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NOW FOR THE CONVENTION

The news from the many chapters of Pi Kappa Delta is one and the same, that all are making preparations to send a delegate to Peoria for the Fifth National Convention to be held at the Bradley Polytechnic Institute on April 1, 2 and 3. It will be the greatest gathering of its kind ever held. The move farther east will enable dozens of chapters to increase their delegations and to send two or three members instead of one. Peoria is famed as a host to conventions and is preparing to sustain her reputation on this occasion. What a magnificent record it would be if every one of our chapters might be represented! The debate schedules which have been received by the editor through the exchanges indicate that an unusually large number of chapters will send out teams which will engage in contests on the way to Peoria and back from it. Several of the chapters are giving plays in order to raise the funds necessary to defray the expenses of their delegations. This method has proved the most satisfactory one and is admirably adapted to the membership of Pi Kappa Delta. Let "On to Peoria" be the slogan for every chapter from now till the end of March.

FOR WOMEN

Let us urge upon our women members the great desirability of their having a good representation at the Convention. Pi Kappa Delta has placed no restraints upon women membership and has always striven to encourage the participation of women in forensics. The establishment of contests in oratory and extempore speaking for women at this Convention has this aim in mind. The previous contests were, of course, open to women as well as to men; but it was felt that greater interest would be taken by our women members if they had contests of their own. We hope to see a fifty-fifty attendance of men and women at Peoria.

NATIONAL COUNCIL SUCCESSION

The delegates to the Convention will again be called upon to elect officers for the coming biennium. It might be well for us to present certain considerations in this connection. It is absolutely essential that the major offices shall be held by those who have proved themselves entirely reliable and who are willing to make the sacrifice in time and effort necessary for the well being of the Order. It is a great honor, we deem, to be chosen an officer of Pi Kappa Delta; but that honor has its corresponding obligations. This is especially true of the offices of National Secretary-Treasurer and National President. The very existence of the society depends upon the character of the men elected. It has always, therefore, been the policy of the Nominating Committee to name for each of these two offices a man who has served on the National Council for at least one biennium, if possible for two. The vacancies left by these men are filled by newer men who are definitely tried out in the offices requiring less of them. If in these offices they show interest and fidelity, by their cooperation and by their interest, they will be in line for promotion to one of the major offices later on. We have felt that this is a fair method of procedure, that the man who is faithful in small things will be faithful in the larger ones, and that by so acting we are guaranteeing to Pi Kappa Delta a succession of officers that will maintain its growth and prosperity. It is needless to state that nothing in the way of politics should be tolerated in Pi Kappa Delta. While, of course, nominations are permitted from the floor of the Convention, we feel that the delegates should be exceedingly cautious about reversing in any way the report of the Nominating Committee, and should be especially on their guard against any effort to railroad the election to a major office. This has never happened in Pi Kappa Delta, but with the growth of the Order it is not an impossibility.

PI KAPPA DELTA DEBATE ANNUAL

A matter which will probably be presented at the Convention is that of publishing a Pi Kappa Delta debate annual, containing debates by members of chapters of our Order as well as the winning orations in the national contests. It would seem as though there were a field for such a publication, and, if sponsored by the organization, it would have an assured market. The plan, if carried out, would be of value to us in our expansion policies. We heartily endorse this project and hope that the Convention may see its way to doing so also.

CONVENTIONS—PAST AND PRESENT

First Convention—This was held at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, beginning on March 31, 1916. Eleven chapters were represented. The total roll at that time consisted of sixteen chapters, three of which were inactive. The officers elected for the succeeding biennium were: President, E. R. Nichols; Vice-President, E. A. Vaughan; Secretary, J. R. Macarthur; Treasurer, Roy Painter; Historian, J. H. Krenmyre. At this Convention the main business was that of organization. Questions relating to dues, insignia, keys, rituals, constitution, interforensic relations and petitions were given definite form. Although many of these matters have been modified since, the outline of the organization has retained the main characteristics given it at Topeka. Between forty and fifty persons attended this First National Convention, the majority being from the Kansas chapters.

Second Convention—This also was held in Kansas, at Ottawa University, Ottawa, on April 4th, 5th and 6th, 1918. This was the War Convention. Though only nine of the twenty chapters were represented, substantial

progress was reported and plans were laid for the future and for whatever emergencies that future might bring. At the close of the meeting an important conference with the National Secretary of Delta Sigma Rho was held. As a result of it the "entente cordiale" which now exists between the two societies was established. The officers elected were: President, J. R. Macarthur; Vice-President, E. R. Nichols; Secretary, Charles A. Marsh; Treasurer, Roy Painter; Historian, Alfred Westfall. The total attendance at this Convention was about forty.

Third Convention—Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, was the meeting place of this Convention. It was the first great Convention that Pi Kappa Delta held. Advertising had been skillfully done and extensive preparations had been made. As a result, all except two of the twenty-four active chapters were represented by delegates. The date was March 31, April 1 and 3, 1920. On this occasion the first National Pi Kappa Delta Oratorical Contest was held. An important action which occurred at this time was the placing of the work of the Order on a business basis. The Morningside Convention was an enthusiastic gathering which stimulated Pi Kappa Delta for the wonderful growth that it has since had. It was attended by about one hundred people. The officers elected were: President, J. R. Macarthur; Vice-President, E. R. Nichols; Secretary, Charles A. Marsh; Treasurer, Alfred Westfall; Historian, Joseph H. Foth.

Fourth Convention—This was held at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, on March 28, 29, 30, 1922. Thirty-one chapters were represented by one hundred and nine delegates. No less than seven complete debate teams visited the Convention, practically all of them having engaged in contests on the way. The gathering was really a huge forensic carnival. Members of the Order had come from Maine, from California, from Montana, and from South Carolina. The Convention was truly a national one. Some important business was done, notably the combining of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer into one. This move had been rendered imperative by the great increase in number of chapters and the consequent cumbersomeness of performing the detail business in two offices. In order to maintain the same size of the National Council, a Second Vice-Presidency was created. The offices of National Counsel, Editor of the Forensic, and Convention Officer were definitely designated as appointive. Mr. J. D. Coon, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has served as National Counsel since 1918. Previous to this time Mr. James W. Clark, of Topeka, held the office. The officers elected at the Fourth Convention were: President, Charles A. Marsh; First Vice-President, G. W. Finley; Second Vice-President, H. C. Libby; Secretary-Treasurer, Alfred Westfall; Historian, E. R. Nichols.

Fifth Convention—To be held at the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Illinois, April 1, 2, 3, 1924. Convention Officer, Fred S. Siebert.

Oklahoma Baptist University plans another extensive tour this year. A debate team will probably be sent through the South to the Carolinas or through Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, and Arkansas. In addition to this trip, O. C. C., Howard Payne, Simmons and the University of Arizona will probably be met in Shawnee.

The January number of "The Cue" is on our desk. This national dramatic fraternity, founded by Professor J. R. Pelsma, of the Pittsburg, Kansas, chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, reports substantial growth. It now has fifty chapters.

St. Olaf College for the first time is this year sending out a women's debate team.

PRESIDENT MARSH SPEAKS A FINAL WORD ON THE CONVENTION BANQUET

At past conventions the banquet held on the closing night has always been considered the biggest event. For the coming convention plans are well under way to eclipse all former occasions. Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, formerly United States Senator from Indiana, has been invited to be the principal banquet speaker, and he has replied that he hopes to be able to accept. Mr. Beveridge is so well known to every student of Public Speaking that we are sure every delegate will be delighted with this prospect of having the opportunity to hear him. He won the highest possible honors in oratory in his college days. His eloquence during his long public career is too well known to need comment. It will be a great occasion, a never-to-be-forgotten hour, when Mr. Beveridge addresses us. We have high expectations that he will be with us. We hope that his definite acceptance may be received in time for announcement in this issue.

In case Mr. Beveridge cannot come, it will still be a great banquet, for there will be other notable speakers. It will be the climax of the greatest convention Pi Kappa Delta has yet held. It is hoped that there will not be a single delegate who will feel that he must leave Peoria before the close of this program. Come with plans made to stay to the end. You may not have opportunity to attend another national convention. Do not miss any of this one, and especially the greatest event of the three great days—the banquet on Thursday night.

CHAS. A. MARSH.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS

As the Forensic goes to press the Editor has the understanding that Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, is to be our convention banquet speaker. We are not permitted, unfortunately, to say positively that Mr. Beveridge will be present. However, an invitation has been extended to him and he has accepted provisionally. We hope that he will be able to remove the conditions and that he will appear on the banquet platform. If so, the banquet which is always the best session of the convention, will be better than ever. We know of no one more calculated to draw the attention and interest of college orators and debaters than Mr. Beveridge. He is an old college debater and orator himself, having won the Interstate for his Alma Mater, DePauw University, in his student days. He has never lost his sympathy with the college man's point of view, and is still distinctly "one of us." If Mr. Beveridge comes we shall have a real treat, and will be indebted to our National Counsel, J. D. Coon, who first conceived the idea of inviting Mr. Beveridge to address the convention.

Those who read Mr. Westfall's letter on another page will have some idea of the other speakers who will undoubtedly appear at various times and places on the program. Mr. Westfall's suggestion is definite notice to these men to prepare themselves. Mr. Westfall will also appear on the program, although he was too modest to say so. He can not escape after the admiral address he made on Debate at the last Convention Banquet.

NOTICE!! YE ARTISTS!!

A prize of not less than Ten Dollars for first place and not less than Five Dollars for second place is offered for the best designs submitted for the front cover of THE FORENSIC on or before April 1, 1924.

Rules

Any person is eligible to compete whether a member of Pi Kappa Delta or not.

All designs, however, must be submitted through a chapter of Pi Kappa

Delta. Any chapter may submit as many designs as it wishes. Designs submitted by alumni members will be counted toward their chapters.

One person may submit more than one design.

All designs must be ready for the engraver so that a cut or cuts may be made from the drawing.

Not more than three colors may be used. Not more than two is advised.

A board of judges to pick the winners will be selected at the convention.

Drawings should be sent to E. R. Nichols, Business Manager The Forensic, 814 Campus Ave., Redlands, Calif. Drawings finished after March 16th should be sent to Nichols, care of F. S. Siebert, Bradley Polytechnic Inst., Peoria, Ill. Delegates may deliver drawings personally the first day of the Convention, April 1st. No drawings received after that date shall be considered for the prizes.

The judges reserve the right to reject all the drawings and award no prize if none is found suitable to meet the requirements for the cover page of the Forensic.

All members of Pi Kappa Delta who read this are asked to call the attention of their friends who draw to this announcement.

CONNECTIONS TO PEORIA

There are fourteen different steam railroads operating out of the city of Peoria, listed as follows:

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe—Via Pekin, Ill., care of P. & P. U., A., T. & S. F.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. R. R. C., B. & Q.

Chicago & Alton Railroad. C. & A.

Chicago & Northwestern Railway. C. & N. W. (Embracing the Chicago, St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha R. R.)

Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis R. R. C., P. & St. L.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R. C., R. I. & P.

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis R. R. Big 4 (Part of New York Central Lines).

Illinois Central Railroad. I. C.

Lake Erie & Western Railroad. L. E. & W. (Part of Nickel Plate System.)

Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad. M. & St. L.

Pennsylvania System. Penna. Lines.

Peoria & Pekin Union Railroad. P. & P. U.

Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway. T., P. & W.

Peoria can be reached by motor vehicle from almost any direction now on the hard road. There is the road from Chicago to St. Louis and many cross roads, so it would be a difficult matter to get off of the hard road for any distance whatsoever in making a motor trip from Chicago.

Peoria also has the McKinley System and the Peoria-Pekin Terminal and, of course, river transportation.

RAILROAD RATES TO THE CONVENTION

Special rates will be given by the railroads if 250 persons attend. Surely, with nearly a hundred chapters, we ought to be able to have that number in attendance. All tickets that cost more than sixty-six cents will count. If the chapters nearest to Peoria would make a great effort, encouraging most of their members to attend, if only for one day, we should undoubtedly reach the required 250. When chapters in Maine and California can send delegations of four and five, how many people should a chapter within a radius of 250 miles from Peoria send? It is a simple problem in arithmetic.

PEORIA HOTELS AND RATES

Jefferson Hotel—Double, with bath, \$4 and up; single, with bath, \$2.50 and up. Without bath, double, \$3; single, \$1.75 to \$2.

Fay Hotel—Double, with bath, \$3; single, with bath, \$2. With running water, double, \$2.50; single, \$1.50.

Mayer Hotel—Double, with bath, \$3; single, with bath, \$2. Without bath, double, \$2; single, \$1.50.

Metzger Hotel—Double, \$1.50 to \$2.50; single, 75c to \$1.50.

Harold (Stag)—Double, without bath, \$2.50; single, without bath, \$1.50. Two beds in a room, \$3.00.

Niagara Hotel—Double, with bath, \$4 to \$5; single, with bath, \$2 to \$3.50. Without bath, double, \$2.50 to \$3; single, \$1.50 to \$2.

Seneca Hotel—Double, with shower, \$3 to \$3.50; single, with shower, \$2 to \$2.50. With bath, double, \$3.50 to \$3.75; single, with bath, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Smith Hotel—Double, with bath, \$4; single, with bath, \$2. Without bath, double, \$2 to \$2.50; single, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Pascal Hotel—\$1.50 to \$3.00.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

National President Charles A. Marsh has named the Jefferson Hotel, Peoria, as headquarters during the Convention. All delegates wishing reservations should notify Professor Fred S. Siebert, Convention Officer, Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Illinois, well in advance as to what accommodations they desire. In case some delegates wish rooms elsewhere, we have printed a list of Peoria hotels with their rates.

NEW CHAPTERS

The National Council announces the granting of chapters to Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon Alpha; to Kentucky Wesleyan, Winchester, Kentucky Gamma, and to Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas Beta. In these chapters we enter another new state, Oregon, and strengthen our position in two more of the Southern states. This brings the number of our chapters up to 94. At the last Convention it was predicted that we should reach the hundred mark by the Fifth Biennial. It almost looks as if we might do so, for there are at present in the hands of the Chapter Committee requests for information from several institutions which are on the list approved by the last Convention. We give these new chapters a hearty greeting and trust that we may see their representatives at Peoria.

ANOTHER METHOD OF JUDGING

We quote again from "The Gavel." Mr. Arnold Perstein, of Berkeley, California, one of the Vice-Presidents of Delta Sigma Phi, writes as follows: "The Stanford-California contest will be held at one of the largest auditoriums in San Francisco, while the same holds true for the California-U. S. C. contest in Los Angeles. You may be interested in our novel way of selecting the judges. The visiting school submits a list of fifteen names from which two judges will be selected by the entertaining school; but the third judge will be the debating coach of the school not directly interested in the contest. Under this arrangement I am to be the third judge at the Stanford-U. S. C. contest at Palo Alto."

HURRAH FOR MORNINGSIDE!

The chapter at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, reports that it has completed plans for three five passenger cars to make the trip of 500 miles to the Convention. How is that for spirit? How many chapters will duplicate this?

THE AUDIENCE DECISION

Under the heading "A Symposium" we have printed the opinion of National President Charles A. Marsh, who was present at a debate in Los Angeles between teams from Leland Stanford Jr. University and the University of Southern California, in which contest the Audience Decision was employed. This method of judging is being tried this year by a Colorado debate league, the members of which are the University of Denver, Colorado College, Colorado State Teachers' College, and the Colorado Agricultural College. The audience is to vote on the debate. There are to be no other judges. The vote of anyone present who cares to vote will be counted. This system will be used in both men's and women's debates.

This type of decision is of English origin, and seems to be the outcome of the visit to the Atlantic seaboard of the Oxford debaters. On this point "The Gavel of Delta Sigma Rho" has some interesting remarks. We quote as follows:

"The second point of contrast that won a great deal of comment was the system of judging a debate. The British plan calls merely for the poll of the house, the judgment evidently being based not upon the ability of the debater, but upon the personal conviction of the voters after having heard both sides of the question. The American system of asking judges to base their decision upon the merits of the debate was called by some editors artificial.

"In all of the seven debates a decision by the audience was used. Where the teams were 'scrambled' undoubtedly this system gave to the audience an interest that had been lost by the failure to maintain a team's integrity. Where college met college with teams intact, it was only natural that the audience should vote nearly unanimously for the home team, giving no real decision either on the merits of the question or the merits of the debate. The American audience seems to be interested in the sporting element of a contest afforded by the decision of the judges. There are, of course, attendant evils when teams and colleges are too eager to win a decision—evils of coaching and of preparation—so that the question of the judgeless debate deserves some attention from the debating world."

All of this is exceedingly interesting. There seems to be two ways in which the Audience Decision may become effective. The one way is to "scramble" the teams, that is, to have one man from each of the contesting institutions on each side of the question—supposing, of course, that one has two men teams. The other way is to hold the contest away from the campus, or from the community even, in which either of the contending institutions is located. It is surely significant that so soon after the Oxford debates the method should be tried in Colorado and in California.

Intermountain Union College expects on its way to the Convention to debate Jamestown, Yankton, Morningside, Western Union, Iowa Teachers', Michigan Agricultural College, Wooster, Geneva and Pennsylvania State.

Connecticut Agricultural College recently debated Trinity College in Hartford on the proposition: Resolved, that the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution is to the best interests of the American people.

Colorado Beta of Pi Kappa Delta presented "Polly With a Past" shortly before Christmas. Our First Vice-President, G. W. Finley, gave a laughable characterization of an impossible Russian musician.

We note with interest that Montana Wesleyan College, the seat of Montana Alpha of Pi Kappa Delta, has changed its name to that of Intermountain Union College.

CHAPTER LETTERS

MONTANA ALPHA

Forensics at Intermountain Union College (formerly Montana Wesleyan) are occupying a more prominent place in school life than ever before. Last year we engaged in six debates. We met Montana State Normal, Simpson College, Billings Polytechnic, Colorado Aggies, Montana State College, and Goodling College. The first two mentioned were lost, the others were won, the last three by unanimous decisions.

This year an even larger schedule is planned. We will meet Mount St. Charles College, Montana State University, Montana State Normal, Montana State College and College of the Pacific on our home floor. In addition to this a trip will be made by three men and a coach who will attend the convention at Peoria, Ill. In April, engaging in about fifteen debates enroute and traveling as far east as Pennsylvania State College. The questions which we will debate this year are: Resolved, that the United States should enter the League of Nations; and resolved, that the United States should enter the World Court.

Much interest is being evinced in oratory this year. A contestant will be sent to the oratorical contest at Peoria.

The local chapter is sponsoring a debate between the freshmen and sophomore classes. This is an annual affair; it does much to stimulate interest in debate among those who cannot place upon an intercollegiate team.

Robert E. Miller, President.

ILLINOIS ETA

Mr. J. R. Macarthur, Editor, Pi Kappa Delta Forensic:

I am enclosing an announcement which will be mailed tomorrow to Superintendents of Schools, Secretaries of Parent-Teacher organizations, Woman's Clubs and Superintendents of Charitable institutions in this vicinity.

The work of organizing the Amateur Lyceum Bureau has been in progress about six weeks. We have completed the organization of six programs, each covering a full evening's entertainment. All of these are composed of students from the Departments of Music and Dramatic Art. As the problem of securing good speakers who can give a full evening's program is more difficult, we have nothing arranged at this time from the Department of Public Speaking. However, the promotion of this Bureau has created a great deal of interest and stimulated much determined effort in that department as well as in the other departments.

The committee in charge of the Bureau is trying to aid the instructors in every possible way to encourage and train those students who are interested in public speaking both in that department and in the student body at large. We hope to have three or four good speakers trained by the end of the year.

Debating teams for both men and women have been organized this year and we hope to be able to give them some opportunities to appear in public before they enter the regular debates with other colleges.

We have already booked a program for the summer term here and are at present negotiating with organizations in two nearby towns for entertainments.

As I thought you would be interested in hearing about this project of the Illinois Eta Chapter, I have taken this opportunity to write to you.

ELIAS W. ROLLEY,
Assistant Director.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Illinois Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, a national forensic fraternity, announces the formation of an Amateur Lyceum Bureau at the Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois.

The purpose of this Bureau is to promote the interest in forensic work in the surrounding communities and in the State Normal University.

Evening entertainments in the form of music, readings and lectures can be furnished to organizations of Bloomington and Normal and the adjacent communities free, or at a very nominal cost, depending upon the type of entertainment desired.

The talent for these entertainments will be selected from the members of the Departments of Music, Dramatic Art and Public Speaking of the Illinois State Normal University.

A list of the entertainments offered and the talent from which entertainments may be selected will be mailed at an early date.

Further information regarding the service of this Bureau will be furnished upon request addressed to

RUTH G. CLENDENEN,
Director Amateur Lyceum Bureau,
State Normal University, Normal, Illinois.
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EXCHANGES

(Morningside Collegian)

"A crudity of speech reveals your lack of culture more than does a hat out of style."

So declares Dr. Frank Crane in an editorial in a recent issue of Current Opinion. We do not know where Dr. Crane received his inspiration for this editorial, but it well might have been born after contact with students of Morningside. For—to speak in language certain to be understood on the campus—we use awful English. If a stranger were blindfolded and led into a typical group of Morningside conversationalists he might think we were on East Fourth street, save, perhaps, for the gratifying absence (usually) of profanity among the college students.

Dr. Crane's editorial is worth reading in full. The following excerpts may be of interest:

"A ragged man who talks with graceful sentences and well-ordered thoughts impresses you as a gentleman, while a man in a dress suit who says 'them things' and 'hain't it' reveals the mind of a canal crook.

"Your speech betrays you. Your clothes cannot disguise it.

"When you hear an elegant lady, a perfectly nice lady, say 'those kind' and 'he gave it to John and I,' when she doubles her negatives and splits her infinities, all the rings on her fingers and bells on her toes cannot conceal the sloppiness of her mind.

"A person of genuine culture is as anxious to rid himself of an error of speech as a woman of the smart set to get rid of an unstylish coat."

Well, what am I going to do about it? That is the first thought the writer had after absorbing Dr. Crane's ideas and taking an inventory of his own faulty expressions. Dr. Crane offers a solution which ought to work. Here it is:

"One way to improve yourselves is to encourage others to correct you when they hear you make mistakes."

(Jamestown Collegian)

Jamestown College now has the only chapter of the National forensic fraternity, Pi Kappa Delta, to be found in the state, following the formal presentation of the charter and the installation of the officers last night by J. D. Coon, national councillor for the order. A banquet was held at the commons in honor of the distinguished guest, prior to the meeting last night. Mr. Coon gave a very interesting talk to the students in chapel service this morning on the worth of debate and oratory in the school life, and in the work of the student following the days of study.

To be able to secure the only charter in the national order of a great fraternal order like the Pi Kappa Delta, to be given to any school in the state is an honor not to be overlooked. The work of securing this charter has required more than a year of persistent effort on the part of the students who are interested in this order, and the presentation of the charter last night marks the successful culmination of those efforts. To be able to secure this charter before any of the larger schools of the state have been able to secure theirs, is due to the untiring efforts of the students, and warrants the commendation of all those who are interested in the progress of the school.

Dr. B. H. Kroeze was initiated as an honorary member of the order last night at the formal business meeting. Prof. Orville Crowder Miller is the

only one of those who were initiated into the national order who was not already a member of the local chapter. The officers of the new organization, who are responsible for its coming to the college campus are as follows: S. S. Witt, president; Donald Barr, vice-president; Louise Huber, secretary-treasurer; Robert George, corresponding secretary. Other charter members are: Prof. James Ernst, Coach Karl Ericson, Kenneth Wells, Bertha Wilson, Margaret Burr, Margarette McInnis, George Register, Edna Zuber, Alice Dale, Alvin Strutz and Sam Spitzer.

In the address to the students at the chapel service Mr. Coon told of the value that debate and oratory had for the students as students and also after they were through school and were out in the world selling their ideas to the world at large. He compared the value of athletics and oratory and his conclusions were in favor of oratory and forensics in general.

"The Great American Desert is not located in the central western part of this country as is taught in geography, but it is under the hat of the American people," stated Mr. Coon during a series of jokes and funny stories with which he entertained the students preliminary to his more sober views on the value of forensics. "The college student should be a leader in politics while in school; should make frequent trips to nearby towns and school houses and express his views on subjects of the day in order to counteract the bad influence of soap box orators; should inform himself on the big subjects that are before the American people today so that at every opportunity he can help to mold the proper opinions in the minds of the people; should prepare himself along the lines of forensics so that he can overcome the arguments of those who oppose him after he gets through with this school," were the words used by the speaker to drive home to the students the wide range of work that forensics takes in and the value that its close study will have for them.

(Park Stylus)

Park's spirit and interest have been aroused in the past month by the intramural debates. In these debates the Ruhr question, the Soviet government and the railroad merger were discussed. Much practical experience was gained by those who participated and a general interest in forensics was aroused. Now that these preliminary debates are over we have ahead of us the real debating season.

Professor H. C. Summers, former coach of debate at Park and now located at the Kansas State Agricultural College, has asked for a debate with the women's team. If it is possible this debate will be held February 14. The women's squad will also debate Pittsburg, Ottawa and Emporia. The squad has shown a great deal of interest in the work. The schedule has not been completely made out, but it will be published some time after Christmas.

The men of the debate squad will uphold Park in eighteen debates. Six of these will be at home, six out on the trip and six others away from Park. The intercollegiate debates for men will open about March 7 when the triangular series begins. Ottawa, Baker and Park will participate. There will be four debates, two of which will be at Park. Either Michigan Agricultural College or Montana State School will be second on our schedule. This debate will be held about March 15 here. Third on the schedule, Nebraska Wesleyan, and fourth, Oklahoma Baptist will be here, followed by Emporia College. A dual contest with William Jewell is being arranged. Kansas City University at Kansas City and Westminster debates have been arranged also. A short week-end trip may be planned with Southwestern at Winfield, Kansas. Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma and Henry Kendall at Tulsa, Oklahoma, are debated.

On March 26 Park will debate Trinity College and Kansas City School of

Law. Following these debates Westminster will meet us and then the provincial contest with Culver Stockton as the first contestant will be entered. From here and traveling in a sort of square the team will go to the national Pi Kappa Delta convention at Peoria, Illinois. Coe College will be one of our opponents at the convention. The team will then debate Des Moines University. From Des Moines the team may travel to Northfield, Minnesota.

The following, taken from a letter to Dr. Robinson from Michigan Agricultural College, gives an idea of how Park is looked upon as a debating school:

"At the present time we are making out our debate schedule for next spring. We are very anxious to arrange a debate with your college. We believe that it is desirable for the leading debate schools of the country to come into closer relationship with one another so that they may come to know each other better, and, still more important, so that debating may occupy a more prominent place among school activities. We are especially desirous of meeting your college because of its high forensic standing."

The Harry S. Jewett oratorical contest will be held following a preliminary contest which will take place soon after Christmas. Eleven persons have expressed a desire to compete. From this number six will be chosen for the final contest. The winner of first place receives \$54 and represents Park in the State Old Line Oratorical Contest. The winner of second place receives \$36.

(Heidelberg Kilikilik)

Mock Debate—Heidelberg University vs. Yap University

Question—"Resolved, that Brown in white, green, blue, and yellow."
(With apologies to Brown.)

Heidelberg—Affirmative, Yap—Negative.

First man of affirmative, Buehler—"Honorable Judges, Ladies and Gentlemen: My purpose tonight is to prove that Brown in white. Every person here from the oldest to the youngest knows that brown is white. What greater proof do you need? The human eye, which is the greatest mechanism of the body, shows us that brown is white. Now in conclusion, worthy opponents, you must prove that every person here and every human eye is false."

First Yap of negative—"Honorable Judges, my purpose is to prove that brown is not white. My greatest point is that brown is brown; if brown is brown, then brown can not be white. I appeal to you, Honorable Judges, on pure logic and law."

Second affirmative, Bowers—"Honorable Judges, my purpose is to prove that brown in green. My greatest proof is the Heidelberg Faculty itself. Now, gentlemen, surely you need no greater proof than the proof of this austere body of thirty professors from one of our foremost institutions. I thank you."

Second negative, Yap—"Honorable Judges, I wish to prove that brown is not green. My authority is 'Webster's Dictionary.' We find they are not synonymous. Also by the great law of mathematics, things not equal to the same thing are not equal to each other. As far as I am concerned the debate is finished."

Third affirmative, Mathias—"Honorable Judges, I wish to prove that brown is blue and yellow. My proof is brown alone. Brown asserts that brown is blue. Brown also looks blue. Although brown does not show yellow I have in my pocket proof that brown is yellow. Worthy opponents, further proof is unnecessary."

Third negative, Yap—"Honorable Judges, I shall endeavor to prove that

brown is not blue or yellow. Both blue and yellow appeal to our senses. Brown does not appeal to our senses."

Negative rebuttal, Yap—"Honorable Judges, I shall prove only that the affirmative are inconsistent in their first argument. Brown can not be white. The affirmative stated that they were. My argument is: Brown is a color, white is not a color. That which is a color can not be identical to that which is not a color. Therefore brown is not white."

Affirmative rebuttal, Buehler—"Ladies and Gentlemen: Now let us get back to the point. So far tonight we have only been tossing about. My eagle eye and massive brain pierces the darkness and discovers the whole trouble. The trouble lies in the question debated. We are debating on Mr. Brown, a Freshman at Sing Sing, of no small weight. Now I affirm that Brown is white, that is, he is neither a Negro nor a Chinaman. Secondly, I affirm that Brown is green. Again, I challenge you to ask his professors. Furthermore, Brown is blue. He says that all his hopes have failed. Furthermore, Brown is yellow. I mean by that that he is often a coward. I thank you."

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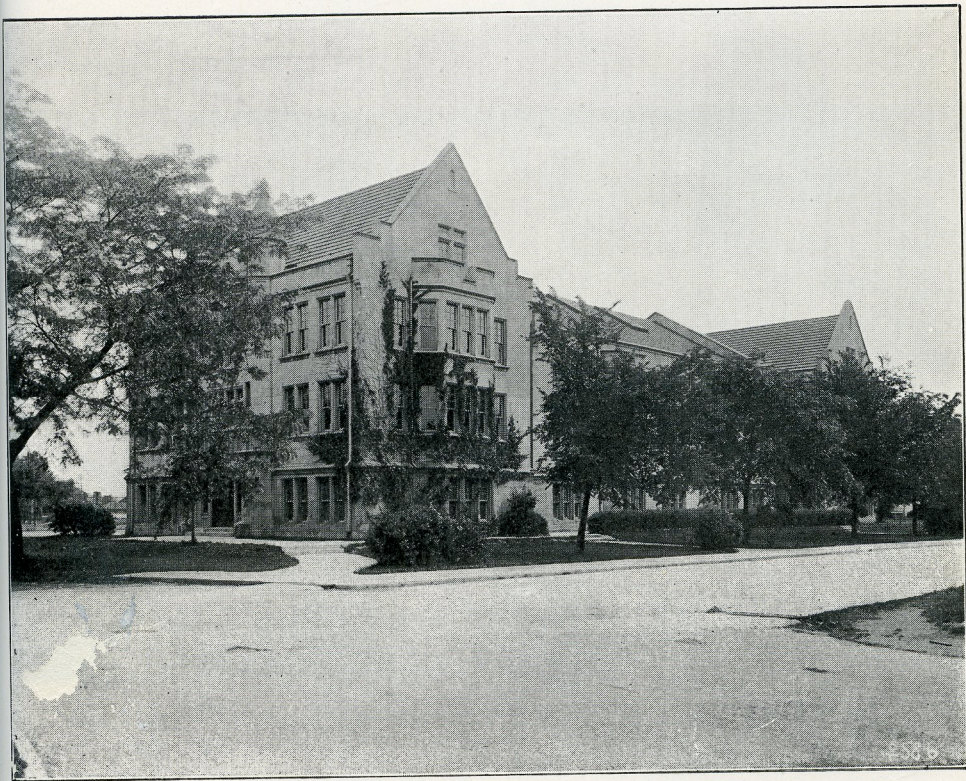
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