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A good deal of advertising is being sent out these days by gentlemen who assure us that they are extremely successful coaches offering to write winning debate and rebuttal speeches for those able to pay for them. Some of them in glaring statements announce that the author holds the degree of special distinction in Pi Kappa Delta.

The society has a right to resent this unpleasant use of its name. It may well question how any one who has taken the initiation obligation to "work in every laudable way to further the interests of Pi Kappa Delta" and to work "in a manner worthy of the high ideals of character which it represents," can engage in such an activity.

The use of such material is prohibited tacitly or explicitly by all forensic organizations. While there are probably some who would stoop to recite a speech prepared by another, there is no debater anywhere who would not blush to have to acknowledge his dishonorable act. All who purvey such material, "bootleg" it and encourage its use, pander to the base in our fellow men.

The use of such material defeats the ends for which debating exists. A student should engage in forensics for the benefits derived. If he wants merely to recite the words of another, he should stick to declamatory contests. When he appears upon a debate platform it is understood that he is presenting his own ideas and speaking his own words. Unless his speech represents his own study and thought, he has missed one of the greatest benefits which can be gained from debating. A victory gained by the

use of a speech not his own is a dishonest one. What satisfaction can there be in it when there is always the fear that the underhand practice may be discovered and the speaker and the institution he represents disgraced?

That such practices are having an effect is shown by a recent statement of a very successful Pi Kappa Delta coach, who writes, "It seems to me that I can already notice the effects of 'canned' debates in high school in the beginners on my squad. We have to do too much clearing away of debris before we can get college debaters to do independent thinking on a proposition. Let's not develop a 'canned debate' industry."

The practice of supplying speeches to be palmed off as the speaker's own is not new. It flourished in Athens centuries ago. The sophists were accused of providing speeches on any subject for the brainless youths of noble families to parade as their own. The result as shown in the dramas of Aristophanes, was to bring the whole art of public speaking into disrepute. It was a vice which destroyed the thing upon which it fed.

We have some flourishing forensic organizations today. Some of our high school debate leagues enroll as many as fifteen-hundred students during a season. I can think of nothing which will destroy these organizations more quickly than the use of "bootleg" speeches. What high school student body would care to support a team if it knew that the debaters were merely reciting words written by someone a thousand miles away, by some one who would, for the nominal fee of three or five dollars supply a set of speeches on a variety of subjects, and may, perhaps, have sold the opposing team the same set of recitations? It for-ensics are going to maintain a healthy condition such practices must be stopped.

I know of no profession where a successful man engages in unethical practices. It is the weakling, the individual who has been hounded out of the profession for disgraceful action, who stoops to such things. Every man would rather succeed upon merit, would like to meet his fellows in an honorable manner without the fear of exposure and disgrace. A successful coach cannot afford to be connected in any way with such an under-

taking. His professional standing is too valuable to him for him to risk its loss. One has a right to wonder how good debate material will be which has to be purveyed in an underhand manner. Can capable men be found to prepare it?

An editorial in the last issue of *The Gavel* of Delta Sigma Rho offers the following suggestions as means of combating such activities:

1. Those who publish legitimate bulletins—notably the state leagues—can make the service so fine, so efficient, and so cheap that others will not be lured on by visions of profits or easy money. Many legitimate bureaus and services now are in the field. It is only those that do too much, and do not scruple at selling service which only the debater himself should perform, that are to be censured. Printed excerpts of material, general advice as to treatment, and possibly outlines of points (this is doubtful) may be about as far as the bulletin or book of material should go.

2. Individual schools, coaches, and debaters can refrain from buying. If there were no patrons, there would be no bootleggers.

3. Leagues and schools can tighten up and punish more often those who infringe the rules.

4. We can lessen the emphasis on winning—the zeal to lick somebody else sometimes eats us up. School boards should promote the good coach, not merely the one who wins victories with his team. No school, if it has worthy opponents, can win more than a fair share of victories.

5. All of us can try to exalt good sportsmanship and blot out the rest. It takes time, the rain of heaven, and God's good air and sunlight to refreshen the track where a pole cat has been, but it can be done in time."

Pi Kappa Delta wishes to declare emphatically that it condemns all such enterprizes as contrary to its ethical standards and detrimental to the best interests of forensics. It resents the unwarranted connection of its name with such activities as casting reflections on the high ideals of the society. It does not believe that any member of the society can honorably engage in the work of "bootlegging" "canned" speeches to student speakers, either high school or college.

NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY



Watch us grow!

Our latest member—No. 11627, Betty Jenks, Coe College.

Our latest key—No. 8637, Sara Thomas, Transylvania College.



Who wears key number 1? Well, it was issued to one of the national founders, E. A. Vaughn, of Kansas State. We hope he still wears it.



And what about membership certificate number 1? It went to L. H. Jenks, of chapter number 1, Ottawa, Kansas.



The other day a student from a non-Pi Kappa Delta college asked the question, "How does Pi Kappa Delta always succeed in getting such live topics for its national debate question? We have been fortunate in that respect. Two years ago we debated the tariff question, a vital issue even though it is not new; last year we discussed centralized control of industry, a topic very much in the public eye; and this year we have one of the most talked of subjects before the American public, the question of the war debts. How do we get them? By a vote of the chapters. Democracy isn't always a failure!



There are three things that every chapter should do right away: 1. Check up on supplies and order at once from the national secretary what is needed. You should have membership application blanks, advanced standing blanks, key order blanks, constitutions, rituals, and pledge materials. 2. You should see to it that your newly eligible members are voted in and initiated as early as possible. Get their applications and initiation fees early, before they spend all their money, and send them to national headquarters promptly. Do not initiate people whose fees are not paid. 3. Get key order in before May 1, if it is at all possible. During the rush season we have to allow about thirty days for keys to be made up and returned to the chapters.

While you are busily engaged in discussing "War Debts" don't fail to give a thought or two to what is to be our national question for 1933-34. The call for proposed topics will reach you before long now. This year Phi Rho Pi, the National Honorary Forensic Fraternity for Junior Colleges, adopted the Pi Kappa Delta question as its official topic. We are asking them to vote with us in selecting the subject for next year. With their whole chapter roll added to our 140 active chapters we should get a pretty accurate cross section of public opinion.



A glance at the national treasurer's report for last year, 1931-32, reveals the following: the greatest number of new members was taken in by Dubuque University and Illinois State Normal College, 16 each. Others that took in 13 or more were Emporia Teachers, Colby, Michigan State Normal, City of Detroit, Westminster, Kirksville Teachers. (This does not include the new chapters established at the Tulsa convention.) In the amount spent for keys Ypsilanti leads all the rest with \$82.75, (after deducting refunds).

Other chapters that sent in \$60 or more for keys are: Colorado Teachers, Morningside, Emporia Teachers, College of Emporia, and Park.



The last issue of the FORENSIC contained the following problem: It was nearing train time. A man came up to the ticket window, laid down a dollar bill, and asked for a ticket to Midvale. The ticket agent informed him that the ticket would cost him a dollar and a half. The man plead that the dollar was all that he had and that he just had to make the train. The agent was firm. The man took his dollar and rushed away.

Just before train time, he dashed in, laid down a dollar and a half, and called for his ticket. "How did you get the other half dollar?" asked the agent.

"I took the bill to a pawn shop and pawned it for seventy-five cents," replied the man. "Then I sold the pawn ticket to a man on the street for seventy-five cents."

Who got cheated?

The man who bought the pawn ticket. When he goes to redeem it, he will be able to get only twenty-five cents on it as the pawn broker has already advanced the original owner seventy-five cents.

Former National President, Charles A. Marsh, Resumes His Duties

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Professor Charles A. Marsh, the third national president of Pi Kappa Delta, now coach of forensics at the University of California at Los Angeles, has improved in health enough to resume his duties. He was forced to take a complete rest during the past fall. In a recent letter he wrote:

"Perhaps you know that due to poor health, I have not been teaching this past semester. This is the first real vacation and rest I have had since I began teaching thirty-five years ago. I expect to resume my work soon, but the man who has had charge of forensics during my absence will carry that work through the year, so that my program will be much lighter than usual.

"I have been taking a complete rest from all mental work. In July Mrs. Marsh and I got in our Ford and started leisurely up the Pacific Coast. We went as far north as Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., and as far east as Boise, Idaho. When we returned to Los Angeles early in November, we had traveled over 7,000 miles."

All of Professor Marsh's friends and acquaintances, excuse the tautology, will be pleased to hear of the improvement in his health. He has been closely associated with the society for twenty years. Perhaps there is no one connected with PKD who is as familiar with its constitution. He has served as chairman of the committee on revision of the constitution at convention after convention. While he did not look well at the Tulsa convention, his proteges started back to California with more than their share of honors, indicating that he had lost none of his ability as a director of forensics.



A tie debate, a *rara avis*, appeared in the tournament at Bowling Green, Ohio Eta, December 16. The women from Toledo University and Hiram argued to a tie one afternoon. The debate was reargued the next morning with Hiram winning.—
The Hiram Advance.

FORENSIC NEWS FROM THE PACIFIC COAST

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The Southern California Conference contests in debate held at California Institute of Technology February 24 and 25 ended in a three-cornered tie for first place between Pasadena College, Whittier College, and the University of Redlands.

It was decided to debate off the tie in a triangular debate Saturday morning, March 4, but the death of President V. L. Duke of the University of Redlands Friday morning, March 3, occasioned the calling off of all activities for the University of Redlands so the play-off was postponed one week. President Duke of Redlands will be remembered by some members of Pi Kappa Delta as a visitor at the Wichita convention in 1930.

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Arrangements for the Pi Kappa Delta Invitational Tournament at College of Pacific, Stockton, California, are rounding into shape. This meet will be held March 23-25 and probably will be more largely attended than any like meeting on the Coast this year.

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The Pacific Northwest Tournament at Linfield was a great success and a large group of college teams competed. The meet was won for the men by Oregon State College and the women's tournament by Washington State.

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The Pacific Forensic League will hold its contests in extempore and oratory and a limited tournament (only members are competing) at Oregon University, Eugene, Oregon, March 23-25.

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The Southern California Women's tournament was reduced this year to competition from three colleges. A double triangular was held resulting in victory for the U. C. L. A. womens' teams. Pasadena College and LaVerne College furnished the other competing teams.

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Despite the depression several debate teams have ventured to tour the Pacific Coast region. The team traveling the longest distance was the Oklahoma Baptist team. Three teams from Utah have visited southern California—Utah University in January; and Weber College and the Branch of the Stage Agricul-

ture College. The last two named are junior colleges. Northwest Nazaren of Idaho visited southern California in February, and Oregon will have some teams on the road in March. Two of the Arizona colleges have already journeyed to southern California and expect to return for the tournament at Stockton.

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The palm for ingenuity in engineering a debate trip in depression times goes to Weber College of Ogden, Utah. Two debaters from this institution made an "official hitch-hiking" tour into California and were out about two weeks at a cost of less than twenty-five dollars. All transportation was arranged with trucking companies ahead of time, and as lodging and meals were guaranteed by the entertaining colleges the Weber boys escaped with slight expense. They traveled from Ogden to Los Angeles in an onion truck. After reaching Los Angeles a trip was made to Bakersfield, California, and back by truck, and a trip to Redlands was managed the same way. By debating the many colleges and junior colleges around Los Angeles the Weber boys kept themselves in board and room for several days.

This ingenious invention of the resourceful Weber debate manager is likely to be copied quite generally next season if conditions remain as they are now—with bank holidays and everything. It should be a helpful suggestion to those teams which do not see any way to go to the next Pi Kappa Delta convention.

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The junior colleges of southern California are holding their second debate tournament preliminary to the Junior College National at Duluth, Minnesota, in April, and their regular oratorical contest at the University of Redlands, March 17-18.

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The Los Angeles Junior college recently inaugurated something new in debate tournaments. It held a meet for all teams from the first two years—both 4 year and junior colleges—who had never participated in League debates. It was a practice tournament and was won by Los Angeles Junior College, which placed three teams in the semi-finals, the fourth one being a freshman team from the University of Redlands composed of Fred Drexler and Bert Nichols. Nichols is the son of the Redlands coach who made the "Gosh" speech, and Fred Drexler is a brother-in-law of Roger Walch, who won the Pi Kappa Delta National oratorical at Estes Park in 1926.

Banta's Greek Exchange for October contains a very fine article on "Does College Pay?" by Albert Edwin Wiggam. Mr. Wiggam presents an abundance of evidence to show that there is a close relationship between the grades a student makes in college and his success in business after he leaves college. He also summarizes Mr. Bridgman's study of 3,806 men employed in the Bell Telephone system. "It is impossible to go into all the technical details of this important study," writes Mr. Wiggam, "especially the combination of several factors in relation to future success. Taking, however, the man with 'substantial college achievement' it is clear that the men who went in for public speaking and debating and the ones who ranked high in the editorial field are the ones who are now drawing the highest median salaries in the Bell Telephone system."



Tau Kappa Alpha, our sister forensic society, is considering the matter of holding a debate tournament in connection with its national convention in 1934. The proposal is being pushed by Professor Dallas C. Dickey of the University of South Dakota. An extensive discussion of it is given in the January issue of the *Speaker*, the official publication of the society. The chapters are asked to vote on whether they desire such a tournament, on what branches of speech competition they favor, whether they favor elimination contests, how long the tournament shall last, and on how a debate tournament should be conducted.

Professor Dickey writes, "But we do feel that we should look forward to holding a national convention next year in the middle west, and should sponsor a national debate tournament patterned on the Pi Kappa Delta procedure. . . The Pi Kappa Delta schools seemingly have little difficulty paying their own expenses to and from the convention. I also have been interested in observing that the Delta Sigma Rho schools are meeting more and more in tournaments.

One is being held in Wisconsin this year and another in Iowa. These are both limited and not national, I realize, but doubtless are a move in that direction."—*The Speaker*.

Carroll, Wisconsin Beta, and Lawrence carried through a series of extension debates before audiences in Menominee, Oconto, Peshtigo, and other towns. The debaters had to travel through a blizzard in sub-zero weather to keep their engagements.—*The Carroll Echo*.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS

McKendree and Carthage, Illinois Theta and Gamma, broadcasted a debate over station WCAZ February 11.—*McKendree Review*.

Mrs. Bradley Allison and Miss Willie Faye McElroy, representing Howard Payne, won the women's tournament at Abilene Christian College.—*Yellow Jacket*.

"Resolved: That absence makes the heart grow fonder" was the subject of a debate presented at chapel by the Texas Kappa chapter at Sam Houston Teachers.—*The Houstonian*.

A women's team from Virginia Alpha at the State Teachers College won a debate from a men's team of Lynchburg College. The girls had the negative of the proposal that Congress should adopt a tariff for revenue only.—*The Rotunda*.

Oklahoma Theta, Southeastern Teachers, invaded Howard Payne, Texas Delta for two debates February 9 and 10. While the Oklahoma team was composed of two men, it lost to the Texas women, but won from the men in a contest before the student assembly.—*Yellow Jacket*.

The Illinois Intercollegiate oratorical contests were won by Pi Kappa Delta speakers. Melvin Soltan, North Central, won the men's contest with an oration on "A Century of Progress." Second place went to the oration "Our New Frontiers" delivered by George Barthwick of Monmouth. Bradley's representative, Elmer Leistikown, won third. The title of his oration was "The American Paradox." Miss Mildred Wilkins of McKendree won the women's contest with the oration "King Coal is Starving." Miss Kathryn Horney of Bradley won third speaking on "Democracy Lives." The Augustana representative, Miss Dorothy Goebel, with the oration "Rebuild the House," was the only speaker not from a Pi Kappa Delta school to place. She won second.—*McKendree Review*.

Nebraska Wesleyan women invaded William Jewell for two no-decision debates during February.—*The William Jewell Student*.



Bowdoin debaters have met New Hampshire University, Massachusetts Agricultural College, and Boston University.—*The Bowdoin Orient*.



A debate tournament sponsored by Simmons University, Texas Theta, drew twenty-one teams from Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Simmons itself won.—*The Southeastern*.



Albert S. Davis represented Bowdoin, Maine Beta, in a radio debate with a speaker from New York University. The debate was broadcast from a New York station.—*The Bowdoin Orient*.



The student convocation at the University of Toledo was given over February 15 to a debate on the cancellation of the war debts. Penn College, Iowa Nu, upheld the negative.—*The Campus Collegian*.



Nebraska Wesleyan started a men's debate team on a two weeks' tour February 20 with thirty-five debates against twenty-six colleges scheduled. The Nebraska Alpha speakers were planning to visit Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, attending also the invitation tournament at St. Thomas, Minnesota Epsilon.—*The Wesleyan*.



Past President George R. R. Pflaum had a severe attack of Tularemia, sometimes called rabbit fever, during the fall. He went hunting and probably received the infection through scratches on his hands when he handled the rabbits. He was out of school for about six weeks. There was some delay in treating the disease, as it is very unusual in Kansas and was not at first recognized. Professor Pflaum was able to return to his classes after the Christmas holidays. He has recovered his strength and is now carrying on his usual active forensic program.

This news should be of much interest to all members of the society, especially those who met Professor Pflaum at Tulsa. It should have appeared in an earlier issue, but was omitted through an oversight.

Prof. Leach of Baker, Kansas Kappa, and two of his debaters acted as judges for a high school debate tournament.—*The Baker Orange*.

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Bowling Green was represented in the tournament sponsored by Illinois Wesleyan. The debates were on the control of federal banks.—*Bee Gee News*.

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Oklahoma Theta, Durant Teachers, sent two teams on a trip into Texas during February. Besides going to the semi-finals in the tournament at Simmons, the teams met North Texas Teachers, Trinity, Baylor University, and Baylor College.—*The Southeastern*.

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To provide debating experience for as many students as possible, four Kansas schools met at Emporia Teachers February 4. College of Emporia entered six teams, Ottawa seven, Hays Teachers one, and Emporia Teachers nine. An effort was made to provide three debates for each team. Most of the debaters were inexperienced.—*The Bulletin*.

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Winning two firsts, a second, and a fourth, Yankton College took first honors for all-round achievement in the state forensic tournament held at Madison February 18. Yankton won a total of 32 points to win the large victory trophy given to the school having the best record. Northern Normal placed second with 25 points, and Eastern Normal third with 23.

Results of the four divisions were as follows: Peace Oratory: Bernard Daniels, Yankton, first; Glen Parker, Huron, second; Robert Andrus, Northern, third; Ray Rauenhurst, Eastern, fourth; and Erling Hellekson, Augustana, fifth.

Women's Oratory: Ruth Wood, Eastern, first; Elizabeth Daniels, Yankton, second; Gerd Bernhart, Augustana, third; Barbara Anderson, Northern, fourth; and Frances Humphrey, Huron, fifth.

Extemporaneous Speaking: Vivian Halverson, Yankton, first; Robert Wagner, Dakota Wesleyan, second; Leonard Jennwien, Northern, third; Roy Smith, State College, fourth; and Bessie Grim, Southern, fifth.

Inter-State Oratorical Contest: Walter Slocum, State College, first; Wilfred Wagner, Eastern, second; Burnis Rogers, Augustana, third; Fred Nichol, Yankton, fourth; and Genevieve De Haven, Northern, fifth.—*The Yankton Student*.

Four Nebraska Wesleyan girls made a trip of a week through Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri, meeting fifteen colleges in twenty-two debates. They took part in the tournament at St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas.—*The Wesleyan*.

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The debate between William Jewell, Missouri Delta, and Principia College of St. Louis was characterized by the witty thrusts of the debaters which kept the audience in laughter a good share of the time.—*The William Jewell Student*.

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Rollins College Travels from Maine to California

Rollins College, Florida Alpha, kept its forensic coach, Professor H. R. Pierce, and debaters busy during Christmas vacation.

December 17 their debate with Oxford University was broadcast over the National Broadcasting System. December 19 they debated in Lewiston, Maine, against Bates College. December 29 they appeared before the convention of the National Association of Teachers of Speech in Los Angeles, California. They met North Carolina State College in a direct clash debate, winning all three clashes. They traveled eight thousand miles in keeping these engagements.

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Kansas Teachers of Emporia, Kansas State, Ottawa, and Washburn college took part in an invitation no-decision debate tournament in Topeka. The participating institutions entered more than one team and each team took part in four debates.—*The Bulletin*.

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Nine Kansas and Missouri colleges met at the Kansas City Law school for a tournament February 24-25. This was a practice debate in which no decisions were given. Each team entered was given as many opportunities to debate as possible. The following schools were represented: Kansas City Law, Wichita, Kansas Teachers of Pittsburg and Emporia, Missouri Teachers of Kirksville and Cape Girardeau, William Jewell, Park, and Baker. All but the first have chapters of PKD.—*The Baker Orange*.

Hamline and Gustavus Adolphus exchanged double debates during January.—*The Hamline Oracle*.



Kalamazoo and Battle Creek met in an audience decision debate.—*The Kalamazoo College Index*.



College of the Pacific and University of San Francisco met in a dual no-decision debate, using the Oregon plan.—*The Pacific Weekly*.



Howard Payne entered two men's and two women's teams in the invitation debaters' meet at Abilene Christian College.—*The Yellow Jacket*.



The women of Virginia Alpha, State Teachers, won from the men of Randolph-Macon on both sides of the tariff-for-revenue-only question.—*The Rotunda*.



South Dakota State and Sioux Falls College broadcasted their debate February 14. Teams of the two institutions also met in debates before audiences in Dell Rapids, one of them before a Parent-Teachers Association.—*The Stylus*.



A Peace oratorical and debate meet for Nebraska colleges was held at Midland College February 9-11.—*The Antelope*.



Southeastern and East Central Teachers of Oklahoma met in two debates recently. While the East Central men won, the women's debate ended in a tie according to the audience vote.—*The Southeastern*.



Oklahoma Baptist University sent a debate team on a seventeen-day western trip during the early part of February. The Baptists lost to Simmons, Texas Theta, and Redlands, California Alpha, and won from the University of New Mexico. All of these debates were on the PKD question. They also argued with the University of Southern California whether or not Communism was a failure in Russia.—*The Bison*.

Texas Christian, Zeta, lost to Trinity and Southwestern, Beta and Alpha, in a triangle on the PKD question.—*The Skiff*.

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Jean Benedict won the women's poetry reading contest of the Michigan colleges. She represented Kalamazoo.—*The Kalamazoo College Index*.

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A debate tournament at Conway, Arkansas, was attended by colleges from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas. Southwestern Missouri Teachers won the men's tournament.—*The Oracle*.

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Nebraska Wesleyan men took a debate trip in February on which they met Simpson, Iowa Wesleyan, Wheaton, DePauw, Northwestern, Marquette, Oshkosk, and ended up at the St. Thomas tournament in St. Paul.—*The Wesleyan*.

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A debate between faculty and students was held February 24 at Hiram, Ohio Gamma, on the question Resolved: that the Eighteenth Amendment was a mistake. Three members of the faculty upheld the affirmative against three students from the debate teams.—*The Advance*.

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Miss Pauline Webster of Albion won the Michigan women's oratorical contest. Her oration, "From Behind Closed Doors," dealt with birth control. Miss Isabelle Schelbe of Detroit City College placed second. William Macomber of the same institution won the men's contest, speaking on "The New Deal." Stuart Anderson of Albion won second.—*The Olivet College Echo*.

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On February 23 the Ohio Beta chapter at Heidelberg entertained men's and women's debate teams from seven Ohio colleges for a tournament on the PKD question. There were three rounds of judged debates before any eliminations were made. Capitol University, Columbus, won the men's tournament. Hiram and Heidelberg stayed through the women's finals which were not carried further. The following schools were represented: Toledo, Baldwin-Wallace, Capitol, Akron, Hiram, Bowling Green, Ohio Northern, and Heidelberg. The coaches from the colleges acted as judges. President Hopkins was in charge of the arrangements.—*G. Haspeslogh, Reporter*.

During February a two man team from Drake, Iowa Mu, made a flying trip on which it met Morningside, Creighton and the universities of South Dakota and Nebraska.—*Drake Times-Delphic*.

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The Louisiana Alpha chapter at Louisiana College is presenting a vaudeville program under the title of "Campus Scampus." This is an annual event at the institution. Prominent members of the faculty and student body are scheduled to appear on the program.—*The Wildcat*.

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Prof. Rose of Missouri Iota of Southeast Teachers led three of his women on an invasion of the South. They argued the cancellation of the war debts with West Tennessee College at Memphis; University of Mississippi; Millsaps, Mississippi Alpha; Louisiana State University; and Newcomb Memorial College of New Orleans.—*The Capaha Arrow*.

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Prof. Orville C. Miller, debate coach at Maryville Teachers, Missouri Kappa, writes that he is enjoying his work at Columbia University, where he is spending a year's leave of absence in study.

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A Wheaton College team made a flying trip through Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana during the early part of February. It debated both sides of the government guarantee of bank deposits and the PKD question, meeting Transylvania and Georgetown in Kentucky; Marietta, Hiram, Heidelberg, Bowling Green, and Cincinnati in Ohio; and Huntington in Indiana.—*The Wheaton College Record*.

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The invitation meet at Michigan State was designed to give experience to as many debaters as possible. Michigan Normal, for example, entered ten teams. The eleven colleges represented expected to place one hundred twenty-five teams in the field. All these debates were on the question of extending the basis of taxation in Michigan to other than the general property tax with the affirmative winning most of the debates. Among the colleges represented were Calvin, Kalamazoo, Hope, Detroit City, Battle Creek, Central Teachers, Michigan State, and Normal.—*The Normal College News*.