

after dinner speakers and judges. More than five hundred persons attended the banquet Friday evening in the Robertson Memorial Fieldhouse. Two top ranking after dinner speakers, both from Loras College, spoke at the banquet on the subject, "The International Geophysical Year." The West Central Broadcasting Company presented a trophy to the top ranking speaker in Radio Newscasting. Loras College captured this trophy to make a sweep of the evening awards.

One hundred and fifty-four debate teams participated in four rounds of debate with affirmative teams winning 156 decisions and negative teams winning 152 decisions. Southern Illinois University and Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire, each had two undefeated teams. Other schools with undefeated teams were: Eastern Illinois, Goshen, Loras, Macalester, Marquette University, Notre Dame, Northwestern University, University of Dubuque, and Wisconsin State College, River Falls.

In other events there were one hundred and fifty entries in discussion, eighty-one in extempore, fifty-four in interpretation, forty-four in radio newscasting, forty in oratory, twenty in after dinner speaking, and in listening, an event which we sponsored for the first time this year, there were twenty-three entries from as many colleges. Ed Hendren, representing Hastings College, was the winner in this new contest event.

Schools winning ten or more superior and excellent awards were: Eau Claire, Bradley, Macalester, Northwestern University, Michigan State, University of Dubuque, Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh, Loras, and Mundelein.

EASTERN MONTANA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The dream of the Forensics department at Eastern Montana College of Education was realized at long last when early in 1957, Eastern was accepted into the National Speech fraternity, Pi Kappa Delta, during the National Speech Tournament held at South Dakota State College. Attending the national tournament at Brookings, South Dakota, were the president of the newly organized Pi Kappa Delta at Eastern, Don Herndon and Vice President

Ron Fisher. They accepted the scroll from the national president and were recognized as a brother member by all colleges attending the national tournament.

Early in the speech season, Eastern was busily preparing for the three big tournaments, Denver University, Linfield College, Oregon, and South Dakota State College, by staging practice debates with all of the state colleges in Montana.

Six members and their sponsor attended the meet at Denver University. The tournament was a success for the Eastern delegation, and gave them a chance to see the big colleges in action. Eastern received an excellent rating in discussion, and won one debate against stiff competition.

The tournament at Linfield College near McMinnville, Oregon accepted three representatives from Eastern, who entered debate and oral interpretation. The debate team of Ron Fisher and Terry Taylor won only two of six debates, but Jackie Swan, Eastern's representative in oral interpretation, won a first, second, and a third place.

At the third and final big speech tournament of the year, Eastern sent Don Herndon and Ron Fisher to Brookings, South Dakota via Western Airlines to compete in the National Pi Kappa Delta Tournament. Don Herndon was entered in discussion, where he won distinguished honors for Eastern by receiving an excellent rating for his work on the discussion question. Ron Fisher was credited with a "good" rating in extemporaneous speaking.

Eastern's newly founded Pi Kappa Delta speech fraternity is eagerly looking forward to speech tournaments across the nation. This year Eastern anticipates attending tournaments at Idaho State College, Denver University, Montana State College, and the West Point Academy National Debate Tournament.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The 1956-57 year was a very successful one for the University of Houston. Being invited to the University of Pittsburgh for their annual debate series was the first activity of the year. Two Pi Kappa Delta members, Don Alford and Charles Ledbetter made the trip. They debated before audiences totaling more than 20,000 in and around Pittsburgh.

Houston attended 14 tournaments. They won 10 first places; 4 second places, and 7 third places in debate. Among the tournaments that the squad won were *Louisiana Tech*, Texas A and M, *Baylor*, *Abilene Christian College*, *Savage Forensic*, and *Tulane*. Charles Ledbetter and Neal Parker traveled to the National Pi Kappa Delta Tournament at Brookings, South Dakota, and won an Excellent Rating in Debate. Two other members of Pi Kappa Delta, Don Alford and Patricia Stallings, were the unanimous choice of the District III Committee as the best team in this section of the country and represented this district at the West Point Tournament. Patricia Stallings was named as the outstanding debater in the tournament on the basis of the ratings of the judges. This team won six and lost 2 in the seeding rounds. The overall record for the squad in debate was 179 wins and 68 losses.

The squad also had a very successful year in individual events. Squad members won 18 first places; 15 second places; and 17 third places. Most of these honors came in Oratory and Extemporaneous Speaking. Charles Ledbetter, who attended the National Pi Kappa Delta Tournament won a Superior Rating in Men's Extemporaneous Speaking at the tournament. The individ-

ual events record combined with the debate record was instrumental in winning Sweepstakes Awards at two tournaments, S.M.U. and Louisiana Tech.

Pi Kappa Delta members are looking forward to the 1957-58 season. This organization at the University of Houston will be led by Patricia Stallings, president, and David DuBose, vice president.

This is also a year of changing events at the *University of Houston*. Dr. Robert L. Scott, who has been Director of Forensics since 1953 has left the University to accept a position as Director of Forensics at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Scott was largely responsible for Houston's success and will be missed by all. Also gone is Dr. Otis Walter. Dr. Walter, who was the *University of Houston's* first Director of Forensics, has accepted a position at the University of Pittsburgh. The *University of Houston* was very fortunate to acquire Dr. Donald Streeter of Memphis State University to replace Dr. Scott as Department Chairman and Director of Forensics. Also the services of Bill Kilgarlin have been acquired for the position of Debate Coach. Mr. Kilgarlin was a four year letterman at the *University of Houston* and an outstanding debater in the Southwest section.

The University of Houston, Texas, Omicron Chapter, Pi Kappa Delta. Back, left to right: Dr. Robert Scott, Sponsor, Jerry Mize, Donald Alford, Neal Parker, Ned Bobkoff, Henry Lyle, and Charles Ledbetter. Front, left to right: David DuBose, Richard Caldwell, Gloria Terry, Shirley Himmelstein, Patricia Stallings, Emerson Turner and Jack Terry.



ILLINOIS COLLEGE

In September 1956 the Forensic Coach, Roy T. Baker, at Illinois College, in Jacksonville, Illinois, found himself confronted with a group of "rookie" speakers among which, for the first time in many years, were two women. The going was rough at the beginning but through hard work and the experience that comes from participation in many tournaments, Illinois College, at the beginning of this school year, had a seasoned group of speakers.

Although only "rookies", the Illinois College debaters and orators were kept mighty busy throughout last year by attending various meets and in so doing broadening their acquaintances and seeing much of the Middle West. These meets were at *Bradley University* in Peoria, Illinois; *Missouri State Teacher's College* in Kirksville, Missouri; *Illinois State Normal University* in Bloomington, Illinois; *Purdue University* in Lafayette, Indiana; *Northern Illinois University* in DeKalb, Illinois; the State Orator's Meet at *Wheaton College*, Wheaton, Illinois; the Illinois State Debate League Tournament at the *University of Illinois' Navy Pier in Chicago*, and as a climax and the greatest experience of the year, the National Pi Kappa Delta Convention in Brookings, South Dakota.

The trip to South Dakota did not mark the end of the speech season for these debaters and orators, however, for early in May at a dinner at Coach Baker's and in the presence of the College President and his wife, new members were initiated and new officers elected to the Illinois College Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. The new officers are: President, Dave Robinson; Vice President, Francis Gunn, and Secretary-Treasurer, Judith Todd.

At this last meeting of the year, the Illinois College speakers found themselves making plans and looking forward to an interesting and successful year in 1957-58.

LOS ANGELES STATE

Another feather in the cap of the Lambda chapter of Los Angeles State College was added recently when Mary Ellerman was crowned homecoming queen of 1957. Miss Ellerman is one of the outstanding members of the forensic squad at Los Angeles State and in addition is the

winner of several awards for student government. She has won two student government elections and in addition was given the award for the outstanding member of the campus chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

Newly-elected officers of the Lambda chapter are: president, Carl Bovero; vice president, Bob Clifton; secretary-treasurer, Mary Ellerman; historian, Cris Harding; and corresponding secretary, Larry Teplin.

MIDLAND COLLEGE

The Nebraska Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta spent one of its busiest years in 1956-57. In addition to sponsoring high school and college tournaments (one of each) on the Midland campus, the group swept the state tournament. Midlanders won first and third in men's oratory, first in women's oratory, first in women's B division debate, first in women's extemporaneous speaking, second in women's discussion and second in men's discussion. The group also sent four delegates to the Pi Kappa Delta national convention at Brookings. Kappa chapter initiated eight new members: freshmen Nancy Hoppel, Linda Mann and Mary Jane Thompson; sophomore John Price; juniors Mary Jane Thulin, Gwen Ellsworth and Vern Wilson; and senior Delmar Anderson.

Officers for 1957-58 are: president, Nancy Hansen; vice president, Mary Jane Thompson; secretary - treasurer, Linda Mann; and reporter, Nancy Hoppel.

Sponsor of the group is Mr. Donald L. Wolfarth.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS

The Eighteenth Annual Midwest Speech Tournament was held at Kirksville on December 6 and 7. Sixteen colleges and universities participated in the two-day affair. The events were debate, poetry reading, original poetry, and after-dinner speaking.

The team from Southern Illinois University won four of four debates in the men's division. A team of women from William Jewell College won four of four in the experienced mixed division. In the junior college bracket a team from Simpson and one from Southern Illinois University each won four of four debates. Frances Hunter

of Culver-Stockton College won first place in poetry reading, and Carolyn Mulford, Kirksville, and Betty Eisenmeyer from Drury College tied for first in the original poetry. Charles Kelly of Warrensburg took first place in the afternoon dinner speaking contest.

WASHINGTON STATE

For the fifth consecutive year *Washington State College* won the women's division of the Inland Empire Tournament at Pullman, Washington, on November 22-23. The W.S.C. women's squad who won the tournament was composed of Margie Martine, Julie Tomlinson, Diane Gibson and Jan Bowler, who is president of Washington Gamma this year.

Ridin' the Provinces

MALCOLM O. SILLARS

Associate Editor

The Forensic is looking forward to the big May issue and the printing of all the province tournament results. Like the May issue in Convention years it is one of the most difficult issues to get out. The results come to us a little late, there is a short delay with the printer and you don't get *The Forensic* until after school is out. This year we hope that all copy, including the tournament results, are in Editor Long's hands by April 15th, so that we can get the magazine to you on time. By the way, remember that Editor Long has moved and should be contacted now at the California State Polytechnic College, Pomona, California.

But, with all of Emmett Long's troubles, mine are more immediate. Sandwiched in between this issue and the May issue is the March issue. For that one we are looking for a big chapter notes section. This will require the cooperation of all the chapters. Now is the time to set someone in your chapter to work to preparing an article on the news of your chapter. Look up a picture while you are at it. The deadline for that issue will be February 15. Send Chapter Notes to me at Los Angeles State College, Northridge, California. It wouldn't hurt at all to send them a little early.

We are a little late in announcing it but we consider it a pleasure to recognize the publication by McGraw Hill Book Company of *Fundamentals of Communication* by Wayne Thompson of the University of Illinois, Chicago Undergraduate Division. This book, which is designed for an integrated speech and writing course, has 588 pages in twenty-two chapters and a manual of grammar. This is the second college text book by Dr. Thompson. In 1951 he wrote *Basic Experiences in Speech* with Dr. Seth Fessenden which was published by Prentice-Hall.

Professor Thompson is one of our most distinguished Pi Kappas. He is President of the Central States Speech Association, clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the Speech Association of America, Chairman of the Personal and Social Psychology of Speech section of S.A.A. and President of the Illinois Intercollegiate Debate League. At home, he is Head of the Speech Staff, and, as we all know, a very able Director of Forensics.

Anyone who is interested in a book for a Communications course should examine this one carefully. Professor Thompson has developed an intelligent integration of speaking and writing. While evidencing a solid grounding in the traditional, he shows no slavish attachment to outmoded grammar or rhetoric. All the essential information is available for the student who wishes to improve his speaking and writing. It is more than personal regard for the author which leads me to state that this is the best communications book I have seen.

Elsewhere in this issue you will read the notice of the scholarship which has been instituted on behalf of Founder John Shields. The following letter from Mr. Shields to the Editor of *The Forensic* should be of interest to Pi Kappa Delta members.

June 17, 1957

Dear Professor Long:

Thank you for a copy of the May *Forensic*. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it to me.

I have a bound volume of the early *Forensics*, beginning with Vol. 1, No. 1 in 1915. I did have a complete file of the first twenty years. At somebody's request I took a lot of the unbound copies to the Lexington Convention about twenty years

ago — and have never learned what became of them.

During my college years at Ottawa, 1909-13, I was quite active in promoting the organization of Pi Kappa Delta. In that connection I visited thirty or forty colleges in half a dozen states in that area. Prof. Nichols, then of Ripon, and I "lined up" the Founders who launched the organization. He was the first President, and I was the General Secretary, and between us we did all of the initial promoting. He was handicapped in two respects: the Trustees of Ripon College opposed the project; and being a full time Professor, he did not have the time or facilities for carrying on a heavy promotional correspondence. He did have the enthusiasm, ability, and "standing." I was equipped to carry on the correspondence; during the summers I worked on various jobs to make the money that financed the promotion, and I did the "contact" and "leg work"; he furnished the "brains." I finally organized the first local Chapter at Ottawa, and a State Chapter of a Kansas group at a meeting in Topeka, in 1912.

Soon thereafter, Nichols went to Redlands, and for many years did a great job of organizing. A. C. Westfall of Park, later a Professor at Colorado A & M, also contributed much to the building of Pi Kappa Delta. My own activities practically came to an end with my graduation; I entered other work not connected with colleges. I kept in touch with Nichols and Westfall for many years; now and then I installed a Chapter, for instance at Franklin, and Georgetown among others. As a new

generation of leaders came on, I more and more lost contact, and had not seen a *Forensic* for the past twenty years.

I did not happen to contact Senator Mundt in the old organizational days; perhaps his connection with PKD came later. I did contact Senator Francis Case, who was the South Dakota contact of my time, and one of the Dakota Wesleyan Alpha. Congressman Clifford Hope of Kansas was one of the original Washburn group.

All of the five of us who launched the original Ottawa Alpha are still living: Charles T. Battin of Puget Sound, who you know, I am sure; Sam Marsh, a retired banker of Kansas City; J. E. Elder, a retired Congregational minister living at Boise, Idaho; and Dr. Leland H. Jenks, who for many years has been head of Economics at Wellesley, and before that was Professor at Rollins, and at Amherst I believe. He this year retired at Wellesley, and he wrote me the other day that he had connected with Cal Tech, to begin this fall; so it might be appropriate for you to see that the PKD group there is informed that he will soon settle in Pasadena. They may be interested, since he was one of the Charter Members of the "original" chapter.

For some years I have been "retired"; sort of a semi-invalid with a heart condition; but with more "interests" and "activities" than I ever had when I was supposed to be in active business. I am sending Mr. Nabors my subscription for *The Forensic*.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. SHIELDS,
Seymour, Indiana

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