University of Redlands Chapter

With this issue the Forensic begins the annual custom of printing chapter letters with cuts of chapters and debate teams illustrating them. Unfortunately, not all of the chapters are represented, but the editor hopes that this may be remedied by next June and that every chapter will have a letter and a picture in that issue. The positions will be assigned alphabetically and by states.

Redlands (Calif.) Letter.

Our chapter has had a rather successful history for its first year. We gained eight new members, two from oratory, four from debate, one from the ranks of former debaters for the U. of R., and one debater from Denison University, Ohio.

We entered three oratorical contests, taking second in two and sixth in one. Earl A. Dibble, Ex'17, represented us in the regular intercollegiate contest of Southern California and tied for first place. He was given second when the judges' percentages were added up, losing by one point. Figured by grand average he lost by seventeen hundredths of one per cent. Dibble won all three firsts in delivery. He spoke on Madero and Mexico. Gordon Palmer, '16, took second in the prohibition contest. The winner, Ugene Blalock of U. S.C., won the interstate held at the University of California. Charles B. Lewis, '15, represented us in the peace contest held at Pomona College. All three contests were won by U. S. C. Delta Sigma Rho installed a chapter at U. S. C. shortly after they won the third contest. Tau Kappa Alpha has entered the U. S. C. Law School. Our hardest competition in oratory will come from the University of Southern California.

In debate Redlands met Pomona College in a Freshman debate on the Monroe Doctrine. Redlands had the Negative and lost by a two to one decision. As we won from them last year by a unanimous decision we are to fight the series out this coming year in a debate at Redlands. Fayette Myers, Merlin Brown, and Donald Mitchell were the members of the Freshman team. Near the end of the year a team of Redlands Seniors, Samuel Knight and William Geistweit, met a Freshman team from the University of Southern California on Government Ownership
of the Merchant Marine. Redlands had the Negative again and lost by a three to nothing vote. We are to meet U. S. C. again next year, and probably Throop College of Pasadena. We are also planning a trip East as far as Kansas and the Pi Kappa Delta convention for a team of two men.

Our chapter meets regularly five times during the school year. The last meeting is in the nature of a banquet. This June we met for a delightful little affair at the Hill Crest Inn, and after doing justice to the dinner, we installed our new officers and gave the obligation to the new members. Professor Nichols acted as toastmaster and conducted the initiation of the new members, and Earl A. Dibble, the chapter president, installed the officers elected at a previous meeting. Several excellent toasts were given. All of our active members were present but one, and one alumni member attended and gave a toast.

Next year we plan to give a play at the Wyatt Theatre as a forensic benefit. We expect to raise almost enough money in this way to send a debate team East.

We have fourteen members at present and will lose one at the end of the fall semester next year. Our newly elected president, William E. Lockwood, has resigned and will go to Leland Stanford. We are losing three by graduation, and will lose three by failure to return, leaving eight as a nucleus.

WILLIAM E. LOCKWOOD, President.
DONALD MITCHELL, Corresponding Secretary.

Colorado State College Letter.

Editor the Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta:

Dear Sir:

By this mail I am sending you a cut of the charter members of Pi Kappa Delta at Colorado Agricultural College. On the back of the cut are the names as they appear in the cut, not as they are on the print. This past week we initiated five new members; they are:

McKeown, Robert Bruce, ’17, Fort Collins, Colo.
Nevitt, John Victor, ’16, Monte Vista, Colo.
Sargent, Elmer Lawerence, ’17, Fort Collins, Colo.
Schofield, Mary E., ’18, Fort Collins, Colo.

These are all active members of the degree of fraternity in the order of debate.

Colorado has participated in three debates this year, all on the question: “Resolved, that every able-bodied man in the United States shall be required to give one year of continuous military service before attaining the age of twenty-five.” In the Kansas-Oklahoma-Colorado triangular debate McKeown and Schofield supported the affirmative and won from Kansas on the Colorado floor. Miller and Smith went to Oklahoma to uphold the negative; they were defeated. A separate
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ILLINOIS WESLEYAN CHAPTER

Left to Right, Top Row: Penrose, Mecum, Watkins, Wall. Lower Row: Ramseyer, Duff, Somerville, Rhea, Davis.
Central College Chapter
Affirmative Team
J. Ter Louw
P. Peterson
G. Vander Linden

Central College Chapter
Negative Team
M. De Cocq
B. Fuller
W. Van Spankeren
debate was held with the University of Wyoming on the same question. Nevitt, Sargent, and Klemmedson went to Wyoming to take the affirmative; they lost.

While our institution only won one debate this year we feel encouraged over the increased interest in forensic work. This is only the third year that such work has been organized here and there was a rather indifferent attitude on the part of the student body at first. Now this is changing, and with the aid of our organization of Pi Kappa Delta we hope to do some good work in this line in the future.

When our new members made a place on the debating team, we gave them pledge ribbons, using the college colors of green and gold. After all the debates had taken place initiation was held. We have been unable to find any official colors for the fraternity so we used those of the college. If there are no official colors would it not be a good plan to adopt some?

Wishing you the best of success in your work with The Forensic, we remain,

Yours for Pi Kappa Delta,

RALPH C. SMITH, Secretary.

_Illinois Wesleyan Letter._

While we may not have had as successful a year's work as we might have had, looking at it from the standpoint of victories won in intercollegiate forensics, we never-the-less feel that the year has been worth while.

Our college was represented in two oratorical contests during the last year. Mr. Elza Mecum represented us in the Old Line state contest. He won second place. This contest was held here at Wesleyan, and was well attended by delegates from various parts of the state. As a whole the contest was quite good. Mr. Roy L. Davis was our representative in the state peace oratorical contest. Mr. Davis had a well organized, well written oration. He lacked, however, the finished delivery possessed by the winners of high honors. Probably this was the reason for his not winning one of the four places. Mr. Watkins, one of our new men, who bids fair to make for himself a name in oratory, has been chosen to represent us in the Old Line oratorical contest to be held at Monmouth College next fall.

Wesleyan is a member of the Eureka-Milliken-Wesleyan triangular debate league. The debates this year were held on March 19. Our affirmative team, consisting of Captain Wall, Watkins, and Penrose, remained at home and met the negative team from Eureka. Our negative team, Captain Ramseyer, Mecum, and Duff, went to Milliken. Though we lost both debates, in neither case was the fight one-sided as the decisions were two to one. The subject of the debates was, "Re-
solved, that the State of Illinois should inaugurate a system of single tax based on rental values.”

Our chapter holds monthly meetings. The program for the first meeting of the year consisted of a paper by Prof. Somerville, followed by general discussion. During the year we have taken up such topics as: brief making in debate, the single tax, writing, delivering, and judging an oration, and extemporaneous speaking. These programs have generally proved both interesting and helpful.

During the year we have given two banquets: the initiation banquet on April 23, and the alumni banquet on June 7. On the first date we took in as active members—Ferre C. Watkins, F. Deane Duff, and Ray G. Penrose. On the latter occasion we took in several honorary members. These were: Loyal M. Thompson, Charles L. Stewart, Walter B. Theobald, Henry A. Burd, Benjamin S. DeBoice, Harry H. Rogers, and Theodore F. Fieker. All of these men are among those who have represented Wesleyan in intercollegiate forensic contests under the direction of Professor Somerville.

Our officers are: President, Roy A. Ramseyer; Secretary-Treasurer, Howard D. Rhea.

Central College (Iowa) Letter.

Last year five of our intercollegiate debaters were graduated and the sixth did not return to school, so that absolutely new men had to be used in this year’s debates. In the triangular with Ellsworth and Buena Vista, we lost both debates, but gained some seasoned veterans for the debates next year. Our orators this year failed to gain any prizes in the state oratorical contest.

Our chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has been backing the forensic interests of our college very well in spite of the fact that most of the members this year have not been residents in college. We offered two prizes this spring in the Pi Kappa Delta Prize Debate. At commencement time our first annual banquet was held. To this we invited all former debaters and orators, as well as this year’s contestants.


Fraternally,

C. F. HANSEN.

Kansas—K. S. A. C. Letter.

The K. S. A. C. chapter is just a year old. It was founded last May and succeeded a struggling local organization known as Delta Omicron. Prior to 1915 there were only thirteen members, but during this season twelve more have been added to the roll, and a local organization for women, Zeta Kappa Psi, has been founded in the interest of
forensics for women. Needless to say, such an increase in the size and interest of these organizations has been accompanied by a great increase of interest in debate. This year K. S. A. C. has concluded a season of eleven debates, the largest number ever engaged in. We have a tri-state league with Iowa State College and the University of South Dakota, and another with Oklahoma and Colorado Agricultural Colleges. We have had dual debates with Kansas Wesleyan, Washburn, and Baker Universities, and a single debate with the Kansas State Normal College. This required a total of twenty-four men and ten women. For next year we shall continue the tri-state leagues and have entered upon a three year contract for a pentangular league with four Kansas colleges, Baker, Washburn, Ottawa and College of Emporia. There will probably be some duals beside this.

The local chapter has been making itself most conspicuous in the entertainment of visiting teams. A banquet and reception were given for both tri-state teams which came here and with the help of Zeta Kappa Psi and the Forum, an organization composed of everyone interested in debate and oratory, every visiting team has been entertained. We have endeavored to show every debating team that K. S. A. C. is very much awake. Our aim here has been to train many moderately well rather than a few brilliantly.

We held our annual election of officers recently and the results were as follows:

President, Price H. Wheeler; Vice President, J. V. Quigley; Secretary, W. F. Taylor; Treasurer, D. E. Hull.

Fraternally,

JAY L. LUSH.

Kansas—Washburn Letter.

Editor Forensic:—

Enclosed find the report for Washburn’s 1914-1915 year. We were late in nailing up either “Communication” or “Write Now”—you see we did read your editorial—but the two mottoes are up at the present time and we shall strive to observe them. New officers were elected in May, and until a short time ago I understood that all the necessary reports for 1914-1915 had been made.

Last year was a good year for Pi Kappa Delta at Washburn. I believe that now we are “on the map.” It took a banquet and a musicale to accomplish the necessary publicity, but we have it now.

We are rather proud of our debate and oratorical record. An interstate first, a national fourth, a first in thought and composition in oratory, and three debates out of four to our credit. Roy Painter, in the Peace Oratorical, won the interstate and national laurels. Will Guild, in Old Line Oratorical, made the first in thought and composition. In debate, Roose, Hope and Guild won over Ottawa;—Hope is
a Nebraska Wesleyan man who tried for two months to get his Pi Kappa Delta membership transferred to Washburn, but without being able to get a response from Nebraska. Linge, Beattie, and Burkholder met Baker at Washburn; Logan, Miller, and Righter won over Manhattan at Topeka; and Harrington, Cornick, and Errickson won over Manhattan on their own ground.

Next year the boys will handle a Pentagonal contest, and the girls will have a dual contest with Manhattan. You probably know it as K. S. A. C.

Our social affairs are our really big advertisers. Our banquet was given the evening of the Interstate Peace Oratorical, with the orators as guests of honor. Covers were laid for sixty. The tables were arranged in the form of a “W”, and Washburn banners decorated the wall. The red and white of Pi Kappa Delta were carried out in the table decorations and in the menu. Our chapter is small as yet and includes a few girls, so on state occasions each member invites a guest. This doubles the list, and makes more of a function of it. Incidentally it makes membership more desirable.

Our other function was a musicale given by Mrs. E. D. Schonberger, wife of our Oratory Professor. Mrs. Schonberger is the Pi Kappa Delta “mother” and has given a party for the society each year. Last year was the most delightful of all. Mrs. Schonberger is a charming hostess and there isn’t a Pi Kappa member that does not have a most affectionate regard for her. The best that I could wish for Pi Kappa Delta is that every chapter might have such a mother.

We had a lively initiation, late but enthusiastic. In all we had seven meetings during the year.

We need a Pi Kappa Delta die for embossed cards and stationery. Also a cut. Are any put out by any special company? We found that they were very expensive if we had them made in Topeka because of the cost of drawing. Can you give us any suggestions along these lines.

Fraternally yours,

FLORA O. HARRINGTON, Secretary-Treasurer.

\[Wiconsin—Ripon Letter.\]

Editor of Forensic:—

I have been delegated by the Ripon chapter of the Pi Kappa Delta to write a letter to you in regard to forensic affairs in Ripon College.

Ripon was unfortunate the year previous to this in not having a regular coach in oratory and debate and the success which we did attain was indeed gratifying.

The year 1914-1915 opened more auspiciously. Ripon secured the services of one of the best teachers of oratory and debate in the West—Professor R. L. V. Lyman of Chicago University. During the first semester two splendid courses were given in Public Speaking and De-
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bate. In the latter part of the year a debate squad was chosen and its work carried on after the manner of a football squad with the best men chosen at the end. The team which met Northwestern College of Naperville, Illinois, at Ripon, was composed of Otto Birr, William A. Zinzow and Frank J. Paluka, leader. In a close and clashing debate, Northwestern won the long end of a two to one decision.

The affirmative team which travelled to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to meet the Coe College team was composed of Archie L. Hirst, Wm. R. Davies, Wm. H. Preston and Norman A. Boardman, leader. The affirmative's line of argument was unusual, in that it was based entirely upon a fundamental social philosophy. Here again the debate was close, though Ripon lost unanimously. The question under discussion was, "Resolved, that the United States government should own and operate all interstate railways." In the other meeting of the triangular, Northwestern won from the Coe affirmative, 3 to 0 at Naperville.

In oratory, Ripon was represented in the Old Line contest, and in the Peace Contest held at Milton. Wm. H. Preston and Wm. R. Davies were the two representatives in the former. Mr. Preston also represented Ripon in the State Peace Contest, winning second place, losing first place by the narrow margin of one point.

The Interstate Peace Contest was held in Ripon this year and was won by the University of Michigan representative. The Indiana man was second, while the Wisconsin man stood a close third.

The Pi Kappa Delta chapter in Ripon has a limited membership but is keenly alive, exerting a tremendous influence in the affairs of the school and forensics in particular. Five of its members will be lost by graduation. They are Wm. A. Zinzow, Wm. R. Davies, Wm. H. Preston, Frank J. Paluka and Henry Lewis. The latter, the successful coach of the Freshman debating teams. The officers chosen for the ensuing year are Norman A. Boardman, President; Archie L. Hirst, Vice-President; and Delmar D. Wensink, Secretary-Treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

WM. H. PRESTON.
EDITORIAL COMMENT.

THIS DELAYED NUMBER.

This delayed number prints the June letters from those chapters which were lively enough to send them in. About the reason for this delay—let us whisper that the least that is said the better. After this may Pi Kappa Delta expect every Chapter to do its duty! And the least of these duties—breathe it not in Ascalon, tell it not in Gath—the least of these is not paying up National dues.

ERRATA.

In the first number of the Forensic we unfortunately made two errors. As they concern our fellow forensic organizations let us hasten to retract. We spoke of Tau Kappa Alpha as having a state chapter system, allowing but one chapter in a state. Before we printed this statement Tau Kappa Alpha had changed its system at a national convention and now places chapters in more than one institution in a state. It now has twenty-six local chapters.

Second, we said that as far as we knew no other forensic organization published a periodical. We now know better. Tau Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Rho, which are older organizations than Pi Kappa Delta, both publish periodicals. Tau Kappa Alpha issued its first number of The Speaker a few weeks before the first Forensic appeared. We acknowledge the receipt of an exchange copy.

One of the most practical things a chapter can do is to elect or appoint an officer whose duty it is to correspond with the Editor of the Forensic, send in news items, cuts, and the annual letter reviewing the forensic and social season of the chapter.

It is planned to make the May-June number an Annual number with letters and cuts from each chapter. Don’t forget this. Plan to be represented.
NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The biggest thing in Pi Kappa Delta circles this year is the first National Convention. It will be held somewhere in Kansas—with one of our four chapters or in Kansas City—place still to be decided—and will be held about the last of March or first of April. The next Forensic will carry definite announcements.

We mention the matter before plans are definite because each chapter should be planning now on sending its delegate. Don’t give up because of distance or expense—RAISE THE MONEY AND SEND A REPRESENTATIVE.

The Redlands Chapter expects to put on a show at the city opera house to raise the money to send the National President and two debaters East for some debates and for this Convention. NO CHAPTER will have to overcome more in the way of distance and expense. What are you going to do?

In the chapter letters some questions are raised that may well be taken up at the first National Convention, such questions as colors, yell, flower, obtaining a die for fraternity stationery, etc. Our General Secretary is planning a slight change in the design of the key, another matter to be acted upon. There are other questions such as enlarging the number of vice presidents, province organization, dividing the National Secretary-Treasurer’s office into Secretary and Treasurer. The next number of the Forensic will carry any constitutional amendments that may be proposed, financial reports, installation and annual meeting ceremonies, etc.

The next issue of the Pi Kappa Delta Forensic will be a “Secret number.” Until further notice, two numbers each year will be secret, the other two will be open to the public and will carry pictures of teams, chapters, etc. This rule may be violated in the present year as we are planning now to run an illustrated number in March-April containing cuts and brief write-ups of the Coaches at the institutions where Pi Kappa Delta has chapters.

Passing over our troubles as light heartedly as we may—will the alumni members not respond with a few subscriptions?

AROUND THE CIRCLE.


The following quotation from the
Tau Kappa Alpha Speaker may be of interest in this connection: "Phil R. Clugston, delegate from Wabash College said that in his opinion debate coaches in institutions containing T. K. A. chapters should be made eligible to be initiated. Fred Latimer Hadsel, delegate from Miami University argued that debate coaches should be eligible for initiation regardless of whether they had become eligible through participation in intercollegiate debate or oratorical contests." Report of National Convention, Speaker Vol. 1, No. 3.

DEBATE ARRANGEMENTS.

California—Redlands will meet Throop College of Pasadena and the Freshmen of the University of California in February or March, and will have a Freshman debate with Pomona College in May. Redlands will send a team to meet Southwestern (Kansas) and—possibly the University of New Mexico also.

Colorado—The Aggies will meet K. S. A. C. and Oklahoma A. & M. in triangular and the University of Wyoming.

Illinois—Eureka and Wesleyan meet each other and Milliken in a triangular.

Iowa—Central will meet Ellsworth and Buena Vista in triangular. Wesleyan will meet Simpson and Upper Iowa in the three cornered arrangement. Highland Park—no report—probably Iowa Teachers.

Kansas—Ottawa, Washburn and K. S. A. C. have joined Baker and the College of Emporia in a double pentangular—that is four debates for each institution, each meeting all of the others in one year. Subject, Monroe Doctrine. In addition K. S. A. C. meets University of South Dakota and Ames in triangular beside the one with Colorado and Oklahoma mentioned above.

Dakota Wesleyan meets Huron and Yankton in triangular and Morning-side and a Minnesota Institution in triangular. They debate Socialism in one and City Managers in the other.

Wisconsin—Ripon meets Northwestern College (Naperville, Ill.) and Co. College (Iowa) in a triangular, and Beloit and Ripon in Freshman triangular.

About six or eight Michigan colleges organized an honorary forensic society last spring called Phi Beta Sigma. The purpose is to honor debaters and orators who achieve distinction in forensic work in the intercollegiate contests in that state. As Albion College is a member of Delta Sigma Rho as well as this new state organization, the inference is that the new organization is not expecting to enter the national field, and that the various colleges will hold themselves free to enter other honorary societies as local chapters.

A girls forensic society, has existed at Kansas State College since the spring of 1913. A new girls organization has been formed at the University of Washington and has extended to Washington State College. Girls are debating in California and Iowa also, so there is a possibility of extension there.

W. F. Crossland of the Nebraska Wesleyan chapter is Pi Kappa Delta's first representative at Oxford University. He won the Nebraska Rhodes scholarship and entered Wadham College, Oxford, last year.

John A. Shields, the General Secretary of Pi Kappa Delta, is Headquarters Secretary of the Prohibition National Committee, office at 106 North LaSalle Street, Chicago. Shields has been putting out a loose leaf encyclopedia of the Prohibition movement. He is also the inventor of a Mechanical Parliamentary Chart which is recognized to be the finest thing on Parliamentary Law out. It is small enough to be held in the hand as one holds a library card and is comprehensive and thorough enough that one needs no other guide in presiding over a meeting or a convention. It does everything but pound the gavel and talk. By the way, Shields is one of the foremost parliamentarians of the country, and presided over the last Prohibition National Convention when others were helpless at a most exciting and critical time.
Washburn College Chapter

Zinzow, Pres.  Lewis, Vice Pres.  Wensink, Sec.  Paluka, Treas.

1914-15 Officers, Ripon Chapter
Pi Kappa Delta numbers several journalists and newspaper men in its ranks. Not all are known to the writer but the following happen to be: Arthur L. Crookham, of Southwestern College, member of the Charter Committee and one of the National Founders, has been city editor of the Winfield (Kansas) Free Press. He is now in Portland, Oregon in newspaper work. Wayne E. Gilliland of the Ottawa Chapter, is city editor of the Ottawa Daily Herald. Both of these men edited their respective college papers, the Southwestern Collegian and the Ottawa Campus. William A. Zinnow, Alfred D. Satherland and Frank J. Paluka of Ripon have all edited the Ripon College Days. C. E. Hage edited the Iowa Wesleyan News. Sam Knight and William E. Lockwood were the first editors of the U. of R. Campus. E. A. Vaughn, our National Vice President, is also National Vice President of the American College Quill Club, a journalistic fraternity.

Edward T. Hackney, President of the Kansas State Board of Control of Educational Institutions, Dr. H. J. Waters, President of Kansas Agricultural College, and Professor J. W. Searson, English Department of K. S. A. C., are honorary members of the Kansas State Chapter. President H. O. Pritchard of Eureka College is a Charter member of the National Chapter.

J. H. Krenmyre, the National Historian, is one of the few men in Pi Kappa Delta who has won the Degree of Honor, Special Distinction, while in college. Among the others are Harold Husted of Ottawa, who by the way was a Freshman when he turned the trick; John A. Shields, Ottawa; Owen Walker, Redlands; and C. G. Gomon, Nebraska Wesleyan.

A. J. Martin, Ripon '14, has been coaching the oratory and debate work of the high school at Stoughton, Wis. His orator won the league and district contests last year and took second in the state. "Art" bought a Pi Kappa Delta key the other day; he was also the first alumni member to subscribe for the Forensic.

Knox College won the Illinois state contest this year. The meet was held at Monmouth College, and the orator from the entertaining institution took second place. This is the first oratorical of the season.

E. R. Nichols, editor of the Forensic, is the editor of the Intercollegiate Debate Series, and is working on the sixth volume of that series at the present time.

Leland Jenks, Ottawa '13, coached the Lawrence, Kans., high school debates last spring.

EDITOR FORENSIC,
Redlands, Calif.

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