

In September, 1970 Augustana College joined a growing list of colleges that revitalized their curriculum and launched a new academic calendar called the 4-1-4. Our regular fall semester schedule has been compacted into four months finishing just in time for Christmas. January thus becomes a "new breed of cat" — the interim. Students may select one course for intensive study. Many of these classes are off-campus and some are open for inter-college enrollment.

Perhaps one can better judge the possibilities of the Forensic interim via a brief log of our "adventure".

After a snow packed journey across Nebraska we arrived in beautiful Colorado Springs for the Pike's Peak Invitational. After three days of good competition, we headed west, were snowed in at Rawlins, Wyo., and traveled through ground-blizzards all across Wyoming and eastern Utah. At Weber State College we set up camp in their new dormitories for two nights. Tuesday found us researching at the beautiful library of the University of Utah at Salt Lake City. Jack Rhodes provided three able teams for practice debates.

After more days of blizzard driving in desolate western Utah and eastern Nevada, good fortune smiled upon us as we arrived at Donner Pass in time to be the first group allowed to cross in three days. It was very exciting to wind down into snowy eastern California.

Friday found us in heavy competition at the Attorney-judged Debate Tournament at California State, Hayward. This is a unique forensic experience in itself, and I recommend that you read Dr. John Baird's article in the January, 1971 **Forensic**. It was very convenient to spend much of Saturday repairing a defunct starter, since attorneys were doing the judging. We won the Jr. varsity according to three of five Oakland attorneys and lost the varsity finals by the same margin.

Professor Krehbiel agreed to an excellent guided tour of the San Francisco scene on Monday, where we enjoyed Fisherman's Wharf, lunch at Chinatown, and on to Telegraph Hill before we left for Los Angeles and the University of Southern California — Loyola Winter Forensic Tournament.

Our trip South was complicated by a

missing radiator cap and a split rim. We enjoyed beautiful Santa Barbara while repairs were completed. One day could be spent either in research and needed case repair or at Disneyland. I was outvoted six-to-one, and my charges left after making a faithful promise to R&R tomorrow (research and repair).

We spent three days at U.S.C. building character, etc. Professor John DeBross (my college coach at Kansas State Teachers College) allowed me to miss my quarter-final assignment and we headed toward home. Soon the squad was back in action in Sioux City, Iowa, at the Morningside College Invitational where we got some additional hardware.

That ended our first experience with a forensic interim. Now was it worth the allocation of time, cost, and 3.6 hours credit given each participant?

Like any Monday morning quarterback, I could make some obvious observations. A forensic interim required much planning and much tolerance by all concerned, e.g., I thank my wife and sons for braving the South Dakota January cold without me, and thank my six debaters for remaining on speaking terms through days of travel.

I believe the forensic interim is on balance a very exciting situation for a college debater. The possibilities of learning are as unlimited as the variety of South Dakota. Think what unique audience situations could be planned in a full month of travel. Think of the research opportunities at major university and other libraries. Consider the chance to see actual topic-related conditions or the chance to interview experts while traveling in their area. This is only a start.

Our interim expense policy was that students buy most of their meals, with the rest of the funds coming out of our forensic budget. It cost us just over \$1,500.00 for the month on this basis. Again, you be the judge of what you think it was worth to six debaters and our forensic program.

## PROVINCE 6 6 Chapters Reporting

UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA  
Reporter: Douglas Capuder

The devil-may-care dudes of the Louisiana Gamma Chapter in lovely Lafay-



ette are overjoyed to begin the new academic year with a Superior rating from the 1971 National Convention in Houston under their belts. The effort at big H was aided by a fraction of the eighteen members who have been initiated to the degree of Highest Distinction over the past two years, an inspiring tour of the Astrodome, and a trip to the Houston Art Cinema.

This year, the University of Southwestern Louisiana brothers and sisters in Pi Kappa Delta will be led by doughty Doug Capuder and his faithful forensic companions: sly Herb Whitaker, as veep; sultry Cindy Randazzo, as secretary; and sexy Robert Wallace as reporter. Besides the brave new leaders, the chapter has been doubly blest with a newly remodeled complex of office and room in picturesque, sturdy Burke Hall. From this nest, the Pi Kaps will rise like avenging pigeons to smite friend and foe alike at approximately 25 tournaments at various and sundry places around the land of the free and the home of Army Intelligence.

Fame and glory have been bestowed upon the chapter by three graduates who have moved up to bigger and better things. Debbie Oliver and Jackie Guidry have received assistantships at the University of Tennessee and the University of Southern Illinois, respectively. Paul Broussard was granted an N.D.E.A. fellowship to complete his work through the doctorate level; unfortunately, his machete was not sufficiently sharp to permit his egress from Louisiana. He is now at L.S.U.



*Coach Percy Parro [without his mask and silver bullets] and his trusty Indian guide, Herb Whitaker [seated], in their new debate complex.*

## LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

Reporter: E. R. Minchew

Dr. Mary F. Beasley, Ph.D., Purdue University, is now assistant professor in the Department of Speech at Louisiana Tech University. Dr. Beasley teaches courses in public address and is director of forensics, as well as sponsor of Pi Kappa Delta.

Twelve students are actively engaged in the forensic program, seven of whom are Pi Kappa Deltans. They will enter eleven tournaments during the year, including the Province Tournament of the Lower Mississippi at North Texas State University.

The Louisiana Tech University chapter, in cooperation with the Department of Speech, sponsored the college tournament Dec. 10 and 11. The chapter will also sponsor the annual Louisiana Tech High School Debate Tournament at Ruston Jan. 21 and 22, 1972.

## EAST CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Betsy Ballard

### A TRIBUTE TO DR. D. J. NABORS

Our chapter of Pi Kappa Delta usually has a large number of initiates each year, but our membership has always been characterized more by spirit and amount of participation in forensic events than by any outstanding achievement of the kind measured by trophies or plaques. However, at last year's National Tournament at Houston, we were pleased to have two of our sophomore members distinguish us by earning a Superior in Interpretation and an Excellent in Standard Debate.

Our main asset in maintaining our chapter of PKD on campus has been the sponsorship of Dr. D. J. Nabors, national historian of Pi Kappa Delta. Activities in forensic areas have always been of utmost importance and greatest enjoyment to him. His offices not only include, presently, Historian, but he has also served as Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. He arrived on East Central's campus in 1937, and has served as Chairman of the Speech Department for 30 years. He has built the EC High School Speech Tourna-





*Dr. D. J. Nabors, National Historian and chapter sponsor of East Central State College. Dr. Nabors plans to retire at the end of this academic year.*

ment up to a really fine example of forensics at its best — attended yearly by a large number of Oklahoma schools.

The reason that I feel these facts need to be given their share of attention is that the 1971-72 year will be Dr. Nabors' final year of service to East Central. All the trophies in the world and all the paeons of praise ever written could not express the deep love and respect the Oklahoma Eta Chapter feels for this man. He has always untiringly given of his best to promote the ideals of the Art of Persuasion — we and everyone else who has ever known him will never forget that.

#### NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

*Reporter: William R. DeMougeot*

The Texas Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta last year instituted a speaker's bureau, with chapter members submitting a list of topics on which they would be prepared to speak. Six local groups made requests and three of them made second requests. Two women's clubs obtained commitments for the spring of 1972. For the present, only PKD members are being scheduled as speakers.

Tom Hughes, '51, was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus at the Homecoming celebration this fall. He is

Managing Director of the Dallas Summer Musicals and has long served the Dallas area in many cultural and civic capacities.

North Texas will host the Province of the Lower Mississippi Convention March 23-25, 1972.

Wes Spiegel, elected to membership in Pi Kappa Delta last spring, is also serving as president of the student government.

#### TEXAS A. & I. UNIVERSITY

*Reporter: Karen Hall*

(Editor's note: Because of delays which were not the fault of the student reporter, this article refers to events of last year.)

Texas A. & I. University kicked off the competitive season with the San Jacinto College tournament in October. Here they received an award in extemp speaking. Additional activities included the San Marcos Festival and the hosting of a high school tournament in December.

#### WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

*Reporter: Paula Meller*

Our new chapter officers are Paula Meller, president; Gary Patton, vice-president; Betty Bledsoe, secretary-treasurer; and Ron Bender, historian-delegate.

Our sponsor of last year, Mr. Guy Yates, has transferred to another school. Mr. Tyler Tindall is our new chapter sponsor.

The major activity of our chapter last spring was the forensic tournament sponsored by the university for area high schools.

This year, our chapter will again assist with the tournament in March. We are also beginning a new project for high school students. Teams of our debaters will travel to interested high schools during January to present forensic programs, complete with demonstration debates and informal, personalized workshops, if desired. We hope that the plan will be of mutual benefit and that we may interest more students in forensics. We are also making an extra effort to encourage newcomers to the WTSU speech program to try out for debate and to interest them in Pi Kappa Delta. We are also trying to generate more fund-boosting ideas and plans for the initiation of our new pledges are under way.



## PROVINCE 7

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HOPE COLLEGE, MICHIGAN  
*Reporter: M. Harold Mikle*

The Michigan Gamma chapter has a large group (20) of Pi Kappa Delta members. We have already attended two tourneys — Kellogg Community College — where debaters won two trophies, and the Norton Invitational Tournament at Bradley University.

Local officers this year are Paul Bach, president; Mike Cooper, vice-president; and Tammie Cook, secretary-treasurer.

The chapter is busy with campus Parliamentary Debates. The first one was held in November. Last year, we debated legalization of marijuana and that women should be kept pregnant, barefoot and in the kitchen. This fall for Frosh orientation, we debated that Freaks have more fun than Jocks — 220 freshmen attended.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
*Reporter: Larry MacQueen*

The Michigan Theta Chapter enjoyed an extremely active and productive fall semester in its beautiful new speech building. Yes, the Moore building and facilities are finally complete and they are fantastic. With the new building, we also welcomed and initiated into PKD our new director of forensics, Mr. David Ling. Mr. Ling is formerly of Wayne State University and is currently working on his Ph.D. dissertation. We welcome you, Dave.

Our current membership tallies up to 24 and the officers are Robert Sexton, president; Kathy McGee, vice-president; John Grace, secretary; and Linda Ross, treasurer. President Bob completed his student teaching this past semester and, in the process, coached a very successful high school debate team. Nice work, Bob.

Our chapter was extremely busy this past semester. We assisted Mr. Ling in running the September High School Debate Conference on campus, which over 300 high school debaters and their coaches attended. We also assisted Mr. Ling in running the Second Annual Central Michigan University Invitational Debate Tournament, which was won by Butler University.

On the lighter side, our activities included several social get-togethers, topped off by a Christmas dinner in the warm home of our sponsor, Dr. Gilbert Rau.

Plans in the hopper include the sponsoring of an all-faculty talent show in our new theatre facilities; a very extensive debate schedule; initiation of new members; and of course, that ever-present research work on the proposition.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

MARIETTA COLLEGE, OHIO  
*Reporter: Bob Baldwin*

New chapter officers for this year are as listed with their club aliases supplied as a free addition. President, Bob Baldwin (Balder); vice-president, John Shannon (Shan); secretary-treasurer, Sue Barry (Baron).

Dr. K. Wayne Wall (Waldron) continues as our director of debate and sponsor this year.

Last year's activities, under the presidency of Jim Hermance (Herm) and the directorship of Balder, our chapter held a forensics workshop in oral interpretation, debate, discussion, and radio announcing for local high school students. We included lectures by professors and individual help by college students. Much to the delight of the high schoolers, we held a tournament at the end of the workshop with trophies purchased from our chapter funds.

This year, we have internalized our efforts and have tried to introduce our own debate novices to the techniques of research for debate. We felt that they would "get into" the topic better this way whereas past novices had relied on the research of the varsity debaters.

Also, we sell coffee (as we have in past years) to professors and students. We have a giant coffee pot in our Debate Council room and by selling coffee last year, we cleared \$118.00. Each Pi Kap member was responsible for making the coffee one week out of the year. It has been a very successful program and we hope to duplicate our profits again this year.

We are very happy to have debating with us this year a former debater from Cottey Junior College, Janet Brown. She has not been spared from our alias treatment; we refer to her politely as Brown.



Brown came to us highly recommended, for she placed fourth in last year's Phi Rho Pi national level tournament. She has charmed us all with her excellent cooking and her feminine voice; previously, we were an all male debate squad since we lost our last year's female debater.

We have high hopes for this year and have been working very hard, especially in debate. It'll all pay off at the end of the year when we do some precious relaxing at our Pi Kap parties.

MORRIS HARVEY COLLEGE,  
WEST VIRGINIA  
*Reporter: Roselyn L. Freedman*

The West Virginia Gamma Chapter officers for 1971-72 are Rowland McGill, president; Miller John Poppleton, Jr., vice-president; and Judith Cadle, secretary-treasurer.

Last year, we participated in 19 tournaments covering a broad area from North East Indiana through Virginia and including participation at the Pi Kappa Delta Convention in Houston.

This year, we plan an expansion of our program in terms of membership as well as tournaments entered. We plan to attend the joint meeting of the Province of the Lakes and the Province of the Southeast.

Already this year, on Nov. 19 and 20, we hosted the 7th Annual Novice Debate Tournament. The tournament surpassed previous ones in terms of attendance.

With reference to our PKD graduates, Richard Eizienberg (1969) is a graduate student at the University of Virginia in speech pathology. Charles DeBord (1971) is a student in the Law School at West Virginia University. And James Brooks (1971) is a teacher in the Chillicothe, O., school system teaching Speech and English in the secondary schools.

## PROVINCE 8 5 Chapters Reporting

SAINT OLAF COLLEGE,  
MINNESOTA  
*Reporter: James W. Pratt*

New chapter officers for Minnesota Beta are Marlin Osthus, president, and Martha Levardsen, secretary. James W. Pratt is the new chapter sponsor.

Our chapter is sponsoring the 17th Annual Saint Olaf College High School Debate Tournament Jan. 14-15, 1972. The tournament features competition in debate, oratory, extemp, and radio speaking and is usually attended by about 125



SMSC delegation to the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention, 1972, included [front row, left to right] Diana Fridley, Gail Larson, Wayne Busch, Joan Rien, Nanette Barnhart, assistant forensics coach; and [back row, left to right] Robert Ridley, director of forensics, Terrie Groth and Doug Waldoch. Our awards included a Superior in Debate; Excellent awards in Debate, Original Oratory, Extemp and in Sweepstakes.



participants from some 30 area high schools.

### SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGE

*Reporter: Robert A. Ridley*

Officers of the Minnesota Mu chapter are currently Joan Rien, president; Craig Eucken, vice-president, and Diana Fridley, reporter. We are presently in the process of electing new officers, however. Our chapter sponsor is Robert A. Ridley.

Last year, we traveled nearly 22,000 miles in Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, Wisconsin, Iowa, Arizona and Texas while participating in 21 tournaments. The SMSC squad participated in 241 rounds of debate, 106 rounds of oral interpretation, 96 rounds of extemp., 74 rounds of oratory, 27 rounds of discussion, 11 rounds of impromptu, 3 rounds of radio speaking, 3 rounds of television speaking, 2 rounds of after-dinner speaking, and one round of rhetorical criticism. Awards consisted of 11 first place trophies, 5 second place trophies, 6 third place trophies and 1 fifth place trophy. Additionally, we received numerous medals, plaques and certificates as well as Sweepstakes awards.

Our debate team of Terrie Groth and Wayne Busch compiled a 7-1 debate record at the PKD National Convention last spring. Of the 156 teams in this division, only 15 received superior recognition. Debaters Diana Fridley and Joan Rien received an excellent award at the national convention while Doug Waldoch and Joan Rien received an excellent rating in original oratory and extemporaneous speaking respectively and the SMSC squad received an excellent in sweepstakes.

In addition to the intercollegiate tournaments attended, SMSC hosted a forensic tournament in April for a 5-state high school area as well as various intramural contests and festivals for the SMSC student body.

SMSC plans to attend many tournaments this year and also hopes to qualify for the National Debate Tournament from District IV. We plan to host a high school forensic tournament and possibly a high school debate tournament. We plan to expand our intramural activities to include an oral interpretation of literature contest,

a forensic festival, a radio and television speaking contest and an oratory contest.

To date, this year, our squad has received a third place trophy for the novice division at Eastern Montana College with a second place top speaker award. We recently returned from the University of Nebraska, Omaha tournament where the varsity and novice teams both won second place trophies and Jim Weaver placed fourth in original oratory.

Recently, we received a letter from Professor Evan Ulrey, PKD National Council Member, informing us that the SMSC chapter is one of "the two or three largest chapters of PKD in the country". This has been achieved by a chapter that is only four years old and growing rapidly.

### BETHEL COLLEGE, MINNESOTA

*Reporter: Claire Kolmodin*

Minnesota Nu is well under way in its first full year of existence. The 1971-72 officers are David G. Peterson, president; Daniel C. Nelson, vice-president; Allie Jo Moore, secretary-treasurer; and Carol Shimmin, historian. They are actively planning several activities for this year, two of which include a membership drive and a tournament to be sponsored for Bethel students. This tournament, under the direction of Julie Palen, is scheduled for January, 1972.

The forensic and debate teams of Minnesota Nu have already participated in several tournaments. At the University of Nebraska, Omaha, tournament, Dan Nelson took 2nd place in Impromptu and Fred Ogamachi took 2nd place in Oratory. At his first debate tourney, Ron Blomberg was recognized as the number one novice speaker.

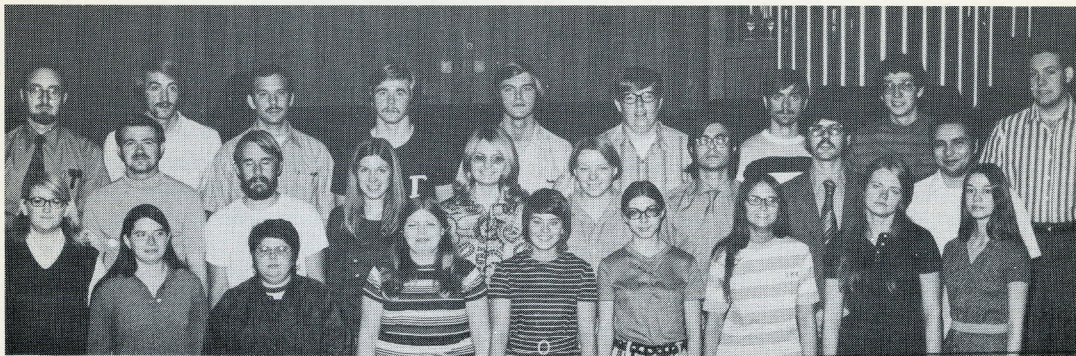
### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

— OSHKOSH

*Reporter: Gloria Krysiak*

Increased interest in debate on the UW-O campus has extended our squad to nearly 30 students. Physical facilities available to debaters have also been considerably expanded as the Speech Department has moved into the new Arts and Communication Center, the largest building of the Wisconsin State Universities' system. New philosophies of debate





*Debate squad [left to right] bottom row: Vicky Kuntz, Pamela Pike, Gloria Krysiak, Sally Szatkowski, Sally Jones, Marcia Hassle, Claudette Dublenski, Joan Leonard, Sybil Ingram; Row two: Ted Bergum, Tom Oberheide, Mary Kay Duane, Eileen Brockman, Margie Mott, Mr. Steven Spear, Larry Kahlshauer, Mr. Joseph Probst; Row three: Dr. Paul Mattox [Director of Forensics], Phil Koepnick, Alan Palay, Mike Hasler, Greg Prey, Mike Aubinger, Mike Kneip, Steve Alderton, Orin Mueller.*

have been introduced by the addition of two new debate faculty — Mr. Joseph Probst from California and Mr. Steven Spear from Texas.

The annual Pi Kappa Delta banquet held in May included the presentation of several awards:

John Gronouski Award for Excellence in Debate — Pamela Pike

Joseph B. Laine Award for Outstanding Service to Forensics — John Reimenschneider

Novice Debater Award — Michael Kneip

Honorary Membership — Dr. E. O. Thedinga, Vice President of Student Affairs

Distinguished Alumni Award — Dr. Wayne Mannebach

Activities this year are well under way. Included are tournaments, the Second Annual High School Debate Tournament, and a novice and varsity collegiate debate tournament to be held Feb. 5 & 6, 1972.

Our 1971-72 officers are Pamela Pike, president; Steve Alderton, vice-president; Sherry Madaus, secretary; Gary Thompson, treasurer; and Gloria Krysiak, historian and SPOKESMAN editor.

WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY,  
STEVENS POINT

Reporter: Jeanne Elmhurst

Our chapter is presently engaged in making preparations for its fourth annual



*What's going on around here? That may well be the most frequently asked question by members of the Wisconsin Mu Chapter at UW-Stevens Point. Pictured above [moving clockwise from the arrow] are Sharon Hoff, Julie Janke, Mark Dittman, Barb Rennock, Jeanne Elmhurst, Mike Peterson, Barb Messer, and Mary Schuh. Not pictured are Kerry Bartelt and Sandy Hintze, [who are both studying abroad this semester] and Sue Kline, Nancy Zimmer and our sponsor, C. Y. Allen.*

debate tournament sponsored for Wisconsin high schools. Last year's tournament was a tremendous success with 80 four-man units attending. In addition to being a service to the state's high schools, the fraternity benefits monetarily and our



members are given a first-hand lesson in how to run a debate tournament.

We've also been a service to high school debaters by sponsoring a debate institute at which various resource people, pertinent to this year's debate topic, spoke to the students. The day's agenda also included a coaches' workshop and student-faculty sessions for the discussion of debate techniques. We're pleased with this project and the success that it has had.

A final note about two of our members who really get around. Kerry Bartelt is in England and Sandy Hintze is in Germany; both are participating in the Semester Abroad programs.

## **PROVINCE 9**

### **2 Chapters Reporting**

GEORGIA SOUTHERN COLLEGE  
*Reporter: Leonard Alan Williams*

On June 1, 1971, the Delta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta elected officers for the current year. They are: Karen Lynn Ball, president; Timothy Lawrence Thomlinson, vice-president; Leonard Alan Williams, secretary-treasurer; and Timothy Thomlinson and Tommy Smith, representatives to the Recognition Council.

Plans for a Georgia Southern College Debate Forum to be held once a month have been made. The first one was held Oct. 20, sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta. The issue was "Resolved: Women are not really equal to men."

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY,  
VIRGINIA  
*Reporter: Phyllis Showers*

Our new officers for the Virginia Beta chapter are Terry Springle, president; Fred Palmer, vice-president; and Norman Bossert, secretary-treasurer. Paul Dicklin, our ex-chapter sponsor, is back from doctoral studies at Bowling Green University in Ohio. He returns as director of theatre.

Last year, we rebuilt a lagging program by placing emphasis on individual forensic events. Six tournaments were attended and two were hosted.

This year, the traveling squad will include about 16 people who will attend 8 or 10 tournaments. We will host the 3rd Annual Sweetheart Invitational Debate

Tournament Feb. 11 and 12. In April, we will host the Southeastern District High School Qualifying Tournament.

Bob Sichta, 1971 graduate magna cum laude, was accepted at William & Mary law school but he decided to postpone his entrance. He's now working on the campaign of independent state senator Henry Howell in his bid for the lieutenant governorship of Virginia.

Our motto is "Every tournament we learn something and we win something". On our first trip of this season, to Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va., we didn't win much but we did learn what happens to a car when it loses all its brake fluid on the Interstate.



*Bob Sichta, Terry Springle, and Bob Ellyson [from left] look at the trophies won at Virginia Intermont College last spring.*

## **PROVINCE 10**

### **3 Chapters Reporting**

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY  
*Reporter: Tom M. Burt*

Spring of 1971 marked the election of new officers for the Idaho Gamma chapter. We elected Bill Knickrehm as president; Jim Pappas, vice-president; Joyce Verret, secretary-treasurer; and Tom Burt,



reporter. Knickrehm replaces outgoing president Steve Wetzel. Our chapter is under the sponsorship of Professor W. N. Corbin and is assisted by Mr. C. G. Cooper.

Last year, we elected four new members to Idaho Gamma at our annual initiation ceremony in February. In May, we departed from tradition and held a chapter picnic instead of our formal end-of-the-year banquet. In March, three members of our chapter, along with Professor Corbin and Mr. Cooper, flew to Houston to attend the national convention.

Besides attending many tournaments, Idaho State was unanimously elected to membership in the Pacific Forensic League during the League's tournament at Stanford University last spring. Adding an interesting highlight to our schedule, four of our chapter members attended a tournament at the Idaho State Prison in Boise. Two other Idaho colleges and the prison inmates participated in the tournament, making it perhaps the only one of its kind in the country.

We wish to recognize a PKD graduate and an outstanding PKDeltan. Graduating last year was Patti Powers, who received a superior rating and a gold medal at the Houston convention for extemporaneous speaking. Patti was a very active member and devoted many hours towards improving and pushing the chapter forward. As an outstanding Pi Kappa Deltan, we recognize Mr. Max Parrish, an attorney in Pocatello. Each year he offers his assistance and his home for our annual initiation ceremony.

Due to the efforts of these people, our sponsor, and particularly due to the great enthusiasm demonstrated by this year's chapter members, the Idaho Gamma Chapter is looking forward to a very enjoyable and rewarding 1971-72 year.

#### LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE, OREGON

*Reporter: J. M. Ward*

The Oregon Beta Chapter, under the leadership of Mike Fitzgerald, chapter president, has been engaged in an active fall schedule. On Oct. 15 & 16, the chapter helped sponsor a college speech tournament at Lewis and Clark which drew over 30 schools. Events at the tournament

included debate, extemp, persuasive, expository and forensic interpretation. Sweepstakes winners were: 1st place, Lewis & Clark College; 2nd place, Pacific University; 3rd place, Oregon College of Education. Chapter members also competed in tournaments at Fullerton, University of Wyoming, University of Colorado and Pacific University. The Lewis & Clark squad returned from the Pacific University Tournament with the first place sweepstakes award. Six other tournaments were on the fall term schedule.

In February, 1972, the Oregon Beta Chapter will sponsor a High School Speech Tournament which draws 60 to 70 high schools from the state of Oregon. Chapter members will help to organize and operate the tournament. Chapter sponsor Jean Ward is joined this year by the return of George Austin, director of forensics, in coordinating chapter events.

#### WHITMAN COLLEGE, WASHINGTON

*Reporter: David Arlington*

The Washington Theta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has selected the following officers for 1971-72: Scott Sherman, president; Linda Smith, vice-president; David Arlington, secretary-treasurer; and Linda Smith, acting corresponding secretary.

Our new chapter sponsor is David Arlington. W. H. Veatch, former chapter sponsor, has retired.

#### PROVINCE 11 7 Chapters Reporting

##### TOWSON STATE COLLEGE, MARYLAND

*Reporters:*

Brenda Taylor, Debate

Ted Diggle, Oral Interpretation

**Debate** — The Forensics squad at Towson, coached by Brenda Taylor, began the season by hosting British debaters Eric Parsloe and Dennis Carter Sept. 27 and 28. Workshops were held and an evening public debate was presented to a full auditorium. Debating for Towson were Craig Schloer and Lew Olshin, our chapter president and vice-president, respectively.

Besides participating in intercollegiate



tournaments on an almost weekly basis, Towson has hosted a December debate tournament and has developed plans for a January high school tournament as a part of our first minimester program. This minimester debate workshop will cover all facets of debate and will include traveling to interested high schools to present programs.

Towson is also preparing to host the Province tournament this spring, April 6 through 8, 1972. The Province tournament committee met at our college this September and developed the tournament format. Baltimore's National Brewing Company will be providing some 40 trophies for the winners and will also be cooperating in developing entertainment appropriate for our "Maryland — Land of Pleasant Living".

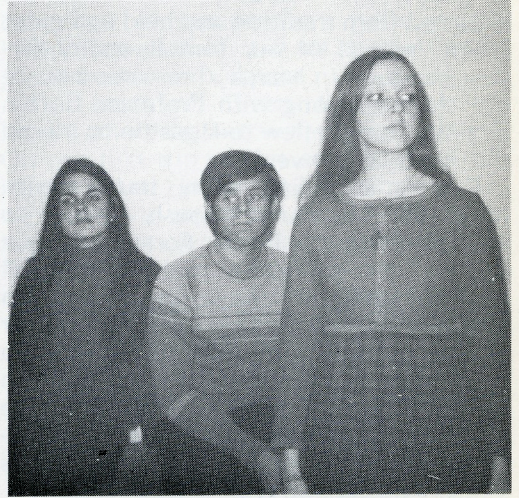
Although Towson debaters are active in forensics, they also find time to be active in the Student Government Association. Craig Schloer is parliamentarian; Lew Olshin is vice-president; Amy Schaffer is executive-secretary; and Andy Eble is senator.

As a result of their interest in campus affairs, the debaters are starting a monthly debate Forum on current controversial issues. Our first forum will be on gun control legislation. Prominent people, possibly including former Senator Joseph Tydings, will participate, as well as student representatives from interested student organizations.

**Oral Interpretation** — Towson has a very strong Oral Interpretation program and many of our PKD members qualify by virtue of their work in this facet of forensics. These members, as well as potential PKD members interested in Oral Interpretation, work through the Creative Interpreter's Guild rather than the Debate Squad.

The Guild presents all types of literature through the media of oral interpretation, readers' theatre, and chamber theatre. The Guild is under the supervision of Miss Marlene Stone, Associate Professor and Area Coordinator of General Speech and Mass Communications. The organization sponsors an annual New Horizons Institute to further oral presentation of literature through standard and experimental productions. The group actively participates

in many intercollegiate festivals and competitions throughout the Eastern and Mid-western States. The group also has an active Speaker's Bureau through which students present a variety of programs in the community.



Sharon Doyle, Bob Ellis, and Trisha Blackburn perform in the production of *Coupling*.

In September, the Guild presented two performances: *Krapp's Last Tape*, a monodrama, and *Assorted Pieces*, which was in the form of oral interpretation. In October, we attended an Oral Interpretation-Readers' Theatre Festival at Kutztown State College presenting Truman Capote's "My Side of the Matter". Later that month, we went to Clarion State College to perform Eudora Welty's "Why I Live at the P.O.". At Towson, we presented *The Perishing Pavlovian Path*, a script compiled by Miss Marlene Stone, which was concerned with "the destruction of man and the destruction of his world." This destruction was counterpointed with nursery rhymes which took on an ironic, grotesque new meaning. Also performed at this time were two oral interpretations: "Mona Lisa" done by Pat Weber and "And I Laughed, Too" interpreted by Georgia Nugent.

Other events for the fall semester included the presentation of *Coupling*, a script written exclusively for readers' theatre by Mr. Bruce McDade, a faculty member; *The Assistant*, by Bernard Malamud which has been adapted for