

THE EXPERIMENT OF EXTEMPORE DEBATE

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The authors of this article are students at Wisconsin State University, Whitewater. They gathered the data and prepared the study after their participation in extemporaneous debate at Houston, where they were the only undefeated team in that division.

"Of all the criticisms of academic debating, perhaps the strongest is that it is stereotyped, dull, and overformalized."¹

The National Pi Kappa Delta Convention in Houston, Texas, March 22-26, took a small step to rectify these problems with an experimental extempore debate division. This division maintained the standard 10-5 format; however, it changed the amount of preparation time an individual team had to build a case and changed the types of propositions used.

Prior to the tournament, participants in the experimental debate division were told only:

1. The general area from which specific subjects will be selected is: Mass Communication — Electronic Media. Specific topics will be chosen by the committee and announced several hours prior to the rounds at which they are to be debated. In each round all teams participating will debate the same subject.

2. Two man teams. Traditional format regarding time limits, order of speeches, etc., will be used.²

Note that contestants knew only the general topic area, not the number of topics or the specific types of questions to be used.

During the eight rounds of the tournament, propositions of fact, value, and policy were used. Rounds one, two, and three were on a proposition of fact: Resolved: That violence on television is harmful to youthful viewers.

Rounds four, five, and six were on a proposition of value: Resolved: That it would be comparatively advantageous for the F.C.C. to establish pre-broadcast reviews of all network news.

The final two rounds were on a question of policy: Resolved: That the F.C.C. should suspend the equal time provision during presidential campaigns.

The experimental debate division had 27 teams participating in the eight rounds of debate, necessitating a bye in each round. The judges' ballots³ provided a 10-point scale to rate the teams' performances. Each team was awarded points for proficiency in each round, and at the end of the tournament, the points were tabulated. From these totals, certain things could be observed.

Point totals for teams in the tournament ranged from a high of 70 to a low of 34. The average rating was 54 points. Of the 27 teams participating, 15 were above the average, 11 were below the average, and one team did not receive a final rating total.

The point averages for each of the three topics can be calculated as follows:

	Topic I	Topic II	Topic III
Number of Decisions Ave.	78	76*	52
pts./win Ave.	7.03	7.72	7.62
pts./loss Ave.	5.72	6.22	5.04
Average	6.37	7.00	6.34

*Excludes all byes and losses from forfeits; wins from forfeits were not so designated.

It is interesting to note the trend. As might be expected, in a new division, the average points for topic one were low, the average points increased in topic two as more experience might indicate, but on topic three, the question of policy which most debaters are familiar with, the points declined. There are two reasons that we feel could justify the decline on the proposition of policy: 1) scheduling possibly caused contestants to be tired on the final day, and 2) judges, because of their association with propositions of

policy in traditional debate, tended to judge more stringently on traditional evidence requirements, especially since this was the end of the season.⁴ However, this seems to be unjustified, since this was a brand new topic.

Many contestants felt that the three questions were worded to favor the negative. This is not a new complaint; however, the total number of affirmative and negative wins on each round does not entirely support this position.

	Topic I		
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Aff. wins	6	5	8
Neg. wins	7	8	5
Aff. losses	7	8	5
Neg. losses	6	5	8
Tot. Aff. Wins =	19		
Tot. Neg. Wins =	20		

	Topic II		
	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
Aff. wins	4	3	6
Neg. wins	9	10	7
Aff. losses	9	10	7
Neg. losses	4	3	6
Tot. Aff. Wins =	13		
Tot. Neg. Wins =	26		

	Topic III	
	Round 7	Round 8
Aff. wins	4	7
Neg. wins	9	6
Aff. losses	9	6
Neg. losses	4	7
Tot. Aff. Wins =	11	
Tot. Neg. Wins =	15	

Eight Round Total
 Tot. Aff. Wins = 43
 Tot. Neg. Wins = 61

Although the negative did win more debates than the affirmative, the 60%-40% division did not seem to justify the previous complaints about the balance of the topics. Only the second topic area resulted in a major difference between wins and losses in relation to the side.

On traditional debate ballots each speaker receives a rating, but at Pi Kappa Delta Nationals this was not true. Therefore, we feel it is important to provide some point of reference for the participants.

The total team points for each round of

debate were calculated. From that data, the following charts were attained.

	Total Wins Losses		
Number of Decisions	206*	104	102*
Ave. Team Pts.	6.67	7.4	5.2
Mode	7	7	6

*Excludes all byes and losses from forfeits; wins from forfeits were not so designated.

Frequency Distribution of Points			
Points	Total	Wins	Losses
10	8	7	1
9	24	19	5
8	36	25	11
7	47	31	16
6	37	14	23
5	26	4	22
4	12	0	12
3	8	3	5
2	4	1	3
1	3	0	3

The interests of debaters everywhere in this type of activity has prompted the following observations about the experimental debate division at the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention. The observations are those made by two participants from Wisconsin State University-Whitewater regarding preparation, competition, judging, scheduling, and over-all effectiveness of this effort.

The preparation in our case was much like the first month of a new debate season: collecting general information about a specific topic area, the electronic media. This meant gathering miscellaneous books, current news magazines, and in general, trying to get an over-all knowledge of the topic. The fact that the bulk of our background was in traditional debate caused us to feel that the material we had gathered was insufficient. In looking back at our preparation, we now realize that it was adequate in relation to that of other teams and to the amount of time that we had to prepare. Remember, that it was extremely difficult to become over-evidenced without specific questions. This type of preparation had one serious drawback; much of the logical discourse was not backed by a sound factual basis. This type of preparation also had several worthwhile characteristics: 1) it forced a

traditional debater to communicate with the power of his own reasoning instead of with the power of a pre-reasoned evidence card, 2) it allowed for the elimination of dull and often stereotyped arguments by promoting originality, and 3) it gave many canned debaters a chance to function in an uncanned fashion. Conclusion: This type of preparation is fine if you realize from a traditional debate background that you have only scraped the surface.

The competition that we witnessed ranged from very good to very poor. The primary reason that we felt this to be true had to do with the fact that contestants in this area had experience ranging from none to varsity standing. The competition was usually spirited, but often undocumented and occasionally even general knowledge of the topic area was missing. The need for quality evidence was at all times obvious. Because of the lack of evidence we felt that the experience was more of an exercise in communication than pure debate competition. The primary reason we felt this to be true was that judges and debaters were forced to communicate with each other in order to understand what was expected of them. Traditional debate does have communication; however, because of the fast speaking shorthand many debaters use, actual communication is often times not promoted.

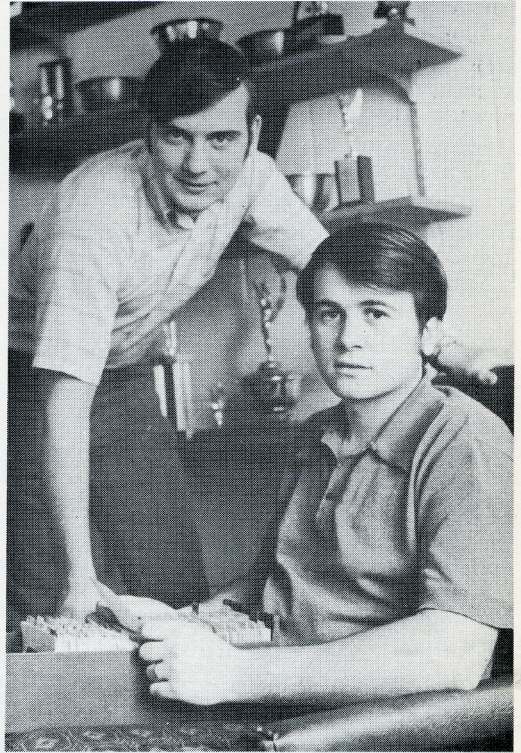
At times we felt extremely sorry for the judges in this division. They were handicapped primarily by the 10-point ballot and the confusion surrounding the word "experimental". The reason we felt that the 10-point ballot provided a handicap was the fact that it fails to list any specific criteria on which to base one's evaluation. May we suggest in future years that Pi Kappa Delta go to the more specific American Forensic Association Debate Ballot. McBath explains the need for specific judging criteria:

The judge not only must be a critical listener, but he must also have a set of criteria to use in measuring the abilities of the two teams. Frequently, the debate ballot provides the standard of measurement for the judge. While the number and terminology of the criteria may vary, the following elements are most frequently in-

cluded. 1) analysis of the proposition, 2) use of evidence, 3) soundness of argument, 4) organization of material, 5) refutation and rebuttal, and 6) effectiveness in delivery ⁵

Klopff and Lahman further support this idea. ⁶

A judge has to draw upon his total knowledge of argumentation and debate as this knowledge pertains to the specific debate before him. Hence, no list of criteria for evaluating debate can be complete.



Student authors Kenneth Sajdak, left, and Stuart Olds.

The confusion surrounding the word experimental derived from the ambiguous rules provided by the tournament committee. ⁷ No where was it ever explained that the only thing experimental about this division was the time allotted for preparation and the types of questions used. This simple explanation would have alleviated many of the problems encountered. However, this ambiguity did serve a worthwhile function in that it forced co-

operation and communication between judges and contestants. The majority of the judges did a splendid job of adjusting to the kind of debate that developed in each individual round, even when it was not the kind of debate they expected. One very important point can be made from this: those debaters who want a change can probably get one if they are willing to change, because judges will adjust in most cases. This is contrary to most opinions expressed on who has to change in order for debate to change. The enthusiastic attitude of the judges as well as the debaters can only make one think that the future of debate lies in this direction.

Our main criticism was the preparation time periods allotted to us due to scheduling. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights we were forced to build cases between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. This led to the deterioration of both the debaters and the quality of the debates. During key preparation periods, a conflict often existed between student meetings and the need for building cases. All these problems could be easily corrected by changing either the times that the questions were issued or by re-scheduling student meetings in a more convenient time slot. Scheduling did more to hurt this division than any other single element.

As far as the over-all effectiveness of this entire division was concerned, all we can say as participants is: don't eliminate traditional debate but please try to give us increased amounts of competition like experimental extempore debate.

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4. Sandra Madsen, Unpublished Masters Thesis, "A Study of the Use of Specified Criteria by Twenty-four Judges Evaluating Tournament Debates at the Beginning and the End of the 1968-69 Wisconsin High School Debate Season," WSU-Whitewater, 1969, p. 73.

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Speaker Points

Edited by Steve Binger

Dear Pi Kappa Delta members,

One of the most valuable rewards a debater or forensics members can achieve is that of communication. Not only is this necessary in debate and individual events contests, but also with relationships outside the academic world.

Last winter and spring I participated in a special community project with several other members of my chapter. We sent letters to various civic organizations and offered different programs that we would be willing to present. These included anything from panel discussions on controversial topics to debates of the civic group's choice. The response to our letters was enthusiastic and many invitations were subsequently received.

As a result of this initial step, our chapter was invited to speak before different high school groups and a television station asked us to participate in a discussion on drugs which they wanted to tape.

Our primary purpose was to inter-relate with the town in which our university is located, and we were happily successful in achieving this goal. The good relations and valuable experiences were beneficial to each of us and the chapter as a whole.

We strongly encourage anyone who is interested to begin his own "program" because the rewards are truly worth it!

Sincerely,
Anne Insley
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DeLand, Florida

To the Editor:

Contemporary forensics literature has indicated bias in the judging of both debate and forensics events. It will be the purpose of this commentary to examine two practices which are in wide use by tournament directors which contribute to judging bias.

Brooks, writing in the **AFA Journal** (Winter 1971) indicated that judges tend to vote more often for teams that have

geographical proximity to the judge's school. In order to eliminate any geographical favoritism we submit the first "modest proposal": **All Pi Kappa Delta affiliated schools that are hosting tournaments should maintain anonymity of all participants until final tournament results are announced.** The tournament directors who already follow this practice should be commended.

The second "modest proposal" is: **All Pi Kappa Delta affiliated schools that are hosting tournaments should maximize randomization of qualifying rounds in debate by the procedure of drawing numbers at the time of registration.** The rationale for the proposal is that "favored" teams from "strong" schools are often

"placed" to insure their "making it out" to the elimination rounds. A team might, on occasion, have the "luck of the draw" and have several easy rounds; however, this is much more equitable than the current practices of some tournament directors.

If these two "modest proposals" were implemented by all Pi Kap tournament directors, "unknown" teams would not be penalized and there would be greater equity in qualifying for elimination rounds. Further, the host schools would be following the tournament practices of the national Pi Kappa Delta tournament.

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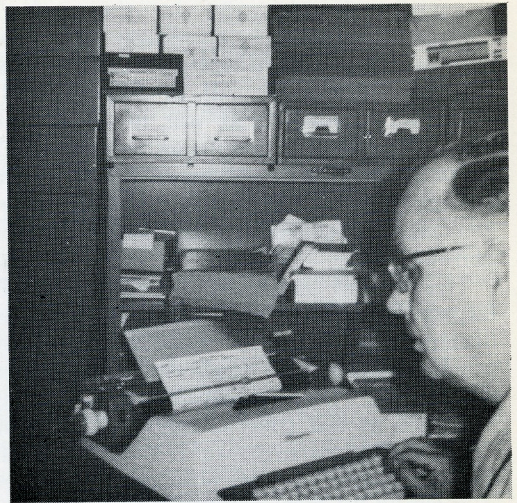
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The Secretary's Page

Larry Norton

With the Province conventions approaching, the time is now for ordering whatever medals and certificates will be needed. It will take at least six weeks to receive the medals from the time they are ordered from this office. Medals are available for debate, oratory, extempore, discussion and interpretation. Certificates are printed to order by our printer and this requires four weeks notice. They are similar to those presented at the National Convention. Indicate if you want two for each winner (one for the student and one for the school). Indicate the number of Superiors and Excellents for each event. Do you want Sweepstakes certificates and how many Superiors and Excellents? Don't forget to note dates and exact location of the meeting.

Several chapters are directing their activities more to campus and community speaking. While we are not advocating forsaking the intercollegiate activity, we do heartily endorse increased participation in individual speaking in the local area. It is our feeling that this activity has been neglected in recent years. It is not a substitute for the advantages of intercollegiate activity when properly conducted but it is an opportunity for mature students who have become proficient in research and skilled in the rigorous methods of academic discussion and debate. The total speaker will acquire valuable experience from both the intercollegiate competition and the participation in individual informative and persuasive speaking at the local level. Neither is sufficient in itself and that is why Pi Kappa Delta provides the criteria for membership in both and sets forth the ultimate goal of Highest Distinction in Three Orders. One of these orders is Competitive Individual Speaking. The term 'competitive' does not adequately describe the qualifications listed in the constitution. You will note that following the final "or" under the membership requirements for Fraternity in Competitive Individual Speaking the provision is made



And the Secretary works.

for membership by speeches given before non-classroom audiences. For other degrees the terminology changes to individual speaking. The question has been raised relative to the four year requirement for Special Distinction in this area of individual speaking when it is possible to achieve the same degree in three years with three different extempore speeches, orations or readings given in competition. Also, a superior rating in the national convention can now produce the same award in one year. It is quite possible that these statements relating to 'individual speaking' in the non-competitive area should be clarified at the next convention. Chapters submitting candidate qualifications in the area of individual speaking should list the occasion, subject and date on the back of the membership form.

This issue of the Forensic carries the annual directory of chapters with sponsors and chapter presidents. Names of sponsors have been carried over from last year's directory when the current report form has not been received. For this reason, if you can offer any corrections in the directory of sponsors, it would be helpful for mailings which go out the rest of the year, such as the Forensic.

Just a reminder on key orders. Because of the prohibitive prices on orders of less than fifteen dollars, try to order all keys at one time. Single key orders may be held up in this office until another chapter sends in an order. At this time I will combine them and have the order shipped to me.

CHAPTER NOTES . . . Edited by Phyllis Bosley



Editor of Chapter Notes is Prof. Phyllis Bosley, director of forensics and assistant professor at Towson State College, Baltimore.

One of Dr. Edna Sorber's first debaters at Southwestern College, Kansas, Phyllis moved on from her A.B. to graduate work at Syracuse University, the University of Maryland Law School, and Harvard University.

Before settling into the academic world, she worked in professional public relations with Myers Infoplan International, Inc., a public relations firm with headquarters in New York City.

Currently she is a member of the Baltimore Public Relations Council, secretary-treasurer of Collegiate Forensics Association and member of its publications committee, and is lieutenant governor of the PKD Province of the Northeast.

*Co-author of a public speaking textbook, **Fundamentals of Public Speaking** [1968], she has for several years been regional editor for the **AFA Journal Calendar** and regional editor for the annual **Tournament Results** book.*

For this issue she has gathered what may be a record number of chapter letters: 37. Those who did not report this time, please help her break the record again by submitting your chapter news to her by Jan. 25.

PROVINCE 1 2 Chapters Reporting

DOANE COLLEGE, NEBRASKA

Reporter: Richard B. Gartrell

Doane College is celebrating its centennial as the oldest liberal arts college in Nebraska, founded in 1872. The Nebraska Gamma chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was founded at Doane in 1920; this coming spring, 1972, the chapter will host a centennial banquet to honor both old and current members of Pi Kappa Delta. Of particular note is the fact that the current President of the Board of Trustees for Doane College, Merle G. Jones of Beatrice, Neb., was once an active member of Pi Kappa Delta as were Board members Tom Aron, president of Crete State Bank, Crete, Neb.; and Paul M. Hawkins, attorney, Washington, D. C. Other past members of the Gamma chapter will be identified and honored.

Members of the chapter have gone beyond intercollegiate forensics for campus involvement. This year, we find numerous chapter members also serving on the Student Congress: Rodger Kube, president; Jackie Johnson, vice-president; Carolyn Kollmeier, secretary; Scott Sippel, treasurer; and as senator, Joe Wehner. O. John King is also working with the campus chapter of the Model U. N.

Tournaments this fall have included the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of South Dakota, Kearney State College, and Nebraska Wesleyan University. The spring schedule will include the University of Iowa; two oral interpretation festivals (one at Indiana State University); and the tri-province tournament at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. Finalists will participate in the DePaul University Tournament and the Gamma Chapter will host its annual "American Issues" Individual Events Tournament Feb. 19, 1972.

Nebraska Gamma chapter sponsor, Richard Gartrell, assistant professor of speech-communication, is coordinating an educational environmental program for the 17 southeast counties of Nebraska

aimed at developing environmental awareness in this region; he is also assisting with another grant to the college involving the formulation of a speakers bureau with the purpose of working in a defined area of one county to develop an awareness to that county's environmental problems (irrigation and flooding). Professor Gartrell has also delivered a workshop paper at the fall Nebraska Speech Association convention on teaching a course in freedom of speech, written two book reviews which have been published, and will participate in a "dimensions" program at the National SCA convention in December in San Francisco.

Former Gamma chapter member Jim Callen has returned from his tour of duty with the Air Force and is now teaching as an instructor in Speech and Theatre at the Nebraska City Senior High School in Nebraska City, Neb.

Chapter officers this year are Scott Sippel, president; Jackie Johnson, vice-president; and Marcia DeCamp and Dana Broeker.

KEARNEY STATE COLLEGE, NEBRASKA

Reporter: Deb Bacon

The Nebraska Zeta Chapter has many new faces to start the year. Along with the new members, which were listed in the October issue, there is a new acting director of forensics, Miss Mary Anne Adams. She replaces Robert Kunkel. Dr. William Clark and Miss Nancy Henson are assisting her. We want to extend to all three our sincere wishes for a fulfilling experience with Pi Kappa Deltans and the forensic team.

Dave Reitz was reinstated as president at our spring initiation banquet. Doug Steinkruger is vice-president; Deb Bacon is secretary; and Terry Hollowell is treasurer.

Since this is the beginning of the year, perhaps the best news to give you would be a summary of planned events. Scheduled for Oct. 28-30 was the Platte Valley Tournament. The same weekend was also Kearney State's Homecoming as well as the Speech and Theatre Educational Conventions, so it kept the forensic squad hopping. Marianne Galyen, as debate secretary, spent long hours in preparing for and setting up the tournament.

The Pi Kappa Deltans are also hosting a

high school tournament Jan. 7-8. As always — what fun!

PROVINCE 2 1 Chapter Reporting

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE
Reporter: Marianne Millen

The 1971-72 school year was kicked off by a PKD summer picnic and swimming party at the cabin of Mrs. Noni Guilfoil on Lake Lotawana. Mrs. Guilfoil, a William Jewell alumna, invited all freshmen and returning students in forensics to share in the fun of boating, swimming, eating and water skiing.

This fall, however, the forensics squad at William Jewell has not been daydreaming about summer festivities. Tournaments already past include Rockhurst in Kansas City, Northwest Mo. State in Maryville, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Kearney State in Nebraska, University of North Dakota at Fargo and two novice meets. At Kearney the Jewell team won first place in Sweepstakes. Georgia Pearson received first place in extemporaneous speaking as well as the Outstanding Debater Award in varsity division. John Shank and Tom Tait won second place in novice debate and Tom was named one of the Outstanding Speakers in novice division. Sweepstakes points were picked up by Margaret Kinred and Doug Taylor in varsity debate and Julie Gettis in extemporaneous speaking.

In October, a tele-lecture on this year's topic from Arthur R. Miller, visiting professor of law at Harvard University, was heard by all William Jewell students interested in forensics. Neighboring schools were listening in also, and an informative question-answer period concluded the discussion.

One of the events that PKD at William Jewell is especially looking forward to is the Tri-Province tournament from March 30-April 1. Schools are invited from three provinces: Province of the Plains, Province of the Sioux, and Province of the Missouri. Mr. Tom Willett, director of forensics at William Jewell, is responsible for organization as the tournament chairman. Situated in the beautiful mountains of the Ozarks is the Lodge of the Four Seasons which will

be the site of all tournament activities plus a little fun. The Tri-Province tournament is a new idea for Pi Kappa Delta and William Jewell is eager to begin planning. This year's officers: President, Terry Siron; vice-president, Georgia Pearson; secretary, Marianne Millen.

PROVINCE 3 **3 Chapters Reporting**

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Karen Troup

Our new chapter officers are Gary DeFranco, president; Carol Harmon, vice-president; Karen Troup, recording secretary; Don Lehnhoff, treasurer; LuAnn Dolly, membership secretary; Wally Carlson, publicity chairman; and Leesa Tenney, historian.

Last year we hosted our annual Everett Dirksen Tournament for high schools Nov. 14. Also, we held the College Bowl April 13, 14, and 22.

This year, Nov. 6, we again had the Everett Dirksen Tournament, with 18 schools participating.

This year's College Bowl is scheduled for March 7, 8, 14 and 15. All on and off campus living units select a team to compete; the winning team receives a trophy and sweepstakes points.

Outstanding seniors for last year were Pat Cox and Dick Wray.

WESTERN ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Debby Cecil

The Illinois Nu Chapter, in Macomb, is anticipating a winning season. Under the direction of Marcia E. Mulkey, new director of forensics and Pi Kappa Delta sponsor at WIU, the team has already achieved honors. Fred Johnson and Allen Lippman, two returning seniors, have started the year right by making it to octo-final rounds at both MIT in Boston and the Emporia Tournament in Kansas. At a recent tournament at Eastern Illinois University, sophomores Dennis Johnson and Bob Adams qualified for quarter-finals rounds in the senior division while Janet Dillon was top speaker in the junior division.

The WIU Forum and Pi Kappa Delta co-sponsored Western's annual season opener debate tournament the first weekend of

October. Over 30 schools attended.

One of Western's most outstanding Pi Kappa Deltans is senior speech major Michael Riggs. At the end of this academic quarter, he will make his debut in the political arena by running for the state legislature from the 47th District which includes seven western Illinois counties.

This year, Pi Kappa Delta officers are Bob Adams, president; Michael Riggs, vice-president; Debby Cecil, secretary-treasurer; and Janet Dillon, social chairman.

ELMHURST COLLEGE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: D. L. Juday

The Illinois Alpha Alpha Chapter had its busiest time ever during the last academic year. Besides hosting the annual Elmhurst Invitational Debate Tournament in November, the Chapter also played host to the International Debate Team. Approximately 300 high school debaters were guests at this debate. Then, later in the year, the Elmhurst-York Debate Tournament was held. This is one of the largest high school debate tournaments in the state of Illinois.

Besides the regular activities, this year Elmhurst will be the host school for the Illinois Intercollegiate Forensic Association's state-wide tournament scheduled for March.

The Elmhurst program has expanded to include individual events and students have been preparing for and competing in tournaments.

PROVINCE 4 **2 Chapters Reporting**

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Thomas Gookin

The Arizona Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta will be experiencing a year of growth as a very large pledge class, headed by our pledge president Mike Mobley, prepares for activation. Coupled with the loss of only two members last year, the chapter hopes to expand its activities to encompass not only the three tournaments that we presently host but to include a few more parties than we presently have.

The two members who left us this year were Martin Diaz, who is attending a Catholic Seminary, and Ame Gannon, who

is a T.A. in Oregon. Replacing Ame as president this year is Thomas Gookin.

CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE
AT HAYWARD
Reporter: Dale Vicars

Our new officers are Bob Vicars, president; Kathy Griffin, vice-president; and Dale Vicars, secretary. Our sponsor, Dr. John Baird, is now on the National Council.

This year's activities will include our attorney-judged tournament (with an unusual format for debate); our Best Faculty Lecturer Award; a tournament for high school debaters; and a tournament for beginning speech classes on campus. This is not to mention our own competition at tournaments.

Sorry we don't have a picture for the Forensic. Our coach does have a full length movie of us, though.

PROVINCE 5
2 Chapters Reporting

MAYVILLE STATE COLLEGE,
NORTH DAKOTA
Reporter: Glenn Stocker

Our chapter officers this year are Evie Holm, president; Dan Ralston, vice-president; Dave Olson, secretary-treasurer; and Clayton Rauhauser, reporter.

Director of Forensics Glenn Stocker returned to Mayville State after a two-year leave of absence for Ph.D. work at Wayne State University, Detroit. He is now chapter sponsor. The squad was reactivated in 1970-1971 following Stocker's return and seven new members were initiated last spring.

Activities this year started with a forensics workshop at Lake Itasca State Park, Minnesota, in conjunction with the North Dakota State University chapter, Sept. 17-19, 1971. The North Woods provided an ideal setting for preliminary analysis of the debate proposal.

In addition to the usual tournament activity, several debate practice sessions have been scheduled with North Dakota State University and Jamestown college. A series of public debates has also been

scheduled for local civic groups and high schools.

Mike Connor, PKD graduate (1971), is presently the debate assistant at North Dakota State University and is working on his Master's under the NDSU's chapter sponsor, Professor E. James Ubbelohde.

Another PKD graduate, Colan Hanson (1969), is presently completing the second year of his Ph.D. work at Wayne State University, Detroit, where he is a debate assistant working under the direction of Prof. George Ziegelmüller.

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE,
SOUTH DAKOTA
Reporter: Steve Binger

Augustana college members of the South Dakota Eta chapter have chosen Doug Kraft, junior from Brewster, Minn., as their president for this year. Named vice-president was Terry Koehn of Sioux Falls and the secretary-treasurer is Steve Binger, also of Sioux Falls.

Chapter sponsor and director of forensics, Jerry L. Winsor, is planning to enter a representative squad in the Tri-Province Tournament at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, in March.

Steve Binger was honored this year by being selected as an associate editor of The Forensic. Binger's assignment is the solicitation and editing of a new student forum segment of the publication entitled "Speaker Points".

One of Augustana's 1971 graduates and former Pi Kappa Deltan, Dennis Hansen, has enrolled at Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., in preparation for the Christian ministry.

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Reflecting on Augustana's first "forensic interim," Coach Jerry Winsor has written the following account of the January, 1971, trip:

**THE FORENSIC INTERIM:
A New Breed of Cat**

On Jan. 6 we left frigid Sioux Falls, S. D. on the first leg of a three and one-half week Forensic Interim. Some five thousand miles and four tournaments later we were back without any of the six students missing a single class or making up a single paper or exam.