

As an aid to preparation a bibliography is prepared by the coach and placed on file at every library in the city. Books and magazines are collected in a convenient place. The coach will assist any student in the preparation of his short brief, which should cover but one point, but only in the event that the student has himself done abundant reading.

In arranging the teams, the speakers are placed so that they may debate their convictions, even where the relative strength of the teams may be thereby put out of proportion. With this accomplished the material is placed in a special debate room where the men may meet to study the question, where they may discuss the issues, and where they may think in peace—with their feet resting informally above their heads if necessary.

EDITH HOOTMAN OF KENTUCKY DELTA WINS SECOND PLACE IN THE FINAL CONTEST OF THE INTERSTATE ORATORICAL LEAGUE

Miss Edith Hootman, a charter member of the Kentucky Delta chapter of Transylvania College, won second place in the final contest of the Interstate Oratorical League at Northwestern University, April 25. Six speakers appeared in the finals, all of them winners in previous local, state and divisional contests that included 100 colleges in fourteen states.

The speakers were: Oliver Peterson, University of North Dakota; John W. Dodds, Wooster College, Ohio; Mark E. Nolan, University of Notre Dame, Indiana; Miss Edith Hootman, Transylvania College, Kentucky; Clarence R. Decker, Carleton College, Minnesota; and E. F. Patterson, Tarkio College, Missouri. First place was awarded to Clarence R. Decker, second to Miss Edith Hootman; and third to Mark F. Nolan.

The contest was judged by Professors Chas. H. Woolbert, University of Illinois; J. B. Nykerk, Hope College; J. S. Gylord, Lew Sarett, and J. L. Lardner of Northwestern University; and C. C. Harbison, Oberlin College.

The young ladies of Newcomb College in New Orleans were put through an "intelligence test" and came off badly. There upon they challenged the faculty to a similar test. This time the results weren't much to boast of either. Here are some answers from a group of twenty-three professors:

Al Johnson is a wrestling champion.

Filet mignon is an opera by Puccini.

Brilliantine is a preparation "that ladies put into their eyes to make them shine."

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was a World War hero, or perhaps "a Democratic statesman."

Maraschino "was a prime minister of Russia before the war."

All of which suggests that what Broadway or Chicago would classify as fundamental may not mean much to the professional mind.

Or to men of letters, for that matter. When Bernard Shaw was asked by a New York editor for his opinion of Babe Ruth, if you remember, he cabled back: "Who is she?"—*Collier's*.

"Waiter, this coffee is nothing but mud."

"Yes, sir; it was ground this morning."

Employer—"For this job you've got to know French and Spanish and the pay is eighteen dollars a week."

"Lord, Mister! I aint got no education; I'm after a job in the yards."

"See the yard boss. We'll start you in at forty."

PI KAPPA DELTA QUESTION FOR 1924-1925

"Resolved: That Congress should be empowered to over ride by two-thirds vote, decisions of the supreme court which declare acts of Congress unconstitutional" is the question selected by the chapters to be the official debate question this year. Indicates are that it will also be a popular question with other debating organizations.

While no precise wording of the question was indicated by the votes, the national officers, to meet the demand for a uniformity of statement and for an immediate decision, offer the above wording as the most even and most satisfactory. In this they are guided partly by the wording selected by other organizations.

The questions submitted last spring and the voting this fall indicate an unfortunate condition from a debating standpoint. There is no out standing question which is engrossing the attention of the general public. We are fortunate in those years when some great question of finance, immigration, economics, or inter-national relationship has gripped the public mind. Then it is easy to select a satisfying debate question. Then too the newspaper and magazines are full of material and the average citizen thinks and talks knowingly on the subject. The lack of a strong, common interest in any one great problem this year is a condition which we deplore.

The question with the institutions voting on them follows. The figures after the names of the institutions indicate first and second choice. If you wish to compute a definite rating for each question, count two points for first choice and one for second.

1. Resolved: That Congress should be empowered to over-ride by a two-thirds vote, decisions of the supreme court which declare acts of Congress unconstitutional.

Kansas Wesleyan	1	Coe	2
Buena Vista	1	Tusculum	2
Hastings	1	Simpson	2
Washburn	1	Maryville	2
Missouri Wesleyan	1	Colorado Aggies	2
Carroll	1	Eureka	2
Transylvania	1	North-Western	2
Ottawa	1	Oklahoma Aggies	2
Sterling	1	Lombard	2
Central, Iowa	1	Morningside	2
		Oklahoma Baptist	2

2. Resolved: That the United States should favor Japanese exclusion .

Georgetown	1	Intermountain Union	2
Simpson	1	Ottawa	2
St. Olaf	1	Hasting	2
Parsons	1	Missouri Wesleyan	2

3. Resolved: That immigration to the United States should be further restricted.

Central, Missouri	1	Kansas Wesleyan	2
Nebraska Wesleyan	1	Transylvania	2
Ripon	2	Kansas Teachers, Hays	2

4. Resolved: That the United States should recognize the Soviet government.

Oklahoma Baptist	1	Kansas Teachers, Pittsburg..	2
Maryville	1	Georgetown	2
		Linfield	2

5. Resolved: That Congress should place industry on a non-profit basis in war time.

Kansas Teachers, Emporia..	1	Kalamazoo	2
California Tech.	1	Fairmount	2
		St. Olaf	2

6. Resolved: That we should have compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes.

Baker	1	Buena Vista	2
Tulsa	1		

7. Resolved: That the Philippines should be granted their independence.

Ripon	1	Central, Missouri	2
Lombard	1		

8. Resolved: That the United States should abolish the protective tariff.

Iowa Wesleyan	1	Upper Iowa	1
William Jewell	1		

9. Resolved. That the United States should cancel the allied war debts.

Linfield	1	California Tech.	2
Nebraska State Teachers ...	1		

10. Resolved: That the primary system should be abolished.

Coe	1	Gustavus Adolphus	1
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Several other questions received a few scattered votes, but none of them as many as the questions listed here.

FORMER NATIONAL PRESIDENT MARSH OPERATED ON

Just as the scholastic year was closing, President Marsh went to the hospital for an operation following a sudden attack of appendicitis. The national officer sent some flowers in the name of the fraternity. Professor Marsh made a good recovery and is at his work at Southern Branch of the University of California.

NATIONAL OFFICERS

The following paragraphs will introduce your national officers to you:

ALFRED WESTFALL, *National President*

After graduating from Park College in 1911, Professor Westfall served two years as financial secretary of the Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1913 he came to the Colorado Agricultural College as coach of debating and instructor in English. He is still there, now as head of the Department of English and History. The years have brought him a wife and four children and a small bald spot on the top of his head.

W. H. VEACH, *National First Vice-President*

Born, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 1892.

B. A. Iowa State Teachers College, 1913, Major, Public Speaking.

Ph B. University of Chicago, 1915, Major English.

Ph. M. University of Wisconsin, 1920, Speech.

Private student with Arthur Edward Phillips.

Debated in Cedar Falls, Iowa, High School and Iowa State Teachers College. Member of Delta Sigma Rho. Former coach of Debate at University

of Utah and Dakota Wesleyan University. Former President of South Dakota Association of Teachers of Speech and Secretary-Treasurer of the Interstate Oratorical Association. Former governor of Dakota Province of Pi Kappa Delta.

Left for California, the haven of all Pi Kappa Delta officers, in 1924 where he is now associated with Former President Marsh at the University of California, Southern Branch.

W. C. DENNIS, *Second National Vice-President*

On November 22, 1872, a son was born to a Methodist minister in Ohio. For want of a better name, the troubled minister named him Wilbur Cookman Dennis.

Wilbur got an A. B. from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1897. He took two years of work at the Northwestern School of Oratory. In 1902 he received an A. M. degree from Taylor University where he was teaching. After more post-graduate work at Ohio Wesleyan School of Oratory, he taught at Muskingum College, Penn College, and, for the past eight years, at Simpson College. His department there now offers a major in speech and is growing rapidly. His orators and debate teams have made good records under his coaching.

EGBERT RAY NICHOLS, *National Historian*

We do not need to say much about Egbert Ray. He is well known to all members of our order as the real founder of the fraternity. In his fertile brain the idea was conceived and his energy and courage gave it shape.

He graduated from Franklin College and has taught at Ottawa University Ripon College, and, for the past several years, at the University of Redlands. He has brought a team of debaters across the Rockies to each national convention, no small achievement.

He has edited several annual volumes of intercollegiate debates. He doesn't eat ripe olives and shaves the left side of his face first.

G. W. FINLEY, *National Secretary-Treasurer*

This biography of our honorable secretary-treasurer is written without any facts and based mainly upon his picture and ability as a fisherman.

He was born in Kansas, shown by appetite for corn, in 1878, which fact is disclosed by his increasing waist line. He graduated from Kansas Aggies in 1893. This accounts for his aversion to agriculture.

After teaching in Oklahoma for ten years where he developed a taste for Arbuckle's coffee, he came to The Colorado Teachers College as Professor of Mathematics because of his inability to add and subtract. His possessions include two daughters, one son-in-law, a Ford Coupe, four gold clubs and a wife. He bats left-handed, attends Methodist church, and does not use tobacco.

GERALDINE PHILLIPS, *STUDENT MEMBER NATIONAL COUNCIL*

This write-up is taken from the Southwestern Collegian:

The remarkable career of Miss Geraldine Phillips in forensic and scholarship activities assures the National Honorary Fraternity of Pi Kappa Delta that the honor and work that has been given her will not fall on unearned and unworthy hands.

Miss Phillips received her high school education in the Winfield High School of Winfield, Kansas. For two years she represented her school in the oratorical contests held in nearby colleges, winning a place of distinction in each contest.

On entering Southwestern college, Miss Phillips continued to take an active part in debate and oratory. She went to the state contest in her freshman year and won third place for her college. Her record in college debating

is excellent, her team having won almost every debate in which it participated. She represented Southwestern college at the National Pi Kappa Delta convention held at Peoria, Illinois, in the spring of 1924. It was that convention which conferred upon her the honor of being one of the two student members of the National Committee. She was editor of the 1924 Moundbuilder, school annual of Southwestern.

The records of Miss Phillips convey but a small part of the real personality which it is her privilege to possess. The real attractiveness and simplicity of her actions have won for her a place in the memory of everyone with whom she has come in contact.

PAUL M. WATSON, STUDENT MEMBER NATIONAL COUNCIL

Received your letter today and I appreciate your keeping in touch with me. Realizing your rush for the material for the Forensic, I am sending it now. I hope to get one of the Forensics when they come out, so don't forget me. I'm afraid I can't give you very much biographical material about myself, but here goes.

I was one of the charter members of Pi Kappa Delta at Centre College. My home is at Henderson, Ky., can any good thing come out of Henderson? I entered Centre College in 1920. While there I won three Ernst Debate prizes of \$25.00 each, two of these being the first two years in college. The third year, 1923, I won the annual oratorical contest and represented Centre in the State contest of the same year. You know of my trip to Peoria and my debate with the Kansas Agricultural college. You can use this for what it is worth—in all of my debating, and I have done a lot of it (too much for the comfort of the audience) but I have been on the winning side only once. Nevertheless, it has been a great training for my profession in public work.

I was member of the Omicron Delta Kappa, a National Honorary Fraternity; President of the Chamberlain Literary Society in '22; President Y. M. C. A. '23; and member of Ye Rounde Table, a local Scholarship Fraternity. I think this takes in all of my activities while at college. I am now preparing for the ministry at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Fraternally,

PAUL M. WATSON.

P. S.—Picture will follow

Editor: Your pictures are not well trained. This one barely got here.

NEW CHARTERS

The National President has been trying all summer to get some new charters printed. This has demanded first getting a new design more appropriate than the one we have been using.

The company which was supposed to have handled this work has been very slow in the matter. The result has been that some chapters installed last spring have not yet received their charters. The new ones should be in the possession of the secretary by the time this Forensic reaches its readers. Those chapters without charters should communicate with Professor Finley at once.

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THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

We begin the forensic year with new hands at the helm. While the officers to whom the leadership of the fraternity was entrusted by the Fifth National Convention are not unfamiliar with the organization and achievements of Pi Kappa Delta, they accept their new duties with a real sense of responsibility.

The fraternity has a right to expect of them, by way of an inaugural address, some public statement of policy.

First, your new officers pledge to you who are members of the fraternity, enough of their time, attention, and interest, to carry on the proper functions of the organization. In accepting office they serve notice that they have enough time to discharge the obligations connected with the office.

Second, they are thoroly in accord with the work and traditions of the fraternity and intend to hold the organization true to what it has been in the past. The order has grown and is growing. During the next two years it should be something bigger and, we hope, better than it has been in the past. The more pretentious structure, however, will be built upon the proven foundation laid by the founders and preceding officers. Your present officers expect to go ahead, but they have no intention of changing the course.

Third, following the placing of two students on the national council by the last convention, they hope to entrust more of the work of the fraternity to under-graduate members. As fast as we can find the proper men and train them for the work, we shall give them an increasing share in the responsibility and operation of our order.

Fourth, we believe that training in intercollegiate forensics is one of the most beneficial things that a student can get during his college course. For that reason we are anxious to extend opportunities for participation in forensics to as many students as possible. It is better for twenty-four men to debate than for six men to debate four times. Of course it is harder to train twenty-four than six, and they will not win as many debates. The function of a college, however, is not to win debates, but to train men and women. No real debate coach turns aside from the wisest forensic course because it is hard.

We can encourage this extensive rather than intensive program by taking the emphasis off of winning and encouraging and honoring the institution

that is not afraid to undertake the training of a large group of debaters. An educational program will be necessary to convince some college administrations that it is going to be worth while to relieve debate coaches of dramatics and extra heavy teaching schedules to make it physically possible for them to carry out the kind of forensic program the institution can endorse. To convince those who must meet the expenses that we are offering them something worth the money, will be our opportunity to try our skill in the "art of persuasion, beautiful and just."

Fifth, we are going to foster the provincial contests. They have demonstrated their worth. Better forensics and better forensic relations have resulted from them. We hope to see more provincial conventions this year and better ones. A representative of the national council will attend each one and the council itself will support them.

Sixth, all of the national officers, past and present, are firmly convinced that Pi Kappa Delta has undertaken no more important work than the national conventions and the national contests held in connection with them. Institutions attending these conventions have almost invariably manifested a quickening interest in forensics. For that reason, your national officers plan to keep the next convention before you constantly to the end that every chapter will be represented.

With a desire to serve, with a tolerance of spirit, with an abiding love for all that is highest and best in intercollegiate forensics, the new administration has begun its work. It asks for your cooperation and support in so far as it merits them. Oppose us when we are wrong. Encourage us if we are right. Above all, show your interest in what we are trying to do, for it is your forensic welfare that we are trying to achieve.

THE PASSING OF SOME FAMILIAR NAMES

For the first time for a number of years we print the names of the members of the national council without including those of Dr. John R. MacArthur, second national president, and of Professor Charles A. Marsh, third national president.

Those who passed thru the early, critical, struggling pioneer days with us, will note this omission with a distinct sense of loss. That there is a Pi Kappa Delta today is due to the efforts and sacrifices of those two noble gentlemen, in a large measure; and what that fraternity now is was determined by their wisdom and foresight.

While they are no longer members of the national council, they will never lose their interest in the organization whose future they have helped to secure. They are still listed on some of our committees and the officers who are now serving their novitiate will call upon them frequently for counsel and support.

THE 1926 CONVENTION

Estes Park, Colorado, has been named by the National Council, as the place for the next National Convention, on or about April 1, 1926. This action follows the recommendation of the fifth National Convention, and makes the designation official as provided in the constitution. Every chapter should begin to plan now to send as large a delegation as possible to this National Forensic Convention.

It will be the greatest forensic conference ever held. This is not an idle bombast. The Peoria convention was the largest of its kind. Since then the fraternity has grown. In point of numbers attending, institutions represented,

and contests held, the Estes Park convention will be the largest and most important forensic conference in American collegiate history.

It will be an unparalleled opportunity to study forensics in the making. The contests will bring together orators and debaters from the north and south, from New England and California. National champions will be selected before the convention. No one who has attended this convention can go home with narrow or provincial ideas concerning debating and oratory. He will have listened to an exhibition of the best and most up-to-date methods. What the bringing together of the best livestock at state and county fairs has meant to agriculture, this bringing together of the nations speakers in a great demonstration will mean to intercollegiate forensics.

It will afford an unusual opportunity for the man from Tennessee to meet the man from Montana. The debate coach from Pennsylvania will be able to discuss with the man from Texas the common problems of them both. It is not because men are evil, but because men are strangers that there is international hatred and suspicion. Forensic advancement depends upon good will and good will depends upon acquaintanceship.

The enthusiasm generated for forensics is one of the most important products of such a convention. There is no power like the fellowship of kindred minds to kindle ardor and inspire faith. Progress requires now and then something which will lift men off of their usual level and place them on the mountain tops. I violate no confidence in stating that at the close of the last national convention several of the students who shook my hand in parting, with tears in their eyes, said that it had been the greatest experience of their lives. Think what those students will do to forensics on their own campus.

The friendship that we shall make at that convention will always mean much to us. At previous convention the delegates have been scattered about the town, meeting only at the convention. At Estes Park we shall all be together, fraternizing with each other. The program of winter sports which we are planning to fit into the convention schedule, will give us the most wonderful opportunity to see one of the most scenic spots of the Rocky Mountains if not of the United States, at the time of its most awe-inspiring grandeur.

Are you coming?

FIVE NEW CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED

Since the Fifth National Convention at which charters were granted to eight institutions, the national council has acted favorably upon the petitions of the following institutions:

Chapter 103, Texas Beta, Trinity University, Waxahachie.

Chapter 104, Texas Gamma, East Texas State Normal, Commerce.

Chapter 105, Kentucky Delta, Transylvania, Lexington, Kentucky.

Chapter 106, Missouri Eta, Central Missouri State Teachers, Warrensburg.

Chapter 107, Texas Delta, Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

The installation of the last four of these has taken place. Accounts of some of these installations appear in this issue. We have not been able to obtain the necessary information concerning the others.

Pi Kappa Delta is glad to welcome these institutions to its brotherhood. The fraternity side of our order doesn't amount to much. It is neither secret nor pretentious. We are a cooperative organization of people combined to advance intercollegiate forensics. Your connection with the national society will benefit you in proportion as you contribute. First, push forensics on your own campus with renewed energy. Call upon us to help you in this. Second, contribute your share of enthusiasm and wisdom to help and stimulate others.

This program has accomplished much in the brief life time of our order. It can accomplish much more in the future. Pi Kappa Delta is merely a lever to enable you to accomplish more. It is a strong, serviceable lever, but you must do the work to get any results with it.

ENROLLMENT INCREASES

Exchange after exchange coming to the editor's desk has told of larger student bodies. Colorado State Teachers College, with 1500, Alabama Polytechnic with over 1500, Olivet with 332, Heidelberg beginning its 75th year with 378, Ottawa University with 335, Iowa Wesleyan with 361 in its 82nd year, University of Redlands with 426, Colorado Agricultural College with more than 1000, to mention only a few examples from different parts of the country, are reporting the largest enrollments in their history. The "California Grizzly" of the University of California, Southern Branch, prints the picture of 5000th student enrolling, making the attendance a thousand more than last year, and making the young institution probably the largest in which Pi Kappa Delta has a chapter.

With this general increase in attendance undoubtedly will come more try-out material, more financial support for debating, and, we trust, more opportunity for intercollegiate forensics. Those of us who receive more students should offer them more opportunities. Each chapter should plan to expand its activities, widen its scope, use more speakers.

THE OFFICIAL QUESTION

Some people outside our order criticize us for selecting an official question. Perhaps they do not understand that we do not require an institution to use this question. We select it merely as a convenience for institutions which wish a question making it possible for them to schedule debates with widely separated colleges. Whatever the criticism it is interesting to note the letters of inquiry received from many institutions which are not members of our order. The editor has received letters from a half dozen institutions from different parts of the country. "We find it a great convenience to use the Pi Kappa Delta question" writes one institution in an attitude that is characteristic of the others, "because it is usually the most popular question and its use makes it possible for us to add many institutions to our schedule which otherwise it would be impossible for us to meet."

ANSWERING LETTERS

Most of the Pi Kappa Delta work between national conventions must be carried on by correspondence. Accepting office in the fraternity or appointment on committees, either local or national, carries with it the obligation of answering such letters as come to the office. Many local chapters cut themselves off from the national, by electing to office a president who fails to answer letters. We have had national officers who were of no benefit to the council or fraternity because they did not answer communications. Please consider how vital it is to the functioning of the fraternity to have each position manned by some one who will answer letters promptly.

The experience of the past ten years has demonstrated that it would be most unwise too elevate to the national council any one who has not served on some committee long enough to have his willingness to answer letters thoroly proved. To keep an open line of communication is as important to Pi Kappa Delta as it is to an army.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE FORENSIC

The Forensic is sent free of charge to any active member of the Fraternity. If you are not receiving your copy, let us know at once.

To all others the subscription price is fifty cents. We encourage all who are interested in intercollegiate forensics to subscribe.

NEW CONSTITUTIONS

The constitution as revised at the Fifth National Convention is now in print. Each chapter should be sure that it has a copy. The fraternity has adopted the policy of furnishing a copy to each member who joins. Old members can secure copies by writing to Professor Finley, the national secretary.

The new charters are attractively printed in small pocket size.

"ESTES PARK OR BUST" CLUB

The pioneers of the West swam the Missouri River with their ox teams and joined in the gold rush with "Pikes Peak or Bust" painted on their prairie schooners. Estes Park will be the 1926 goal of every Pi Kappa Delta chapter. Michigan Alpha at Kalamazoo College has organized an "Estes Park or Bust" Club. It plans to attend the convention in force.

This is the time to lay plans for sending your delegation. It is a project worthy of the interest and efforts of two years. What more powerful incentive for forensic endeavor could you hold before the students of your institution?

Accepting the suggestion from Michigan Alpha, we declare the "Estes Park or Bust" Club open for membership. We expect to have 107 institutions join it before the convention. The charter members of the club are the Michigan Alpha and Epsilon chapters. Read the inspiring letter from President Ward of Michigan Epsilon at Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.

Ypsilanti, Mich.
October 2, 1924.

Dear Mr. Westfall:

It was with eyes turned on the next convention in Colorado that Michigan Epsilon set forth this summer on a program to procure funds for the trip in 1926. So far one-hundred dollars has been raised and deposited in a bank, for that purpose. This amount was raised in one day during our last summer session by an excursion sponsored by our chapter. The trip was made to Put-in-Bay on Lake Erie, one of the beauty excursions spots in this part of the country. Four special interurban cars were chartered to carry the students to and from the college to the boat, a distance of thirty miles. Approximately 350 students made the trip and as this consisted of about one-third the total passage of the steamer we were marked with college colors to avoid confusion or mistakes.

It was a success from the standpoint of both finance and pleasure. The profit made on each ticket was barely thirty-cents but was sufficient to show substantial returns for one day's experiment. We hope to make this idea a repeater. Of all the success of the trip too much credit can not be given Mr. Clele Matheson, an enthusiastic debater, who managed the business end of the day. We are working consistently in order that Michigan Epsilon will be on deck when the convention whistle blows in 1926.

Fraternally yours,

Paul K. Ward, President.

List The California Institute of California for the "Estes Park or Bust" Club. Last year they gave a Greek play to provide funds for sending their delegates to Peoria. The play was so successful that it has been made an annual undertaking. The following item from the *California Tech.*, tells of their plans for this year:

The success of "Philoctetes" last year has led the local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta to consider the presentation of an old Latin comedy, "Phormio," be Terence. The date for presentation will be in December or January.

The author Terence, or in full, Publius Terentius Afer, was born in Carthage in 185 B. C. He produced six comedies known as the "Fabula Palliata." These six plays, which are only a part of his total works were the only ones to last thru the ages. Phormio is the fifth of these comedies and was first produced in 162 B. C.

The following is a tentative assignment of the parts:

Ed Thaper as Phormio,
 Jack Fahs as Saphrona,
 Jack Helms as Antipho,
 Jack Maurer as Phædria,
 Al Newton as Demipho,
 Fred Peterson as Chremes,
 Bill Lewis as Davos,
 Joe Walker as Geta.

Wayne Rogers will manage the production, assisted by Jack Maurer and Bill Lewis.

The play will be directed by Walt Ogier and Dr. Macarthur.

The University of California, Southern Branch, begins its oratorical season with three experienced orators available. They are Helen Jackson, who represented the institution in the southern California women's contest; Paul Hutchinson, who won second in the Peace oratorical contest; and Bill Berger, who represented the Grizzlies at Peoria.

THE CONTEST PROGRAM FOR THE 1926 CONVENTION

FOR MEN:

1. The first national Pi Kappa Delta men's debating tournament.
2. The third national Pi Kappa Delta men's oratorical contest.
3. The second national Pi Kappa Delta men's extempore speaking contest.

FOR WOMEN:

1. The first national Pi Kappa Delta women's debating tournament.
2. The second national Pi Kappa Delta women's oratorical contest.
3. The second national Pi Kappa Delta women's extempore speaking contest.

Every institution should be represented in one of these contests. As many as possible should enter all of them.

CUT THIS OUT AND PIN IT OVER YOUR STUDY DESK

"I see it most clearly when I try to single our from a long line of students some one group which shall stand forth as intelligently the best—best in college work and best in promise for further intellectual development. Much as I should like to do so, I can not draw the line around my own favorite students in philosophy, nor the leaders in mathematics, nor those successful in biology; nor can I fairly award the palm to the Phi Beta Kappa men who have excelled in all their subjects. It seems to me that stronger than any

other group, tougher in intellectual fibre, keener in intellectual interest, better equipped to battle with coming problems, are THE COLLEGE DEBATERS—the men who, apart from their regular studies, band themselves together for intellectual controversy with each other and with their friends from other colleges.”

ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN,
President Amherst College.

Reprinted from the *Gavel of Delta Sigma Rho*.

NOT ALL DELEGATES AT PEORIA WERE LISTED IN THE LAST FORENSIC

Not all the delegates at the last convention were listed. Some who came in late did not register on the official roll. We shall be pleased to make any corrections where the information is supplied us.

To date our attention has been called to the following:

Paul Hanna, Hamline.

Robert Mortveldt and Professor Menchhofer of St. Olaf.

Two delegates from University of Des Moines.

One from Sterling College. We are sorry that we do not have the names of the last three.

PI KAPPA DELTA INSTALLED AT THIRD KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

A significant recognition of Hays State Teachers College was recorded last Saturday afternoon when Pi Kappa Delta, national honorary forensic fraternity, installed a chapter here. The Hays chapter has five charter members, all men who have represented their school in intercollegiate forensic contests.

Prof. H. B. Summers, of the public speaking department of the Kansas State Agricultural College, was present and performed the installation ceremony, which occurred at 1:00 p. m. Saturday.

The five men who were admitted to the fraternity as charter members of the Hays chapter are as follows: William A. Flynn, president; Edgar Reed, secretary-treasurer; James R. Start, professor of English, vice-president; Orrin Don Thurber, who now lives at Esbon; and Carl Hodson.

According to Mr. Start, coach of the oratory and debate activities of the College, there are about ten more former students and faculty members who are eligible for the fraternity at the present time. To be eligible a man must have represented his college or university in one or more intercollegiate forensic contests—debate or oratory.

Pi Kappa Delta is the largest forensic fraternity in the world and the second largest honorary fraternity in the world. It has eleven chapters in the state of Kansas alone.

The standards of the organization are very high, and it places chapters only in schools which have demonstrated conclusively that they have high standards of scholarship and which take active part in forensic contests. According to those who are acquainted with Pi Kappa Delta, the placing of a chapter at Hays is a genuine recognition of the merit of the College.

Following the installation ceremony Professor Summers made a short talk to the new members of the fraternity and to the visitors who were present at the installation, held in the assembly room of the Academic Building. He reviewed the history of Pi Kappa Delta and told of its rapid growth.

Other Hays students who take part in intercollegiate debate and oratory will be invited to join the fraternity, according to Professor Start.—*The Leader*.

Missouri Eta chapter was installed July 28, 1924 at Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Missouri. Professor Summers, teacher in the summer school of the local college and debate coach at Kansas Agricultural College, acted as the installing officer. He was assisted by Earl Hamrick and Asa Hamrick of William Jewell College, Mr. Moore of Park College, and William Stanley of Central College.

There were seventeen charter members. They were: W. W. Parker, dean of the College, head of the English department, and former debate coach; C. H. McClure, head of the history department; Fred Calvert, debate coach; Grace Aber; Carl A. Baldwin; John C. Baumann; Sidney Bliss; C. C. Coppage; Clyde Hamrick; Roderick Lee Houts; George Leggett; Ida Misner; C. F. McClure; Elizabeth McClure; Ruth Parker; Grace A. Shore, and Leonard Waterhouse.

The initiation and installation ceremonies were held in the Alumni room at the college. Following them the new chapter and its guests adjourned for a banquet. Carl Baldwin acted as toastmaster. After-dinner speeches were made by Professor Summers, Professor McClure, Professor Calvert, Dean Parker, and Mr. Moore.

The Officers of the chapter are: President, Carl A. Baldwin; Secretary-Treasurer, John C. Baumann; and Faculty Sponsor, Fred Calvert. Roderick Lee Houts and I are the only student members in school. Baldwin probably will be back later in the year.

There are only three of last year's debaters back this fall, but, although forensic work has not been started yet, I think we have some excellent new material. Last year was the first time in years that our college had had any extensive debate schedule. Considering that fact we did fairly well but expect to do better this year.

During his student days Dean Parker represented Hendrix college in debate, defeating the Millsaps team. He also won the Arkansas State Oratorical contest in 1909. There were eight contestants. He served for several years as coach of debate and oration in the local college.

Carl Baldwin is the Democratic nominee for State Representative from Benton county, Missouri. He is a real politician and a good campaigner. We all have hopes of his election even though he is a Democrat in a Republican county. He is out campaigning now. If he is defeated he will be back in college this winter. If he wins he won't be back till next spring. He is a senior in college. Last year he was Sophomore Class President (he skipped the Junior class by going to summer school), President of the Y. M. C. A., and held other offices in various organizations. He is a member of Sigma Tau Gamma social fraternity and Phi Sigma Pi honorary fraternity. He is a preacher in the M. E. South Church, preaching full time.

Very truly yours,

JOHN C. BAUMANN, Sec. Mo. Eta Chapter.

PROFESSOR SIEBERT OF BRADLEY INSTALLS TWO CHAPTERS

Upon request of the national officers of Pi Kappa Delta, Mr. F. S. Siebert, Marshall Curtiss, and Arnold Hitchcock, members of the local chapter went to Galesburg and Napierville on Friday and Saturday of last week to install new chapters of the order at Lombard and North-Western colleges.

At Lombard they installed the Illinois Kappa chapter with a charter membership of nine students. All of these candidates were men as Lombard does not have a women's debate team.

The chapter at North-Western College was installed as the Illinois Iota chapter with a charter membership of eight, three of whom were women.—*The Bradley Tech.*

KENTUCKY DELTA INSTALLED

Mr. L. Gordon Davis, Ohio Gamma, installed the Kentucky Delta chapter at Transylvania College on May 28. The installation was held in the afternoon followed by a banquet. There were ten charter members.

TEXAS GAMMA INSTALLED

The Texas Gamma chapter was installed on June 12 at East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce. Arthur West of Colorado Beta was installing officer. There were 9 charter members.

MISS THOMAS JUMPS HER A. B. AND ACQUIRES A PH.D.

Miss Dorothy Thomas, winner of the first national Pi Kappa Delta women's oratorical contest, became dissatisfied with the slowness of the Southern Branch of the University of California which was not planning to give her an A. B. until 1927 and this spring acquired a Ph. D. in the person of Dr. W. G. George, a member of the department of Political Science. Dr. George has accepted a position with the University of Washington for this year.

That is what the editor calls real "pal-ship," George and Thomas. While of course we all dislike to see her drop out of forensics and the Los Angeles institution feels her loss most keenly, we all extend the good wishes of the order to the new home. She is a most charming lady and a wonderful orator. When she spoke ideas became living things and moved across the platform in an orderly procession.

CHANGES IN DEBATE COACHES

We list here all the changes we have learned about. The information concerning these was, for the most part, gleaned from college papers received in exchange for the Forensic. We shall be glad to list any here omitted.

Miss F. Mable Hayes, for the past three years debate coach and head of the department of Public Speaking at Culver-Stockton College, has resigned to study for a year at the Curry School of Expression, Boston. Her place will be filled by Miss Mildred McGhee, a graduate of the University of Iowa. Miss McGhee has had three years' experience in teaching and completed work this summer for her master's degree, also at Iowa.

Professor Fred G. Bale, the genial coach at Parsons who brought the big delegation to the convention and made such a fine showing in the contests there, has followed the Pi Kappa Delta migration towards the west. He has had the good fortune, however, to avoid California and has settled at Albany College in Oregon. He is already laying plans to bring some winners to the Estes Park convention.

Professor G. W. Parker, for two years coach of debate at the Colorado Agricultural College, has resigned to take up the study of medicine. Mr. Don Lewis, who won third place for Parsons in the men's oratorical at Peoria, has taken his place. Mr. Lewis, since leaving Peoria, has acquired a wife and spent the summer in graduate study at the University of Iowa. His wife was Miss Helen McCabe before her marriage, a special distinction degree member of the chapter at Parsons. Colorado Aggies now has the winners of third place in both the men's and women's contest as Miss Editha Todd, who won third in the women's contest, is still in school there.

Professor William B. Garrett, a graduate of Knox College, will be head of the Public Speaking Department this year at Huron College. Professor

Garrett has an excellent record in debate, journalism, dramatics, and oratory. He has had four years of participation in intercollegiate debate.

Professor J. Stanley Gray has resigned his position as head of the Public Speaking Department at Gustavus Adolphus and accepted a position as assistant in the department at the University of Minnesota where he will do graduate work. His three years at Gustavus Adolphus have been successful ones.

Professor F. W. Lambertson, A. B. Albion College; S. T. B. Boston University School of Theology; M. A. and diploma in speech Northwestern University; has succeeded Professor W. H. Veatch as debate coach at Dakota Wesleyan. For the last two years he has been coach of debate in the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia.

Word has been just received that Dr. G. R. Varney, of Linfield College died suddenly last June. Rev. M. E. Bollen, formerly of Fullerton, California, has taken his place.

Pi Kappa Delta extends a welcome to these new coaches. It offers its services in supporting their forensic programs in any way it can. It hopes that the year will see pleasant and profitable relationships developed between them.

WESTMINISTER WILL DEBATE OXFORD AT KANSAS CITY

Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, will debate the Oxford team in Kansas City on October 17. Prohibition will be the question for discussion, with the Britishers attacking, and the audience judging.

Professor J. B. Reeves, who represented Westminster at the Peoria convention, was in England last summer, arranging for the British publication of his book, "The Hymn as Literature." While there he stole a march on other Pi Kappa Delta schools by challenging the Oxford debaters who were then planning their trip to the United States.

Westminster will be represented by A. J. Kissling, Kenneth Lineberry, and Raymond Kroggle, all members of the Missouri Alpha chapter.

So far as we know, Westminster will be the only Pi Kappa Delta institution to meet either Oxford or Cambridge, both of whom will be in this country this month. For a few hours it looked as tho Colorado Teachers would also meet the men from Oxford. The invaders telegraphed from New York offering a date. Altho Professor Finley wired a hurried acceptance, Oxford had completed other plans before his telegram was delivered.

Isn't it about time Pi Kappa Delta sent a team to England?

COLGATE UNIVERSITY SENDS A DEBATING TEAM TO ENGLAND

A Colgate University team, composed of Guy C. Wood, leader, C. L. Persing, Manager, R. P. Rosengren and W. H. Holmes, sailed on the Aquitania in May for England. The Colgate team was one of seven seeking the trip. It will engage in eight debates abroad.

At Oxford and Sheffield the Colgate men will uphold the proposition that prohibition is good for a nation. They will deny that the United States should immediately enter the League of Nations at Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Nottingham, Cambridge, and London.

A return trip for Oxford and Cambridge teams in America has been arranged for next October, the Oxford team to debate western colleges, the Cambridge team those of the East.

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