

That a school system exclusively of public institutions would better fulfill the purpose of education than the present system. Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Barnard.

That this house is opposed to the foreign policy of the United States. Iowa State, Grinnell, Pittsburg, Swarthmore.

That the United States should adopt a uniform marriage and divorce law. Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota.

That Defense Day should be discontinued: California.

That a four-year liberal arts course in an American university is without value. California.

That the school of that typified by H. L. Mencken is a dangerous element in American life. California, Leland Stanford.

That the United States should not interfere in the internal affairs of Latin American states by force of arms. Beloit, Marquette, North-Western.

That this house approves the policy of an international agreement for the abolition, within ten years, of opium production. Used by Bates in England against Oxford, Cambridge, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Sheffield, Edinburgh, and St. Andrews.

That Cabinet officers should have seats and a voice in the deliberations of both houses of Congress. Bates, Colgate, Pennsylvania.

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DEBATING AND ORATORY AT WILLIAM JEWELL

The Forensic reprints here in part, an article which appeared in the William Jewell college paper. Readers will note the record of 88 victories from 127 debates. The Forensic will be glad to print the records of other institutions if they want to compare them with this.

"All over the United States there is a renaissance in forensic interest and activity. Debate especially is coming back into its own on every college and university campus and with it oratory is beginning to receive attention and recognition. Colleges are sending debate teams on continental tours. It is not uncommon for a debate team to visit a dozen states on a single tour. Next year some Missouri colleges are planning to send debate teams to the Atlantic coast and I understand that one Missouri college plans to send one of its teams to tour England. Other Missouri schools expect to send debate teams to tour California.

"National honor societies for successful college debaters and orators have sprung up. * * * * All of this means that forensics have begun in some measure to command the attention and recognition that such work deserves.

"Another condition in present day work in debate and oratory is that the amount of time put on the work is immeasurably greater than it was in the old days. Then the emphasis was put on the delivery and the oratorical effort on the platform. Today the emphasis is placed on the research into questions and the mastery of the material. A debate team today wants to read and study all the material published on the subject which has been published in both Europe and America.

"All of this takes time and months are devoted to the preparation of debate. Then, in addition, an intercollegiate debate team today meets many colleges while in the old days at William Jewell, for instance a debater met but one school a year. Now, for a debater to engage in contests with twenty schools in one year is not uncommon. Several of William Jewell's debaters this year debated more than a dozen schools.

"Of course the question arises at once as to what all this work and time does to the debater's scholastic standing, how do his lessons in his

subjects suffer. I cannot answer this for other schools, but can point with pride to the scholarship record of the debaters in William Jewell this year which was the hardest year Jewell debaters ever had. William Jewell engaged in twenty-nine intercollegiate debates and two oratorical contests with orators from four states. We lost only seven of those twenty-nine debates and won first place in both oratorical contests. This shows that the orators and debaters did good work in forensics. In scholarship rankings the debaters were throughout the year very nearly the top of the other organizations of the college. Exactly one-half of the Jewell debaters made the honor roll every time during the year. The averages of the grades of all debaters for the entire year was 103 per cent and the average for the regulars on the debate squad (this excludes the alternates) was 105 percent. This means that the debaters made more than the normal credit of 100 percent—that their grades were high enough to get extra credit in their studies because of high grades. Not a single social organization for boys in college had this record.

When debate work involves such expenditure of effort and hard work, and when it also entails an expenditure of money of no small sums, it is natural that colleges want to obtain the best forensic talent in the high schools. In other words, colleges in Missouri today are beginning to tell promising high school debaters that they can get better and more forensic recognition in one college than in another. Inducements to high school debaters in the way of long trips, medals, prizes, and jobs are being held out to the good high school debaters in Missouri today.

Now where does this place William Jewell? It has always been against our principles to hold out any other inducement to a high school debater than the record of William Jewell in forensics. This record is all I have today to offer new debaters to enter William Jewell. Other schools have challenged the leadership of William Jewell in forensics. Shall we fall behind? They have more money to spend on debate and oratory than William Jewell has.

"I believe that we can depend on the loyalty to the college to save some of these debaters to William Jewell until we can attract the best debate and oratorical talent without having to descend to offering inducements other than the very finest debate work. It takes money to make transcontinental debate trips and at the present time we do not have that money.

"I want to call the attention of the friends of William Jewell to the debate and oratory record of the past year. We defeated schools such as University of Southern California, Indiana University, St. Louis University, twice, Washburn College Nebraska Wesleyan University, Des Moines University, twice, Drury College, Central College, and many other schools. Our Freshmen defeated the Freshmen of the University of Kansas. Harold Roberts and A. P. Stone, Jr., won two championships in oratory defeating contestants from four states.

"In all its history William Jewell has engaged in 127 intercollegiate debates and has won 88 of them. Of these 88 victories 43 have been won in the last four years.

"The season 1924-25 was the most successful forensic season in the history of the college."

NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST ON THE CONSTITUTION

Last year the Better America Federation of California conducted a national intercollegiate oratorical contest on the Constitution. This contest was instituted for the purpose "of reviving intensive study of the Constitution, awakening new interest in public speaking, and increasing the standard of scholarship."

Many Pi Kappa Delta chapters entered this contest. Five chapters were represented in the regional contests and a former $\Pi K \Delta$ orator, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas George, represented another institution.

Because these contests will be repeated again this year, and because many of our people are interested in learning of the results, they are printed here.

PACIFIC REGION:

AT STANFORD, MAY 22ND

Jack P. McGuire, University of Oregon
Kathleen Campbell, University of Southern California
Merrill Brininstool, University of Redlands
Edmund T. Becher, University of Idaho
Eleanor R. Evans, University of California
D. Thomas George, University of Washington
Phil M. Girard, Loyola College, Los Angeles.

NORTHERN REGION

AT NEW YORK, MAY 14TH.

Robert E. Concrief, Colgate College
B. J. Kohlbrenner, Syracuse University
John Geoffrey Will, Columbia University
Harold Friend Harding, Hamilton College
Edward T. Barret, Canisius College, Buffalo
Joseph H. Fechteler, Fordham University
J. A. McNamara, Buffalo University.

MIDWEST REGION

AT ST. LOUIS, MAY 18TH.

Matthew Stafford, University of Iowa
F. C. Eberhardt, University of Colorado
Chester F. Emmons, Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa
James Albert Tracey, Jr., University of Denver
Helen Boyle, Oklahoma A. and M. College
J. Deane Squires, University of South Dakota
Eugene Staley, Hastings College, Nebraska

CENTRAL REGION

AT CHICAGO, MAY 22ND.

Frederick W. Pride, Ohio State University
Leland M. Ross, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.
Dorothy C. Moore, Denison University, Granville, Ohio
Rupert Cortright, Albion College, Albion, Mich.
J. T. Marshman, Ohio Wesleyan University
Wight E. Bakke, Northwestern University

SOUTHERN REGION

AT NASHVILLE, MAY 18TH

Charles M. Laymon, University of Dayton.

W. R. Parker, University of Virginia
 W. Scott Hughes, University of Texas
 H. M. Ray, North Carolina Agricultural and Engineering College
 William M. Ryan, St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas
 Charles M. Lowry, Jr., Washington and Lee University
 Thomas W. Hines, Ogden College, Bowling Green, Ky.
 Clause Shouse, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

SOUTHWESTERN REGION:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 15TH.

Selden Y. Trimble, Swarthmore College
 E. D. Carstarter, Bucknell University
 Freda Wadsworth, Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Penna.
 George A. Creitz, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penna.
 E. B. Everett, State College of Pennsylvania
 Ruth Newburn, George Washington University, Washington, D. C.
 P. W. Heist, Muhlenburg College, Allentown, Penna.

NORTHEASTERN REGION

AT NEW HAVEN, MAY 12TH.

R. Parker Crenshaw, Jr., Yale University
 Willard C. Asbury, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Clarence McLean Gifford, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.
 Frederick W. Wakefield, Jr., St. Michaels College, Winsooski Park, Vt.
 James E. Tobin, Boston University
 Carlton W. Spencer, Boston University
 C. V. Graham, Harvard

The final contest was held in The Philharmonic Auditorium, Los Angeles, June 5. Applications for seats were twice the capacity of the house.

The results were as follows:

Wight E. Bakke, Northwestern University, first prize, \$2,000.
 George A. Creitz, Franklin and Marshall College, second prize, \$1,000.
 William M. Ryan, St. Edwards College, third prize, \$500.
 Edward T. Barrett, Canisius College, fourth prize, \$450.
 Jack McGuire, University of Oregon, fifth prize, \$400.
 J. Duane Squires, University of North Dakota, sixth prize, \$350.
 Clarence M. Gifford, Wesleyan University, seventh prize, \$300.

Among the judges of the final contest was former National President, Charles A. Marsh.

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RIPON WANTS TO DEBATE PROHIBITION

At a meeting of about twelve middle-western colleges a week or two ago, it was decided to debate the question this year, "Resolved, that the Eighteenth Amendment should be Repealed." Considering that so many institutions have this as their question this year, may I not suggest that you word the third choice of Pi Kappa Delta in a similar manner in order to promote more harmony between schools throughout the United States who might wish to meet the middle-west this year.

Besides, some of these colleges are anxious to debate at the Pi Kappa Delta convention. Ripon, which claims a share in the founding of our fraternity, will send a delegation of three men and probably a coach to the convention. Naturally it hopes to meet other schools on the prohibition question. Also, on the way there, we want to meet other Pi Kappa Delta schools. Will you please let me know immediately other schools you may know of who have not settled on their question as yet, or are debating our subject.

THEO. B. BRAMELD,
 Wisconsin Alpha, Ripon College.

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WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH?

What do you expect to accomplish this year by your forensic program?

We are at the beginning of a new forensic year. Each institution is probably planning its schedule in oratory and debate. The budget will be carefully expended. But for what purpose? To carry out the schedule or to accomplish something for the forensic well being of the institution? Unless it aims to accomplish some definite objectives, each college will find itself forensically at the end of the season where it was at the beginning.

No Pi Kappa Delta chapter should permit its institution to enter the season without first knowing what the season should accomplish. The purpose of platform contests is not merely to engage in the contests themselves. These contests should be the means of accomplishing some tangible objectives in forensics. What these objectives are will vary with the institutions. They should be the things most necessary to improve forensics and must be determined by each institution for itself.

In one institution the trouble may be that too few people are interested in debating. To go on year after year carrying thru a debating schedule which affords a few debates for the few interested will not correct this condition. The situation will not improve until something is done to improve it. The efforts of the debating interests should be directed towards correcting this trouble. It may be that a good trip, the bringing in of some outside team, the selection of a more interesting question, or the giving of college credit for debating will cause more people to compete in the tryouts.

Another institution may be handicapped by the lack of an adequate forensic budget. Its first problem then is not to schedule contests to expend the small budget it has, but to secure more funds. It will find good suggestions by studying the financial methods of other institutions. When it can lay before the proper authorities a definite program, it is on the way to success.

Forensics are sometimes held back because those engaged in this activity use the available funds for long and expensive trips. They are

more bent on getting all the good time they can from the funds than they are in endeavoring to present the highest type of oratory and debate.

Too frequently an institution is in a rut. It continues its forensics year after year in the same method without once questioning that method. It debates a few of the neighboring colleges, but does not get out of a narrow circle. Because forensics are "dead" with it, it believes they are "dead" everywhere. It needs to get an inspiration. It can best get one by coming in contact with a "live" forensic program.

Forensically we are under one obligation, to do those things which will best serve the institution to which we belong. If we study the situation intelligently and patiently, we can discover what those things are. It may take a long time to accomplish them, but the first step is to know what should be done.

THE BUSINESS OF THE CONVENTION

The business of the convention will be to take up the forensic problems before the colleges and universities which belong to the society. What should be done to advance forensics? How should the society itself be improved in order to serve its members more efficiently? Should the constitution be amended? Should new functions be added to those $\Pi K \Delta$ already has? Should the organization be changed?

Each chapter should study the constitution, organization, and operation of the society in order to propose intelligently what it thinks should be done. Is the time for holding the convention correct? Should we select the official question at a later date? Shall we perfect our district organization?

The national council invites every chapter to send in its suggestions. If these are sent in in time, they can be printed in the Forensic so that the other chapters can be thinking about them. If they are known far enough in advance, it will be possible to make a place for them in the convention program. If necessary a committee can be appointed in advance to investigate and to report at the convention.

Send in your suggestions.

TWO NEW CHAPTERS

The National Council takes pleasure in announcing that two new chapters have been added to $\Pi K \Delta$. They are Chapter 110, Colorado Gamma, Western State College of Gunnison, Colorado; and Chapter 111, Louisiana Alpha, Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana. These institutions have been carefully investigated, well recommended by the surrounding institutions which know them best, and considered worthy of membership in our order. To them $\Pi K \Delta$ extends a hearty welcome.

To them also $\Pi K \Delta$ offers this explanation of itself. It is an honorary forensic society whose purpose is not merely to reward those who have taken part in contests of the forum, but more particularly to advance the cause of debating and oratory among the colleges of the country. The society is not secret. It is a cooperative organization which is the sum total of the efforts of its individual members to improve forensics. It has no hired servants. Its success depends upon what each individual member is able and willing to do. Whether or not $\Pi K \Delta$ proves of any benefit to you as a member, or to your institution, depends upon what you do to make the organization function more efficiently. Without your cooperation it can do nothing, for its influence must, in the last analysis, be exerted locally thru you. With you and all of its other five thousand members it can do everything.

THE OFFICIAL QUESTION

Each year Π K Δ selects an official question by means of a referendum in which each chapter has an equal voice. This is done so that it will be possible to schedule debates between chapters more easily and more widely.

It is only fair to call attention to the fact that no chapter is under any obligation to accept this question in case it prefers another. The question is selected as a matter of convenience. In fact it is urged that it would not be wise for any institution to schedule all of its debates on this one question.

The official question is beginning to present some rather important problems. It is a very serious matter to select one. The selection has a profound effect upon the debating of the more than one hundred institutions belonging to the society. Other institutions are affected. The Editor alone has received more than a dozen letters from institutions not belonging to the society inquiring concerning the official question. They frequently state that they find it convenient to use the Pi Kappa Delta question as it enables them to schedule debates widely.

To select a question which is so widely used is a matter of great responsibility. Much of the interest and success of debating in two or three hundred institutions will depend upon what question is selected. Each chapter should conscientiously do its share in this important task.

SHOULD YOU ATTEND THE CONVENTION?

Every two years Pi Kappa Delta has a national convention. This convention brings together students and debate coaches from all over the United States. In connection with it are held national contests in oratory, extemporary speaking, and debate. These conventions have grown until today they are among the largest and most important forensic conferences in this country.

At this time each chapter should ask itself whether or not it can afford to send a delegate to the sixth convention. The problem in each college is to expend its budget so as to secure the best returns. The returns which might be secured from attendance at the convention should be carefully considered and measured against what might be secured by a different expenditure of the funds.

If the funds are expended for more debates or oratorical contests, it may be possible to give more people an opportunity to engage in debating or to give more opportunities to those who do engage. Both of these ends are desirable.

At the present time, however, practically every institution is engaging in enough contests. It should be more interested in elevating the standards of its contests, in securing greater student interest and support, than in increasing the quantity. Sometimes there are so many debates on the same question that the home audience is wearied with them.

Trips are frequently desirable. They are an incentive to the students to do good work and they enable institutions to see what other colleges and other sections of the country are doing in debate and oratory. The trip should never be an end in itself. It should be designed to stimulate forensics.

Against the returns which might be secured by such expenditures consider what can be gained by attendance at the national convention.

First, instead of a chance to see what a few institutions are doing, the delegates will have opportunity to listen to the best in student oratory and debating from all over the country. There will be representatives from the East and the West, from South Carolina and Washington. There will be students and coaches from nearly one hundred institutions representing half of the states of the union.

Second, there will be opportunity to see forensics in the making. $\Pi K \Delta$ is nothing in itself. It is an organization for promoting and improving intercollegiate forensics. The business of this convention will be to plan the forward steps of the next two years. Debating and oratory must advance, must be made more interesting, more vital. Certainly the 300 delegates who attend this convention will be able to accomplish much towards that end.

Third, there will be real inspiration for better forensics. Debating will not improve in any institution until some one gets an idea of better debating and is able to embody that idea. This is largely a matter of inspiration. As long as we are content with what we have there is no incentive to improve it. If we get a vision of something better and more perfect, we can no longer be content with the old. A national convention gives that larger vision and generates an enthusiasm which each delegate can carry home and put to work on his own campus.

The final test of anything, after all, is the effect it produces. Our national conventions should be so tested. Institutions which have attended once are seldom absent afterwards. The forensic situation was critical at one of the institutions which is this year acting as host to the convention. There was no student interest and never enough financial support to carry on a worthy program. By the heroic efforts of one man then connected with the college a delegate was sent to one of the conventions. He came back with enough enthusiasm for better forensics to sell the idea to the whole student body. Ever since then there has been greater student interest and generous financial support. Many other institutions can tell the same kind of a story. They feel now that it isn't a question of whether they can afford to send a delegate but rather that they cannot afford to miss having as many delegates as possible present.

We suggest that each chapter make an accurate estimate of what it will cost to have a delegate at Estes Park. Then it should estimate carefully the other things it could secure if that amount were spent for other purposes. Finally it should list under each heading the advantages which would result to the institution if the funds were spent for the convention or for the other things. With this information before it, each chapter should be able to make the best possible answer to the question of whether or not it should send a delegate to the Sixth National Convention in Estes Park, Colorado, April 4, 1926.

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AT LAST, A REAL DEBATE COACH

Copeland Bowers, a $\Pi K \Delta$ man from Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg, is coaching debating at Frontenac, Kansas. Last year his team won the state championship at Manhattan. This year 24 out of the 140 students enrolled entered the tryouts for places on the debating teams. More students are out for debate than for football. A larger crowd attends the debates than attends the football games, and this in a coal mining town. Truly debating is a major sport in that high school. If some of the rest of us could get Mr. Bowers to teach us his secret so that we could draw as many to our debates as attend our football games, perhaps we could get our salaries raised to something like what the football coach gets.

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WATCH US GROW

Do you know how many members there are in $\Pi K \Delta$? Membership card 5501 was recently issued to Joe Barnett of the Arkansas Beta chapter at Ouachita.

Your chances of meeting some one who is wearing a $\Pi K \Delta$ key are increasing almost every day. Gale E. Finley of the South Dakota Zeta chapter at the Northern State Teachers is now wearing key 3504.

CHANGES AMONG OUR COACHES

Professor Lester W. Boardman, for the past two years coach of women's debating at Colorado State Teachers College, is this year an exchange professor at Goldsmith College, University of London, Miss Helen Oakden of that institution taking his place. A party of some fifteen people will spend the year in London with the Boardmans. Among them are Philip Boardman and Abigail Casey, members of the Colorado B chapter.

Harold Randall, originally a member of Iowa Z chapter, last year coach of debating at Westminster College, Salt Lake City, is this year coaching debate and oratory in Colorado State Teachers College. Heretofore the coaching in this institution has been divided, Mr. Boardman having the work with the girls and Mr. Finley the work with the men. Mr. Randall will have charge of both groups.

Professor Charles S. Templer, formerly of Kansas Wesleyan University, has succeeded Professor Merle L. Wright as coach of forensics at Minnesota Delta, Hamline University. Professor Templer was very successful at Kansas Eta.

Professor E. R. Nichols is on a year's leave of study. Professor W. C. Dennis, for many years at Simpson, has taken his place.

Professor Miller is the new debate coach at the College of the Pacific.

Professor Julia Haymond Watson, debate coach at Iowa Beta, Central, has resigned her position there. She is at present located in Des Moines where she is engaged in private studio work.—*The Central Ray*.

Miss Maude Whitaker, a graduate and former teacher at Simpson, has taken the place left vacant when Professor Dennis left for California. She will coach the forensic teams and act as head of the Department of Speech.—*The Simpsonian*.

Bartlett and Neely, two I K A men, will edit and manage the Parsons' annual this year.—*The Portfolio*.

Lester Breniman, Parsons, won third in the Iowa State Peace contest. The college debaters, thirty-two of them, were entertained by the Rotary Club at the end of the season. The final event of the year was a banquet at which fifty were present. Dean McKee, the president of the chapter, has completed four years in debating without losing a single contest. Robert Bartlett, a sophomore, has completed two years without a loss in debating and has won the state oratorical and the state peace contest. Miss Fulton, president elect of the chapter, has debated three years and won second in the women's state oratorical contest twice and second at the Pi Kappa Delta national. The chapter opened the year with a banquet on the evening of registration day.—*The Portfolio*.

Professor Forrest H. Rose has succeeded Professor Charles Templer as debate coach at Kansas Wesleyan.

Professor Willard H. Robinson, last year at Park, is coaching forensics at Macalester this year.—*The Mac Weekly*.

John Moore, Park 1925, will act as coach of forensics at his Alma Mater this year.—*The Park College Stylus*.

Professor A. W. Breeden has succeeded Professor E. C. Buehler as debate coach at Washburn, Kansas Beta.

Four men were awarded diamond keys at the close of the debating season at William Jewell.—*The William Jewell Student*.

In the triangle debates between the three Missouri State Teachers Colleges at Springfield, Kirksville, and Warrensburg, no institution debated at home. The debates were judged by members of the faculty from the neutral institution.—*The Central Missouri Student*.

"The Conservation of Montana's Natural Resources" by Winton Weydemyer of Montana state was awarded third place in the state oratorical contest.—*The Weekly Exponent*.

Professor Hugo Carlson has taken the position of debate coach at Augustana, left vacant when Dr. Keiser resigned. Most of the students who enabled Augustana to pile up such a record last year are in school again this year and out for forensics. The chapter plans to send representatives to the Estes Park convention. If it does, watch out for the centenary chapter.—*The Augustana Mirror*.

Professor Albert Keiser of Augustana has resigned to accept a position at Lenoir College, North Carolina.—*The Augustana Mirror*.

The Kansas State Debate League composed of eight colleges has selected the recognition of the soviet government of Russia for its debates.

Bethany expects to enter a team in both the men's and women's debating tournament.—*The Bethany Messenger*.

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HOW NATIONAL OFFICERS SPENT VACATION

FORMER PRESIDENT MARSH

Former National President Charles A. Marsh, of the University of California, Southern Branch, writes that he spent the summer entertaining friends from Iowa, resting, and visiting "a few of the innumerable places of interest in Southern California, than which there are none such to be found anywhere else in the world, or in Colorado." He probably refers to the ruins from the numerous earth quakes. In that case his statement is correct, for we have nothing like them in Colorado, where, because we are just and upright, neither earth nor man tremble or quake.

Professor Marsh is entering the new year much improved in health. He hopes to attend the Convention this spring.

FORMER PRESIDENT MACARTHUR

Dr. John R. Macarthur, second National President of Π Κ Δ, now one of the deans of the California Institute of Technology, spent the summer at the University of Colorado giving courses in Literature. There he was much visited by friends and former students.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN NICHOLS

Professor E. R. Nichols of the University of Redlands, first National President of $\Pi K \Delta$, is away for a year of study. He spent the summer at Harvard and is now in England, attending Oxford.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE BULL

"All my vacation can be described in three letters, I-c-e," writes Student Representative John M. Bull, Jr., of Centre. "Like the well known 'Red' Grange I was an iceman all summer. But unlike the 'Red Terror,' I was very seldom pestered with photographers or reporters. I served my time by myself at a sub-station somewhere in Frankfort, Kentucky. I got a chance to observe that instead of the traditional 'half the world doesn't know how the other half lives,' it should be 'one-third of the world has no conception of how the other two-thirds exists.'"

NATIONAL SECRETARY FINLEY

The editor of the Forensic insists that he wants the members of Pi Kappa Delta to know what their national officers did during the vacation. I wonder is he collecting material for impeachment proceedings or just what is the idea? At any rate I shall be careful what I reveal.

When summer school was out, about August 27, I worked all I was worth to get through my examination papers and grade cards as soon as possible. Then I started for a mountain cabin up the Big Thompson canon on the road to Estes Park. There I spent two glorious weeks, mid the solitude and the beauty of the mountain parks and streams. Doesn't that sound poetical? Well, anyhow, I can assure you it was finer than words can tell.

I did some writing that I had been wanting to get off for a long time during the forenoons and hiked and fished in the afternoons. Then one afternoon a light weight car of a well known make drove up to the door of the cabin and from it descended none other than our distinguished president, Mr. Westfall. I was a little apprehensive at first, but he soon set my mind at ease by telling me the manager of the Stanley hotel over in Estes Park wanted us to spend a week end with him to look over the hotel and make plans for the convention.

As the Stanley is a house that charges regularly from \$10.00 to \$25.00 a day and is therefore quite beyond the reach of a mere school man, the invitation met with a hearty acceptance and we came down from the hills to get clothes that would do for the week end trip to the big hotel. We, I mean my better half and I, met the Westfalls in Estes Park and had a most delightful time at the Stanley. It was up to our expectations in every way. Just wait until you see it next spring.

The week following I spent four good days on a trip to Colorado Springs and Pueblo, attending a Kiwanis convention and taking in the sights in that part of the greatest of the states. (I'm not saying in what way it's the greatest, mind you.) Then home again and now I am beginning to realize that it is almost time for the fall quarter of school to begin. And now it has begun and another year's work is well under way.

Mr. President, as I look over the above I cannot see anything incriminating in it, and so I think I'll let it go at that.

PRESIDENT WESTFALL

National President Alfred Westfall spent the summer in study at the University of Colorado. There he found Dr. Macarthur, our second National President. $\Pi K \Delta$, past, present, and future, was the subject of many a long

discussion at the table in the cafeteria. Professor Westfall had Dr. MacArthur as his guest in Fort Collins over one week end.

As soon as school was over, our National President loaded his family into the "popular, light-weight car" described elsewhere by Professor Finley, and struck for the mountains where he was kept busy pulling out trout.

As classes at the Colorado Agricultural College began September 8, he did not have much time for a vacation. Since then he has been hard on the job, working out plans for the convention and getting out the Forensic. In case more evidence concerning him is desired, it will be furnished on demand.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT DENNIS

Professor W. C. Dennis, second National Vice-President, deserted Iowa for California during the summer. For the past few years he has been connected with Simpson College. He can now be addressed at the University of Redlands.

He spent the summer wandering around. When school was over he drove his family back to Ohio to visit. While his wife was visiting her relatives there, Professor Dennis went down to Florida to visit his sister. Altho he was in Miami and watched people getting rich over night, he escaped from the state without buying a bucketfull of real estate.

After three weeks in Florida, he picked up his family, drove back to Iowa for his Lares and Penates, and started for California by way of the Black Hills of South Dakota. He stopped over in the Yellowstone Park to feed the bears, and visited the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. Listening to the wonderful acoustic properties of that building made him wonder why we could not have such auditoriums for our college forensics.

The trip across the desert evidently impressed him, for he writes that he would never do it again. He finally arrived in Redlands twenty-one days after he drove out of Indianola.

"More students are wanting to go to Estes Park," Professor Dennis says, "than we can take. The girls are very anxious to send a girls' debating team. However, owing to lack of funds, we shall probably take only three men debaters and an orator, five in all when the coach is included."

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT VEATCH

The Chairman of the Charter Committee, has been putting in most of his time investigating eleven petitions for chapters of Pi Kappa Delta. It takes from twelve to thirty letters to reach all of the sources from which we can gather information about a petitioning group and from some people it takes about seven letters to pry the bit of information that they have. The rest of the spare time has been put in wondering where in all California we will find enough heavy clothes to stand Colorado in April.

NATIONAL COUNSEL COON

J. D. Coon, National Counsel, has been busy enforcing the law in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he is state's attorney for the county. "All you need to say about me in the Forensic, if it is not too late," he writes, "is that I will be at the National Convention." Those who heard him at the closing banquet last year, will know that this announcement will mean something fine in store for this convention.