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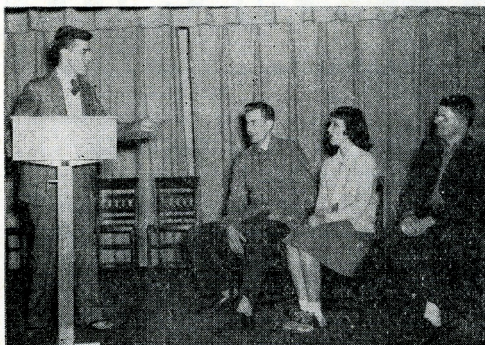
One of the primary objectives of forensics must be the development of intellectual honesty. Ability to scrutinize reports and detect inaccuracies or deliberate misrepresentations, skill in exploding fictional statements, scorn for garbled testimony, contempt for counterfeit "evidence" should form the heart of a debater's character. Quintilian's first essential for an orator was that he should be a good man, possessing not merely exceptional gifts of speech but all the excellencies of character as well. Dr. Robert West questioned the worth of training students in powerful techniques of persuasion unless they possessed high ethical purpose.

In face of these avowed aims how can incomplete, misleading, or false publicity regarding a school's forensic achievement be condoned? We have recently had occasion to compare local reports of the standing of various debate teams with the official reports of tournaments. Claims for first or second place with disregard for the fact that several other teams tied for the same position, the implication that teams were victorious in divisions in which actually no decisions were given, claiming a championship in a tournament where no winner was officially declared are common.

Will forensic people and their reporters be accused of adopting the propaganda techniques of pressure groups and authoritarian governments? Sadly enough, college news bureaus frequently appear to be copying the successful but ethically questionable techniques of propaganda agencies.

Coaches, orators, and debaters should demand accurate reporting. They should facilitate accurate reporting by giving "the facts."





George Green, winner of the Illinois State Extempore contest, presents a few pointers to his colleagues.

## THE CHIEF FAULTS OF DEBATERS

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5. Failure to adapt constructive arguments to the cases as presented by the opposing teams
6. Asking obviously unimportant questions as a strategical device to get the opposition to waste time
7. Failure to debate basic issues—to lay down and defend a *prima facie* case
8. Too much reliance upon "quotation from authority" as a form of evidentiary support
9. Affectation in delivery—the failure to coordinate voice, body, and mind in the presentation of the debate
10. Mannerisms of delivery, such as:
  - (1) Carrying a pencil to the platform
  - (2) Continuous reference to notes
  - (3) Charging to or shuffling up to the speakers platform
  - (4) Clinging to and leaning heavily upon the speakers stand
  - (5) Continuous adjustments of glasses or wearing apparel
  - (6) Starting the speech on the way to the speakers stand
  - (7) Indirect eye contact—failure to look at the members of the audience
  - (8) Ungainly posture—resting the weight on one foot, hands in pockets, slumping on the stand, feet too wide apart, swaying of the body and the like
  - (9) Fumbling with such articles as watch chains and coins during the delivery
  - (10) Talking directly to one's opponents with disregard to the audience



## *Chapter News*



### California

The University of California at Los Angeles won first place in the Santa Barbara Debate Tournament, and the University of Redlands placed second. Teams from twenty-five colleges in Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and California were entered in the tournament.

### Colorado

Dr. Roy M. Green, president of Colorado A & M College in Fort Collins, died January 22. Dr. Green was deeply interested in speech activities as a part of the well rounded liberal education which the students at a technical school should possess. Dr. Green was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta, and Alpha Zeta.

### Florida

On January 30-31, Florida Gamma sponsored the first University of Miami debate tournament. Teams from Chicago, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, and Stetson Universities participated. Other activities of this revived chapter included debate trips to New Orleans, Columbia, South Carolina, and New York.

### Illinois

Four debate teams from Illinois State Normal University tied for second place in the tournament held at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, Charleston, Illinois. Evelyn Reed, Muriel Gresham, Don Ferguson, Wilber Johnson, Calvin Moore, and Don McConkey represented Illinois Normal.

Kenneth Wolfe, Virden Trotter, Bill Barney, and Roland McShanog of Western Illinois State Teachers College presented an assembly debate on the national proposition, "Resolved, That a Federal World Government Should Be Established."

Jack Heiken, Sam Goich, Bill Schirmer, Darrell Piersol, Roy Grenier, Robert Hook, and Harrison Oury represented Illinois Wesleyan at the Illinois Normal Tournament.



Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, announces the establishment of a department of speech which will offer graduate work in speech beginning the summer of 1948. Dr. Clara Krefting Mawhinney is chairman of the new department. The first activity of the new department was the sponsoring of a speech tournament. Approximately two hundred participants from eleven colleges entered the forensic meet, which included oratory, extemporaneous speaking, discussion, poetry reading, radio newscasting, and debate. The convocation speaker at the tournament was Rolf Kaltenborn, Jr.

The reports from Dr. F. Lincoln Holmes, Illinois Zeta, indicate that Illinois Normal University's Sixteenth Annual Tournament was well attended by excellent teams from Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. In the championship division in which the direct clash system was used, Augustana, Illinois, won first, and Northern Illinois Teachers placed second. Eureka and Monmouth tied for third. In division I, five out of the eighty-four teams participating were undefeated. Schools with undefeated teams were Augustana, River Falls, St. Olaf, Knox, and Northwestern. Hope College won the oratorical contest, while Northern Illinois Teachers and Ripon tied for second.

### Indiana

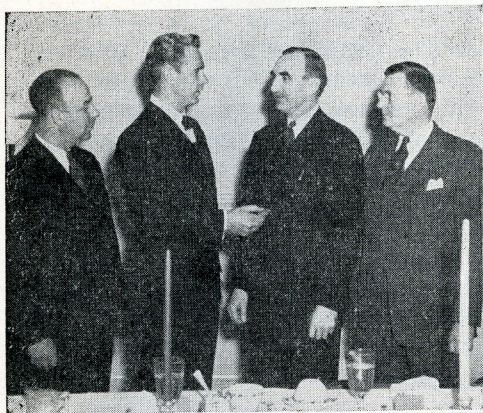
Indiana Alpha has been directly responsible for the renewal of forensic activities at Franklin College. Once a strong competitor in all forensic activities, Franklin suffered a marked decline in speech activities during the war years. This year, however, Indiana Alpha, under the presidency of Don Williams, who also holds an assistantship in the Speech Department, is sponsoring a novice debate tournament and sending representatives to intercollegiate debate tournaments.

### Kansas

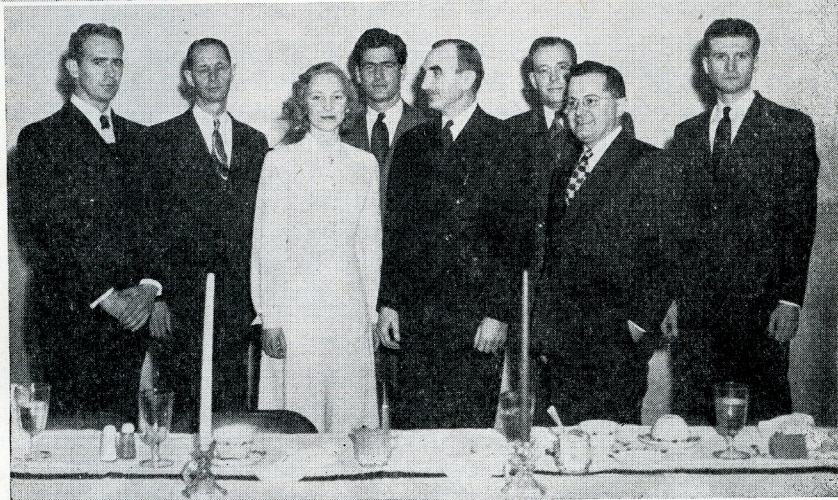
Bethel College, Newton, Kansas, conducted its annual pre-Christmas Debate Tournament December 6. Thirty-two debate teams from eleven colleges participated. Five teams were undefeated. Professor Eldon W. Graber was director of the tournament.

Ronald Reid and Jim Yeater of Baker University won first place in the junior division of men's debate at the Mid-South Forensic Tournament at Arkadelphia, Arkansas.





Dr. Judson Foust, Don Nelson,  
Senator Wayne Morse,  
Dr. Charles L. Anspach,  
President of Central Michigan College



Don Nelson, Dr. H. L. Curry, Mildred Fisher, Wayne McFarland, Senator Morse,  
Dr. Wilbur Moore, Professor E. R. Pfister, Lester Thomas

On March 2, when Senator Wayne Morse appeared on Central Michigan College's lecture program, the Michigan Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta presented honorary memberships and diamond keys to Senator Morse and Dr. Judson Foust, Assistant to the President of the College. Senator Morse debated three years at the University of Wisconsin and later coached debate there and at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Foust, who debated four years at Albion College and who is a member of Delta Sigma Rho, never lost a decision.



### Michigan

Michigan Theta sent four debate teams to the state tournament for men and achieved the best record by winning nine out of eleven contests. This year the novice debaters, the women's squad, and the varsity men's squad, all under the direction of Mr. Emil Pfister, have won twenty-five and lost five debates. Donald Nelson, president of Michigan Theta, placed second in the state extempore contest. In addition to the traditional contests and activities, members of the Michigan Theta chapter, under the supervision of Dr. H. L. Curry and Mr. Emil Pfister, have presented a number of model discussions and parliamentary drills before rural leadership groups, women's clubs and service organizations.

### Mississippi

Mississippi Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was installed on February 6. The installation of the new chapter and the initiation of its members were conducted by Professor J. Dale Welsch, Miss Ruth Williams, and Miss Virginia Harrison. Dr. Welsch was formerly a member of Pi Kappa Delta at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Miss Williams was formerly a member of Pi Kappa Delta at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois. The officers of the new chapter are Regenia Cowley, president; Thellis McDonald, vice-president; Joyce Jones, secretary; Joy Noble, corresponding secretary.

Dr. E. S. Wallace, director of the Eighth Annual Millsaps "Warm-Up" Debate Tournament which was held at Jackson, Mississippi, the first week in December reports a successful tournament. On the basis of ratings given individual speakers, Jack Lowry of Georgetown College placed first; Ernest Mosley, Ouachita College, second; Tarver Rountree, University of Alabama, third. In the junior division, Oscar Newton of the University of Alabama placed first and Gerald Rigby of Louisiana State University, second. In the women's division Martha Jo Bush of Louisiana State University placed first and Jeanne Butner of Arkansas Teachers was second. In oratory, Tarver Rountree, University of Alabama, placed first; Kelly Hamm of Louisiana College, second.

### Missouri

Professor Sherod Collins, head of the Department of Speech, demonstrated the use of public address system and disc and tape



recorders at an audio-visual education conference held at Kirksville State Teachers College, Kirksville, Missouri.

Bill and Steve Shinn, Paul Andreck, and Royal Miller represented Kirksville State Teachers College at the Normal Illinois tournament.

### Nebraska

Walt Stromer represented Hastings College in oratory at the University of Nebraska tournament, February 27 and 28.

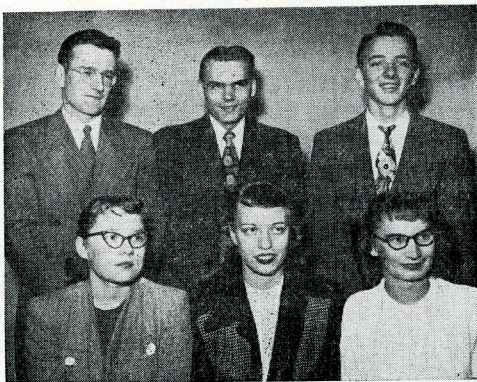
### North Carolina

Dr. Albert Keiser, North Carolina Delta, has again been appointed to help select the thirty-two debate teams to compete in the National Tournament at West Point, April 29-May 2.

### Oklahoma

Two large high school forensic tournaments were held by Southeastern State College, Durant, Oklahoma, and East Central State College, Ada, Oklahoma, during February. Professor T. A. Houston was director of the tournament at Durant and Professor D. J. Nabors was the director at Ada. Contests in debate, oral interpretation of poetry, one-act plays, extemporaneous speaking, and discussion were held.

Dakota Wesleyan University students who helped bring sweepstakes honors to Wesleyan for the second consecutive year at South Dakota Intercollegiate Forensic Association tournament February 20 and 21 held at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion.



Back row, left to right: Harold Burnett, extemporaneous speaking; Dean Barkley, oratory; Stanley Hallett, peace oratory.  
Front row: Donna Comstock, oratory; Corinne Albrook, extemporaneous speaking; Lois Byllesby, peace oratory.



### South Dakota

The annual Sioux Falls College Speech Tournament was held on Saturday, January 17. Seventy debaters from eleven colleges and universities took part in four rounds of debate. Three types of debate: direct clash, heckling, and formal were used in the tournament. All debates were non-decision.

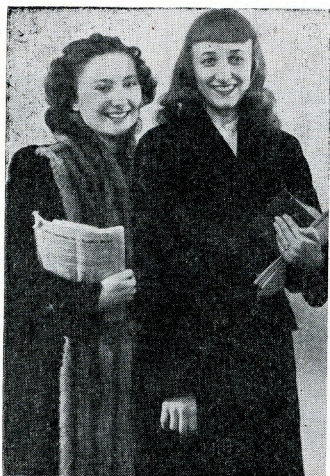
The annual state contest in Peace Extemporaneous Speaking was held in conjunction with the tournament. Students placing in the men's division were: first, Thomas Gerber, Northern State Teachers, Aberdeen; second, William Shapiro, Yankton College; third, Tom Kilian, Augustana, Sioux Falls. In the women's division, the winners were: first, Roene Coffin, Southern State Teachers, Springfield, S.D.; second Arlene Salman, South Dakota State College; third, Dorothy Peterson, Augustana.

Contests in oratory were also held for winners of second place in local contests. Winners in the men's division were: first, John Orr, Dakota Wesleyan; second, James Simpson, Yankton College; third, Gordon Smith, Sioux Falls College. In the women's division, winners were: first, Mary Reardon, Sioux Falls College; second, Verlys Batie, Northern State Teachers; third, Janet Barclay, University of South Dakota.

Twenty-six colleges from six states: Montana, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin, were represented in the Red River Valley Forensics Tournament under the direction of Dr. W. E. Lillo of Concordia College and Professor Allen Erickson of Moorhead State Teacher's College.

Clarice Smith and Dottie Wik, Sioux Falls College debate team, won first place honors in the women's division of debate held at Moorhead State Teacher's College in Moorhead, Minnesota. With five wins and one loss, the Sioux Falls team was named first place winner over the women's team from South Dakota State, on the basis of total team ratings on the judges' ballots. The State College team, also with five wins and one loss, was awarded second place.

A Yankton College team placed first in the men's division of debate



Clarice Smith and Deloris Wik, Sioux Falls College, winners of the women's division of the Red River Valley Debate Tournament.



at Concordia College with a record of six wins and no losses. They out-ranked an undefeated team from Carleton College on the basis of judges' ratings.

### Texas

Past President Glenn Capp installed Texas Nu Chapter, Texas State College of Arts and Industry, at Kingsville, Texas. Professor Ted Skinner is the sponsor of the new chapter.

Texas Mu Chapter at Stephen Austin College was reorganized after ten years of inactivity. The new officers are Paul S. Wilson, president; Earl Lord, vice president; and Miss Rosel Schillings, secretary-treasurer. At a recent dinner meeting Texas Mu presented Dr. Paul L. Boynton, president of Stephen Austin College, with an honorary membership in Pi Kappa Delta.

The winners of the various events at the Baylor University Invitational Forensic Tournament, Waco, Texas, February 6 and 7, 1948, were as follows:

Men's Debate: first, North Texas State College, David Cotten and Keith Parks; second, Southwest Missouri State Teachers College, Bennie Francka and Basil Bortizki.

Women's Debate: first, East Central State College, Doris Stewart and Berlyene Miller; second, Baylor University, Bobbie Wallace and Betsy Ross.

Junior Men's Debate: first, Seminole Junior College, Delynn Dever and Jack Harber; second, University of Oklahoma, Harry McMillan and William Bowles.

Junior Women's Debate: first, University of Texas, Lucita Thornton and Sara McCampbell; second, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Merrita Dominique and Marguerite Richard.

Senior Men's Poetry Reading: first, A. C. C., Chris Clark; second, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Ray Zagone.

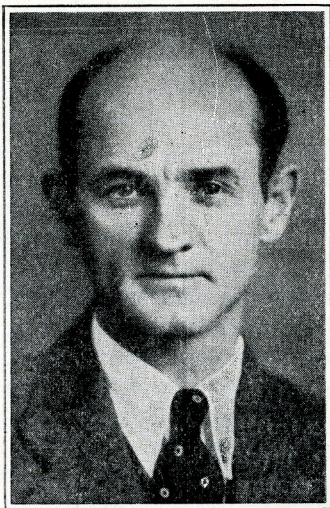
Senior Women's Poetry Reading: first, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Ruby Lee Draughon; second, Baylor University, Elsie Gayer.

Junior Men's Poetry Reading: first, Trinity University, Charles Seamans; second, A. C. C., Bill Fling.

Junior Women's Poetry Reading: first, Lon Morris Junior College, Elaine Hoffman; second, Louisiana College, Joann Mohan.

Senior Men's Oratory: first, Louisiana College, Kelly Hamm; second, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Ray Zagone.





W. V. O'CONNELL

William V. O'Connell, head of the speech department at Northern Illinois State Teachers' College and past president of Pi Kappa Delta, was elected president of the Illinois Speech Association. The Illinois Speech Association is one of the strongest state associations in the country.

Professor E. R. Nichols, founder of Pi Kappa Delta, was recently elected second vice-president of The Speech Association of America.

Professor E. R. Nichols, a veteran teacher of speech and developer of innumerable championship debate teams, extempore speakers, and orators, was accorded this recognition not only because of his long service as a teacher and director of forensics but because of his significant contributions to the theory of debate and argumentation and his impressive leadership in the founding of *The Debaters' Magazine*. Professor Nichols, with his colleague Joseph Baccus, is the author of *Modern Debating*. Professor Nichols has also written a number of professional articles on debate and public speaking for the *Quarterly Journal of Speech* and *The Forensic*.

Senior Women's Oratory: first, Louisiana College, Loidene Cuniff; second, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Dorothy Fleming.

Junior Men's Oratory: first, Texas University, Ronnie Dugger; second, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Alvin Ducote and Southeastern State College, Oklahoma, Jack Carter.

Junior Women's Oratory: first, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lucille Magnon; second, Lon Morris Junior College, Betty Read.

Senior Men's Extemporaneous Speaking: first, Southern Methodist University, Bill Nighswonger; second, Baylor University, Tom Webb.

Senior Women's Extemporaneous Speaking: first, Baylor Uni-



versity, Betsy Ross; second, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Julie Martin.

Junior Men's Extemporaneous Speaking: first, University of Oklahoma, Harry McMillan; second, University of Houston, Fred Bates and Southern Methodist University, Paul Morell.

Junior Women's Extemporaneous Speaking: first, Louisiana College, Helen Williams; second, Seminole Junior College, Dorothy Compton.

After Dinner Speaking: first, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Marguerite Richard; second, Southern Methodist University, Virginia Brannon.

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## *Book Review*

*The Logic of the Sciences and the Humanities.* F. S. C. Northrop. New York. The Macmillan Company. 1947. Pp. XIV-402.

In this challenging work, most of which has appeared in critical journals, the author, who is Professor of Philosophy and Law at Yale University, conceives of logic in the broadest sense. Emphasis is placed upon its applications in the diverse scientific methods of the natural and the social sciences and in the humanities. Throughout, the differences between problems of fact and problems of value are held in focus. The author compels the reader to face two fundamental issues. First, can normative and ethical problems be solved by scientific method? Second, if they can what are those methods?

The inadequacies of the traditional answers of the social scientists and moral philosophers on ethical issues is demonstrated by the inadequacies of methods proposed as exhibited by an analysis of the differences between fact and value and factual theories and normative theories. Further, the inadequacies are demonstrated by the failure of the traditional methods to solve a single specific normative problem.

"If methods for handling problems of fact in the natural sciences could evidence in their support only talk about their adequacy, while never solving a specific scientific problem or verifying a specific theory, to remove it from the realm of controversy and debate, experts studying nature would most certainly reject them."

If methods proposed by moral philosophers and humanists for solving the tremendous issues of human conduct and human values are to possess adequacy, they too must solve specific prob-



lems and draw to their support more than talk and controversy.

The author believes that in the social sciences and humanities as well as in the natural sciences, it is the analysis of the problem which guides one to the relevant facts, and, once they are known, to the relevant hypothesis. Differing sharply from Bacon, in point of view, Professor Northrop does not believe that the facts determine the analytical method or the hypothesis. Agreeing more with Pragmatic philosophers and modern writers on psychology, Northrop states that the analytical method will govern the facts which are observed, their interpretation, and the hypothesis to be formulated.

The analysis of a problem, whether "scientific" or ethical, must reduce the "problematic situation to the relevant factual situation," the difference between problems of policy and problems of fact lying in the lengthiness of the analysis. "The reduction of problems of value to problems of fact must be possible if any normative statements are cognitive and true, rather than merely persuasive and hortatory. For to say a statement is true is to answer a question of fact."

The author questions the adequacy of social ideals which have never been fully realized. For example, does the fact that there is no actual society anywhere in which the democratic ideal is realized serve as proof of the inadequacy of the democratic ideal? Similarly, is Christianity proved inadequate by the failure of anyone to conform fully to that ideal? The author's answer is yes: "... if normative social theories were handled by the same methods as those used for factual theories, this is precisely what we should conclude when we find our normative social theories to be out of accord with specific facts in any actual society."

It is Professor Northrop's thesis that scientific method can determine the correct (good) normative social theory. From the many social theories such as Anglo-American laissez faire, Roman Catholic social theory, Chinese Confucianism, Mohammedan theistic social theory, Buddhist non-theistic social theory and others yet undeveloped, scientific *methods* of analysis (there is no one scientific method) can determine the adequate theory. Scientific methods can determine the ends for which the discoveries of science are used as well as make possible these discoveries.

Although there is much with which many if not most readers will disagree violently, the challenge to rigorous thinking on problems of policy is compelling and on the whole exceedingly fruitful.

W.E.M.