

EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling, and logic is at rest

Apt words have power to 'suage
The tumors of a troubled mind;
And are as balm to fester'd wounds.

Samson Agonistes

Our words have wings, but fly not where we would.

George Eliot

Thence to the famous orators repair,
Those ancient seers, whose resistless eloquence
Wielded at will that fierce democracy,
Shook the Arsenal and fulminated o'er Greece,
To Macedon, and Artaxexes' throne.

Paradise Regained

Some people who add color to a national Pi Kappa Delta convention:

The tough coach who wants the whole world to understand they can't slip anything over on him.

The good looking blonde who came to give the boys a heart-throb and raise their temperature. She can debate at home.

The hick who didn't know they were wearing two galluses.

The important man who seldom slows down to a walk.

The mysterious politician who is always whispering emphatically to some victim in a corner.

The clothes horse with the flashy new rags who parades them around to let the backwoods sisters see what the gals along the Appian Way of sophistication are really wearing.

The "Harbor-light," the painfully religious wight who knows the weaker youngsters steer their course by him.

The dope who ate on the diner and got a quill toothpick.

The raucous youth who doesn't let grammar interfere with what he is trying to say.

The lass with the delicate air and the soulful eyes.

The bored representative of the press who wishes some one would tell him what it was all about in three minutes so that he wouldn't have to stay to find out and waste his time when he might be going to a prize fight or some other important event.

The youth with the greatest collection of polysyllables who delights in sprinkling them around liberally.

Every artist was first an amateur.—*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

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There is something inspiring about a Pi Kappa Delta convention because:

The youth there are fresh and quick. Their minds are alert and well informed. They are restless with energy and ambition.

They hold their heads high. They have never known the bitterness of long defeat and hopeless struggle. They may have been stopped temporarily, but they have never been frustrated and disillusioned.

Their minds are without fear. They are convinced the world can be made better and are willing to try any promising panacea.

They are striving to give rather than to take. The splendid ideas they have are struggling for utterance. There is an eagerness to communicate. They try to be courteous, but they can hardly wait for the other fellow to finish his remarks. They are twice as anxious to talk as to listen.

Their words come out from the depth of sincerity. They are intoxicated with the wine of new learning. They have gathered the wisdom of great books and have confidence in their knowledge.

They speak with great reverence for what they are saying. For the moment at least it seems deeply significant. They are compelled to say it.

Their minds are pressing forward into ever widening thought and action. They have entered upon the exciting highway of learning. Each point of experience opens vast new vistas before them.

Their restless striving stretches toward perfection. They are good, but they know they have not yet arrived. What they are able to do today is only a promise of what they will be able to do tomorrow. The broken circles of today's achievement hint of a perfect circle yet to come.

They are already entering that heaven of freedom which knowledge and virtue alone can give. May they never be disillusioned.

After being with them for a few days, one does not worry so much about the future of our country. As long as they people the earth, the world will be safe for democracy.

The First National Intercollegiate Debate Tournament

The West Point Debating Society has issued invitations for the first national debating tournament to be held at West Point, May 2, 3, and 4, 1947.

To facilitate handling the tournament, the nation has been divided into seven regions. A committee has been appointed to select representative teams from each region. Thirty-two teams will start the nine rounds of debate to be held during the three days. After the first five rounds the sixteen strongest teams will continue through the elimination rounds, with the national champion to be selected at two o'clock May 4. Each team will pay its own traveling expenses, but the West Point Debating Society will provide lodging and meals during the stay at the Military Academy.

Region I, consisting of Arizona, California, Nevada, and Utah, will be administered by a committee consisting of E. R. Nichols, Redlands; Alan Nichols, University of Southern California; and W. Arthur Cable, University of Arizona. Limited to 4 teams and 2 alternate teams.

Region II. Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. Committee: W. H. Veatch, Washington State; Herbert Rahe, Willamette; and Johnny Leary, Gonzaga. Limited to 3 teams and 2 alternates.

Region III. Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Committee: Prof. Weatherell, Texas Christian; Glenn Capp, Baylor; and H. H. Anderson, Oklahoma A & M. Limited to 4 teams and 2 alternates.

Region IV. Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Committee: T. B. Fest, University of Colorado; Forrest Rose, Southeast Missouri State Teachers. Limited to 5 teams and 2 alternates.

Region V. Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Committee: J. Garber Drushal, Wooster; Glen Mills, Northwestern; and Leonard Sommer, Notre Dame. Limited to 6 teams and 2 alternates.

Region VI. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Committee: Wayne C. Eubank, University of Florida; Albert Keiser, Lenoir-Rhyne; and J. T. Daniel, University of Alabama. Limited to 4 teams and 2 alternates.

Region VII. New York, Pennsylvania, and the New England states. Committee: J. F. O'Brien, Pennsylvania State; John Chester Adams, Yale; and Robert B. Huber, University of Vermont. Limited to 6 teams and 2 alternates.

Pi Kappa Delta members will be interested to note that these com-

mittees include a number of members of the society, among them four former national presidents.

Any institution interested in additional information should write his regional committee or Cadet William F. Gorog, National Tournament Committee, Company L-2, West Point.

Among those appointed to select the teams for the West Point National Tournament are the following Pi Kappa Delta men: Glenn R. Capp, Baylor University, Texas; Albert Keiser, Lenoir-Rhyne College, North Carolina; E. R. Nichols, Redlands University, California; Forrest H. Rose, Southeast State College, Missouri; and W. H. Veatch, State College, Washington.

The second entry for the national contests came from the University of Redlands, one of the long-distance champions. It is sending a delegation of six, four men and Founder E. R. Nichols and Mrs. Nichols. The men will enter all four of the events open to them.

The first entry blank for the convention national contests came from Kansas Omicron, McPherson College. It shows a delegation of six with entries in all seven events. Maurice Hess, chapter sponsor, is one of the six.

John Randolph, Missouri Alpha, Westminster College, has been appointed governor of the Province of the Missouri.

BRING YOUR OWN TOWELS

All delegates who plan to attend the national convention are expected to bring their own towels for use in the dormitories.

Bowling Green State University is providing the delegates with daily opportunities for swimming. Dr. Kenesson announces that the fine university swimming pool will be open eight hours a day from about 10:00 to 12:00 a. m.; 1:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon, and 7:00 to 9:00 in the evening. Towels and tank suits will be furnished and a lifeguard will be in charge.

Room_____

(College)

(College)

1. Unsatisfactory 2. Fair 3. Good 4. Excellent

At the bottom of the ballot write the name of the winning team and sign your name.

First Negative Speaker

	1	2	3	4
Skill in analysis				
Clarity in organization				
Knowledge of subject				
Use of argument				
Refutation and Rebuttal				
Delivery				

Second Negative Speaker

	1	2	3	4
Skill in analysis				
Clarity in organization				
Knowledge of subject				
Use of argument				
Refutation and Rebuttal				
Delivery				

Judging on the merits of the debating done in this particular debate and not on the merits of the question, I vote for the _____ team.

(Signature of the judge)

(College or profession and city)

Chapter and Personal News

Alabama

The Beta chapter at Alabama College for Women sent four debaters to the Spring Hill "Azalea Debate Tournament" in Mobile, February 4-5. They were accompanied by Miss Mary E. Compton, supervisor.—*The Alabamian*.

California

Prof. E. R. Nichols, founder of Pi Kappa Delta, is planning to attend the National Convention in Bowling Green. He is bringing his wife and four men. National Vice-President Ed Betz writes that he is coming from Stockton with his usual hard-to-eliminate delegation. Wade Ruby at George Pepperdine is readying some potential champions. Yes, California will be there, if not with bells on, at least with a vocabulary of sesquipedalian words working overtime.

Colorado

Colorado Alpha and Beta, the A & M College and the State College of Education, participated in the Rocky Mountain Forensic meet at the University of Denver, February 13-15. There were representatives from several Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota chapters there.—*The Collegian*.

Florida

The Florida State High School Debate Festival will be held March 14-15 at John B. Stetson University, Deland, under the sponsorship of the Florida Association of Teachers of Speech and the Department of Speech, John B. Stetson University, including the Florida Beta chapter.—*Richard C. Brand*.

Illinois

"Egypt's Speech Festival" is the title Illinois Upsilon, Southeast Normal University, gave its speech tournament February 28-March 1. A special feature was a lecture-forum on labor-management relations led by Major Charles Estes of the United States Conciliation service. The chapter has had fifty debates. It has about thirty people participating in forensics.—*P. Merville Larson*. The Eta chapter, Normal University, was well represented at the Southeast's "Egypt's Speech Festival."—*The Vidette*. Northern, Pi chapter, was host to ten or twelve colleges in a speech tournament February 8.—*The Northern Illinois*. Harold Brach won first place in the state contest at DeKalb, February 18-19, and will

represent Illinois in the interstate Old Line oratorical contest. "The Center Pole" was the title of his oration, which is an appeal for support of the United Nations organization. LeGrange won the high school debate tournament sponsored by the Xi chapter February 7-8. Downers Grove was second. Harold Brack and John Swenson went undefeated through the Northern State Teachers debate tournament January 10-11, to win first place. Brack established a new record for this tournament by being on a team which has won three different times. Before the war he was on the 1941 and 1942 championship teams. Wheaton was second, with Luther and Northern Teachers tied for third—*Augustana Observer*. At the Debate, Discussion, and Oratory Tournament, January 10-11, at Normal, Illinois Eta, Mary Ellen Spere was awarded first honors for her oration "High Time and Tide." Kenneth Bryson and Don Smith tied for third in debate.—*The North Illinois*.

Iowa

The renewal of societies on the campus was the subject chosen for the first student open forum at Central, Iowa Beta, January 10. The students took a lively interest in discussing the question. As there was not time enough to settle the question and as there was a demand for further discussion, a second forum was scheduled for January 31.—*The Central Ray*.

Kansas

Dr. Robertson Strawn, head of the Language and Literature Department and new forensic director at Pittsburg, Kansas Theta, took four men to the Warrensburg, Missouri, tournament February 14-15. Arthur Hester and William A. Scott lost only one debate, tying for third. Scott also placed third in extemporaneous speaking. This is the first tournament Pittsburg has attended in years.—*The Collegio*.

Kentucky

"Centre took an extensive debate trip through the South, February 12 through 18. It attended the tournament at Spring Hill, Alabama, debating schools going and coming. We are also looking forward to the national at Bowling Green."—*W. T. Hill*.

Maine

"I am sorry to have to say that Colby cannot send delegates to the conference this year. Pi Kappa Delta has not been reorganized since the beginning of the war. I am still hoping to get the chapter going this spring. We are not doing what we should, but what we can."—*C. A. Rollins*.

Minnesota

Lyle Williams won the Randall Prize Oratorical contest and will represent Hamline in the state contest. "As Others See Us" was the title of his oration.—*The Hamline Oracle*. Macalester forensic news centers around Pat Lanegran. First she won the Stringer oratorical contest. This victory brought her twenty-five dollars and the honor of representing her college in the state contest. Title of her oration: "Political Confusion." Then she went up to the Red River Valley Tournament at Concordia, the Zeta chapter, to win first in impromptu speaking, February 7-8. There were twenty-one colleges competing. Later seven Macalester students attended the Eau Claire, Wisconsin, tournament February 21-22. THE FORENSIC has not been informed whether Pat went along nor what she did.—*The Mac Weekly*.

Missouri

The Eta chapter, Warrensburg State Teachers, sponsored a tournament for Missouri and Kansas debaters February 14-15. The labor-management problem was presented in the form of a round table discussion which tried to discover the difficulties and suggest a remedy for them. There were contests in original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, poetry, prose reading, and after-dinner speaking. There were 32 teams from 14 colleges. The Warrensburg and Westminster teams went through undefeated.—*Harold C. Svanoe*.

Montana

Wm. D. Copeland, who was forensic director at Colorado College in the 1920's, and who went from there to Lincoln College, Illinois, and later to Lake Forest College, is now president of Billings Polytechnic Institute. He reports that he plans to revive the Montana Alpha chapter, which is located there. J. Thompson Baker, former debate coach at Southwestern, Kansas Delta, writes from Dillon, Montana, where he is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, that his health is much improved and that he is leading a strenuous life. His youngest son, Harold F. Baker, a member of Pi Kappa Delta, is executive secretary of the community chest at Great Falls, Montana. As his work involves much public speaking, he finds his Pi Kappa Delta training extremely valuable. He has his master's degree from Chicago. He has been in Red Cross and Public Welfare work. He came to Great Falls when discharged from the service. Dr. Baker may be remembered as the first man to conduct a debate tournament, thus inaugurating the forensic form most popular today. He conducted the Southwestern fall tournament for many years. He adds the disquieting news that Dean Allen of Southwestern is not now in good health.

Nebraska

Twenty-eight teams took part in the intra-mural debate tournament at Nebraska Zeta, Kearney State Teachers. The chapter will be represented at Bowling Green by three, probably five, delegates.—*H. L. Abrendts.*

Oklahoma

East Central won honors at the Northwestern College tournament at Natchitoches, Louisiana. Bill Chastain won the after-dinner contest with a Bob Burns drawl that convulsed even the other contestants. Barbara Hansard and Thelma Holey won the senior women's tournament. Dorothy Higginbotham tied for second in extempore.—*The East Central Journal*. Gerand Sanders and Scotty Nobles, representing the Theta chapter at Southeastern State, won the senior debate tournament of the men's division at Natchitoches. Carl Albert, Congressman from the third Oklahoma district, recently sent T. A. Houston, debate coach, twenty-five dollars to be awarded the outstanding forensic student on the campus. It will be known as the Carl Albert award and will be awarded annually. Congressman Albert, who was an outstanding speaker during his high school and college career, said he wished to encourage speech students. General Ira Eaker has been invited to judge the eighteenth Savage Forensic. Invitations have been sent to all students who once represented Southeastern in debate. Sanders and Nobles, Prof. T. A. Houston's senior men's team, also won first in the East Central tournament at Oklahoma Eta, and at the Midsouth at Conway, Arkansas. The Theta representatives won sweepstake honors in both tournaments.—*The Southeastern*. Tulsa, the Beta chapter, sponsored an invitation practice tournament January 10.—*The East Central Journal*.

Texas

The vacancy in the speech department created when Dr. P. Merville Larson left the Texas College of Arts and Industry to take over at Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale has been filled by Clark S. Carlisle, a Pi Kappa Delta man.

Wisconsin

"Paul Borth is the only active member at Ripon. We have started the year in fine shape. We have a group of interested veterans and some new comers. There are fifteen on the squad. My negative team won the so-called championship debate at the Iowa Teachers College tournament in December. Four of our teams won 21 of 24 debates at the Illinois Normal tournament this month. We are trying to revive interest in the Interstate Oratorical Association. I have taken over for Bruno Jacobs, who is devoting more time to NFL. I came here from Michigan after a stretch in the Army."—*M. Harold Mikle.*

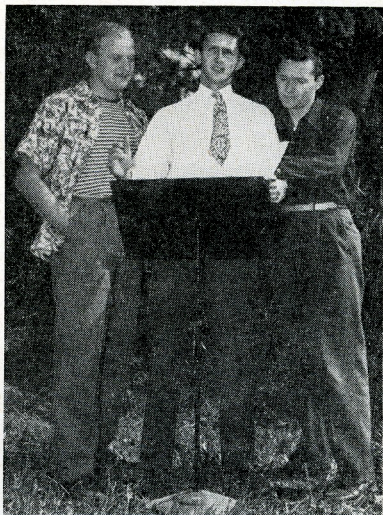
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Intercollegiate debate was reinstated on the University of Miami campus this year after a lapse of four years when two teams from Emory University in Atlanta visited Miami in January. Miami debaters won both debate decisions.

Pi Kappa Delta activities are also being resumed since a number of former members who were in service during the war have returned to school. President of the Miami chapter is Edwyn Lewis, and other officers are Fred Routh, vice-president, and Harvey Klein, secretary-treasurer.

Other University of Miami members of the fraternity are Donald C. Sprague, assistant professor of speech and coach of the debate team, and Stuart LaMotte, and Jake Watson.

Four Pi Kappa Deltas, Klein, Routh, Lewis, and Sprague, in addition to Jim Eckhart, another student, represented the University of Miami in the Southeastern tournament Feb. 14 and 15 at the Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama.



University of Miami Pi Kappa Deltas Fred Routh, Edwyn Lewis, and Harvey Klein practice debating in tropical surroundings.

Central States Speech Association Convention

The Central States Speech Association will hold its convention, the first since 1941, in Columbia, Missouri, April 18-19. The association includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The convention will be devoted to speech problems on the elementary, secondary, and collegiate levels. There will be sectional meetings on rhetoric and oratory, dramatics, debate, interpretation, speech correction, and radio. Requests for room reservations should be addressed to Donald Bird, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri.

Jaci Vander Lugt and Charles Botkin will represent Central, Iowa Beta, in oratory, "Let's Start Another War" is the title of Miss Vander Lugt's oration. Mr. Botkin will speak on "Equivalent for War."—*The Central Ray*.

JACK SELKE MEMORIAL

Shortly after winning the state contests in oratory and extemporaneous speaking during his freshman year and winning third in the Interstate contest, Jack Selke, a freshman at Northern State Teachers, Illinois Pi, put on a uniform and followed the flag to Europe. He was killed while serving with the Army in the invasion of Germany.

To honor and perpetuate his name and his achievements, three service clubs at Freeport, his home town, have established the Jack Selke Memorial Oratorical Contest, at Northern Teachers. The first contest was held February 11 to select orators to represent the college. Theodore Johnson won the first prize of fifteen dollars with an oration entitled, fittingly enough, "Germany, Question Mark." A second prize of ten dollars was awarded Kenneth Bryson's "Rose of Dawn." "High Tide and Time" by Mary Ellen Sphere won the five dollar third prize.

The petition for a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, has been approved and installation plans are under way.

Harold C. Svanoe, a member of the faculty, and in charge of the Speech Department at Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, Missouri, succeeds Ben R. Craig as debate instructor and director of forensics. Mr. Svanoe holds membership in Pi Kappa Delta from his days at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from which school he graduated in 1932. Before coming to Warrensburg in 1939, he received his M.A. at Denver University, and has just recently completed a year's study toward the doctorate at Northwestern University. Already he has an active forensic squad of over 25 people. A squad of seven represented the college at Kirksville on December 6th and 7th.

STORY OF A KEY

Not long ago Mrs. Frank Grover ordered a key for her husband, a special distinction, three-order member who joined the Oregon Alpha chapter first and later transferred to California Alpha. It was a two-diamond key. When the key arrived, Mrs. Grover put it in her handbag until she could give it to Frank that evening and went shopping in the Chicago loop. A thief snatched the bag, key and all. She wrote Secretary Finley acknowledging receipt of the key and telling about the theft, but adding that she hoped the key might be recovered as it had the owner's name on the back. Now comes this good news: "This note is to tell you that the Pi Kappa Delta key has been recovered, thanks to the Chicago Police Department."