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*All members of Pi Kappa Delta should be interested in the minutes of the business sessions held at the national convention. While the national officers are the official administrators, it is the action of the delegates at the national convention who elect the administrators and establish the policies that govern Pi Kappa Delta. Don't fail to read this important section.*

# *Proceedings of Twenty-first National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta*

**Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio**

**March 22-27, 1959**

## **Minutes of the First Business Meeting**

The 21st Biennial Convention was called to order by President Larry Norton Monday morning, March 23, 1959. One hundred and thirty-three chapters answered to roll call. The final attendance figures indicated one or more delegates from 135 and a total attendance, including officials and visitors, of more than 700. Following the invocation, Greetings from Bowling Green State University were extended by President Ralph McDonald and Donald C. Kleckner, Chairman of the Department of Speech.

Announcements regarding Convention activities and procedure were made by:

Harvey Cromwell, Contest Chairman  
Georgia Bowman, Province Coordinator  
Charles T. Battin, Chairman, Committee on Constitutional Revision

John Randolph, Chairman, Nominating Committee

Grace Walsh, Chairman, Committee on Convention Invitations

Paul Gray, Student Member of the National Council

Wanda Chynoweth, Student Member of the National Council

Raymond L. Yeager, Local Chairman

President Norton introduced Roy D. Murphy, Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Standards who presented charters to representatives from the following new chapters:

Stetson University,  
Deland, Florida

Mississippi College,  
Clinton, Mississippi  
Northwest Nazarene College,  
Nampa, Idaho  
University of Louisville,  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Findlay College,  
Findlay, Ohio  
College of Emporia,  
Emporia, Kansas

Following adjournment of the first business session, the official convention picture was taken.

## **Minutes of the Second Business Meeting**

The second business meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 1959. Ballots were distributed on roll call for the election of President and Vice-President for the next biennium. The four eligible candidates were introduced. The name of John Randolph, Westminster College, was submitted by the National Council as its nominee for editor for a four year term.

The report of the National Secretary was presented.

## **The Secretary's Report**

One or more delegates have registered for the 21st National Convention from 135 chapters representing 29 states. Six additional chapters had entered but were forced to withdraw due to illness, bad weather and other conflicts that developed. Illinois has the largest number of chapters represented with 16 of its 19 chapters sending delegates. California has delegates



from eight chapters and Washington has five chapters present. Several states have 100% chapter representation with Wisconsin leading with six of six chapters; Colorado with four of four; and Oregon with all three chapters represented. Other states with a good percentage of representation are South Dakota with only one chapter of its nine not present and Kansas with only one chapter of thirteen not presented. The chapter with the largest number of delegates present, other than the host chapter, is the College of Puget Sound with thirteen students and faculty here.

Pi Kappa Delta is growing at an average of five chapters per year and the Directory now includes 194 chapters, the largest number in its history. This growth should give us an active list of 200 or more chapters by the time of the next National Convention.

Illinois continues to maintain its lead with the largest number of chapters with 19 on the Roll. Kansas and California are tied with 13 each for second place, and Missouri and Texas are next with 12 chapters each. One or more chapters are now active in 32 states.

Memberships have shown a steady growth from a low of 745 in 1954, the first year of your secretary, increasing to 850 in 1955, to 940 in 1957, and should pass the 1,000 mark during the current year. Five hundred twenty new memberships have been added to date during the current year and the total membership now stands at 32,256. The influence of the National Convention is still evident on memberships as new memberships during the year of the National Convention is usually one hundred or more than the off-convention year.

Key orders continue to vary from year to year with 30 to 40% of the membership receiving keys. Two hundred key orders were made in 1954; the number increased to 400 by 1957 and dropped to approximately 300 in 1958. Almost 200 key orders have been placed during the current year.

More schools are using the Pi Kappa Delta key as a forensic award in lieu of sweaters and other insignia. Replacement orders for keys ordered twenty and thirty years ago continue to arrive, indicating the value of Pi Kappa Delta keys to alumni.

Keys are now sent directly to schools or individuals to save the time of re-shipping them from the Secretary's office. From two to six weeks is needed for the completion of key orders. All keys are insured and delivery is guaranteed. If keys do not arrive within the expected period of time do not wait until next year to report non-delivery. All members placing orders for keys with jewels indicating advanced degrees should enclose the form B membership record to bring their membership up to date.

Effective with the January issue of the *Forensic* the names of new members are being listed in the *Forensic*. Check this list for corrections in spelling. It will be an aid to the local chapter in maintaining an accurate record of its alumni.

Pi Kappa Delta has directed most of its activities towards the undergraduate member; however, as plans are being made to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Pi Kappa Delta more attention will be given to alumni activities. During the summer the membership list of each chapter will be prepared and sent to the sponsor with the fall report. Each chapter is requested to prepare a list of alumni addresses and return to the secretary's office. This information will be used to prepare an alumni mailing list. The Committee on Research and Public Relations will prepare criteria for the selection of Distinguished Alumni for a "Who's Who of Pi Kappa Delta" or a "Top Fifty" for the first fifty years. Chapters will be invited to make nominations for these groups which will be recognized in a brochure or other appropriate means.

The change of local officers and sponsors causes the problem of continuity to remain as one of the most difficult ones for the national secretary. Chapters are urged to keep accurate records of its membership, financial activities, and to place these in a responsible depository at the end of the year so new officers will have something to guide them in the new year.

"A city set on a hill cannot be hid" and Pi Kappa Delta has indeed been like the city on the hill in forensic leadership. It has led the way in establishing the National Convention and Tournament, the Provincial Tournament, and many forensic activities that are accepted as normal activities



in forensic circles. Let us continue to lead the way with continued experiments in new forensic activities and evaluations from time to time of those that we have used successfully in the past.

The report of the Secretary was adopted.

Charles T. Battin proposed an amendment to the Constitution calling for a revision of the wording on page 4, Section I & II of Division B in which the word "sponsor" is used in reference to speaking before local audiences. The amendment proposed that the word "approve" be substituted for the word "sponsor". The amendment was adopted.

A motion was made by Dr. Paul Herbold and seconded by Paul Rosser that the following resolution concerning the speech made by Dr. Dwayne Orton be adopted:

*Resolved that:*

*Whereas* this Convention was privileged to hear an address of extraordinary merit by Dr. Wayne Orton, recipient of the 1959 Pi Kappa Delta Distinguished Alumni Award, and

*Whereas* this address articulated ideas of significance not only to those in the field of speech but also to others interested in the best thinking on the most important issues of the day,

*Now, therefore, be it resolved* that this Convention officially acknowledge its appreciation to Dr. Orton, and further, that the President of this Society be directed by the Convention to ensure the widest possible dissemination of Dr. Orton's address, including specifically submission of the complete text to the editors of *Vital Speeches* magazine with appropriate comments on the occasion.

The motion carried.

John Randolph announced the following as elected:

President: Harvey Cromwell, Mississippi State College for Women

Vice President: Roy Murphy, Southwest Louisiana Institute

Editor, John Randolph, Westminster College

The nominating committee presented the following names as candidates for election to the National Council:

Charles T. Battin, College of Puget Sound

Georgia Bowman, William Jewell  
Raymond Yeager, Bowling Green  
State University

Franklin Shirley, Wake Forest College  
H. L. Ahrendts, Nebraska State  
College, Kearney

Theodore Karl, Pacific Lutheran College  
The following were nominated from the floor:

Donald Sikkink, South Dakota  
State College

Jack Howe, Southwestern College,  
Kansas

Robert Kully, Los Angeles  
State College

Glenn Reddick, North Central  
College, Illinois

Paul E. Herbold, West Washington  
College of Education

A motion to close nominations was made and passed. The names of Herbold and Reddick were withdrawn by personal request.

Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.

### **Third Business Session Wednesday, March 25, 10:30 A.M.**

On roll call ballots were distributed for the election of members for the National Council after which the meeting was adjourned to hear an address by Waldo Braden on the subject "What Becomes of Debaters — and Why?". Following the address the nominating committee announced the election of the following to the National Council for a two-year term:

Georgia Bowman, William Jewell  
Donald L. Sikkink, South Dakota  
State College

Raymond L. Yeager, Bowling Green  
State University.

### **Fourth Business Session Friday, March 27, 11:00 A.M.**

Franklin R. Shirley reporting for the Committee on Research and Publications announced that the National Secretary had been requested to prepare a list of the alumni of each chapter to be sent with the fall letter with a request that the current addresses of alumni be returned to the office of the National Secretary. The Com-



mittee will provide criteria for the selection of distinguished alumni to be included in a "Who's Who of Pi Kappa Delta" to be prepared for the fiftieth anniversary commemoration. Motion was made to accept the report. Carried.

Grace Walsh announced that the Committee on Convention Invitations had received invitations for the 1961 Convention from Amarillo, Texas; Cleveland, Ohio; Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Washington. A motion was made to refer the matter of selecting the place for the next Convention to the National Council for final action. Carried.

Roy D. Murphy presented the following report for the Committee on Charters and Standards:

Pi Kappa Delta charter petitions have been approved since the Brookings Convention for institutions as follows:

Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho — May 19, 1958 — Dr. Mallalieu A. Wilson.

Northwest Missouri State College, Maryville, Missouri — May 19, 1958 — Dr. George A. Hinshaw.

Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi — April 17, 1958 — Professor Hollis B. Todd.

Stetson University, DeLand, Florida — June 2, 1958 — Dr. Mary Louise Gehring.

University of Minnesota, Duluth Branch, Duluth 11, Minnesota — November 24, 1958 — Dr. Robert Haakenson.

University of Louisville, Louisville 8, Kentucky — January 16, 1959 — Professor Martin Stevens.

Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio — March 2, 1959 — Dr. O. J. Wilson.

Nebraska State Teachers College, Shadron, Nebraska — March 16, 1959 — Dr. Neil McArthur.

College of Emporia, Emporia, Kansas — March 23, 1959 — Dr. Glenn B. Phipps.

Other charter petitions have been approved since the Brookings Convention and will probably be presented at the 1960 Province Conventions for institutions as follows:

McNeese State College, Lake Charles, Louisiana — October 20, 1958 — Professor W. J. Casey.

Panhandle A. & M. College, Goodwell, Oklahoma — January 16, 1959 — Dr. Lionel A. Scott.

#### *Charters Revoked:*

Georgia Beta at the University of Georgia  
Oklahoma Beta at the University of Tulsa

#### *Continued Probation:*

Arkansas Beta at Ouachita College  
Kentucky Gamma at Kentucky Wesleyan  
Missouri Mu at Tarkio College  
Alabama Beta at Alabama College  
Alabama Gamma at Spring Hill College  
Georgia Gamma at Georgia State College  
Illinois Gamma at Carthage College  
Mississippi Beta at Mississippi State Col.  
Missouri Lambda at Missouri Valley Col.  
Ohio Gamma at Hiram College

#### *Temporarily Continued Probation:*

Indiana Alpha at Franklin College  
Texas Nu at Texas A & I

#### *Placed on Probation:*

California Iota at Chico State College  
Louisiana Delta at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute  
Louisiana Zeta at Southeastern Louisiana State College  
Mississippi Delta at Mississippi Southern  
Oklahoma Gamma at Oklahoma Baptist University  
Texas Beta at Trinity University  
Washington Delta at Whitworth College  
Washington Eta at St. Martin's College

#### *Removed from Probation:*

Kansas Kappa at Baker University  
Mississippi Alpha at Millsaps College  
Kansas Mu at Bethany College  
Pennsylvania Alpha at Grove City Col.

### **Report of the Committee on Convention Evaluation — 1959**

The following report was made by Herman Pinkerton:

The Committee on Evaluation feels that the biennial national convention is one of the most important phases of the work of Pi Kappa Delta. With this in mind your Committee on Convention Evaluation for the 1959 convention has made an effort to evaluate certain facets of the convention which seemed to merit particular attention.

The Committee on Convention Evaluation wishes to make the following observations and recommendations:



1. *Oratory*: The Evaluation Committee recommends that the policy of providing judges copies of the orations while the students are speaking be discontinued.

2. *Extemporaneous Speaking*: The Evaluation committee suggests the possibility of permitting the Pi Kappa Delta chapters to vote on the selection of the extemporaneous topic.

The Committee also suggests that the policy of students drawing simultaneously and remaining in the room during the speeches of the other entrants be discontinued.

3. *Debate*: The Evaluation Committee suggests that the Debate Committee study the feasibility of giving awards on the basis of ratings in addition to wins and losses.

4. *Discussion*: The Committee recommends that the schedules of events be rearranged so that the discussion contest does not conflict with any other event. If there is a conflict, it recommends that participants in discussion receive superior and excellent awards, but that no points from discussion be added toward the sweepstakes awards.

The Evaluation Committee also suggests that the Committee on Discussion study the feasibility of submitting an outline on the discussion topic to each school in advance of the tournament.

5. The Committee suggests that students be provided written criticisms in every event. The use of ballots designed to offer written criticism and given to the students at the end of the tournament would be sufficient.

6. The Evaluation Committee also suggests that the National Council re-examine the schedule for the purpose of shortening the length of the convention.

7. The Committee also feels that the presentation of charters be made more ceremonial.

8. Each chapter should have an opportunity and be encouraged to submit nominees for the distinguished alumni award. Furthermore, each chapter should be notified in advance of the convention the nominees who are being considered.

The Committee feels very strongly that the person receiving the alumni award should be given a more prominent place on the program.

9. The National Council is to be commended for the excellent choice of convention speakers.

10. The success of any convention depends largely on the administrative personnel of the organization and the facilities made available for implementing the program. In this connection the Evaluation Committee wishes to commend our national president, the National Council, and all of the various committees and other personnel who have done such an excellent job. Bowling Green University has offered us her very best hospitality, and we wish to thank her administrative personnel, her faculty, and her student body for providing such excellent facilities for the convention and tournament.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Pinkerton, chairman  
Ted R. Jackson  
Robert D. Kully

The following report was presented by H. L. Ahrendts:

## **Report of the Resolutions Committee**

*And now may it be resolved that:*

The Twenty-First National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, assembled at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to all organizations and individuals who have contributed to the success of the convention and the pleasure of its delegates.

Pi Kappa Delta expresses its thanks to President Ralph W. McDonald, the administrative officers, faculty, and students of Bowling Green State University, for providing the exceptionally fine facilities placed at our disposal.

The local chapter exemplified to an excellent degree true Pi Kappa Delta spirit in performing the many detailed tasks of planning and carrying out the responsibility of this convention.

Furthermore, our particular appreciation goes to our host, Dr. Donald Kleckner, Chairman of the Department of Speech, and the local convention chairman, Dr.



Raymond Yeager. The efforts of these two men, and their departmental colleagues, may be attributed in a large measure to the friendly hospitality and efficient operation of the tournament.

Our thanks and appreciation are given to those members of the faculty of Bowling Green State University and other friends of Pi Kappa Delta, who so generously gave of their time and their energy in judging some of our contests. Likewise, our deep appreciation is extended to all our national officers and convention committees who have done their duty so well.

*Be it resolved:* that a very special vote of grateful thanks be extended to Col. Farrar Cobb, Director of the University Union; Gene Stabile, Director of Food Service, and Harold Obee, Judging Chairman.

*Whereas*, the members of the maintenance staff and others associated with Bowling Green State University gave of their time and extended their regular duties in order to serve this convention, therefore

*Be it resolved:* That this convention acknowledge such benefits and favors and explicitly cite those individuals as our particular benefactors. We specifically refer to: Glenn Christian, Union Building Superintendent; Don Hinde, Assistant to the Union Building Superintendent; Anne Potoky, Director of Union Activities; John W. Bunn, Director of Plant and Residential Operations; Gene Hessey, Business Office; Ray Whittaker, Housing; Jerry Banninga, Transportation; Jan Heinze, Chairman of Secretaries, and Harold Van Winkle, Director, News Service.

*Be it further Resolved*, that the National Secretary be instructed to communicate appropriate letters of our thanks.

*Whereas* we are indebted to those students of Bowling Green University who generously relinquished their rooms for our comfort, and to those students who assumed the task of attending to the multitude of specific and anonymous tasks, we extend our thanks.

*Whereas:* The golden anniversary of Pi Kappa Delta is approaching, and *whereas*, the alumni can contribute much to the effectiveness of this anniversary convention, *be it resolved*, that this convention strongly endorse the national council di-

rective that each chapter shall be supplied with a complete list of their Pi Kappa Delta alumni, and that correct addresses of these alumni be returned to the national secretary-treasurer before the specified date.

*Be it resolved:* that this Twenty-First National Convention, assembled at Bowling Green State University, be informed that Dr. Egbert R. Nichols, 73, retired University of Redlands professor and founder of the national forensic fraternity, Pi Kappa Delta, died suddenly Saturday morning, April 5, 1958, of a stroke while visiting in Whittier, California. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Grace Nichols; son, Dr. E. R. Nichols, Jr.; daughter-in-law and grandchild; brother, Leslie, of Glendale, California; and sister, Mabel Rotsell of Los Angeles. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church of Redlands at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 1958.

Be it acknowledged that Dr. Larry Norton, President of Pi Kappa Delta National Honorary Speech Fraternity, wrote the following to Mrs. Nichols on behalf of Pi Kappa Delta:

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

I wish to express, on behalf of the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta, our sympathy to you and the family.

More than thirty-one thousand members of Pi Kappa Delta have been given an incentive for achievement through the high ideals and inspired leadership of Dr. Nichols. Only by such guidance could our forensic society have become the largest and strongest in the United States.

Fifty years devoted to thoughtful planning and wise counsel justly earned for E. R. Nichols the affectionate title, "Mr. Pi Kappa Delta". Such recognition is bestowed only upon those whose contributions have been an inspiration to his fellow workers.

Future generations of students will likewise respect him for the sound principles upon which our organization was founded. They will honor him for a lifetime of dedication to the high purposes embodied in Pi Kappa Delta.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Norton, President  
Pi Kappa Delta



*Be it resolved*, that this convention be informed that on February 22, 1959, the Ohio Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta mourned the death of one of its members, Gary L. Henry of Massillon, Ohio.

Gary Henry was an outstanding scholar in high school and was the first recipient of the Emil P. Herbruck Memorial Scholarship, which was a full tuition scholarship in memory of the man who won the first intercollegiate oratorical contest held in Ohio in 1875. Gary Henry will always be held in a place of high honor in the Ohio Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

The Resolutions Committee wishes to acknowledge the many important contributions were made to the convention and tournament which can not be specifically mentioned. It is our sincere hope that all important services have been recognized.

## *Distinguished Alumni Award*

*Bowling Green, Ohio* — "The art of persuasion, beautiful and just," stands between freedom for each individual and the conformity which could pave the way for a totalitarian state.

So spoke Dr. Dwayne Orton, editor of *Think* magazine and recipient of the 1959 Distinguished Alumnus award of Pi Kappa Delta national forensics society, at a general session of the Pi Kappa Delta national convention at Bowling Green State University Monday, March 23.

"The faith of the persuader," Dr. Orton said in his talk on that subject before students and debate coaches from colleges and universities across the country, "lies in two major areas — first, in the belief in the value of quality over quantity, and in 'know why' rather than 'know how' in this technological culture where the emphasis tends to be on the 'know how'; and second, in the belief that personal and social values must take first place over material values."

Dr. Orton stated his belief that conformity is one of the biggest dangers to our freedom today. In the totalitarian state which exists behind the Iron Curtain, the important thing for the people is "know how" and it is not necessary or even desirable to "know why," he said.

The difference between the U. S. and Russia, he continued, is in the quality of

Respectfully submitted, March 27, 1959.  
H. L. Ahrendts, Chairman  
Nebraska State College,  
Kearney  
Father R. J. Imbs,  
Rockhurst College,  
Kansas City, Mo.  
William V. Hanson,  
College of Puget Sound,  
Tacoma, Washington

The report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted.

The members of Discussion Group #12 were recognized as having made the best grade of the discussion groups on its written report.

The business session adjourned for the presentation of awards in debate and Sweepstakes.



From Left: Dr. Raymond Yeager, Mr. Dwayne Orton, distinguished alumnus; Mr. Larry E. Norton.

the people and their sense of freedom. "In Russia the persuader could have no craft, for all is conformity, and there is no place for persuasion that is beautiful and just. The persuader is committed to his freedom; this is his lot in life and without it he couldn't be. His faith and obligated are in freedom of choice, in the "know why."

The emphasis must be on the economy for the people rather than the people for the economy, he added, and said that he thinks the funds the U. S. spends on foreign aid are among the greatest investments ever made.

Dr. Orton noted that the faith of the persuader is intensely personal, adding that "its quality abides not only in content but in use."



# CITATION

Dr. Dwayne Orton, you have been chosen by the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta as one who exemplifies to a high degree the purposes and ideals of Pi Kappa Delta.

A graduate of Redlands University in 1926, you had developed, as a student, a high regard for forensic activities. As an Instructor at Baylor College, as Dean of the General College, College of the Pacific, and as President of Stockton College you continued your interest in debate. In the Spring of 1934, when you were Director of the Junior College, College of the Pacific, you took your debate team to the Pi Kappa Delta Convention at Lexington, Kentucky, where it won highest honors.

Then in 1942 you became affiliated with International Business Machines Corporation. As Editor of *THINK*, published by IBM, you have had the privilege of directing a monthly magazine which has been acclaimed one of the "finest cultural journals in America". In 1954 and in 1955 Freedoms Foundation awarded you the George Washington Honor Medals for "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life." In addition to your position as Editor, you have served as Educational Consultant to IBM, whose Department of Education you directed for eleven years.

Possessor of honorary Doctors degrees from six colleges and universities, you have also achieved wide recognition in civic, national and professional activities. A former Assistant Administrator of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, Consultant to the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Consultant to the United States Air Force, you are now President of the Council for International Progress in Management. A member of the Business Relations Council of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, a Director and executive committeeman of the American Arbitration Association, a Trustee of Pratt Institute, a New York City Rotarian, a member of the National Student Committee of the YMCA, and added to all of these is membership on the board of the Greater New York Council of Foreign Students and on the Manhattan College Council on Engineering Affairs. You are recognized as an outstanding lecturer both in the United States and in Europe. Your membership in *Who's Who in America* is a tribute to your success.

Therefore, in recognition of your outstanding achievements the members of Pi Kappa Delta consider it an honor to present this plaque with the simple inscription "1959, Pi Kappa Delta Distinguished Alumni Award, presented to Dwayne Orton in recognition of outstanding achievement."

## OUR COVER

Dr. Harvey Cromwell, head of the department of speech at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, was elected President of Pi Kappa Delta, national forensics society, at the biennial convention at Bowling Green State University. He is retiring vice president of the society.

Roy D. Murphy, head of the department of speech, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana, was elected vice president; and Dr. John Randolph, head of the department of English, Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, was elected editor of *The Forensic*, national magazine of Pi Kappa Delta.

## WALDO W. BRADEN

Waldo W. Braden, Chairman and Professor, Department of Speech, Louisiana State University.

Birth place, Iowa. B.A. from Penn College, 1932; M.A. (1938) and Ph. D. (1942) State University of Iowa. Formerly taught at Fremont, Iowa, and Mount Pleasant Iowa, High Schools, and at Iowa Wesleyan College. Member of the Department of Speech at Louisiana State University since 1946. Visiting professor at Washington University (summer, 1952), and at Michigan State College (summer, 1953).

Author (with G.W. Gray) of *Public Speaking, Principles and Practice* (Harper 1951). Author (with Ernest Brandenburg)



of *Oral Decision-Making* (Harper, 1955). Author (with Mary Louise Gehring) of *Speech Practices, A Resource Book for the Student of Public Speaking* (Harper, 1958). Contributor to *History and Criticism of American Public Address*, Vol. III (Longman, 1955). Contributor to numerous speech and history journals.

Formerly Assistant Editor of *The Quarterly Journal of Speech* and formerly national first Vice-President of Tau Kappa Alpha. Executive Secretary of the Speech Association of America, 1954-1957. Member of Administrative Council, of Speech Association of America, 1954.

Member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Tau Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Rho, and Pi Kappa Delta, Speech Association of America, and Southern Speech Association.

Earned degree of special distinction in debate, Pi Kappa Delta, Iowa Nu Chapter Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa.



*Resume of speech delivered at National Pi Kappa Delta Convention, March 25, 1959  
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.*

## *What Happens to Debaters and Why*

by WALDO W. BRADEN

*Professor of Speech and Chairman of Department of Speech  
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

Many prominent men of today were intercollegiate debaters. In the field of politics there are Vice President Nixon, Senator Hubert Humphrey, Senator Russell Long, Senator Wayne Morse, Senator Henry Jackson, and Senator George Smathers. On the Supreme Court is William O. Douglas. In the ministry are Ralph Sockman, Bromley Oxnam, Fulton J. Sheen, and James Pike. On the radio are Mel Allen, Chet Huntley, Lowell Thomas, H. V. Kaltenborn, and Edward R. Murrow. *Who's Who in America* lists many other persons who debated in college.

Former students are most enthusiastic in endorsing the activity. They advise persons entering their professions to participate. They say that it helped them in their careers and that it aided them in taking a prominent place in civic life.

What elements in debating seem to con-

tribute to the careers of successful people?

At the outset it should be pointed out that training in debate is only one of the many factors involved in an education. Some of the elements of intercollegiate debating which seem to explain its influence on persons in business, law, government and other lines of endeavor are the following:

1. Intercollegiate debating attracts students with superior intelligence.

2. It develops an intense interest in public affairs.

3. It creates a great desire to improve.

4. It throws the participant into competition with other bright students.

5. It teaches the student how to analyze, to think critically, and to listen.

6. It develops the ability to extemporize, to express thoughts clearly and fluently under pressure.



# Convention Registration

## ARIZONA

**Arizona State College, Beta**  
Wm. H. Stites, *Director*  
Richard Steiner  
Al Flewelling  
Darla Bowers  
Gloria Balencia

## ARKANSAS

**Harding College, Zeta**  
Evan Ulrey, *Director*  
Sam Kitching  
Richard Hawkins  
Jeanette Harrington  
Jeutonne Patton

## CALIFORNIA

**Redlands, Alpha**  
Tom McClain, *Director*  
Charles Pyrom  
Tony Rosenbaum  
Janet Gibbs  
Carolyn Wardrip

**Calif. Inst. of Tech, Gamma**  
Dwight R. Thomas, *Director*  
Carl Hamilton  
Carl Rovainen

**College of Pacific, Delta**  
Paul H. Winters, *Director*  
Lynn Engdahl  
Harry Sharp  
Jack Willoughby  
Ruth Miller  
Ginger Ivers  
Loris Bringelson

**Pepperdine College, Zeta**  
Melvin Pic'l, *Director*  
Donald Booker  
David Rice  
Eleanor Simmons  
Marlys Pic'l

**San Diego State, Eta**  
Jack Mills, *Director*  
Corky Ellis  
John Raser  
Sharon Peterson  
Donna Bergelis

**Pasadena College, Theta**  
James H. Jackson, *Director*  
Eddie Potter  
Carol Johns

**Los Angeles State College, Lambda**  
Robert D. Kully, *Director*  
Don Ifill  
Dick Keil  
Chrystal Watson  
Jeanne Frazier

**Fresno State, Nu**  
Howard Holladay, *Director*  
John Goss  
Dalton Reimer  
Betty Boos

## COLORADO

**Colorado State University, Alpha**  
Robert Tuttle, *Director*  
Kenneth Hause  
Mary Humphreys  
Lois Sherman  
Lorna Scofield

**Colorado State College, Beta**  
Don Faulas, *Director*  
Barbara Negomir  
Joyce Payte

**Western State College, Gamma**  
Ted C. Johnson, *Director*  
Otto Pfeiff  
Elwin Powell  
Dale Bivens

**Adams State, Delta**  
Bill Turner, *Director*  
Sam Frizell  
Bill Haught  
Phil Britton  
Shari Montgomery  
Marcelle Horn

## FLORIDA

**Stetson University, Beta**  
Mary Louise Gehring, *Director*  
Warren Carr  
Suzanne Moore  
Jackie Dossett

## IDAHO

**Idaho State College, Gamma**  
W. N. Corbin, *Director*  
Lynn Thomas  
John Clawson  
Eileen Taney

**Northwest Nazarene, Delta**  
Mallalieu A. Wilson, *Director*  
Richard V. Benner  
Ralph E. Neil

## ILLINOIS

**Illinois Wesleyan University, Alpha**  
Marie J. Robinson, *Director*  
William Colburn  
Julene A. Wright

**Eureka College, Beta**  
Eugene W. Holmes, *Director*  
Tom Vaughn

**Bradley University, Delta**  
Larry Norton and Charles  
Tucker, *Directors*  
Mike Suleiman  
Roy Miller  
Ray Erler  
Jeannine Bunce  
Kathe McCleave  
Elizabeth Mylorie  
Lynn Spicher  
Mrs. Larry Norton, *visitor*  
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