This remarkable oratory record on the part of Hope College is a tribute to the late Dr. John B. Nykerk who was in charge of Hope's orators until his death in 1936. Since 1939, Dr. William Schrier, chairman of the Speech Department, has served as director of oratory.

The newest members in Pi Kappa Delta are Robert Williams, Thomas Lubbers, John Van Dam, Nathan Vander Werf, Nell Salm, Carol Kuyper, Don Kroes, and Dave

Dethmers. The Chapter's president for this year is the National Peace Extempore Speech winner of last year, Robert Winter.

IDAHO STATE COLLEGE

On October 26, 1956, the Idaho State College Bengals began their year with a "bang." With a fourteen man squad, the Bengals visited the Brigham Young University Invitational Tournament and claimed first place in debate, with Larry Judd and Carl Larson the top team. Also the following awards in individual events: Sam Chilcote, first place in Oratory; Stormy Hines, third place in Oratory; Eileen Taney, tied for first place in Extemp; Stormy Hines, first place in ADS, with Noreen Anderson taking third; Tom Stoltz, second place in Impromptu Speaking. On November 16th, the Bengals took an eight person squad to the Columbia Valley Tournament at Pullman, Washington. Larry Judd and Carl Larson were undefeated champions of the practice flight. The squad as a whole won eighteen debates while losing six. Two weeks later, six I.S.C. debate members traveled to the Western Speech Tournament at Stockton, California. Despite the rough competition they managed to place four of the six Bengals in the semi-finals. Larry Judd and Norman Smith were semi-finalists in Junior Men's Extemp. Jim Rupp a semi-finalist in Senior Men's Oratory and Carl Larson in Junior Men's Oratory. Stormy Hines earned a trophy and a second place in Junior Women's Discussion.

After a welcome rest, the Bengals began the new year with renewed determination. Six Bengals traveled to Denver University on February 6, 1957. Jim Rupp and Jon Harward were undefeated champions in debate. Janice Reynolds and Monna Caudle tied for second in Women's debate. Carl Larson was awarded a second place in Oratory. The squad record in debate was 14 wins and 9 losses. February 22, 1957, I.S.C. was host for the All-Idaho Speech Tournament. Competing against all the Idaho schools the Bengals racked up an impressive record. Jim Rupp and Jon Harward were undefeated in Men's debate; Larry Judd and Carl Larson tied for second in Junior Men's Debate; The

I.S.C. squad won first and second in Women's debate with Janice Reynolds and Monna Caudle taking first and Lanae Hill and Shirley Wodtke accounting for second. In the Individual Events, Jim Rupp and Carl Larson won first and second place in that order. Jim Rupp also took first place in Extemp with third going to Larry Judd. Sally Thorton took first in Interpretation. For the second straight year the Bengals were in possession of the Sweepstakes trophy. Early in March the Bengals traveled to McMinnville, Oregon, to the Tournament of Champions hosted by Linfield College. They returned with a 15-9 record in debate and an invitation to the West Point Tournament.

Jim Rupp and Jon Harward represented the squad as they traveled to Brookings, South Dakota for the Nationals. Jon Harward received an excellent in Extemp. They continued to West Point where they received a plaque for excellence in debate. The last tournament of the year found I.S.C. at Missoula, Montana. The Tau Kappa Alpha Invitational proved to be quite successful as Sally Thornton took first place and a trophy in Women's Interp. Lynn Thomas reached the finals in Men's Interp. LaNae Hill reached the finals in Women's Oratory.

The Southeast Idaho Bar Association initiated a scholarship program for outstanding freshmen interested in debate and it got off to a good start with Carl Larsen and La Nae Hill as the first recipients. A new member has been added for next fall with Carolyn Fishburn gaining a debate scholarship for the 1957-58 term.

In addition to their regular debate activities, the ISC squad carries on an extensive program in service speaking. Members have traveled to neighboring towns to stage exhibition debates. Snake River, American Falls, and Soda Springs have all been hosts to the Bengal debate squad. Norman Hendricks, Bill Yett, Jim Rupp, Jon Harward, Tom Stoltz, Monna Caudle, and Janice Reynolds have been guests in neighboring towns. Norman Smith, Carl Larson and LaNae Hill have spoken before the Pocatello Lions Club and the Southeastern Idaho Bar Association. Squad members have also spoken before incoming

freshmen assemblies and speech classes. They plan to go into service speaking a great deal more in the future.

The year was brought to a close with the annual Pi Kappa Delta Banquet. The following officers for the year 1957-58 were installed: President, Tom Stoltz; Vice President, Eileen Taney; Secretary-Treasurer, Norman Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Carl Larson. Guest speaker at the banquet was Lieutenant Colonel Warren Thompson of the United State Air Academy. Plans are being made for a number of speech tournaments to be held on the ISC campus in 1957-58. The Pi Kappa Delta Provincial is set for the Spring of 1958 with ISC acting as host. A High School Invitational will be held January 10, 1958, and the Gem State Jamboree will be held on October 25-26, 1957. From all indications a very busy year ahead for the Idaho Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

ILLINOIS COLLEGE

On May 12 six new members were initiated into the Illinois Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois. These were Judith Todd, Francis Gunn, Wilma Dobbs, Alan Engle, David Robinson and Danny Carpenter. At the same meeting elections were held and the new officers of the Pi Chapter are: President, David Robinson; Vice President, Francis Gunn; Secretary-Treasurer, Judith A. Todd. The sponsor of our chapter is Roy Baker, speech coach at Illinois College.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

The members of the Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta in the spring semester engaged in an activity which might be considered a first in our fraternity activity. When the eighth grade of our training school expressed a desire to debate, Pi Kappa Delta, under the directorship of Dr. Ralph Micken of Illinois State Normal University, responded with enthusiasm. Faye Felchhner and George Tuttle undertook the task of teaching the class the elements of debate and reasoning. The class was divided into teams on the proposition, Resolved that the government of the United States should complete desegre-

gation by the end of 1957. The class chose the cross examination style of debate with six minute constructive speeches and three minute cross examinations. Pi Kappa members served as judges and personal coaches to the individual teams. Members of the class were called upon to participate in a radio discussion, a high school class discussion unit, a debate in an advanced high school speech class, and a debate for a college philosophy class. The termination of the class debates was an all school assembly debate.

Illinois State Normal University has just completed one of its most successful years winning superior sweepstakes awards in both men and women's divisions in South Dakota. I.S.N.U.'s women tied for first in points in the women's division. The women's team was undefeated.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Between January 1 and May 1, 1957, the University of Illinois at Chicago participated in eleven tournaments and won more than it lost in all but one. At Illinois State Normal University, UIC won nine and lost one to tie for first in Division I; at the Purdue Novice event, a 7-1 record resulted in a second-place finish with Paul Rothstein ranking third in individual scoring and George McKenna sixth out of 152 speakers. McKenna and Dick Fischmar finished with a 4-2 record to place fifth in the state tournament, which UIC entertained in 1957. A week later Bill Haase and Fischmar had a 4-2 record in District V competition, thus lacking one decision of qualifying for West Point. Later a foursome of Sheldon Hoffenberg, Nick Beeler, Lee Goldfine, and Jamal AlWattar placed fourth in the Urbana Novice Tournament with a 6-2 record. A week later Haase and Fischmar won five and lost three at the Xavier Invitational Tournament and brought home the trophy for the Consolation Division. McKenna and Rothstein won six at the National Pi Kappa Delta event for an excellent, and, along with Martin Farrell, rated high enough in all events for an excellent in Men's Sweepstakes. Non-decision debates included a weekly series with other colleges in the Chicago

Area and the entertainment of visiting teams from Vermont, Princeton, Army, Indiana State Teachers, and Central Michigan.

Other highlights of the season included acceptance into membership in the Illinois Intercollegiate Oratorical Association and participation in its contests, sponsorship of two high school tournaments, and the continued sponsorship of the National Contest in Public Discussion. Forty colleges and universities participated this year in this event with the three top awards going in order to the University of Texas, the University of Virginia, and Notre Dame University.

To say that the annual banquet, which this year commemorated "A Decade of Debate," was a success would be an understatement. In the words of the movies, it was "a smash hit." Total attendance was 68 (an increase of 40 percent over the preceding high), and the attendance of alumni was 28 as contrasted with a previous high of 12.

As expected, the speeches were excellent, highly entertaining yet informative, but the little features went well, too. The anniversary cake was artistically lettered and decorated, the new Pi Kappa Delta charter was on display, the candlelight initiation ceremony for PKD was beautifully done by Martin Farrell, Richard Klein, and Matthew Rigler, and the South Dakota Troubadours (Farrell, George McKenna, and Paul Rothstein) proved as equally adept at singing as at debating.

The banquet began with many of the usual features — an address of welcome by Dick Fischmar, a response by Laurence Robbins, introduction of guests by John Peterson, the presentation of awards by Miss Evans and Dr. Thompson, the presentation of trophies by Bill Haase and Joe Wenzel, and the acceptance by Dean Caveny. Martin Farrell was toastmaster for the first half of the program.

The second half of the program began with the carving of the cake and a humorous after-dinner address by John Insalata, the second toastmaster, on the choice of a new site for the university. Gerald Reese, Joe Wenzel, and Merwin Sigale summarized the first, the second, and the third

three-year periods, respectively, and Dr. Thompson spoke on "The Significance of the First Decade." George McKenna and Dick Mora made speeches of presentation as the group presented a wrist watch to Dr. Thompson and a record album to Miss Evans. Bernard Baum presented awards in behalf of the newly-formed group of Alumni Debaters — "Debater of the Year" to Richard Fischmar and "Alumnus of the Year" to Matthew Rigler. Picture taking by Tom Thompson ('56) closed the evening.

Planning for the banquet was in charge of the following joint student-alumni committee: John Insalata, chairman, William Arnold, Jeanette Sikora, John Peterson, Richard Mora, George McKenna, Lee Goldfine, and Kay Johnson.

Varsity debate awards went to Farrell, Fischmar, Goldfine, Haase, Sheldon Hoffenberg, Mrs. Johnson, McKenna, Mora, Peterson and Rothstein.

Debate certificates were received by Jamal Al-Wattar, Adrienne Asher, Vivian Beeler, Richard Bray, Benno Friesen, Irwin Rosen, Don Sullivan, and Marilyn Yerkovich. Miss Yerkovich and Haase also received certificates for winning the intramural tournament.

Other awards were as follows: discussion — Farrell, Fischmar, Mora, and Rothstein; extempore speaking — Haase, Mrs. Johnson, McKenna and Mora; after-dinner speaking — Rothstein; oratory — Fischmar and Rothstein.

Faculty in attendance were Dean Caveny, Dean Bailey, Miss Berglund, Mrs. Crews, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Rigler, Miss Evans, and Dr. Thompson.

Ten new members were initiated at an impressive candlelight ceremony held in the Rose Room, Lawson YMCA, just prior to the annual banquet. Merwin Sigale, W. Irving Miller, Paul Rothstein, George McKenna, Marilyn Yerkovich, Kay Johnson, Irwin Rosen, Adrienne Asher, Jamal Al-Wattar, Vivian Beeler, and Miss Lenore Evans were the initiates. Sigale and Miller are alumni members, Miss Evans is honorary, and the others were members of the 1956-1957 team. Total membership of the Illinois Psi chapter stands at forty-seven.

This September Joe Wenzel will replace Miss Lenore Evans as the Assistant Director of Forensics. Miss Evans has resigned her position as instructor to return to Louisiana State University, where she will coach debating and work toward her Ph. D. degree.

Mr. Wenzel will work toward his M.A. at Northwestern University and be a half-time staff member with the rank of assistant at UIC. Besides working with the debate program, he will teach sections of the beginning course in public speaking. A member of the 1951-1952, 1952-1953, and 1955-1956 debate teams, Joe is among the outstanding debaters in the ten years of UIC forensic history.

LOS ANGELES STATE COLLEGE

All the members of last year's forensics squad at L.A.S.C. were members of Pi Kappa Delta. The chapter is very proud of its accomplishments and is looking forward to another good year.

The members of the Pi Kappa Delta Chapter acted as hosts for the annual Phi Rho Pi Junior College tournament that was held on the L.A. State Campus. Since the college has only the last two years this tournament gives the college a chance to interest junior college debaters in attending Los Angeles State.

The record of the forensic team was good. Alan Dinehart and Louis Negrete placed second in debate and Rosemary Dooley placed first in one individual event at the Western States Speech Tournament at Stockton. Dinehart and Negrete also received a high rating in debate at the West Point elimination tournament.

Mike Schon and Robert Clifton were superior in debate at Brookings. The Men's Squad was rated Superior and the Women's squad excellent at that tournament. Members Mike Schon and Robert Clifton traveled 6,500 miles representing L.A.S.C. in practice and audience debates at seven universities during the semester vacation, January 28 to February 10. They had debates at the University of New Mexico, University of Oklahoma, Washington University, Ohio State University, University of Maryland, University of Illinois, and the University of Kansas.

The culminating activity of the year was an awards banquet. At this time awards were handed out to members of the debate squad. The squad's director is Dr. Robert D. Kully. New officers initiated at the banquet were President, Carl Bovero; Vice President, Robert Clifton; Secretary, Larry Teplin; Treasurer, Mary Ellerman, and Historian, Christine Harding. Mary Ellerman received the annual award for the outstanding member of P.K.D. Mike Schon received the annual award for outstanding member of the Forensic team. Dr. Robert Cathcart is advisor for the L.A.S.C. Chapter and Dr. Robert Kully is the Forensic Director at Los Angeles State College.

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

An undefeated debate team in the National PKD Tournament at Brookings, South Dakota, was a flashy permanent climax to forensic activity at Oklahoma A&M College as well as a seasonal one. Not that we are discontinuing participation in the debate wars. But henceforth the teams and individual participants from Stillwater, Oklahoma, will be representing Oklahoma State University, not A&M College.

The debate team with the unsullied record at the Nationals was made up of Jim Powers and Jerry Karam. An excellent in extemp earned by Jim Powers and an excellent in discussion garnered by Walter Killough, senior from Melbourne, Australia, helped earn the A&M squad a superior rank in the men's sweepstakes. Kay Baum, who participated in oratory and discussion, was the only distaff member of the squad making the trip to the nationals.

Debate coach Fred Kolch supervised an active program during the 1956-57 season which saw 10 squad members attend seven intercollegiate tournaments in which they engaged in 60 debates and 27 individual events. Pi Kappa Delta's Oklahoma Alpha chapter received four new initiates during the year and three members were promoted in grade, two to "Special Distinction" and one to "Honor."

Pi Kappa Delta again sponsored an All-Campus Debate tournament at A&M College. Winners of the 15th annual tournament were Tom Sterling and Bill Amend,



New members at Pacific Lutheran College, left to right: Dick Krager, Dolores Nims, Herbert Dempsey, Jerry Olsen, Carolyn Bloomfield, James Trayner, Ione Rodney, Calvin Capner, Sonia Iodergard.

defending the affirmative of the proposition: "Resolved, that all college fraternities and sororities should be abolished."

A new award was established by PKD at Oklahoma A&M in the Spring of 1957. The first recipient of the yearly Honor Debater award was Jim Powers.

Prospects for the 1957-58 season are darkened by the loss of Jim Powers and Walter Killough through graduation. But PKD president-elect Jerry Karam and the three returning Pi Kappa Deltans are doing their best to recruit new members, and properly train their new debate coach, Leslie Kreps. Dr. Kreps came to Oklahoma State University in September, 1957, after completion of his graduate work at Northwestern University. As an undergraduate, he was a Pi Kappa Deltan at the Nebraska Alpha chapter, Nebraska Wesleyan University.

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

Despite the loss of the majority of its members through graduation this year, Ohio Epsilon will continue its annual Invitational Debate Tournament on December 14. The Tournament features three rounds on the national problem, with approximately twenty Ohio schools attending. Trophies are awarded to winner and runner-up.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE

On May 10 Pacific Lutheran College's Washington Epsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta held its annual banquet and installation of new members and officers at the University Union Club in Tacoma, Washington.

Once again the excellent spirit of friendship, for which Pacific Lutheran is so well known, was exemplified by this group of students and professors who attended this installation. Dr. Scott Nobles, professor of speech at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, was the guest speaker. He gave a most inspiring speech on the problems of speech education today. Dr. Nobles also spoke about the fine spirit and enthusiasm which is so typical of the Pacific Lutheran College debate teams coached by Professor Theodore O. H. Karl.

This year Washington Epsilon installed nine new members and gave four advanced degrees. The new members are: Dick Krager, Dolores Nims, Herbert Dempsey, Jerry Olsen, Carolyn Bloomfield, James Trayner, Ione Rodney, Calvin Capper and Sonia Sodergard. Betty Lou Bronice and Betty McDonald were advanced to the degree of honor; while Tom Reeves and Anita Schnell were advanced to the degrees of special distinction.

Although the 1956-57 season of forensic competition was not as successful as most previous years, (there were thirty-eight first place trophies in the 1955-56 debate season), it was still a most successful season. While traveling over twelve thousand miles to such far away tournaments as the Western Speech Association Tournament in Stockton, California, Kansas Invitational Debate Tournament at the University of Kansas, and the National Pi Kappa Delta Tournament and Convention at Brookings, South Dakota, the squad won thirteen first place trophies and several second and third place certificates.

This year Pacific Lutheran College passed up its traditional opportunities for a trip to the West Point Tournament in favor of the Kansas Invitational Tournament. This was done because of the added competition expected at the Kansas Tournament. It was the first time that a West Coast team had received an invitation to the Kansas Tournament, which was extended on the basis of past records. The team made a fine showing.

PORTLAND STATE COLLEGE

The Oregon Gamma Chapter of Portland State College began the 1956-57 forensic season, a squad completely untried by the fire of forensic fury. But undaunted by fear of the unknown, they motored merrily into the fray of tournament competition, secure in the knowledge that they had nowhere to go but up. A few thousand miles and thirteen tournaments later, they emerged as a tempered, tired, and somewhat triumphant group. They succeeded in winning two-thirds of their debates and adding ten lovely pieces of hardware to the trophy case.

The squad took part in two television debates last season. One debate was against Stanford University on "The Middle East Crisis." The second debate pertained to "The Recognition of Red China." They are establishing a series of telecasts for the coming year entitled *Cross Examination*.

The Portland State squad sponsored its initial high school speech tournament. It was a unique tournament in that it was the first local tournament to make provision for extensive oral critiques. The

tournament drew some thirteen high schools in the local area with over one hundred fifty students participating. The favorable response from high school administrators has prompted us to hold the tournament again this year.

Portland State College received its Pi Kappa charter this year at the South Dakota convention, and with it looks forward to a season of competition of the order.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

After all the Pi Kaps left after the National Tournament, the hosts collapsed in a heap to recover, and didn't do much of anything until our spring awards picnic. Thomas Fischbach, a graduating senior, was presented with the key of special distinction in debate. Roger Zebarth was honored for the work he had done on the National Tournament. Dr. Donald Sikkink, forensic director, was the featured speaker, with a review of the season in which South Dakota State teams placed in almost every tournament entered, and which was capped by the superior sweepstakes rating the men's team received in the National Tournament.

Prospects for this year look equally good. Only one varsity debater from last year was left. Many freshmen who were outstanding high school debaters have enrolled at State College.

Forensics work will be made easier this year, too, by enlarged facilities which the library has made available, — provided, of course, the room can be found. The way is complicated, but the equipment at the end is worth the trip. The place is already decorated with Pi Kappa Delta banners, and a display of pictures and newspaper stories of past tournaments to give courage for the year to come.

SOUTHERN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE — SOUTH DAKOTA

The Southern State Teachers College Chapter, Springfield, South Dakota, received its charter at the National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta in Brookings, South Dakota, April, 1957. Ten of the Charter members were present for the presentation. Forensic members were busy with a num-