Chapter Notes

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Governor R. A. Micken of the Illinois Province writes:

The whole province is buzzing with preparations for the season and working toward the national session in California. I know we will have a good year in the Illinois Province, and I seriously believe that this area will be well represented at Redlands. Eta Chapter, here at ISNU, has scheduled fourteen tournaments, a dozen radio panels under the title, "The Students Look At", and a number of service clubs and assembly appearances. We will, of course, play host to the annual ISNU Invitational tournament on the seventh and eighth of January. These numerous activities we hope to carry on with our forensic squad of about thirty, and the help of Stan Reeves, '52, who is working on his masters here and acting as assistant in forensics. Lloyd P. Dudley, Illinois College, is secretary-treasurer of the Province of Illinois.

TOURNAMENTS HELD AT WASHINGTON STATE

Inland Empire Men's Debate Tournament, November 8-9: first—Washington State College; second—Montana State University; third—University of Idaho.

Columbia Valley Debate Tournament, November 5-6. There are two factors about this tournament that are different: (1) Since it is the first tournament of the area and is primarily to enable a coach to look over his material under fire, we never break ties but stop after six rounds. (2) Instead of having Senior and Junior Divisions, we have adopted golf terms and the first two teams entered from each school go into the championship flight. All other teams go into the practice flights. Men Championship Flight: first-University of Oregon; second—University of Idaho, Willamette University, Whitman College, University of Washington. Men Practice Flight: first-Williamette University; second-University of Idaho; third-College of Puget Sound, University of Idaho, Pacific University, University of Washington, St. Martin's, Washington State, Seattle Pacific. Women Championship Flight: first—University of Oregon, Williamette University, Washington State, Seattle Pacific. Women Practice Flight: first—University of Oregon, Seattle Pacific; third—Washington State.

KANSAS SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Kansas Delpha chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Southwestern College in Winfield has been engaging in an all-out drive to interest new members and to keep in touch with the old.

In order to do this, the organization first sponsored a mixer for all present members and those interested in speech activities, during the second week of school. The response was very excellent, especially among the freshmen, and Southwestern now has an outstanding group of new debators working hard to earn admission into Pi Kappa Delta.

November sixth was Homecoming Day on the Southwestern campus, and the local chapter took advantage of the chance to greet old members by giving a luncheon in their honor during the noon hour. This has become an annual affair, giving members, both old and new, an opportunity to exchange experiences concerning debate and oratory. A large group turned out, and, as the saving goes, a good time was had by all. Gene Lowry, chapter president, extended formal greetings, Jo Ann Robieson related the organization's activities during the past year, and Dr. Jack Howe, senior debate coach, was introduced.

The annual Invitational High School Debate Tourney was held at Southwestern November 19 and 20 with 38 teams from 9 different High Schools in the state entering. Top honors were taken by El Dorado in the experienced division and Haven High School in the inexperienced bracket. Pi Kap members were kept busy judging, tabulating results, making pairings, and doing all the other details that go into a successful tournament.

1954-55 is going to be an active year for Southwestern debators, with four meets to be held on the campus and many others to attend, but no one seems to mind, least of all the squad itself. For they feel, like so many others, that forensic activities are the best activities.

PITTSBURG KANSAS TEACHERS

Kenneth Mosier, Guy Sutherland, and Colleen Racob presented a discussion of the United Nations at the local Rotary Club, October 26.

OKLAHOMA EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

Lelia Little and Jo Arnold won five of six rounds of debate at the Louisiana Tech tournament to tie a team from Louisiana Tech for top honors in the women's division. Lelia is a sophomore who received a rating of superior in the PKD Provincial last spring. Jo is a freshman and was participating in her first debate tournament.

The East Central tournament was held during the first weekend of December. It was a forensic progression of nine rounds in which five different types of speaking were used on the general area of the debate topic. It consisted of four rounds of debate, two of dis-

Luncheon held November 6 by Kansas Delta for old and new members at the First Christian Church, Winfield. Speakers table, left to right, Joyce Chappell, Jo Ann Robieson, Dale Dunlap, Jo Ann Huffman Lowry, Eugene Lowry (President, Kansas Delta), Edna Sorber (sponsor), Dr. Jack Howe, Dr. Eleanor Hoag (Chairman Language and Literature Division). Back row, left to right, Charles Fulcher, Mrs. Wm. Shuler, Rev. Wm. Shuler. Second row, left to right, Don Hanks, Nella Bryan, Norman Simmons. Third row, left to right, Mrs. Evelyn Hunter Whitcomb, Melvin Cheatham, Leroy Smoot. Fourth row, left to right, Robert Jones, Rev. U. W. Barron, James Matthews, Wanda Bradbury. Fifth row, left to right, Mrs. J. R. Gulich, J. R. Gulich, Mrs. Wanda Kirkhart Smith, Robley Rhine. Front row, left to right, Mr. J. N. Powers, Dorothea Drennan. cussion, one each of parliamentary debate, extempe, and informational speeches. The final grade for the tournament was the average score for the nine rounds.

IOWA CENTRAL COLLEGE

Nine students have represented Iowa Beta in tournaments held at Bradley University and Grinnell College. Mary Buwalda, Walt Henrichsen, Beulah Roorda, Doris Meerdink, Dave De Nelsky, Howard Sylvester, Joan Jones, and Carolyn Coleman participated in the Grinnell Conference. At the Bradley tournament Buwalda, Roorda, Meerdink, Phyllis Vandehaar, and Menrichson participated in debate, discussion, extempe, and oratory. Miss Cunera Van Emmerik, the newly elected governor of the province of Missouri, accompanied the students.

BRADLEY INVITATIONAL SPEECH TOURNAMENT

Fifty-one colleges and universities attended the eighth annual Bradley Invitational Speech Tournament on November 19-20. Four hundred and fifty contestants and coaches came from seven mid-western states.

Activities actually commenced on Thursday evening, November 18 with a public forum on the national discussion question. Representatives from four colleges participated. Wisconsin State Teachers of Eau Claire was represented by Rose Pribil, Notre Dame University by Charles Doherty, Central Missouri State





Winners of the Alabama College intra-mural discussion tournament sponsored annually by Alabama Beta. Left to right: Scottie Gamble, Louise Lenoir, Yvonne Worrell, Sadie DeWeese, and Patsy McAliley.

College by Roy Halverson, and St. Olaf College by Frank Nelson.

On Friday, Caterpillar Tractor Co. sponsored a luncheon for the after dinner speakers and judges. The highlight of the tournament was the banquet for the four hundred and fifty participants held Friday evening in the Robertson Memorial Fieldhouse. The two students winning superior awards in after dinner speaking were the featured speakers. They were Robert Kaliban of Loras College and Ralph Zimmerman of Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire.

Greenville College of Illinois and St. Marys College of Minnesota were undefeated in debate. Other Superior debate teams represented the following schools: Augustana, Bowling Green, Northern Illinois State Teachers (two teams), DePauw, Notre Dame, University of Chicago, Lake Forest, University of Illinois — Chicago, University of Illinois, Wheaton. One hundred and forty-two debate teams participated in four rounds of debate. There were 132 affirmative decisions; 152 negative.

In other events there were one hundred and

twenty-two entries in discussion, ninety in extempore, thirty-three in oratory, eighteen in after dinner speaking, thirty-five in folktale telling, and twenty-six in radio newscasting.

Schools receiving more than five Superior and Excellent awards were: Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire, Notre Dame, De Pauw, Greenville, Wheaton, St. Marys, Bowling Green, Northern Illinois State Teachers, Illinois State Normal University, Loras, Washington University, Northwestern Schools, University of Illinois, St. Olaf, Bradley, Southern Illinois University, Missouri Central State College, Wisconsin State College at River Falls, and Drake.

MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Twelve students have represented Mississippi Gamma in discussion and legislative activities this fall. They were: Gwendolyn Posey—chapter president, Marianne Shaw, Elizabeth Hildebrand, Carolyn Fleeman, Bettye Long, Pat Keen, Edna Frances King, Carolyn King, Peggy Lack, Sally Ann Mc-Leod, Glenda Pevey, and Martha Jo Ashley. The group received the best campaign award at the Mississippi Youth Congress and have won seven Superior ratings.

Statement of the Committee on Intercollegiate Debate and Discussion, Nov. 28, 1954

THE COMMITTEE ON INTERCOLLEGIATE Debate and Discussion has considered the debate over the debate on the national question: "Resolved, that the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist Government of China." The Committee unanimously re-affirms the results of the national referendum by which the proposition was determined. It declines to designate an alternate question. The results of the referendum are shown elsewhere on this page.

The Committee points out that this year, as for the past twenty years, the questions in general use by colleges and universities were selected by a nation-wide referendum of debate directors in which all institutions interested in debate were invited to participate. A preliminary poll was conducted in May for suggested topics. The five subjects most frequently submitted were then phrased into propositions by a committee representing the Speech Association of America, the American Forensic Association, and four national honorary forensic fraternities, Tau Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Rho, Pi Kappa Delta, and Phi Rho Pi. The five propositions were then circulated on a preferential ballot to the nation's debate directors. As the Committee's report, published August 15, indicated, diplomatic recognition of Communist China received 939 points, almost 100 points more than agricultural price supports, the second ranking question.

The proposition thus democratically selected represents popular choice and is widely used in regional and national tournaments. Its use greatly simplifies the planning of such tournaments; nevertheless, no institution or tournament director is obligated to use any of the five ranking questions.

Obviously a good debate proposition must be timely, vital, and debatable. Reports already received by the Committee from all parts of the country confirm the belief that the proposition meets those requirements.

RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM

The following statement was formulated by the Committee on Intercollegiate Debate and Discussion at a meeting in Chicago, November 27 and 28. The Committee had received about a dozen criticisms of the debate proposition selected during the summer by national referendum. The number of criticisms itself was not alarming, especially since several came from schools which have not had an active debate program. It was the nature of the criticisms which caused leading educators, the press, and the radio and television to take an awakened interest in intercollegiate debate. Some of these critcisms were apparently prompted by a lack of understanding of the nature of debate and some by a misinterpretation of the real issues in the proposition. But whatever the reason, there were implied threats to the American tradition of free inquiry. These implications were sufficiently evident that outstanding leaders including President Eisenhower felt called upon to reaffirm the right of American youth to participate in public debate on controversial issues.

The Committee and Dr. Karl Wallace, President of the Speech Association of America, decided that certain points should be made clear to the public. These points which are to be noted in the statement are: the way in which the questions are selected, that no school is obligated to use the questions selected, that the basic issue in the current debate question is whether recognition would help to combat Communism and to secure the interests of the United States, and that distrust of discussion and debate cannot be condoned in a free society.

Both affirmative and negative speakers have been equally opposed to Communism, and the basic issue is whether recognition would help to combat Communism and to secure the interests of the United States.

In herent in the controversy over the char-

acter of the current debate question, the committee believes, is an alarming distrust of the processes essential to a free society. The distrust is clearly manifest in the disposition to forbid the testing of governmental policies in the crucible of public inquiry and debate. The Committee is convinced that distrust of free speech is distrust of democracy itself; and confidence in the basic American freedoms must be manifest above all in school and college. Accordingly, in harmony with the resolution adopted by the Speech Association of America at its 1952 convention, the Committee herewith declares "that we reaffirm our belief that the United States of America stands in present danger from the suppression of free speech rather than from the full use of all institutions which bring information and honest belief to the public forum.

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FREE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

HARRY H. ANDERSON, Oklahoma A. and M. College

The position of the U. S. Military Academy, the U. S. Naval Academy, and of teachers colleges in Nebraska not to debate the national Pi Kappa Delta question concerning the admission of Red China to the United Nations, recalls a long trend of events in the history of school debates.

In 1828, when ground was broken for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, the first railroad in the United States, there was nationwide commotion. The same year the school board of Lancaster, Ohio, addressed the following letter to a debating society of young men:

"You are welcome to use the schoolhouse to debate all proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossible and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the word of God about them. If God had designed that His intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of 15 miles an hour by steam, He would have clearly foretold through His holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell."

Arguments that now seem fanciful had great weight in 1828 and served to increase

difficulties railroad promoters had in securing charters from the government. Country gentlemen were told that the smoke would kill birds, oats and hay would be off the market, cows would not yield their milk in the neighborhood of one of the infernal machines, and that steam would vanish before storm and frost. Railroads were called the greatest distortion of common sense ever heard of. One class was told that a locomotive would travel too fast for safety, another was told that it would be too heavy to travel at all.

And then there was the case of the first steam-powered ship which crossed the Atlantic, bringing, among other articles, a book, in which the author proved conclusively, that steam could never be used successfully to power ships across bodies of water.

Ridin' the Provinces

Dear PKD's:

I hope this issue of the *Forensic* finds you busy with plans to attend the National Convention at Redlands, California, April 4-8. Pre-registration reports indicate a large attendance and information received from California emphasize that this convention is the one to attend!

SEEN HERE AND THERE-

PKD's who are not with PKD schools: PAUL RILLING, now debate coach at Emory University; JAMES LADD from Phillips University, on leave to complete his doctorate at Florida University; ANNABEL HAGOOD and DON ECKROYD, Alabama University; WILLIAM SMITH, Alabama Polytechnic Institute; HOLLIS TODD, Mississippi College.

Active Members: HERMAN PINKERTON, Tennessee Tech; DONALD SPRINGER, Alabama College; MARY LOUISE GEHRING, Mississippi Southern; HARMON TILLMAN, now debate coach at Millsaps College; JOHN CRAMER, Arkansas State; DONALD GRA-HAM, Northwestern Louisiana; JACK CAR-TER, Louisiana College; National Council Member ROY D. MURPHY, Southwestern Louisiana Institute; National Secretary D. J. NABORS, Oklahoma East Central; past National President GLENN R. CAPP, Baylor University; SCOTTIE NOBLES, now working on his doctorate at L.S.U.; W. E. WALLACE and R. L. MCILVENNA, Millsaps College.

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*List is incomplete

I HEAR—

First Lt. WILLIAM R. WILCOX, Central Missouri State, '49, is now aide to deputy commanding general at Ryukyus Command Headquarters, Okinawa. Cpl. ROBIN C. STEVENS, San Diego State, '51, is a clerk in the 529th Signal Company, Fort Carson, Colorado, participated in round-the-clock mock combat, "Exercise Breechblock," an artillery maneuver held at the foot of Pikes Peak during the latter part of October. Sgt. GEORGE D. MEINHOLD, Midland College, is a stenographer in the engineer section of the Korean Communication Zone headquarters. Professors M. G. CHRISTOPHERSEN, University of South Carolina; FRANKLIN SHIRLEY, Wake Forest; GREGG PFIFFER, Florida State; WILLIAM SMITH, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and ANNABEL HA-GOOD, Alabama University, all PKD's, have been elected members of the District VI committee for the West Point Tournament. The Northwest Chapters and the Pacific Chapters have assessed themselves \$10.00 and \$50.00, respectively, to help make the Redlands National Convention a success. MARY ROB-ERTS, Pittsburg Kansas Teachers, is on leave studying at Louisiana State University; Dr. **ROBERTSON STRAWN** is serving as debate coach this year. CUNERA VAN EMMERIK, Iowa Central, participated on the program of the Southeast Speech Association held at Grinnell College, November 13. She spoke on the subject, "What I Look for in Judging Contest Speaking."

This issue includes the pictures and a brief biography of the members of the National Council from whom our next national president will be elected. I thought you might like to see and know something about them.

The chairman of the judging committee asked me to urge all judges and students to meet their assignments promptly at the National. A few tardy judges and contestants can ruin a carefully prepared schedule.

Space for this issue has been a premium so I'll close with a reminder to send me news of your chapter for the March issue (deadline February 15). How about some group pictures and personal data of your chapter members who will attend the National.

All reports on the National Convention indicate this is *the National*. Don't miss it. I'll see you in Redlands, April 3. Good luck and go West come spring!

> Sincerely, Your Editor

Meet the National Council



LARRY E. NORTON



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