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### MINUTES OF BUSINESS SESSIONS

#### April 3.

The first regular business session of the Seventh Biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Delta was called to order in Rickly Chapel of Heidelberg College at 4:30 P. M., by National President Alfred Westfall.

The first business taken up was the roll call by chapters.

**PRESIDENT WESTFALL:** I wish to commend the delegates on the excellent manner in which the convention is starting off. A fine spirit of cooperation has been manifested on every hand. In spite of the great number of contestants entered in the various contests—eighty-four men's debate teams, forty-six women's; forty-six men's orations, twenty-two women's; and thirty-eight men's extempore speakers, and twenty-one women's—the program has been running according to schedule.

The question of the appointment of a nominating committee was then taken up. There was some discussion. As delegates were entering and leaving the hall all the time, the question of whether there was a quorum present was raised. Roll call showed a majority of the chapters represented. After some little discussion a motion to adjourn was carried.

#### April 4.

The second regular business session of the Seventh Biennial Convention was called to order in Rickly Chapel by National President Alfred Westfall at 9:30 A. M.

The first business was the roll call by chapters.

The reports of the national officers were then received.

The president stated that he would make no formal report as the recommendations he had in mind were all incorporated in the reports to be given by the other national officers.

First Vice-President W. H. Veatch gave a brief oral report and stated that the main part of his work was with the Charter Committee and would be reported on under the work of that committee.





OUR NEW PRESIDENT, W. H. VEATCH  
Washington State College, at Pullman



Second Vice-President J. D. Menchhofer reported that his work as chairman of the Chapter Relations committee had been very light. "The chapters all get along together so well that this committee has very little work to do."

Secretary-Treasurer G. W. Finley submitted the following report:

Pi Kappa Delta believes in doing things in her own way. Just look at her "growth curve" for instance. Where will you find another anything like it? Unlike the name of the good state whose hospitality we are enjoying at this time, it is not "round at both ends and high in the middle," but flat at both ends and steep in the middle.

During the first seven years of its life, which began in the year before the World War broke out, it grew at the average rate of 3.7 chapters per year. In 1919 it had twenty-six chapters in all. Then came the period of rapid growth. As to whether or not there were any "growing pains," I refer you to Past Presidents Marsh and Nichols. In the five years from 1920 to 1924 the average rate of growth was 16.2 chapters per year. In 1924 the chapter roll had grown to one hundred seven. Then during the past three years the average growth has been only 4.7 chapters per year. In fact during the last two it has been only one chapter per year.

Some of you will remember that at the 1926 convention we voted in three new chapters: Drake of Iowa, Christian University of Texas, and Wake Forest of North Carolina. Since that time only two charters have been granted. These have gone to North Texas Teachers College of Denton, Texas, and College of Idaho at Caldwell, Idaho. The last named chapter is number 121 and takes us into a new state.

Of these 121 chapters 118 are active at the present time. Chapter No. 16, granted to Alabama Polytechnic Institute, died in infancy, some ten or eleven years ago. I believe it has not been embalmed, however, and there is a rumor that the Alabamans are planning an effort at resurrection.

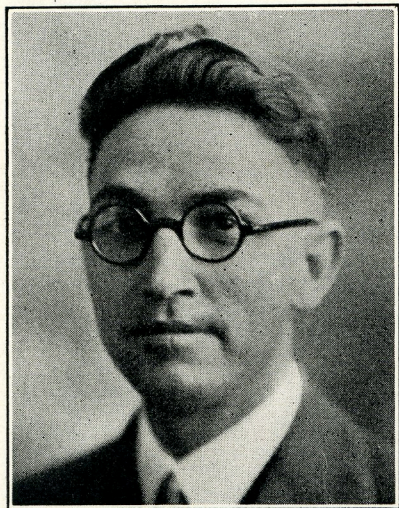
Chapter No. 54, located at Hedding College, became inactive when the college was changed to a junior college. Chapter No. 106, at Missouri Teachers of Warrensburg, was suspended two years ago for failure to send a representative to the national convention. It is far from dead, I understand, and its representatives are here to apply for reinstatement.

We may say, then, that during the fifteen years of its young life, Pi Kappa Delta has lost one chapter because of lack of interest on the part of its members. This is a record of which we need not be ashamed.

We now have one hundred eighteen active chapters in twenty-nine states of the union, and the best states at that, eh? The states not represented are: Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming. If you know any live colleges in these states, or in any of the



rest of them for that matter, that can meet Pi Kappa Delta standards in forensic endeavor, you might mention them to the charter committee, chairman Brother Veatch of the Evergreen State.



J. D. MENCHHOFER  
First Vice President  
Michigan Delta, State

At the present time the Jawhawkers from the Sunflower state hold first prize for the greatest number of chapters. They have thirteen chapters and run all the way down to Nu in the Greek alphabet. The Hawk-eyes from the "place where the tall corn grows" run them a close second. They hold twelve charters and must therefore stop with Mu.

Since E. R. Nichols and his nine other confederates or compatriots or whatever they should be called, brought forth a new honorary society in 1913, Pi Kappa Delta has taken in approximately 7700 members. There are now being worn on the manly breasts or on the—well, wherever the ladies wear them—of advocates of forensic endeavor some 5300 keys bearing the emblem of our order. The last key ordered just before I left "sunny Colorado" was number 5310, and bore the inscription, "Phillip Charles, Otterbein College."

The number of members initiated and the number of keys issued per year has naturally kept pace pretty well with the growth in the number of chapters. During the first three years of the society's life about 300 members were taken in. By 1921 the membership numbers had run up to 1600. During the year 1923-24 900 new members were initiated and 614 keys issued. In 1925-26 there were 1047 new members and 799 keys. From 1926 to 1927 we took in 960 members and sent out 820 keys.

Financially we have reached the place where our income is fairly stable. On June 30, 1926, the end of our fiscal year, the treasurer's books showed a balance on hand of \$6602.67. On June 30, 1927, the balance was \$6289.66, showing a loss during the year of \$313.01.

This was not a convention year but in lieu of the convention expense we paid out \$450.00 to provinces that held conventions. This is not as much as the cost of a national convention, but, on the other hand, our receipts are always heavier on convention years.

The following is a summary of the financial statement for the year July 1, 1926, to July 1, 1927:



## RECEIPTS

Cash Balance, June 30, 1926:		
Checking Account at Bank	\$1,399.00	
Savings Account	5,199.16	
Stamps on Hand	4.51	\$6,602.67
Membership Dues	\$3,909.00	
Fraternity Keys	4,716.38	
Debate Annual	121.20	
Fines	65.00	
National Convention	37.00	
Forensic	28.00	
Certificates	22.50	
Interest on Savings	200.07	\$9,099.15
Total		\$15,701.82

## DISBURSEMENTS

Fraternity Keys	\$4,384.00	
Forensic	1,724.39	
Office Expenses	1,449.03	
Printing and Stationery	912.12	
Provincial Conventions	450.00	
Short Checks and Refunds	148.16	
Postage, Telephone and Telegraph	136.64	
General Expenses	107.82	
Debate Annual	100.00	\$9,412.16
Balance in banks, June 30, 1927		\$6,289.66
Cash balance accounted for as follows:		
Weld County Savings Bank, Checking Account	\$1,373.24	
Corn Exchange Bank, N. Y., Checking Account	2,517.19	
Weld County Savings Bank, Savings Account	2,399.23	\$6,289.66
Financial statement from July 1, 1927—March 29, 1928:		
Balance on hand, July 1, 1927		\$6,289.66
Receipts for the nine months		3,371.07
Total		\$9,660.73
Expenditures for this period		4,724.04
Amount on hand, March 29, 1928		\$4,936.69

Another item of interest financially is the cost of publishing Volume I of Winning Debates and Orations for the Sixth Biennial convention. The account to date stands as follows:



Printing and binding -----	\$517.52
Editing -----	100.00
Advertising -----	12.50
Postage -----	16.60
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Total cost -----	\$646.62
Receipts from sale of books -----	151.60
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Total loss -----	\$495.02

One of the significant movements during the last few years has been the tendency on the part of many of our chapters to raise the requirements for membership in the order. Many of the local chapters have standards considerably higher than those laid down in the national constitution. Some do not grant membership to freshmen, others take in members of the junior and senior classes only, while still others require participation in more than one intercollegiate contest.

This is, I believe, a movement in the right direction. It should not be carried too far, however. The plan of the founders of  $\Pi K \Delta$  was to encourage participation in debate early in the college career by providing a system of advanced degrees. Emphasis upon this feature of our plan will help to start people in early and keep them working after they get in.



PROFESSOR GEORGE McCARTY  
Nominated for National President  
South Dakota Delta, State College

I recommend that we cease to recognize participation in freshmen or junior college debates as constituting eligibility for membership in  $\Pi K \Delta$ .

We must recognize the fact that this tendency to raise the standards of eligibility for membership is going to result in fewer members for the organization. This raises at once the question of initiation fees. If we are to have fewer members we will have to have higher fees or else cut down on expenditures.

I recommend that the initiation fees be made \$5.00 instead of \$4.00 as at present, with the provision that \$1.00 is to be returned to the province to which the member belongs.

Two years ago the convention amended the national constitution to provide that any chapter which failed to provide an exchange of its college paper with the Forensic should be fined one dollar per month. This pro-



vision is doubtless a good one but we need some way of bringing it forcibly to the attention of the local chapter officers. During the present year 25 chapters have had such fines assessed against them, some of them as much as four dollars. The following chapters still have unpaid fines standing against their good names: Ouachita, Occidental, Eureka, Bradley, Franklin, Des Moines, Drake, Washburn, Wichita, Centre, Detroit, Westminster, Tulsa, Oklahoma Baptist, Newberry, Dakota Wesleyan, Sioux Falls, Maryville, Trinity, Illinois Wesleyan. I hope the delegates from these chapters will see that these fines are paid as soon as they get home and that no more such fines are assessed in the future.

And now for recommendations from the national secretary to the local chapters. These recommendations, I assure you, do the national secretary a lot of good and they don't seem to do the local chapters any noticeable harm.

1. Hold a pledge ceremony for your newly pledged members. You will find suggestion in the ritual about such a ceremony, and you can get material for it by writing to the secretary's office. Samples of this material were sent to every chapter this spring.

2. Put on a real program at your annual initiation ceremony. Make it one of the big events of the year on your college campus.

3. Elect your officers for next year early, if you elect in the spring, and elect the most dependable members of your group, not necessarily the most popular. Popular folks are often too busy to attend to business. Then send in the names of your officers not later than the middle of May. It is absolutely essential that we have a reliable mailing list for next fall made up before school closes this spring.

4. Keep your members' records up to date in the national office. Send in advanced standing blanks for all those entitled to advanced degrees. This has been a much neglected matter and one that causes a lot of trouble. We have many cases each year in which key orders have to be held up while we write for the records of the student ordering the key.

5. Tell all your members, new and old, that they are entitled to a membership card signed by the national president and the national secretary, and encourage each member to keep after his local secretary until he gets that card. This will help to stimulate the local secretary to see that the initiation fee is sent to the national office where it belongs. We find every year one or more local secretaries who have overlooked this rather important matter.

6. Get your membership applications and your key orders to me at least a month before your school closes for the summer. Allow thirty days for your keys to be made up and returned to you. That means for most of you that your key orders should be in by the first of May. Your members should have their keys to wear when they go home for the summer vacation. Then, too, it makes a lot of extra trouble if keys have to be sent to individuals scattered all over a state or two.

I want to close this report with a word of appreciation for the splendid cooperation I have had from the great majority of the officers of the



local chapters. Most of them have been prompt in answering communications and have looked after the affairs of their chapters as though they were really worth looking after. It has been a joy to work with them.

National Historian E. R. Nichols gave a brief oral report.

The chairman of the Charter Committee, W. H. Veatch, reported as follows:

As far as the continuance and development of the order is concerned, I have always felt that the most important proposition we face at each convention is the question of our general attitude in the matter of extension. Various things were suggested at a meeting of the committee last evening. Some one suggested that we reduce the number of chapters in our organization to one hundred, and, after that, establish a waiting list, and grant new chapters only as older ones drop out.

This is the attitude of the charter committee: If a college is denied entrance into IIAKΔ at one convention, it is not injured and may apply again at the next convention. But after we once admit an institution, altho we may discover that we do not like it, we cannot drop it unless something very serious develops.



ANNA MARIE BENNETT  
Student Representative  
Texas Beta, Trinity

If this society is to mean all that it should, we must very very conservative in our action on petitions. We now have one hundred eighteen active chapters. We are by thirty-two chapters the largest forensic society in the United States. We are sometimes criticized for having taken in too large a percentage of those groups applying. We have twelve petition on hand at the present time. The committee has studied these carefully and will now present them with its recommendations.

First is the petition of Central Missouri State Teachers College of Warrensburg, Missouri, for reinstatement. This college has been under suspension for the past two years for its failure to have representatives at the last convention. The Charter Committee recommends to the convention that the charter of this institution be restored as of April 15, 1928. This will require attendance at the

next convention. I move that this recommendation be adopted by the convention.



**Mr. Whan, Kansas State Agricultural College:** I second the motion.

**President Westfall:** Is this acceptable to Central Missouri State Teachers?

**Mr. Cooper, Central Missouri State Teachers:** We are willing to accept the obligation.

The motion carried.

**Chairman Veatch:** The next petition is from Simmons College, Abilene, Texas. This is a Baptist college of nine hundred students. Its forensics are good, above the average. The educational institutions in Texas recommend this college very highly. I move that a charter be granted.

**Professor Compton, North Texas State Normal:** I second the motion.

The motion carried.

**President Westfall:** I now declare chapter 122, to be known as Texas Theta, granted to Simmons College.

**Chairman Veatch:** The next petition is from Shurtleff College, Alton, Illinois. This school has been engaged in oratory for a number of years but in debate only five. In the last three years it has held forty-three debates exclusive of convention debates. Its department of speech is very well organized and its forensic schedule has been inclusive. It was rejected two years ago. The committee now recommends that a charter be granted to Shurtleff.

**Mr. Smith, McKendree:** I second the motion.

Motion carried.

**President Westfall:** I now declare that Shurtleff College has chapter 123, to be known as Illinois Lambda.

**Chairman Veatch:** The committee next reports on the State Normal School for Women, Farmville, Virginia. This is a state institution of eleven hundred students. It was rejected two years ago. It is the strongest institution in the State of Virginia which does not have a chapter of any forensic order at the present time. The Committee recommends that a charter be granted.

**Prof. Ray, North Carolina State:** I second the motion.

Motion carried.

**President Westfall:** I now declare that the State Normal School for Women, Farmville, Virginia, has chapter 124, to be known as Virginia Alpha.

**Chairman Veatch:** The next petition is from West Virginia Wesleyan of Buchannon. It is a Methodist college of about four hundred students; endowment good; strongest institution in West Virginia that does not have a forensic chapter. We recommend that a charter be granted.

**Mr. Brooker, Marietta College:** I second the motion.

Motion carried.

**President Westfall:** I now declare that West Virginia Wesleyan College has chapter 125, to be known as West Virginia Alpha.

Petitions from eight other colleges were presented and discussed. In each case the petition was denied.



**Chairman Veatch:** We have also a petition from the Wisconsin Teachers College of Oshkosh. The forensic program is very strong. The school has been recognized by the North Central Association but until it has been a four year college granting degrees for a longer time, its petition should be delayed. The committee makes no recommendation.

**Prof. Bost, Carroll:** Granting this college a chapter will give ΠΚΔ a stronger hold in Wisconsin. Oshkosh debates all other colleges in Wisconsin and its record is on a par with all of them. I heartily endorse the petition of this college. I have the same attitude as the committee about the other schools that have been mentioned, but in this case I think a charter ought to be granted. The college is recognized by the North Central Association. I ask permission for Mr. Campbell of Oshkosh to speak.

**Prof. Campbell:** I am somewhat in doubt as to the requirements for a chapter. I find some confusion between the statement of your chairman and your committee and hence I bring the matter to you for interpretation. Before I tell you anything about the school, I want you to realize one certain thing. As a member of a national honorary fraternity, Delta Sigma Rho, I have considered what requirements a school should meet in order to have a charter. Your President has indicated that you look for two things from a school. Since Oshkosh meets those two requirements, I believe that it deserves a charter. In the first place, you ask that the school be recognized by some national organization. Oshkosh was founded some 60 years ago and I presume that it will last a little longer. Oshkosh has been recognized as a member of the North Central Association for a great number of years. When the North Central Association set up a new standard for colleges to meet last year, five of the State Teachers Colleges thought that they were ready. They asked the Association to inspect them and to say that they were eligible for membership. These new requirements were exceedingly stringent. We had this inspection at Oshkosh. Of these teachers colleges only two were admitted under the new standards. Oshkosh was one of them. In addition to the North Central Association, the American Association of Colleges and Universities has accepted Oshkosh, giving it a Class A rank.

In regard to the status of speech work, your President indicated that the school should have participated in intercollegiate debates for five years. Our program dates back thirty-five years. As far as forensics are concerned, we have had a debate program for thirty-five years except for a year now and then. We have a record dating back thirty-nine years with Indiana State at Terre Haute.

We never have had a crowd of less than two hundred fifty at any of the debates. While we haven't worked up our women's debates, our maximum crowd was eight hundred when we debated with Northwestern University of Evanston.

**Prof. Anderson, Gustavus Adolphus:** I move that Oshkosh be granted a charter.

**Prof. McCarty, South Dakota State Agricultural College:** I second the motion.



Motion carried.

**President Westfall:** I now declare that Wisconsin State Teachers College of Oshkosh has chapter 126, to be known as Wisconsin Gamma. President Westfall appointed the following committees:

(1) Committee on Resolutions:

Prof. Gilkinson, Yankton, Chairman.

Prof. Erkes, Morningside.

Prof. Ray, North Carolina State.

Prof. Bost, Carroll.

Prof. Graham, Culver-Stockton.

(2) Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

Prof. Marsh, University of California at Los Angeles, Chairman.

Prof. Harvey, William Jewell.

Prof. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College.

**Mr. Barnabas, Wichita:** I move that we have a nominating committee of five members elected from the floor.

The motion was seconded.

**Miss Temple, University of California at Los Angeles:** I move as an amendment that the President appoint this committee.

**Mr. Welker, Eureka:** I second the amendment.

**Mr. Grossman, Drake:** I rise to a point of order. This amendment is contrary to the original motion.

**President Westfall:** The point of order is not well taken.

**Prof. Welsh, Dubuque:** The motion is directly contrary to the first one.

**President Westfall:** The chair rules that the motion does not do away with the committee but merely changes the method of selection.

**Mr. Lamb, Bethany:** I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

**Mr. Pettingill, Carroll:** I second the appeal.

A standing vote was taken on the appeal. The decision of the chairman was sustained.

**President Westfall:** Since the Chair has been sustained, the question before the house is that the motion be amended so that the nominating committee shall be appointed by the Chair.

The amendment carried.

**President Westfall:** The vote now is on the original motion as amended.

Motion carried.

**Mr. Jacobs, Ripon:** I move that the nominating committee be instructed to nominate two candidates for each office.

**Prof. Rose, Park:** I second the motion.

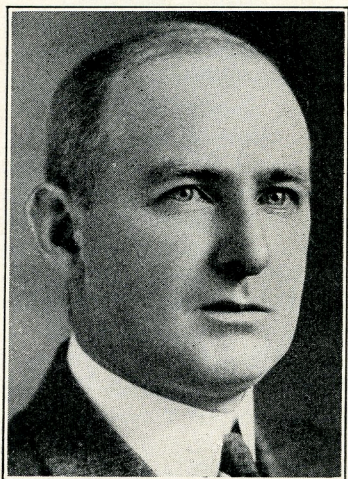
Motion carried.

Motion for adjournment.

Motion carried.

The third regular business session of the Seventh Biennial convention was called to order in Rickly chapel by National President Alfred Westfall at 4:00 P. M.





PROF. H. D. HOPKINS  
Fourth Vice President  
Ohio Beta, Heidelberg

The previous meeting had terminated with the motion for the appointment of a nominating committee.

**President Westfall:** The purpose of this committee shall be to find out as much as it can what the society wants and help to get it. The committee will be accessible and anyone interested in the candidacy of anyone else should appear before the committee. The report of this committee will not prevent nominations from the floor. All I ask is that you enter into this with the same spirit that the committee does. The committee shall consist of the following members: Mr. J. D. Coon, Sioux Falls, Chairman. Professor Mortvedt, St. Olaf; Professor Queener, Maryville; Mr. Maheffey, Linfield; and Miss Bennett, Trinity. The committee shall make nominations for all offices which include two student mem-

bers of the National Council. It will report tomorrow afternoon.

The Constitutional Amendment Committee is now in session. Bring any suggestions to the committee. It will report tomorrow morning. Get any business in regard to the constitution to that committee for consideration.

The National Council suggests tomorrow morning at 8:00 for the final men's debate and 9:00 for the women's. The business session will be held at 10:30. We are going to ask that the decisions in the final debates be given by the audience, for where would you get an audience more capable of giving a decision in this way? In our national convention two years ago we asked the audience to vote after the decision of the judges was in, and in both finals the decision of the audience was the same as that of the three judges. We are going to ask that those in any way connected with either institution contesting in the finals refrain from voting. Anyone who does not hear all the debates should refrain from voting. Anyone who for any reason cannot give a fair and impartial vote should refrain from voting.

At four tomorrow afternoon the nominating committee will report. The election of officers will then take place. Invitations for the next convention will be received at that time.

We shall now have the report of the chairman of the Publicity Committee:

**Professor Nichols, Chairman of the Publicity Committee:** We need more publicity for forensics, both local and national. The way to get it



is to go after it thru the press. The trouble with most institutions in this respect is that the debate manager is also made the publicity man. He is too busy to do all that should be done. Each chapter should elect a publicity man. He should know how to write forensic news. He can get publicity.

**President Westfall:** If you have not been credited with attendance at the convention, speak to the secretary. I suggest also that the society needs to define what constitutes attendance at a convention.

I have a letter from the President of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, asking for a debate coach and teacher of public speaking. The letter will be posted below so that all who are interested may apply.

The convention should also consider the matter of the forensic volume. As our secretary indicated this morning, it has not been a financial success so far. Shall we continue with it?

**Professor Hopkins, Heidelberg:** There is a certain value in putting into the library of each college one of these annuals. I suggest that we publish another volume.

A motion directing the society to publish five hundred copies was passed.

**President Westfall:** The girls from Redlands have a matter to bring to our attention at this time.

The girls of the Redlands delegations distributed oranges to those present.

**Professor Nichols, Redlands:** These oranges are fresh from our Redlands packing house. They are sent to you with the compliments of the Redlands Chamber of Commerce as part of the special invitation to come to Redlands for the next convention.

Meeting adjourned.

#### April 5.

The fourth regular business session of the Seventh Biennial convention was called to order in Rickly Chapel by National President Alfred Westfall at 11:00 o'clock.

Roll Call.

Report of Constitution Amendment Committee—Professor Marsh, University of California at Los Angeles, chairman.

**Chairman Marsh:** The Committee recommends the following amendments: On Page 3, Article III, Section 1 of the national constitution: Strike out "a recognized intercollegiate oratorical contest or debate."

Substitute "intercollegiate oratorical contests or debates as provided in Article IV, Division C, Section 1."

Page 6, Article IV, Division C, Section 1: Change to read as follows: "All members of this society shall be members of the Degree of Fraternity, and the requirements for eligibility to this degree shall be as follows: If of the Order of Oratory, the candidate shall have represented his college in a recognized intercollegiate oratorical contest. If of the Order of De-



bate, the candidate shall have participated in one winning debate, or in two losing debates, or in three no-decision debates, provided that a losing decision debate may be substituted for a no-decision debate.

Participation in purely freshman debates shall not count toward either the requirements for admission or the requirements for advanced degrees. If of the order of Instruction, the candidate shall be an instructor in public speaking, or a coach of oratory or debate in a recognized college.

#### Section 2.

In the 6th line from the bottom of the page, after the word "three" insert the word "winning." In the fourth line from the bottom strike out "two of which shall have been winning teams." In the third line from the bottom strike out "four" and insert "six."

#### Section 3.

In line 13 of the section, insert after the word "five" the word "winning." In line 15, strike out "four of which shall have been winning teams." In line 17 strike out "eight" and insert "twelve."

#### Section 4.

In line nine of the section, strike out "won the degree of Fraternity four times, with four different orations," and insert "participated in at least four intercollegiate oratorical contests, entered by not less than six schools each; and shall have placed in the upper half of the contest not less than three times."

In the second line from the bottom of the page, insert after the word "seven" the word "winning." In the last line on the page, after "intercollegiate" insert "decision." In line 1, page 9, strike out "five of which shall have been winning teams." In line 3, strike out "twelve" and insert "eighteen." In line two, after "or" insert "over a period of at least three years." In line 4, strike out "not have lost more than half of these debates," and substitute "have won at least half of all decision debates participated in."

I move that these amendments be adopted.

**Prof. Burns, Baldwin-Wallace:** I second the motion.

**Prof. Smith, Western Union:** In other fraternal organizations freshmen debates would not be considered. Can freshmen participate in intercollegiate debates with other class mates of their college?

**Chairman Marsh:** This is permissible. Freshmen in strictly freshmen debates are not considered as varsity debaters. But if they make the varsity team, they are entitled to full recognition for their work.

**Prof. Welsh, Dubuque:** Do I understand that these requirements as not being retroactive on the seniors of this year?

**President Westfall:** These amendments will not go into effect until the first of July. No change in the constitution will go into effect until that time.

**Professor Veatch:** What effect does this ruling of freshmen debates have upon sophomore debates?

**Chairman Marsh:** Sophomores are not affected in any way.



**Mr. Pettingill, Carroll:** I would like to know why two losing debates would count the same as three no-decision debates.

**Prof. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College:** A coach, in selecting teams in decision and no-decision debates, will put the best men in the decision debates.

**Mr. Pettingill, Carroll:** We had two decision debates and 18 or 20 no-decision debates this year on our schedule.

**Chairman Marsh:** We are having so many no-decision debates that that is the reason we think the rules should be more stringent.

**Professor Nichols, Redlands:** I would like to move to strike out all reference to no-decision debates in the constitution.

**Mr. Boone, Texas Christian:** I second the motion.

**Professor Nichols, Redlands:** I would like to say a few words as to why we do not have no-decision debates in our part of the country. Their standard is low. Where we use no-decision debates for practice we have developed a bunch of poor sportsmen. I would like to see ΠΚΔ go on record as not considering no-decision debates.

**President Westfall:** We have three pages of amendments and we will have to limit our time.

**Mr. Nollen, Central Iowa:** I come from a small school and we have few decision debates. Money is needed for decision debates, and if we spend all our money on decision debates we won't have any money to come to Redlands for the next convention. Too much stress is put upon the decision of debates. Use the present convention as an example. There should be some standard of judging.

**Professor Rogness, Augustana:** We had hoped to bring our women to the next convention. Too much expense for decision debates will prevent this.

**Professor Harvey, William Jewell:** I move the previous question.  
Motion carried.

**President Westfall:** The motion is that no-decision debates should be stricken out of the constitution.

Motion lost.

**Mr. Grossman, Drake:** A question in regard to three debates. Is there a limit to the number of debates that can be lost?

**Chairman Marsh:** You may have as many losing debates as you want to, just so you have the required number of winning debates.

**Mr. Morris, Park:** I move the previous question.

Motion carried.

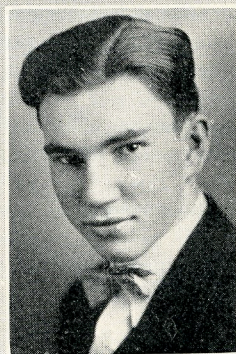
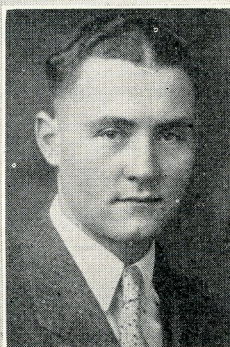
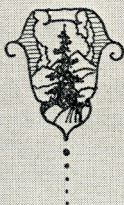
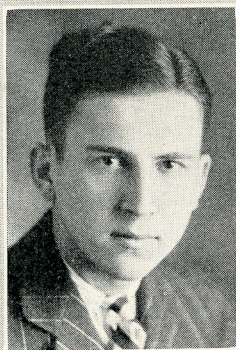
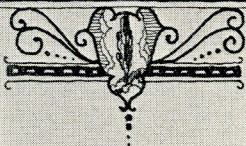
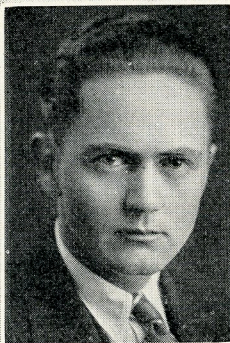
The vote was then taken on the amendment offered.

Motion carried.

**Chairman Marsh:** The next amendment has to do with the national officers.

On Page 14, Article V, Division C, Section 2. At the end of the 4th line insert "Third Vice-President, Fourth Vice-President." In line 6, strike out "two student representatives" and substitute "First and Second Student Representatives."





# SOME OF OUR WINNING ORATORS

ERNEST C. FOSSUM

State Peace Orator  
*South Dakota Eta*  
Augustana

HAROLD BOSLEY

State Orator and Extempore Speaker  
*Nebraska Alpha*  
Wesleyan

D. RUSBY SEABAUGH

State Orator  
*Missouri Gamma*  
Central

GORDON REITHMILLER

State Orator  
*Michigan Beta*, Olivet

RAYMOND WALTER

State Orator  
*Pennsylvania Alpha*  
Grove City

MILDRED ANDERSON

State Orator  
*South Dakota Zeta*  
Northern Teachers