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### PKD's Dominate West Point National Debate Tournament

PKD'S MAY WELL BE PROUD OF THEIR HIGH CALIBER DEBATING FOR THREE OF THE SEMIFINALISTS AT THE 1951 WEST POINT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT WERE TEAMS FROM PKD CHAPTERS.

### THE WINNERS: THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

Lt. Col. Brinker presents the Sigurd Larmon Cup and watches to Professor E. R. Nichols, coach, and debaters James Wilson and Holt Spicer, the University of Redlands, for their first place win in the Fifth West Point Debate Tournament.

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James Wilson and Holt Spicer of the University of Redlands (California Alpha) defeated Bob Kaiser and Bob Howard of Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia, (Kansas Zeta), by a decision of six to three, to win first place in the Fifth West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament.

The Redland debaters, coached by Professor E. R. Nichols, lost only one debate (Baylor University, Texas Iota) in twelve to win possession of the Sigurd Larmon Cup and recognition as the top debating team of the country for 1950-51. Wilson, the first speaker, is a graduate of Long Beach High School; Spicer graduated from the Fairfax High School of Los Angeles. These two debaters teamed together as freshmen at Redlands and made such a good record they entered and won the Senior division at the big West Coast meet at Bakersfield. As sophomores, they represented Redlands at West Point winning six of nine debates. Prior to attending the West Point Tournament, Wilson and Spicer won a superior rating in debate (8 wins and no losses) in the National Pi Kappa Delta Tournament at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Both debaters are juniors and expect to defend the Larmon Cup at West Point next Spring.

SECOND PLACE: KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE OF EMPORIA

Left to right: Professor Charles Masten, coach; Bob Kaiser, debater; Dr. George R. R. Pfaum, head, department of speech and past president of PKD: Bob Howard, debater.

Professor Charles Matson, coach of the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia, insisted at the Durant Savage Forensic Tournament last spring, that the debaters from Redlands and Emporia Teachers would be the finalists at West Point. He was right by some strange prophetic sense. The Kansas boys eliminated Redlands from the Durant tournament but lost to them in the finals at West Point. Bob Kaiser is a student minister and is now attending McCormick Seminary; Bob Howard is this year's president of the Emporia Student Council. Howard says that intercollegiate debating is worthwhile; he has recently announced his engagement to Ann Parker of the Nebraska Wesleyan University (Alpha) debate squad. The romance began at debate tournaments.

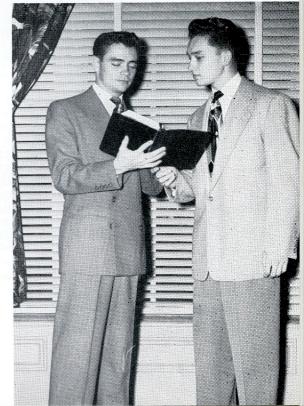
#### SEMIFINALIST: BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Calvin Cannon and Ted Clevenger, representing Baylor University, won forty-six of their fifty-two discussion debates during the 1950-51 session. They won first place in five of the seven tournaments in which they participated during the year. They were undefeated at the National Pi Kappa Delta tournament, eight wins for a superior rating in debate, and won the highest number of points possible in all contests. They were eliminated in the semi-finals of the West Point National tournament and had the second best win and lost average of the teams represented there, winning nine of eleven debates. In addition to debate, between them they won six first places in extemporaneous speaking, four first places in oratory, and four first places in poetry reading.

Cannon is a junior who is majoring in languages. He is in the upper two per cent scholastically among the Baylor students. Clevenger graduated with a major in speech and is doing graduate work in speech this year.

#### QUARTER FINALISTS: TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Another PKD chapter, Texas Christian University (Texas Zeta) advanced to the quarter-finals of the West Point tournament where they lost a three to two decision to the debaters from Redlands. Worth Dalton and Jim Cunningham, both seniors last year, during two years of debating together as a team won 79 of 100 debates. During the 1950-51 season, they placed second in the Baylor University tournament and first in the Durant Savage tournament over 42 teams from 14 states. Dalton was a political science major and member of the student government; Cunningham was a speech major. Both debaters had served for one year as president of their PKD chapter.



Left to right: Calvin Cannon and Ted Clevenger, debaters, Baylor University.

### The President's Page

"Tis the voice of the lobster; I heard him declare." And so it will be for each issue of **The Forensic.** Please do not blame the Editor, poor fellow, this page is a tradition and most of the stuff



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carried on it will no doubt be as old as most traditions.

This is the first chance to say thanks or "HELP" for electing me to the top spot in our fraternity. I really believe that it is a good idea to have some one on that spot who is broad enough and padded enough to take what needs to be thrown at the top. Now that we have released ourselves from the "Missouri Gang" we can open up again and let fire. Let me hear from you for my ideas can only reflect what you want done and that you must tell me.

Perhaps we haven't appreciated enough what "that Missouri Guy" did—(not the notorious one)—I mean Immediate Past Prexy Sherod Col-

lins. He worked hard to develop the policies of Pi Kappa Delta and its best interests. Our Convention under his guidance was our biggest and best. Our job now is to show him that we are willing to continue with the same caliber of work.

To a new President, each term must seem to be the crucial one. I'm no exception, except for my vanishing red hair. We will all realize that many chapters are going to be without sponsors for the next year or so. We will know that our budgets in some cases, will be less ample. We may see some restrictions in the size of our squads. We will find costs of travel and board and room higher. We will find teaching loads increased with less time for directing. "All handicaps are but paths to more complete success."

It is quite proper in Pi Kappa Delta for local chapters to function with student leadership. Ours is a fraternity of the best leadership in American Colleges. So, the lack of a sponsor should only make for better chapter performance on the part of the students. All of the budget shouldn't be drop-kicked away with the footballs but if it is we have the brains to raise the money elsewhere. The size of the squad should never limit the activities. We have always traveled on less and we can "bring our own pots and cook black beans in the desert." Our students don't need the direction as much as others in other departments—they know how to work together and teach each other.

Why, you know, after reading what I've just written I see no reasons to believe that this can't be a "rip snorting" good year. Let's use those golden words for persuasion, beautiful and just.

### From The Secretary's Desk

#### The Constitution

Members who are used to seeing the Pi Kappa Delta Constitution in the traditional tan will be surprised to receive the new edition with a green cover. The change was made for a good reason. Sponsors and members were using outdated constitutions because they all looked alike and unless the date was read carefully they were easily confused. The new color makes the current edition immediately recognizable. So—throw away the old copies and use the constitution with the green cover.

#### The Treasurer's Report

The annual treasurer's report appears in this issue and shows a better balance than the report one year ago. The close of the fiscal year on June 30, however, does not permit a true picture of the society's finances since several large statements are not presented until after July 1. This year the Balfour bill for the heavy ordering of keys in the spring and the statement for the printing costs of the May **Forensic** are not reflected in the disbursements for the past year. They would have reduced the balance by approximately \$1500.00. On the other hand, the expenses for the debate question committee cover two years of operations. The treasurer is seriously considering recommending to the committee on constitutional revision that the fiscal year of Pi Kappa Delta be changed to run from August 1 to July 31.

The chapter report does not include convention entry and registration fees; it gives only the receipts for the fees, keys, and certificates.

#### **Concerning Keys**

Pi Kappa Delta ought to have a brochure explaining all matters relating to keys. The secretary has prepared the copy for such a publication but the cost of printing the booklet is very high. Several items need to be called to attention each year. Balfour has informed us that there will be no increase in prices during the coming year. Please note that there are extra charges for jewels other than pearls or amethysts, that taxes are figured on all items, except the handling charge and the rejeweling charge, and that state institutions exempt from federal taxes must submit with the order a tax exemption certificate properly completed by an administrative officer of the college. The tax cannot be waived if the certificate is sent later. All keys are ordered through the secretary's office and each key is individually assigned by number and engraved with the owner's name and college. The secretary does not carry a stock of keys for immediate shipment; they are ordered from the national jeweler and delivery takes about four weeks.

#### The Florida Gamma Chapter

We regret to announce that the members of the Florida Gamma chapter at the University of Miami have voted to relinquish their charter and withdraw from Pi Kappa Delta. The relationships between the students and faculty members at Miami and the officers of Pi Kappa Delta have always been cordial and we wish them success in their future forensic programs.

#### Supplies

Should any chapter desire application forms, key order blanks, constitutions or rituals please write for them. Rituals will be sent as long as the present supply lasts but no reprint will be made until the committee on the revision of the ritual presents its report.

### The Province Of The Plains

#### HAROLD L. AHRENDTS, Nebraska State Teacher's College

The Province of the Plains is composed of twenty three chapters which includes the States of Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.

Nebraska has seven chapters located as follows: Alpha, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln; Gamma, Doane College, Crete; Delta, Hastings College, Hastings; Zeta, Nebraska State College, Kearney; Theta, University of Omaha, Omaha; Iota, State College, Wayne; Kappa, Midland College, Fremont.

Kansas has thirteen chapters located as follows: Alpha, Ottawa University, Ottawa; Beta, Washburn Municipal University, Topeka; Delta, Southwestern College, Winfield; Zeta, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia; Eta, Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina; Theta, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg; Iota, College of Emporia, Emporia; Kappa, Baker University, Baldwin; Lambda, Sterling College, Sterling; Mu, Bethany College, Lindsborg; Nu, Fort Hays Kansas State College, Hays; Xi, Bethel College, North Newton; Omicron, McPherson College, McPherson.

Colorado has three chapters located as follows: Alpha, Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, Fort Collins; Beta, Colorado State College of Education, Greeley; Gamma, Western State College of Colorado, Gunnison.

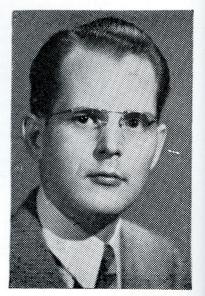
According to Dr. Alfred Westfall, Colorado A & M College, Fort Collins, Colorado, who for many years was editor of **The Forensic**, "the province idea developed gradually." In the early years of the society, for example, Dr. Westfall was asked to serve as a sort of overseer for colleges in the mountain states. Dr. Westfall further comments, "at the time I believe ours was the only chapter out here. I was asked to investigate possibilities of establishing others and of interesting others in joining. This was a provision developed by Dr. Nichols before there was anything in the constitution about a provincial organization. Others, some of them like myself, not officers, were asked to keep an eye on other sections."

Harold L. Ahrendts, Chairman of the Department of Speech at Nebraska State College, Kearney, Nebraska, is now serving his second term as Governor of the Province of the Plains.

Dr. Ahrendts holds the degree of Special Distinction in Oratory, as during his undergraduate days at Nebraska Wesleyan University, he was a national champion orator.

He is a native of Nebraska, the son of a Methodist clergyman, a member of the Masonic Lodge and Cosmopolitan International, and various educational organizations.

His educational background includes an A. B. degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln; M. A. degree from the University of Michigan; Ph. D. degree from the University of Michigan.



The first official reference to a provincial organization appears in **The Forensic**, Series 6, Number 1 (March-April, 1920), p. 7, No. 13, in the "Report of Committee on the Good of the Order," "13, That the National Council divide the country into sections so that institutions so desiring might arrange for debates which would lead to sectional and intersectional Pi Kappa Delta debate championships." The report referred to above was made at the third national convention, which was held at Sioux City, Iowa, March 30 to April 1, 1920, carrying out this resolution provided:

Provincial Organizations and Provincial Chapters of Pi Kappa Delta may exist in states which have two or more Local Chapters. Such Provincial organizations shall provide for a Provincial Convention, a Provincial Council, and a Provincial General Chapter.

1. Provincial Convention. The Provincial Convention shall be composed of duly authorized delegates of the Local Chapters and shall sit annually at the time and place selected by the Provincial Council. Local Chapters shall have equal voice and voting privileges in the Provincial Convention. The Provincial Convention may work under any rules or constitution which it desires to adopt which are in harmony with the letter and spirit of this Constitution and the regulations of the National Organization.

2. The Provincial Council. The Provincial Council shall be composed of the Provincial Officers, elected by the Provincial Convention. The Provincial Council shall act for the Provincial Convention when the latter is not in session. It shall be the duty within its jurisdiction, to promote a spirit of friendly cooperation and harmony in forensic affairs, and to look after the membership of the General Chapter of the Province.

**The Forensic,** Series 8, Number 1 (March-April, 1922), p. 10, "Report of the Committee on the Good of the Order," Fourth Biennial Convention, March 28-30, 1922. "15. That this convention favors the holding of provincial conventions in odd years with oratorical contests, extempore speaking contests and elimination debates."

The Forensic, Series 8, Number 3 (January, 1923), p. 9.

#### WELCOME TO THE PROVINCE CONVENTIONS

In other portions of this issue attention is called to the newly arrived Province Conventions, the result of the recommendations to the Fourth Biennial Convention of the Committee on the Good of the Order. Professor Veatch, the Chairman of that Committee, is certainly to be congratulated upon the success of his suggestion. At least three provinces have organized and are to hold conventions for which elaborate programs are in preparation. We expect great things of these gatherings. Their influence upon Pi Kappa Delta as a whole surely will be exceedingly good and far reaching.

The Forensic, Series 9, No. 1 (May, 1923), p. 1, contains an article under the heading:

#### SOME ASPECTS OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORY by H. B. SUMMERS. President of the Central Western Province of Pi Kappa Delta

On page four of the same issue is an account of "Southwest Division

Convention."

"The first Southwest Division Convention of Pi Kappa Delta was held at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, March 14, 15, 16, 1923." An account of this convention follows:

On page five of the same issue begins a story about "Another Provincial Convention":

"Just as we were going to press there came to our hands the fourth bulletin published by Professor H. B. Summers of Park College, President of the Central Western Province, in preparation for the Convention of that Province to be held at Westminster College, May 3rd to 5th." The constitution says that "Membership shall consist of all chapters of Pi Kappa Delta in good standing, situated in the states of Iowa and Missouri, which desire membership." (page 7)

**The Forensic,** Series 9, Number 2 (November, 1923), p. 2. "This idea was initiated in the Southwest Central Division of Pi Kappa Delta, composed of the States of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, when representatives from fourteen colleges and universities in these states, having chapters of Pi Kappa Delta, met at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, March 14-16, 1923, in the first forensic tournament ever held in the history of forensics.

The Sixth Biennial Convention, March 30 to April 1, 1926, **(The Forensic,** May 1926, p. 8,) reports a change in the constitution concerning provinces:

1. Province Organization: Provinces of Pi Kappa Delta shall consist of not less than four or more than fifteen chapters. It shall be the duty of the National Council to divide the chapters into provinces, which shall be numbered in the order of the admission of the oldest chapter in the province. Provinces created shall be numbered in the order of their creation, and the various districts shall be officially designated by the numbers assigned. Each new chapter admitted shall be assigned to a province by the national council for transfer to an adjoining province, but no such transfer shall be made without the approval of the Governors of both provinces affected."

Other rules and regulations for the organization and administration of the various provinces follow: Thirteen provinces were formed. Number 1 was "Province of the Pacific." Number 3, "Province of the Platte," which included the Nebraska and Colorado chapters. Number 4 was "Province of Kansas."

**The Forensic,** March 1927, p. 199, reported plans for a meeting of the Oklahoma Province in Pittsburg, Kansas, April 7-8.

**The Forensic,** May 1927, reported the Kansas provincial meeting at Ottawa, March 30 to April 1. This province is now referred to as "Province one," p. 21. J. H. Lawrence, Coach at College of Emporia, is Governor. Martin J. Holcomb, of Bethany is Secretary. One hundred fifty delegates from nine chapters of Province three met at Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska, March 24-26, for the provincial convention. Professor E. H. Wells, Nebraska Wesleyan, was President; LeRoy Laase, Doane College, was Secretary.

In January, 1929, Professor LeRoy Allen, of Southwestern College, was governor of the Province of Kansas. Prof. W. B. Hunt, Doane College, Crete, Nebraska was Governor of the Platte. The Kansas people met at Wichita, April 11-12, with 28 schools entered in the contests. The Platte Provincial met at Nebraska Wesleyan, March 14, to 16, with all chapters represented.

In 1932, J. R. Start, Hays, Kansas, was Governor of the Province of Kansas. W. B. Hunt, Doane College, was Governor of the Province of the Platte.

In May of 1942, **The Forensic** lists the Province of the Plains, with Albert Burrows, Nebraska State Teachers College, Chadron, Nebraska, as Governor.

In 1944 Professor Maurice A. Hess, McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas, was elected Governor of the Province of the Plains, when the Province met at Nebraska State College, Kearney, Nebraska. Professor Hess served as Province Governor until 1948, when Professor H. L. Ahrendts of Nebraska State College, at Kearney, was elected to the office during the Provincial Convention at Ft. Collins, Colorado.

The Province of the Plains is truly a significant Province in the National Pi Kappa Delta picture, as it has the first chapter of Pi Kappa Delta to be organized. Likewise, the Province of the Plains held the first forensic tournament in history.

### Ratings, Rankings, Or Both?

#### EMIL R. PFISTER, Central Michigan College of Education

How should we evaluate intercollegiate speech performance in oration, extemporaneous speaking, discussion, and debate? Should we rate participants, giving each a classification such as "good", "excellent", or "superior"; rank them "first", "second", "third", and so forth; or should a combination of both systems be used?

In order to get a sampling of how directors of these activities felt regarding this problem, a questionnaire was sent in August to the 134 chapter sponsors listed in the January, 1951 issue of The Forensic. Despite colleges being closed for the summer, sponsors being away on other duties or vacationing, and faculty changes, eighty-one replies were received. Of these eighty-one, five were not subject to tabulation because of misunderstanding, qualified answers, or errors, thus leaving 76 replies with which to compute results.

#### Comparison of Preferences

Activity	Rating	Ranking	Rating & Ranking
Oration	34	18	24
Extemporaneou Speaking	us 34	18	24
Debate	40	10	26
Discussion	53	6	17

The vote on how to evaluate oration contests showed that thirty-four sponsors favored rating, eighteen favored ranking, and twenty-four favored the use of both ranking and rating.

The ballot tabulation on extemporaneous speaking ended up with exactly the same totals as those in orations which is 45% favoring rating, 23% favoring ranking, and 32% believing in the use of both. In debate, forty directors (55%) favored rating, ten (13%) favoring ranking, and twenty-six (34%) favored the use of both.

The survey further indicated that regarding discussion the chapter sponsors favored rating over ranking fifty-three to six with seventeen preferring the use of both.

Thus rating is favored over ranking two to one in oration and extemporaneous speaking; four to one in debate, and nine to one in discussion. The use of both ranking and rating together is preferred over the use of ranking alone but is not preferred over rating alone.

Nineteen of the ballots returned favored rating to ranking in all four events. Some of the reasons are:

"Rating is sufficient and rather largely avoids the more intricate conflict of opinions of judges" says James C. Brown, sponsor c. Eta Chapter, Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa.

Paul C. Crawford, sponsor of Pi Chapter, Northern Illinois State Teachers College, DeKalb, Illinois, points out that rating is (1) "educationally sounder" and (2) "fairer if several superior speakers are in the same group."

Ranking is criticized by J. T. von Trebra, sponsor of Epsilon Chapter at Whitewater State College, Whitewater, Wisconsin, who says: "Ranking has led to excessive tenseness on the part of participants and questionable practices on the part of judges."

There were but four ballots indicating preference for ranking participants in all four events (oration, extemporaneous speaking, discussion, and debate) but no reasons were stated.

Fifteen ballots indicated that all four activities should be both rated and ranked. E. R. Nichols, a founder of Pi Kappa Delta and its first president, now at Redlands, California, marked his ballot that way and stated:

I prefer the rating (superior, excellent, good) but I like to have the ranking inside of each of these indicated so that we may know how the contestants actually stood in 1, 2, 3 order.

Mrs. Olive M. Johnson, sponsor of Eta Chapter at North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas writes:

Neither ranking nor rating alone seems to be an adequate method, but together they could be used to great advantage. For example, in a debate all four contestants and both teams may do work of excellent quality. Yet if the judge must rank the contestants and teams, someone does not receive just recognition for his work. Also, under the same circumstances, all the participants may have done work of excellent quality, but some may be slightly better than others. If they are rated, then, again someone does not receive his just rank. Therefore, if both systems were used, the contestants could be ranked and rated and thus receive the proper reward for their performance.

The balance of the replies (38) were irregular in that they believed some of the activities should be rated and others ranked. Glenn R. Capp, sponsor of Iota Chapter at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, writes:

We should put our various contests into as realistic a life situation as possible. For example, in debate the life process is competition, pure and simple. The lawyer before the jury; the legislator before the legislature; the politician before the voting public are all speaking for a decision. For that reason I strongly favor having a win or loss decision for debate. To a lesser extent, extemporaneous speaking and oratory involve the persuasive element in speaking. While I think the rating in these contests is excellent, I also think they should be judged by a ranking of first, second, etc.

Discussion is the opposite; you do not discuss matters in actual life in order to win a decision. Therefore, I do not like a decision for this activity. I see no serious objection to rating the student so that they may compare their effectiveness in participating in discussion, but I do not think it should be put in the form of a contest.

This survey is not intended to point out the "right" way to evaluate intercollegiate speech activities but it does indicate the opinion of sponsors and some of the reasons for these opinions.

With this issue, **The Forensic** comes under the editorship of a new staff that stands in need of the good wishes and assistance of all members of Pi Kappa Delta.

To maintain the high standards set by previous editors will not be easy. The members of the new staff, however, pledge their efforts to do as well as possible every task that comes to hand.

Every PKD member is urged to serve as a personal member of the editorial staff and send the results of his observations, activities, and thinking to the editors.

We hope to deserve your confidence and best wishes.

H. C.. E. R. P.

## The Province Of Missouri

#### GEORGIA BOWMAN, William Jewell College

Sitting comfortably in the center of the nation, Missouri Province of Pi Kappa Delta stretches from mid-Iowa to Missouri's bootheel. The Missouri mud that beset travelers when Missouri Alpha Chapter was chartered April 26, 1919, at Westminster College, Fulton, has given way to paved highways, and now the nearly twenty province colleges brave snows in winter and rains at spring tournament time to carry out a lively forensic schedule.

The story of the province is the story of coaches who have served long and forcefully, and of schools with years of forensic tradition.

Westminster, the first chapter in Missouri, is the home of some of the greatest names. No one long in Pi Kappa Delta can forget the vigor and energy of Coach McCluer, province governor for two years and director of debate from 1919 until he became Westminster's president in 1933. Formally Dr. Franc L. McCluer, now president of Lindenwood College, is better known and affectionately remembered in debate circles as "Bullet."

Another guiding spirit at Westminster was Professor Jerry Reeves, who succeeded Dr. McCluer as debate coach in 1933, and served until his death in 1946. Much of his best known work was connected with the Peace Oratorical Contest which he managed for fifteen years.

Currently, Dr. Randolph holds the forensic reins at Westminster. Though the younger members of Pi Kappa Delta may not know the names of Reeves and McCluer, all will recognize John Randolph, former province governor, council member, now national vice-president, and coach of teams that offer rough competition to all comers.

Up in the Iowa end of the province, the distaff side holds the record for service. Miss Cunera Van Emmerick, debate director at Central College, Pella, Iowa (Iowa Beta), has not only consistently produced winning teams, but has made invaluable contributions to the national organization. Province governor from 1939 to 1941, and formerly a national council member, she has served regularly on committees at national conventions, most recently as chairman of the Committee on Invitations at the 1951 tournament.

A member school of unusually long forensic tradition is William Jewell (Missouri Delta) in Liberty. In-

Georgia Bowman, Director of Forensics and Assistant Professor of Journalism, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, is Governor of the Province of Missouri.

Professor Bowman holds the degree of Special Distinction in three orders and is a member of various speech and journalism organizations.

She is a native of Missouri. Prior to her present position, which she assumed in 1947, she served as teacher in Missouri high schools; teacher of radio news, University of Missouri; member of the production staff of Radio Station WLW, Cincinnati; lecturer in speech at Brooklyn College; and as radio chief, Midwestern area, American Red Cross during the War. She served for six years as editor of THE URN of Beta Sigma Omicron and four years as its national president.

Professor Bowman's education includes an A. B. degree from William Jewell College, B. J. degree from the University of Missouri, M. A. degree from the State University of Iowa, and additional graduate study at the Universities of Denver, Northwestern, and Iowa.



tercollegiate competition there dates back to 1875, when a William Jewell student first took part in a state oratorical contest. For twenty-five years — 1922-'47 — one man guided team after team to victory, and coached half a dozen or more individual national champions: this is P. Caspar Harvey, who as public relations director at the college still casts a friendly and fatherly eye on debate (and sees that it gets plenty of publicity!). "Everybody knows P. Caspar in Pi Kappa Delta." Georgia Bowman, director of forensics at William lewell, is also current governor of the Province.

Edging P. Caspar Harvey in length of service is Dr. Forrest Rose, (Missouri Iota), Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau.

Debate coaches are not narrow in either outlook or profession. As Dr. McCluer moved on to college presidencies, Miss Van Emmerick also directs public relations, Dr. Randolph coaches tennis teams, and Dr. Rose serves as dean of college. But registrations and curriculum planning do not interfere with the forensic program at the Cape. Since he took over there in 1927, Dr. Rose has been council member and national president of Pi Kappa Delta.

Another Missouri Province coach is on the list of national past presidents, and that most recently: Professor Sherod Collins of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville (Missouri Theta). Mr. Collins (he, too, has a sideline, for he has a successful record as a Broadway actor a few years back) is annual host to one of the most popular and efficiently run tournaments in the area, the Midwest Debate Tournament, held early in December since long before the war.

One of the great names of Missouri Province which should not be forgotten is that of Professor John Barnes. Before his death a few years ago, Professor Barnes led many generations of Park College debaters and orators through brilliant records.

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The famous columns of Westminster, with Westminster Hall in the background, give a view of the Fulton home of Missouri's Alpha Chapter, Westminster College.