

From the Secretary's Desk

PI KAPPA DIRECTORY

This issue of the Forensic contains the official directory of chapter presidents and sponsors. Keeping the directory up to date is a continuous problem, as we have a number of changes in sponsors every year. If you know of any changes that should be made please notify this office as soon as possible.

CALENDARS

A Pi Kappa Delta desk calendar has been mailed to the president of each Pi Kappa Delta school. Two desk calendars and a supply of calendar cards have been sent to each chapter. Let us have your response to these calendars. Would you like the desk calendars made available for all members next year?

KEYS

There has been no advance in the basic price of Pi Kappa Delta keys for 15 years. The Balfour Company through quantity production and long range buying has protected us against the rising costs of production for several years. They have indicated that it will be impossible for them to absorb further advances in costs without increasing prices. An increase of 5 to 10 per cent may be expected in the near future.

HONORARY MEMBER

Southeastern State College, Oklahoma Theta, has conferred their honorary membership for the year on the honorable Carl S. Albert, member of congress from the third congressional district. Congressman Albert as a high school student was a speaker and his continuous interest in promoting speech activities qualifies him for this honor.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Twentieth National Convention and Tournament will be held April 14-19, 1957 at South Dakota State College in Brookings, South Dakota. We are fortunate in having definite arrangements for the time and place of the next National Convention set well in advance. South Dakota State is not far from the center of Pi Kappa Delta. Plan now to include the trip to South Dakota State in your 1956-57 budget.



The moment of the formal creation of a new PKD chapter, Texas Xi of Abilene Christian College, as Dean Stevenson of Hardin-Simmons hands Earl McMillan, President of the ACC chapter, the list of the charter members. Left to right, June Brown, Donna Jo Ford, Rex Kyker, ACC debate coach, Dr. Fred Barton, Head of Abilene Christian's Speech Department, Joe Thompson, Dean Stevenson, Earl McMillan, Milton Copeland, Harold Forshey, Paul Forshey, Ann Easton, and Joe Schubert.

Chapter Notes

Abilene Christian College

Participation in the West Point Tournament last May climaxed a most active year in forensics at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas. Moreover, the New Texas Xi Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta got off to a rousing start.

On March 15, 1955, the ACC PKD chapter was formally initiated and installed by a cross-town chapter, Texas Theta, of Hardin-Simmons University. The Assistant Dean of that school, Professor W. A. Stephenson, who has been active in Pi Kappa Delta circles for many years, was the installing officer, and Dr. Evan A. Reiff, President of HSU, was the principal speaker at the banquet which followed.

Interest in debate and other forensic activities is exceptionally high at Abilene Christian College. About forty prospective debaters showed up at the first meeting last fall, and throughout the season more than twenty of these young men and women

participated in intercollegiate competition. These teams had approximately 200 decision contests and an overall average of 68% wins.

Student speakers from ACC travelled about 16,000 miles representing their school in thirteen speech tournaments: Texas Tech (Lubbock), East Central State (Ada, Okla.), University of Texas Women's Tournament (Austin), Texas A & M (College Station), University of Florida Invitational (Gainesville), Baylor (Waco), ACC, Hardin-Simmons, Mid-South (Conway, Ark.), Piney Woods (Nacogdoches, Tex.), PKD National (Redlands), Texas Roundup (Austin), and the West Point Invitational.

In the PKD Tournament at Redlands, the ACC debate team, composed of Joe Shubert, Milton Copeland, Paul and Harold Forshey, was given a Superior rating. Milton Copeland was awarded superior in extempore speaking. The Forshey brothers became the first ACC team to receive an

invitation to West Point. Earlier in the year they had won the affirmative division of the University of Texas Roundup, being the only undefeated team at the tournament.

Also in Austin, in the Women's Tournament, ACC girls Donna Jo Ford and Ann Easton won first place in the junior division. Abilene Christian debaters won the Texas Tech and Hardin-Simmons tournaments, rated superior at East Central, and took third in the University of Florida Invitational.

Only two debaters were lost through graduation, and with other students coming in this fall, prospects are bright for the year 1955-56.

Baylor University

Sixty debaters reported to the first debate meeting on the Baylor campus on Tuesday evening, September 27. The next six weeks were spent studying the debate subject. Several members of the faculty from the economics department, the history department, and the law school spoke to the debate group on various phases of the subject.

Ten debaters journeyed to Ruston, Louisiana, for the first debate tournament of the year on November 11 and 12. The Baylor debaters won the sweepstakes award, including first and second places in men's debate and first in extemporaneous speaking and oratory.

The Baylor debaters sponsor a weekly discussion group open to the public and student body. A different topic is discussed each week. On November 8 debaters from the University of Texas came to the Baylor campus to participate in the discussion series. They also debated the national high school topic with the Baylor debaters. Special guests for the debate were some 100 high school debaters from the community.

Bradley University

Forty-nine colleges and universities attended the ninth annual Bradley Invitational Speech Tournament on November

18-19. More than five hundred contestants and coaches came from ten mid-western states.

Activities commenced on Thursday evening with a debate on the national question between teams representing Bradley and Oklahoma University. The Oklahoma team was accompanied by Roger Nebergall, formerly debate coach at Bradley and now performing the same functions at Oklahoma University.

On Friday, LeTourneau-Westinghouse Company sponsored a luncheon for the after dinner speakers and judges. The highlight of the tournament was the banquet for the five hundred and eight participants held Friday evening in the Robertson Memorial Fieldhouse. The two students winning superior awards in after dinner speaking were the featured speakers. They were Milo Kaufman of Greenville College and Russell Bleich of Loras College.

One hundred and forty-four debate teams participated in four rounds of debate with affirmative teams winning 138 decisions and negative teams winning 150 decisions. Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire had three undefeated teams. Northwestern University and Southern Illinois University each had two undefeated teams. Other schools with undefeated teams were: North Central, DePauw, Michigan State, Loras, Northern Illinois, Northwestern College, St. Olaf, Macalester, Greenville, Wisconsin State College at Milwaukee, and Wheaton.

In other events there were one hundred and forty-one entries in discussion, ninety-five in extempore, fifty in radio newscasting, forty-nine in folktale telling, forty-one in oratory, and twenty-six in after dinner speaking.

Schools winning ten or more superior and excellent awards were: Eau Claire, Southern Illinois University, Drake University, Northwestern College, St. Olaf, Bradley, Central Missouri, Greenville, Northern Illinois, Notre Dame, Illinois State Normal, University of Illinois, and Ball State Teachers. Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire with twenty three students participating received eighteen superiors and thirty-four excellents.

California Institute of Technology

Four Tech debaters and their coach Dwight Thomas returned recently from a successful trip to the Western Tournament at Washington. The lower division team of Andy Perga and Tom Gunkel placed second in debate, while the upper division team of Myron Black and Mike Bleicher reached the quarter finals.

Perga and Black were members of the two Tech teams that captured the top two places in lower division debate at last year's Western Tourney held at Tucson, Arizona.

An interesting circumstance showing the gallantry of debaters in general arose as a result of quartering the teams in the girl's dorms over Thanksgiving. Mr. Perga was going to visit what he thought was the little boy's room to comb his hair when he discovered a feminine gender already there combing *her* hair. Somewhat shocked she charged for the door only to find gallant Andy there before her. He bowed majestically, opened the door, and let her complete her flight. Chivalry is *not* dead.

Tech figures to have another strong squad this year after losing by graduation only one man from the group that won Men's Sweepstakes honors at the National Convention at Redlands last year. The California Gamma Chapter has twenty members at present, and the new debate coach Dwight Thomas is filling very ably the position left vacant by Les McCrery, former president of the Southern California Collegiate Forensics Association. Newly elected officers of Pi Kappa Delta are Ray Orbach, president; Herb Rauch, secretary-treasurer; and Don Meyer, vice-president.

Central College, Iowa

In addition to taking two teams to Peoria and three to Kirksville and having a freshman, Joyce Bennett, place second in Poetry Reading at the latter meet, six Central College speakers participated in the discussion meet at Grinnell College, November 4 and 5. On February 11 Central will be host to a group of Iowa schools for an invitational tournament and will enter con-

testants at Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 24 and 25; the University of Iowa on March 2 and 3; at the Iowa Forensic meet at Coe College on March 16 and 17 and at the Pi Kappa Delta Joint Illinois-Missouri Provincial tournament at William Jewel College, April 12, 13, 14.

Late in April or early in May the Central chapter will be host to the Simpson and Drake chapters at the annual initiation dinner. For Simpson and Central this is a tradition of more than twenty years. Last year Drake was invited to join with the other two.

Arrangements have been made with Professor Venton H. Scott of Carroll College for a "Correspondance Debate" in which a student will record a speech and send it to the other school where a student will record a speech on the other side of the question. This will continue through the eight speeches. This is to begin with a first affirmative from Carroll College right after the Christmas holidays.

Central Missouri State College

While preparing for tri-school practices with Rockhurst and William Jewel and looking forward to major contests in the Spring, Pi Kappa Deltans at Central Missouri College, Warrensburg, under the direction of Dr. Gilbert Rau, can be proud of the fine record they made this Fall.

At the Bradley University tournament, November 18 and 19, CMSC's students Donald Barnes, Leonard Goodall, and William Hammond won three of the eleven superior certificates given in oratory. Excellent certificates were awarded the other Warrensburg contestants, Andrew Parrish, Laurence Lingle, and Maurine Hoffman. Two weeks later journeying to Kirksville for the annual midwest speech conference, Central Missouri debate teams ranked highest among the nine Missouri schools entered and tied for second place with two Illinois Universities. In the first novice competition of the season held at Kansas State College, Manhattan, October 24, CMSC entrants Charles Kelly and Mary Kay Mustard were undefeated.

Chico State College

California Iota chapter, Pi Kappa Delta, in cooperation with the Department of Speech at Chico State College has announced plans for a community wide speech festival at the college next spring. Invitations have been mailed to all the high schools in the Northern Sacramento Valley, and judging from the prompt and favorable responses received to date, the idea appears to be creating considerable interest. The plan calls for participation in the following areas of speech activity: oratory, extemporaneous speaking, oral reading and one-act plays. Places will not be awarded but ratings of Superior and Excellent will be given. It is hoped that several hundred high school students will take part in this festival, and that it will become an annual affair.

Coe College

The Speech Department of Coe College has a new forensics director this year, Mr. John R. Foxen. Mr. Foxen came to us from the University of Iowa and has previously taught at the Universities of New Hampshire and Connecticut.

Chapter activities have mainly been centered around debate work. Stewart Shaw, Wendall Ellis, Dale Suttehoff, and Rita Gibson, members of Pi Kappa Delta, have represented Coe in several meets: a non-decision meet on its campus with debaters from near-by Cornell College; the Bradley Tournament, annually held at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois; and finally a triangular meet December 2 with the University of Dubuque and Cornell College at Cornell.

In the future, Coe plans to sponsor its annual high school invitational tournament in February. So far, some twenty schools have sent in their acceptances. The next month, March, Coe College will be host to the Iowa Forensic Association for their annual collegiate speech tournament. Also, the chapter recently decided to sponsor an Intramural Debate Tournament on the Coe campus this year. Included in the plans of Iowa Theta Chapter are arrangements to attend numerous speech tournaments

after the first of the year, including the Pi Kappa Delta regionals.

College of Puget Sound

Washington Alpha Chapter at the College of Puget Sound is preparing for its twenty-first annual Tyro Tournament, February 9, 10, and 11. Emphasis will be on Tyros but the tournament will be open to both Senior and Junior division students. Competition is in debate, oratory, extempore, impromptu, after dinner speaking, and interpretative reading.

C. P. S. won first place in Junior Men's Debate and Extempore as well as Junior Men's Sweepstakes in the Western Association of Speech Tournament held at Pacific Lutheran College, November 19 through 21. The winners in debate were John Sherwood and Jim Alderdice. Alderdice also won first place in Extempore.

College of St. Thomas

Minnesota Epsilon Chapter at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul is completing plans for the 1956 Northwest Debate Tournament which will be held on its campus March 1, 2, and 3. The Northwest Tourney will be celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year.

The tournament was founded by Professor Owen P. McElmeel, formerly of the College of St. Thomas, who now lives in Seattle, Washington. To honor his work, the trophy for the Northwest Tourney is called the McElmeel Trophy. Although Mr. McElmeel has passed the traditional "three score and ten years", he continues to coach debate. Last year his team from the Seattle Institute of Banking won the national tournament which was sponsored by their organization.

Mr. McElmeel will return to the College of St. Thomas for the 1956 Northwest Debate Tournament as the guest of the college chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. After the championship round of debate on Saturday, March 3, he will present the famous trophy to the winning debaters.

It is expected that more than one hundred teams will participate in this twenty-fifth Northwest Debate Tournament.

Colorado A & M

At the Rocky Mountain Forensic League meeting, held at Montana State College in Bozeman, Colorado A & M had three representatives: Neil Thomas and Warren Seamans, debaters, and David Gross, taking part in discussion, extemp speaking and oratory. Thomas and Seamans won three out of four rounds of their debates, and Gross tied for second place in oratory. The group traveled a round trip distance of 1400 miles for the two-day meet.

Rocky Mountain Forensic League meetings are characterized by slightly experimental deviations from the standard procedures in at least one of the events at each meeting. This year, the discussion and extemp speaking events were combined, with groups of seven extemp speakers being assigned topics from the national discussion question "How can we best implement the decision of the Supreme Court for racial integration in the public schools?" Having given their extemp talks, these seven speakers were formed into a discussion group, and used their speeches as take-off points for the discussion. The participants found this experiment provocative and interesting.

The debate was so-called Montana style, with the constructive speeches followed by a fifteen minute discussion period instead of rebuttal speeches, and the entire debate rounded off by a five-minute summary from each side.

Another phase of the speech and drama work at Colorado A & M is the operation of a play library. Since publishers will not lend copies of plays for reading purposes and since many who must direct grade and high school plays are very limited in funds, the person in charge of the play library lends copies of plays for reading purposes only. The borrower, having read ten or fifteen plays at no cost except return postage, then knows what play his group should produce and can order copies for his cast from the publisher.

The Extension Service at Colorado A & M sponsors two rural play festivals. In the first of these the 4-H members are participants; in the second, participants are the young married people.

The person in charge of the play library makes up a list each year of some 100

plays which are suitable for these two festivals. Again, those interested in producing plays borrow reading copies from the library.

Eastern Illinois State College

Illinois Sigma of Pi Kappa Delta has a year of activities planned for the school year 1955-56. To start the year, Pi Kappa Delta organized and sponsored a novice debate tournament for students at Eastern. Nine teams debated the national debate question. The novice debate tournament helped interest students in debate, and many of them are now on the college debate team. Most of them have participated in inter-collegiate debate by now.

A parliamentary debate was held the Fall Quarter. The question was "Resolved: that in the opinion of this house Eastern should establish a student-faculty disciplinary board." The House voted 30 to 24 in favor of having a student-faculty disciplinary board. Much enthusiasm was shown by those attending. Two more parliamentary debates are being planned for the year.

On February the 4th, Pi Kappa Delta will assist with the annual inter-collegiate debate tournament held at Eastern Illinois State College.

Illinois Normal University

Eta Chapter is now well into another season's activities. Only two speakers remain from last year's unit, which carried on the program from Redlands to West Point. Graduation and marriage took their usual toll, but the group remaining is actually fairly well seasoned and quite able.

Chapter President, Jerry Parker and Chapter Vice-President, Don McHenry, lead the men's delegation, which is determined to better the accomplishments of Hufford, Claussen, and Carpenter. We also rely on a dozen new men to carry the load. Peg Davenport, Secretary of Eta Chapter, and Faye Felchner, survivors of last years national sweepstakes winner, should be at least as strong as before, and they will be

helped by a small but very promising group of new students.

Illinois Normal is currently planning its usual schedule of fourteen tournaments throughout an area from Nebraska to Pennsylvania. Included in these is the Twenty-fourth Annual Illinois State Normal University Debate Tournament on January 6 and 7.

Stan Rives, who was assistant to Dr. Micken last year, is now in charge of forensics at West Virginia University, and Ed Carpenter is now acting as graduate assistant here.

This fall Illinois Normal University attended tournaments at Bradley, Greenville, Navy Pier and Kirksville. Normal's women debaters topped the competition at the Mid West Speech Meet. The six teams that have debated thus far have, to date, a seventy per cent winning average.

Illinois Eta chapter is continuing their radio series, "The Students Look At." They also entered the National Contest in Public Discussion sponsored by the University of Illinois at Navy Pier.

Kansas State Teachers College

Emporia

At the Spring Initiation Banquet of Pi Kappa Delta at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas, a Pi Kappa Delta key was presented to John E. King, President of the Emporia State, by Past National President George R. R. Pflaum, and the following keys were presented to Emporia State debaters by debate coach, Howard Holladay. Recipients of fraternity degrees in debate were: Dave Blackim, Vern Butler, Don Edmunds, Allen Kidd, Russell Priestly, and Tom York. Jay Jernigan received the degree of honor in oratory and debate, and Gary Poorman received the degree of special distinction in oratory and debate.

This year the debaters from Kansas Zeta plan a Demonstration Debate Tour to Kansas High Schools presenting information, a demonstration debate and an analysis of the high school debate question. This will consume the first two or three weeks of October. Last year this tour

traveled to thirty-seven high schools in the state of Kansas. More are expected on this year's agenda. They will also participate in the Kansas High School Activities Association Clinics. These clinics are sponsored by the Activities Association in Kansas to aid high school debaters gain a better understanding of their debate question. Emporia will provide debate teams for the demonstration debates held in conjunction with these clinics.

Emporia debaters will also continue their publication "The Rebuttal Box" which was started last year with great success. "The Rebuttal Box" is a newsletter for high school debaters with a circulation well over 1,000. It contains such items as, tournament news, articles of interest to debaters and jokes. Another publication is also being planned for dramatics students in high school. Both of these publications will be edited by Don Edmunds, a Sophomore member of Pi Kappa Delta.

Under the direction of Professor Holladay a television show featuring debate is also planned. The show will be one-half hour in length and will deal primarily with general knowledge about such things as debate squads, tournaments and preparation of a debate team.

Lewis and Clark College

Beta chapter at Lewis and Clark is in the process of rebuilding after graduating half of its members last year. They have recently rewritten the chapter constitution with a higher scholastic qualification being indicated for new members. Stanley Harris is serving as president for this semester. Jack Booch will take over the position next semester.

Arthur Crookham, one of the founders of Pi Kappa Delta, has recently joined the faculty of the college. The chapter expects to draw inspiration from his attendance at our meetings.

Plans for next year include debates and discussions before off-campus groups as well as attendance at three more tournaments.

Linfield College

The Oregon Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Linfield College has completed its plans for the 24th Annual Interscholastic Tournament. Committees of the fraternity are working on the various phases of the tournament at the present time, and we are looking forward to entertaining at least 600 high school speakers during the third week in February.

Wallace Cory and Alfred Cave, who debated at the National last year, are juniors this year and will be participating in the tournaments. Wally is serving as president of Pi Kappa Delta and Al as research assistant in forensics.

Macalester College

The halls of Macalester College bustled with debaters and the air was filled with the familiar phrases, "the Negative contends . . ." and "we hope that you will concur with us . . ." at the annual Minnesota high school debate tournament, sponsored by the Macalester chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

Under the direction of Mrs. Harold Krieger, Forensic Director, Pi Kap members did a great deal of preliminary planning to accommodate the seventy-five teams attending the tournament. Letters of in-

formation were sent out, additional judges were hired, and two divisions set up, A division for the more experienced participants and B, for beginning debaters.

All participating schools were registered early that morning and each school was given a large envelope containing all needed information and a schedule of the day's events. The tournament ran very smoothly, brightened by a touch of Christmas achieved by placing poinsettias around the student union. Tournament headquarters was piled with ballots as Pi Kappars Prudy Lanegan, Tom Johnson, Tom Phillips, and Karly Kohrs tabulated the results of each round and Lanitta Bush, Henry Ruf, Graef Gannon and Don Cannon and Don Cannady gave directions to confused debaters, solved room and judge problems and collected ballots, enabling the tournament to stay on schedule. At noon, a luncheon was held in the union cafeteria for the four hundred people involved in the tournament. After three rounds of debate in both divisions, the results of the tournament were announced, ballots were returned and certificates of superior rating awarded to teams winning five or more debates. Those receiving certificates in the A division were: Blake Cloquer, Hastings 1, Hibbing, Patrick Henry and Technical. Those in the B division were: South St. Paul 1, De La Sale, New Ulm and Anoka.



Pi Kappa Deltans from Minnesota Alpha register students at the Macalester College High School Debate tournament; Center Standing, Calvin Krebs; Seated left to right, Tom Phillips, Karlyn Kohrs, Elizabeth Buss, Lanitta Bush. Others in the picture are high school debaters.

McKendree College

Pi Kappa Delta was organized at McKendree College in April, 1924, composing of eight members. Over a period of years the membership gradually increased and much was accomplished. However, there was a lapse between 1950-1955, when the chapter faded out. In the spring of 1955 Dr. Ethel Kaump reorganized Pi Kappa Delta at McKendree. During the spring vacation of 1955, Dr. Kaump took a group of students to the Nineteenth National Convention at Redlands University and had the chapter reactivated.

There are now six members of Pi Kappa Delta at McKendree and more will join this year. The members now are Thomas Gensler, President; Dwight McGrew, Secretary; Russell Henss, Forensic manager; other members are Douglas Johnson, Lucille Prichard and Judy Weir. There are fourteen students in the forensic group this year.

Michigan State University

The name isn't the only thing that's been changed at Michigan State University. Pi Kappa Delta has extended its promotion of forensic events to campus-wide activities.

In January Pi Kap will sponsor a series of debates and discussions concerning controversial issues on campus. These debates will be open to all campus leaders directly involved in a particular problem who wish to meet with faculty members to discuss the questions.

Pi Kap is planning their annual all-campus "Bull-Throwers" contest. Each year representatives from the 75 living units on campus prepare a ten minute speech on any topic to present before an audience. Judges from the speech department select four winners who received trophies for their living units.

Delta chapter will participate in the usual round of tournaments, visiting Big Ten schools and teams from both East and West.

Pi Kappa Delta is preparing a booklet on forensic activities for distribution to high schools in the state of Michigan. The booklet will contain information explaining to high school students the qualifications

for and advantages of participating in speech activities at Michigan State.

Recently elected officers of Delta chapter are: June Turner, president; Ike Sheppart, vice president; Ann Tukey, treasurer; Joan Heflin, secretary; and Mary Irwin, Speech Council.

Midland College

Although some Nebraska colleges did not debate last year's proposition on Red China, the Midlands debaters had a very active year, participating in tournaments at the University of South Dakota, Southwestern (Kansas) College, Midland College, and the University of Nebraska. Top Midland debater Paul Scherer tied for highest individual rating at the latter contest. Midland's top team of Scherer and David Zimmerman debated a mixed team from Creighton University before an Air Force Reserve Unit at Fort Omaha. The shift-of-opinion ballots gave the Midland team a proportionate 3-1 decision. Scherer and Zimmerman also represented Midland at the Redlands convention.

At the close of the term the Nebraska Kappa Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, initiated six new members: Robert Beckstrom, Margaret Hansen, Rosalie Keiser, Neil Luebke, Karen Mason, and Carleen Schmidt. With the start of the fall term, the PKD's entertained outstanding freshmen speech students and new debaters at a "Forensics Mixer."

In November the Midland Chapter sponsored a debate on the present intercollegiate debate proposition before the entire Midland student body. The negative women's team of Nancy Hansen and Rosalie Keiser won over the affirmative men's team by a clear 2-1 victory on shift-of-opinion ballots.

On January 27 and 28, Midland PKD's will sponsor the annual Midland College Intercollegiate Speech Meet. The contest will feature six rounds of debate on the national question plus the individual events of extemporaneous speaking and original oratory. Over twenty colleges and universities from six states (Minnesota, South

Dakota, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska) have indicated tentative plans to participate in one of more of the events.

On February 17 and 18, the Midland Chapter will sponsor the annual Midland College Invitational High School Speech Meet, featuring five rounds of debate, extemporaneous speaking, original oratory, and poetry reading. Over twenty Nebraska High Schools tentatively plan to attend. Student directors of both meets are Arlene Johnson and Phyllis Madsen.

Nebraska State Teachers College

Nebraska's Zeta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta had a dinner meeting November 3, 1955 in the faculty dining room of the college cafeteria. The featured speaker for the evening was Nassir Sedarat, a foreign student on the Kearney campus from Iran. Nebraska's Zeta Chapter sponsored the annual Kearney Invitational Debate Tournament, November 19, on the Kearney campus. Schools from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, and Minnesota attended the tournament. January 5, 1956, the Zeta Chapter plans a formal initiation of new members.

Northeast Missouri State Teachers College

The Midwest Speech Tournament which is held annually the first week-end in December at Kirksville State Teachers College was held again this year. This is the sixteenth annual meeting. Ted Malone, of radio fame who is a graduate of William Jewell College, has given the prize for poetry reading since the tournament started here. The winner of the selected poetry contest was Jerry Solomon from Warrensburg. There were thirteen colleges who took part in the tournament. In debate there is no champion declared, but teams from three different schools won all four of their debates. They were Illinois College in Men's Debate; Illinois State Normal University in the Mixed Team Debate; and Warrensburg in the Junior College Debate. The tournament will be held again next year, the first week-end in December.

The Northeast Missouri State Teachers College at Kirksville attended the tournament at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. While Kirksville used only one team in regular competition, seven people besides the coach made the trip to Bradley.

Kirksville has won one-half the debates in each of the tournaments attended—one at Bradley and the other one here at Kirksville.

Oklahoma A & M

Initiation for new members of Oklahoma Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was held on March 30, 1955, on the Oklahoma A & M College campus. Newly initiated members were Jim Tourtellotte, Earl Wolfe, Jim Powers, Bernice Schein, Allen Gray, Lee Corley, Merilee Hunt, Jim Hogan and Don Ashton. New officers for the 1955-56 school year are Jim Tourtellotte, President; Jim Powers, Vice President; Bernice Schein, Secretary; Jim Hogan, Reporter. Mr. Fred Kolch, debate coach, is sponsor of the Oklahoma A & M chapter.

The Oklahoma A & M squad has already attended tournaments at Central State College at Edmond, East Central State College at Ada and the Kansas State Novice at Manhattan. Team members Jim Tourtellotte and Jim Hogan won two and lost four at Central State and brought back a two won and two lost mark from the Ada meet. Tourtellotte rated a "Good" in the Junior Men's Progression at Ada. The Savage Forensic at Durant and the Pi Kappa Delta Province of the Plains are two spring tournaments which Oklahoma Alpha plans to attend.

Campus forensic activities which Oklahoma Alpha plans to sponsor include an all campus debate tournament. The all campus debate will be held some time in March and will be open to all students. A question of current interest will be chosen for the debate topic and medals will be presented to the winning teams and individuals. As an added feature the winners' names will be placed on a plaque in the speech department. The all campus debate has been an Oklahoma Alpha project for the past fifteen years.

Ouachita College

The Arkansas Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta of Ouachita Baptist College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas has participated in two tournaments the first semester. One was the Eighth Annual Novice Debate Tournament at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, in which they won five out of eight debates. The second was the Fourth Annual Razorback Forensic Tournament at the University of Arkansas. Ouachita entered the Junior Men's division and won four out of five debates, being defeated only in the semifinals. Experienced members of the team are Everett Long, Rosemary McRoberts, Bobby Baird, Jerry Stewart, and Chaiho Kim. Two new members are Don Colbert and Bob Coleman. The forensics coach for Ouachita this year is Mr. Dennis Holt.

Pacific Lutheran College

This year the Pacific Lutheran College forensic squad boasted one of the largest memberships and traveling squads in its history. Pi Kappa Delta membership was twenty, while approximately thirty fresh-

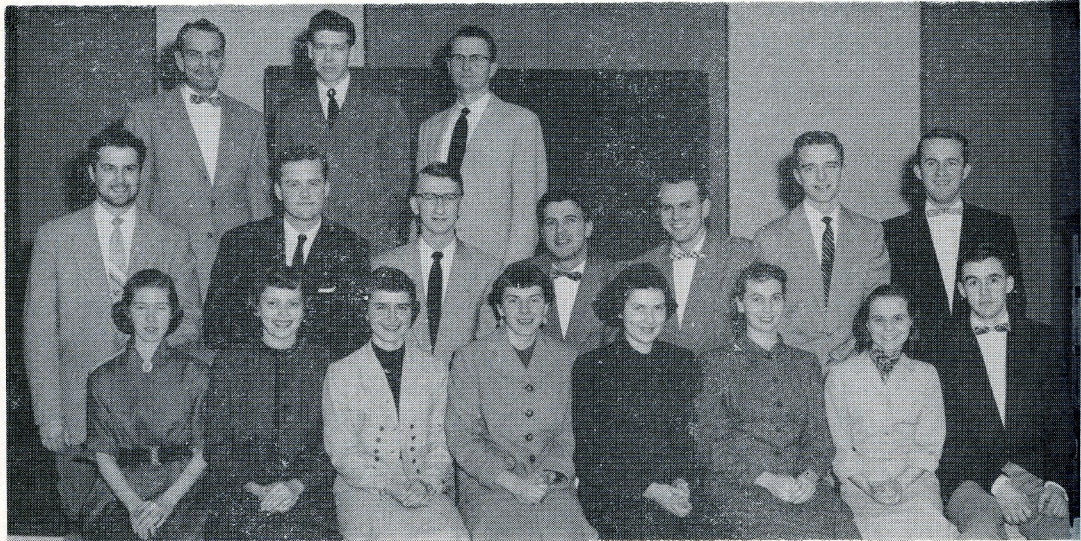
men actively participated in the junior squad.

The debate squads attended seven tournaments during the past year, winning a total of fifteen first places. At Seattle Pacific College, the first tournament of the year, the Sweepstakes Trophy was awarded to PLC. At every tournament attended, no less than two firsts were won, plus a large number of seconds and thirds. A four man squad, consisting of our top team's in Senior Men's and Senior Women's Debate, attended the tournament at Redlands sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta and brought back excellent ratings for Pacific Lutheran College.

One of the highlights for our forensics squad was an International Debate held here on the campus, in which our top debate team met a team from the University of London.

In the first tournament this fall PLC had a few problems. A ten-man debate squad bade farewell to their campus at 3 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 1955. Destination: Pullman, for the Washington State College debate tournament. Weather conditions: reportedly the worst in many years.

The co-eds were in the preliminary stages



Pi Kappa Delta at Pacific Lutheran College: Seated; Carol Brace, Connie Hustad, Judy Bureker, Bev. Suenningson, Ruth Heino, Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Busching, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Margaret Carlis, John Holum, President, Kneeling; Bill Finkle, Tom Swindland, Vice President, Bob Lundgren, Paul Hordan, Stuart Gilbreath, Al Carlson, Tore Nielson, Standing; Theodore O. H. Karl, Jon Ericson, Stan Elbertson.