

The close of the school year, 1951-52, marked the end of well over 100 years of teaching and directing forensic activities by four really great men in the history of Pi Kapp Delta. These men are Dr. Egbert Ray Nichols of Redlands University, Professor Thomas Allen Houston of Oklahoma Southeastern State College, Dr. Maurice A. Hess of McPherson College, and Professor G. S. Fulbright of Washburn Municipal University. • THE FORENSIC pays tribute to the great contributions these pioneers of Pi Kappa Delta have made to democratic living. The October issue contained an article on Dr. Nichols; the present issue salutes Professor Houston and Dr. Hess. • The article on Professor Houston is written by Mary McKinney Frye of Southeastern State College, Durant, Oklahoma, while D. W. Bittinger of McPherson College in Kansas writes the story on Dr. Maurice R. Hess.

Professor Houston and Dr. Hess

In July, 1952, Thomas Allen Houston retired from the faculty of Southeastern State College at Durant, Oklahoma. For thirty-one years he had served the college as head of the history department, as debate coach, as officer and loyal member of the Theta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

Professor Houston had passed the age of retirement four years earlier; but the college was reluctant to see him go, skeptical about ever finding anyone else who could render the same quality of distinguished service. It was with deep regret that the administration saw him leave his active duties and with the conviction that, no matter how well a successor served, there could never be another Professor Houston.

Although his former history students—some of them Dr. James Morrison, who now heads the history department—are eloquent proof of his inspired wisdom and skill as a history teacher, Professor Houston was best known as a debate coach and as the founder of Southeastern's tournament, the Savage Forensic.

Debating was, and still is, important to him; and it is with deep satisfaction that he recalls successful debating careers of his students and watches their development in many present fields of work.

"Debating makes students better people," he insists. "It teaches them to look at both

sides of every question. It keeps them from being narrow and prejudiced."

Debating also develops sportsmanship in a most effective manner, he believes—and he smiles as he recalls the pre-tournament days of debate. There was not quite so much good sportsmanship then, he remembers, when it was college against college and literary societies were the proving-ground, or the downfall, of hopeful orators.

Professor Houston's own debating career began at Transylvania College, Kentucky, where he received both bachelor and master's degrees before going to Columbia University, New York, and other institutions for higher study. During college days he won both state and southern forensic championships.

He began teaching in a Kentucky country school, after taking a county examination, at a salary of \$23.50 a month. (The next year he got a "raise," he recalls, by "boarding around" in the community and cutting down on his food bill.) After moving to Oklahoma he taught first at Hochatown, then was a teacher and administrator in Idabell before coming to Southeastern in 1921.

In 1931 Professor Houston organized the Savage Forensic, an event which he regards as perhaps the most significant in his career. He believes the tournament is the only one in the nation which has operated continuously since its establishment, with no time-out during the war years or for any other reason.

The Savage Forensic has brought students, often as many as 100 debate teams, to the Southeastern campus each year. Colleges represented have ranged all the way from California to North Carolina, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes.

His own debate teams have made gratifying records throughout the years. Four times they have won the highest rating in the Pi Kappa Delta national tournament. One team won the first invitational tournament championship at West Point. Three other teams were selected to attend the West Point event. Four of his teams won championships at the Savage Forensic, and two have won in the Southern Forensic.

When the twenty-third Savage Forensic is held on the Southeastern campus in February, Professor Houston will not be officially directing it. But that does not mean that it will not be Professor Houston's tournament. It will always be just that—as far as his students and many friends in forensics are concerned—just as Professor Houston will always be Southeastern's debate coach, whether active or inactive.



Professor Thomas Allen Houston

Dr. Maurice A. Hess

In the spring of 1951 Maurice A. Hess, who has been prominent in educational circles in the state of Kansas for more than a third of a century, was given the honorary degree, Doctor of Literature, by McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas.

Dr. Hess was richly deserving of this honor, not only for his outstanding teaching while he was associated with the college, but for his wide participation in the field of forensics and speech in the state of Kansas and throughout the Province of the Plains. For eighteen years he served as head debate coach at McPherson College and for almost as long he served as advisor in debate. During the period of his coaching his teams won nine state championships; eight times they were in second place. After he became advisor, McPherson continued its outstanding achievement in the field of forensics and much of its success is to be attributed to the untiring work of Dr. Hess.

In the field of speech many championships or near championships likewise are to be attributed to his coaching. These include a national first and a national second in peace oratory. He has served as governor of the Province of the Plains for five years and, on

different occasions, has been chairman of the state forensic organization.

He is known best, however, for his work in the teaching of English and Latin. The alumni of McPherson College may forget many things about their alma mater, but always they remember Professor Hess. He has made Freshman English more than a course of study at McPherson; it has become an institution. He has friends in almost every profession and in almost every part of the world who have been students of his in the years gone by. Dr. Hess has been associated with McPherson College for thirty-four years.

Dr. R. E. Mohler, who served an even longer term in teaching at McPherson College, presented Dr. Hess for the honorary degree. The following is the citation which he read:

It is fitting at this time that McPherson College should honor one who has made a distinguished contribution to the cause of Christian education and who has served in a large way in the shaping of educational standards of this college for the past thirty-two years.

There is a special satisfaction in recognizing one whose intellectual attainments and great teaching skill are well known to all of us. Professor Maurice A. Hess is a great student, an un-

tiring worker, and a masterful teacher. Both the spoken and the written English of our land are more accurately used and better understood because of the skillful work of this great teacher.

Professor Hess is a graduate of Ursinus College. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution in 1914. The Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him by the University of Pennsylvania in 1917. His major field of study was Latin. After receiving his Master's degree, Professor Hess continued his studies at the University of Chicago.

In education circles outside of McPherson College, Professor Hess is best known for his effective work as a coach of debate and public speaking. For eighteen years, he served as head coach of debate at McPherson College. During these years, his teams won nine state championships; and in eight of the remaining nine years, they ranked second. Since retiring as coach of forensic activities, Professor Hess has continued a live interest in the work. Under his watchful eye, the fine record that he established has continued; and McPherson College today ranks among the top colleges of the state in these activities.

Professor Hess is an active member of Pi Kappa Delta, an honorary forensic organization. He holds the distinction of having served as governor of the Province of the Plains division of the organization for a total of five years—an honor not held by any other person. We find Professor Hess's name listed in *Who's Who in American Education* and in the *Directory of American Scholars*.

Professor Hess chose to become a master teacher, and in this he succeeded well. However, he has not been unmindful of other scholarly adventures. We find in his writings papers that have been presented before state conventions and other groups of teachers of English. As a public speaker, he is well known; his subtle wit and keen insight into the affairs of life have won for him recognition in this field; but regardless of his success in many fields, he will continue to be known first and foremost as a teacher.

Mr. President, it is a pleasure, and I deem it a genuine honor, to present to you, on behalf of the faculty of McPherson College, Professor Maurice A. Hess and to ask that you at this time confer upon him, as a mark of high and merited honor, the degree, Doctor of Literature."

Seeing that the truth consisteth in the right ordering of names in our affirmations, a man that seeketh precise truth had need to remember what every name he useth stands for, and to place it accordingly, or else he will find himself entangled in words as a bird in lime twigs—the more he struggles the more belimed.—*Thomas Hobbes*

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You will have carried over into your public delivery the most desirable qualities of conversational speaking when you maintain upon the platform full realization of the content of your words as you utter them, and a lively sense of communication.—*James A. Winans*

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... there is no institution devised by man which the power of speech has not helped us to establish.—*Isocrates*

The Charter Committee is one of the most important standing committees of Pi Kappa Delta. Its purpose is that of receiving and reviewing all petitions of colleges and universities for membership. The personnel of the Charter Committee are, D. J. Nabors, Oklahoma East Central College, Ada, Oklahoma, Chairman; Emmett Long, George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, California; Roy D. Murphy, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana; C. L. Nyström, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois; the fifth member of the committee is the governor of the province in which the college or university making an application is located.

The Charter Committee

D. J. NABORS, Oklahoma East Central College

Many requests for information concerning membership in Pi Kappa Delta are received each year. These requests are referred to the Charter Committee which has established standards for membership in keeping with the provision for new chapters in Article 9 of the constitution. An official petition blank is provided for those who request it. The petition may be received by any member of Pi Kappa Delta but should be forwarded to the Chairman of the Charter Committee and should be accompanied by a catalogue of the college or university represented by the petitioners. After being received by the Charter Committee the petition goes through three distinct steps. First, an investigation is made of the academic and forensic standing of the petitioning institution. If given favorable approval by the Charter Committee, the petition is forwarded to the National Council. Second, it must be approved by the National Council. Third, it must have a favorable vote by at least two-thirds of the active chapters in the Province in which the petitioning institution is located. Members receiving requests for information from colleges and universities interested in petitioning for a chapter in Pi Kappa Delta may be helpful by providing the petitioner with information concerning the standards for membership.

The following standards have been established by the National Council:

1. The college must be a standard four-year school which is a member in good standing of and fully accredited by the North Central Association or its regional equivalent.
2. The college should offer an adequate number

of courses in public speaking and debate during the academic year.

3. The college should have a minimum annual budget adequate to the program.
4. The college should have engaged in intercollegiate forensics continuously for not less than five years.
5. Over the period of five years preceding application, the college shall have engaged in forensic activity on such a scale as would have enabled it to meet requirements for an active chapter prescribed in the constitution, Article V, Division A, Part 3.
6. The college forensic program should have been under the supervision of a faculty director for the preceding five years.
7. The application must have the endorsement of at least two-thirds of all active chapters in the province of which the petitioning college would logically be a member. (This endorsement is obtained by the province governor.)

The petitioning institution is also required to submit a statement from the president or other administrative officers giving assurance that a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is desired and that the forensic program of which it is a part will be given adequate financial support. Institutions that are unable to meet all of these requirements may be encouraged by Pi Kappa Delta members to improve their programs. Working toward these goals over a period of several years may be necessary in some cases while in others these requirements are already being met.

The Charter and Standards Committee will meet for several sessions at the Kalamazoo Convention. All members at the convention are invited to attend any of these sessions.



Province of the Lakes

Meet the Governors

● DR. ETHEL A. KAUMP, Professor of Speech at Kalamazoo College, has been granted a bachelor, master, and doctor's degree from the University of Wisconsin. She served as head of the speech department at State Teachers' College, St. Cloud, Minnesota, and was an officer in the women's reserve of the United States Navy, before joining the Kalamazoo College staff in 1945. She has had extensive experience in all phases of speech education. She is a member of Pi Lambda Theta, Phi Beta Pi, professional fraternities. In the spring of 1952, Dr. Kaump was elected governor of the Province of the Lakes, and is Hostess to the 1953 PKD National Convention which will be held on the campus of Kalamazoo College.



Province of the Plains

● GOVERNOR JESS W. GERN, director of speech and drama at Western State College of Colorado since 1946, received his undergraduate training at Western State College, his M.A. degree from the University of Denver, and is presently doing work during the summers toward the doctor of philosophy degree at Ohio State University.

His experience includes one year of teaching in the Dove Creek Union High School, three years in the Army Air Corps as navigator with the 314th H.B. Wing in the Pacific theatre, and several months as special service officer in Guam following the close of World War II where he was in charge of building a 5,000 seat theatre.

Gern is a native of Colorado. He married Jessie L. Livingston, and they have two children, Lee Ann, seven, and William Albert,

three. He collects stamps, reads a great deal, enjoys trout fishing, takes an active part in politics and has been chairman of the Gunnison County Republican Central Committee for the past two elections. He is chairman of the Gunnison County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Gunnison Rotary Club, and belongs to Gunnison Lodge No. 39, A.F.&A.M., Theta Chi fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, Kappa Delta Pi, Sigma Delta Pi, and attends the Presbyterian Church.

A member of Pi Kappa Delta since his student days, Gern now sponsors the chapter at Western State and this year is chairman of the men's debate committee for the national tournament. He was a member of the committee in 1951. He also directs dramatics at Western State College.



A New Chapter Installed

Installation and initiation group, Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro. Left to right, back row: J. N. Luton, Bobby Spears, Herman Pinkerton (Installing Officer), Jane Dye, H. M. Marlowe. Second row: Alfred Fischer, Mark Womack, Carl Lappin, Campbell Williams. Front row: Dorothy Woods, Gay Jennings, Dimple Moncrief, Josephine Akins, Lane L. Boutwell (Sponsor Tennessee Zeta).

Chapter Notes

COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC

On November 8, California Delta sponsored a novel debate activity for the Northern California Forensic Association. The morning program included a panel discussion on F.E.P.C. Panel members were an economics professor, a head of an Institute of Industrial Relations, a former chairman of the Kansas Council for Civic Unity, personnel director of a large corporation, and an executive director of the Jewish Community Center. During the afternoon, the debate teams of the schools attending the conference participated in three rounds of non-decision debate. There was a great deal of informality and various styles of debate were used by mutual consent of the teams. As an early exploratory activity, the conference was pronounced a success by all who participated.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

The Illinois Delta chapter entertained forty-three colleges and universities from nine states at its sixth annual speech tournament on November 21-22. This was the largest of the six tournaments with over 350 students and coaches attending.

Certificates of Superior and Excellent were awarded to debate teams and individuals with high rankings. Wisconsin State at Eau Claire won the most awards. St. Olaf, with four debate teams entered, won fifteen of sixteen debates for the best school record in this event. Northwestern University, Cornell College, University of Illinois at Chicago, Carleton College, and Wheaton College also ranked high in debate. Other schools receiving several awards in debate and individual events were: Augustana College, Notre Dame University, Illinois Normal, The College of St. Catherine, Bradley University, Indiana University, St. Ambrose, University of Illinois, Northwestern Schools, Wisconsin State College at River Falls, Missouri Central College, Millikin University, Bowling Green University, Michigan State College, Lake Forest College, and St. Mary's College. PKD schools were very much in evidence

with twenty-nine in attendance. Four members of the National Council of PKD were present—Sherod Collins, Northeast Missouri State Teachers; D. J. Nabors, Oklahoma East Central; Larry Norton, Bradley University; and Ted Nelson, St. Olaf College.

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE AT EAU CLAIRE

Twelve women from Wisconsin Zeta attended the Women's Debate tournament at St. Olaf College. St. Olaf and Eau Claire each won nine of ten debates with St. Olaf taking first place by a margin of two points. Ralph Zimmerman and Florence Goetz won first place in the Upper Mississippi Freshman Debate tournament at the University of Minnesota. After winning eight debates, they defeated Hamlin University in the semi-finals and the University of Wisconsin in the finals. Sixteen students participated in the Bradley University tournament. Ralph Zimmerman was invited to address the banquet members on the basis of receiving the only Superior rating awarded in after dinner speaking. Eau Claire received Superior ratings in six of the seven events.

Other events include the Iowa State Teachers College tournament, sponsoring the Ninth Annual Debate tournament for High Schools on January 10, and the Ninth Eau Claire Speech Meet scheduled for February 20-21. Any PKD chapter is cordially invited to attend. Write Miss Grace Walsh, Chairman of the Speech Department, for an invitation.

GREENVILLE COLLEGE

The Illinois Chi chapter held its Third Annual Greenville College debate tournament on December 6 with participants from twelve colleges and universities. First place was awarded to Southern Illinois University (Upsilon), second place to Illinois State Normal University (Eta). Other PKD schools who attended the tournament were Bradley University, Greenville College, Illinois Wesleyan, The Principia, Shurtleff College, and Wheaton College.



Baylor University Discussion Forum. Left to right: Shirley Frank, Fletcher Brown, Bradford Corrigan (Chairman), Ann Willis, and John Bagalay.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Missouri Alpha, of course, is making plans to attend the National PKD Convention. The major activity so far has been an exhibition debate before the Central College Annual High School Debate and Discussion Clinic. Dan Craig and Karl Pieper of Westminster took the affirmative and Ted Smith and Donald Hutson of Central (Missouri Gamma) defended the negative on the question, That the Atlantic Pact Nations should form a Federal Union. On December 5, the members participated in the North East Missouri State College tournament.

TENNESSEE TECH

Forensic activities of Tennessee Delta were launched with the election of officers for PKD and the Speech Activities Club. The Speech Activities Club helps prepare students for PKD nomination. PKD officers are H. M. Marlowe, president; Jimmy Luton, vice-president; Bobby Spears, secretary; and Helen Nash, corresponding secretary. Jane Dye was chosen to head the Speech Activities Club.

The first item of the year's agenda was an assembly debate with a British debating team. Mary F. Chastain and Eugene Jared met the British team on the subject of Cooperation or

Federation for Western Europe. Six students represented Tech at the University of Alabama Discussion tournament, November 6-8. Robbie Woodall received a rating of Superior; Helen Nash, Excellent.

Five Tech teams participated at a practice tournament at David Lipscomb College in Nashville. Two of the teams were undefeated. On December 6, Tennessee Tech's chapter installed a new chapter at Middle Tennessee State College at Murfreesboro (Zeta). Dye, Marlowe, Spears, and Luton participated in this installation and initiation ceremony. Last March, Tennessee Delta installed at PKD chapter at the University of the South (Eta). Mr. Herman Pinkerton, Director of Speech Activities, has been elected to the District VI Nominating Committee for the West Point National Debate Tournament.

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

Professor Eugene R. Moulton is the new director of forensics at California Alpha. He came to Redlands from Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Twenty-four students are participating in debate and forensic activities that will climax at the national PKD convention at Kalamazoo. Redlands will also defend its West Point Championship later in April. If we can make it to Kalamazoo, how about you?

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Members of the Oklahoma Gamma chapter spent a busy fall preparing for their annual Bison Forensic for high school students which was held on December 12-13. This is the largest high school tournament in the State with over 500 students participating each year.

CENTRAL COLLEGE

Seven students from Iowa Beta participated in the Grinnell College discussion tournament. Herman Harmelink was a member of a group selected for a tape recording. November 15, four teams attended a practice debate tournament at Iowa State College. Alvin Poppin served as a critic. Arlen Solthouse, Willis Warner, and Geraldine Punt placed in the order listed in the annual Keables poetry reading contest held on the campus, November 26. Other activities in which representatives have participated were tournaments at Brad-

ley University, November 21-22; N.E. Missouri State College, December 5-6; and Iowa State Teachers College, December 12-13. Plans for the second semester include attending tournaments at Nebraska University, February 27-28; The Iowa State Forensic in March, and the PKD National. On February 14, Central will hold the Iowa College tournament. Eleven students have represented Central in intercollegiate activities this semester.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Wallace Zimmerman and Dean Smith of Ohio Delta combined forces on November 13 with the British debaters, Ronald Evans of North Wales and Kenneth Dibben of Southampton to debate the question, "Should the University be an Ivory Tower?" The annual international debate is sponsored by the PKD chapter and is one of the outstanding attractions at Akron University. Dean Smith is president of Ohio Delta.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

One of the year's first projects of California Epsilon was that of admitting students as honorary members of PKD who have shown outstanding speaking abilities but whose participation in formal forensics works is insufficient to qualify them for regular membership. The chapter members feel this adds prestige to the chapter and encourages able speakers to gain a contact with forensics they otherwise might have missed. Another project has been the sponsorship of an interfraternity oratorical contest open to all male social groups on the campus. It is also believed this type of activity goes far toward encouraging people who would otherwise shy away due to apprehension of competing against seasoned orators.

NEBRASKA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

The Zeta chapter of Nebraska sponsored the annual Invitational Debate tournament at Kearney, November 22. Thirty-one teams from three states participated. During January, the Zeta chapter is planning to hold a PKD initiation and banquet to which all alumni are being invited to attend. The banquet speaker is to be an alumni of the Zeta chapter.

IS YOUR CHAPTER ON THIS LIST?

S. R. TOUSSAINT, *National Secretary*

No chapter may miss two consecutive national conventions. This is not the action of your officers, but is a requirement of the constitution reaffirmed by delegate action at the 1951 meeting (read Article V, Division A, Section 13, page 12). Convention attendance is defined as answering present to roll call at not less than two business sessions of the convention, one of which must be the final session. The following chapters were not officially at the Stillwater convention in 1951 and will have to be represented at Kalamazoo in 1953. This does not mean that they have to have a debate team or other contestants entered in convention contests; they must have a voting delegate present at the business meetings.

Alabama Gamma—Spring Hill
Arkansas Delta—Arkansas State
California Epsilon—UCLA
Florida Beta—John B. Stetson
Georgia Beta—U. of Georgia, Athens
Illinois Beta—Eureka
Illinois Iota—North Central
Illinois Lambda—Shurtleff
Iowa Zeta—Parsons
Iowa Theta—Coe
Iowa Lambda—Dubuque
Iowa Nu—William Penn
Kansas Eta—Kansas Wesleyan
Kansas Iota—College of Emporia
Kansas Lambda—Sterling
Maine Beta—Maine
Michigan Epsilon—Michigan Normal
Minnesota Zeta—Concordia
Mississippi Beta—Mississippi State
Missouri Zeta—Culver-Stockton

Missouri Eta—Central Missouri State
Nebraska Theta—Omaha
No. Carolina Alpha—North Caroline State
No. Carolina Delta—Lenoir-Rhyne
Ohio Beta—Heidleberg
Ohio Epsilon—Otterbein
Ohio Theta—Toledo
Oregon Beta—Lewis and Clark
Pennsylvania Beta—St. Vincent
So. Carolina Epsilon—The Citadel
So. Dakota Alpha—Dakota Wesleyan
So. Dakota Beta—Huron
So. Dakota Gamma—Yankton
Tennessee Gamma—East Tennessee
Texas Beta—Trinity
Texas Gamma—East Texas
Texas Kappa—Sam Houston
Washington Beta—Seattle Pacific
Washington Delta—Whitworth
West Va. Alpha—West Virginia Wesleyan

OKLAHOMA EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

One hundred and ten debate teams from thirty-six colleges and universities participated in the seventeenth East Central Forensic, December 5-6. Twenty-five of the thirty-six colleges enrolled were PKD's. They had a part in eleven of the twelve sweepstakes

awards. Holt Spicer (Redlands University, '52) was coach of the Southwest Missouri squad that placed in all divisions. Les Davis, on leave from Sioux Falls College (S.D. Epsilon) for graduate work at Oklahoma University was director of the O.U. group which placed in the junior men's sweepstakes. Kansas State at Emporia (Zeta) earned sweepstakes in both senior men and senior women