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Speech Work Has 37-Year History

The following article by Lorraine Endsley of The Tennessee Tech Oracle and the cover picture of the eight Tennessee Tech faculty members who debated for Tech in the past are featured in this issue of THE FORENSIC in honor of their coach Prof. Herman Pinkerton.

“In grateful recognition of your many generous and worthwhile contributions to forensics in Tennessee” is the inscription on a gold plaque presented to Prof. Herman Pinkerton in 1957 by Tennessee speech coaches.

Pinkerton, born in Woodbury in 1893, has been connected with forensics at Tech since he joined the faculty in 1926 as professor of political science. After 37 years at Tech, he plans to retire in June, 1964.

Tech students under Pinkerton’s leadership have captured many state, regional and national honors. He has had 12 state championship debate teams and numerous teams to place second and third in state contests.

The eight people pictured on the cover who were on his debate teams are now members of the Tech faculty. These are Eugene Jared, instructor in business administration, Joe A. Thorne, associate professor of accounting, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Murphy, dean of women, and Elbert Freeman Ward, assistant professor of mathematics.

Other faculty members who debated are James Seay Brown, dean of the School of Engineering, Douglas Norman, director of public information, Louis Johnson, director of the School of Business Administration, and Miss Mattie Sue Cooper, associate librarian.

Pinkerton is especially proud of the Tech record in the last three national Pi Kappa Delta tournaments in which Tech students took top honors. In the one held in Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1959, Tech had the only contestant to place “superior” in both oratory and extemporaneous speaking. The student was Faye Derryberry Julian, currently teaching at the University of Tennessee.

“It is nice to have champions, but the great value comes from the overall program, which has seen hundreds of Tech students getting invaluable experience in the art of persuasion,” said Pinkerton.

Another single honor that Tech students may claim in forensics is that they represent the only college in the state that has made the West Point Tournament two times. Entrance to this tournament is highly competitive and only four teams are selected from the South each year.

“It never has been the policy at Tech to limit speech activities to a very few students, which is the policy of some colleges,” stated Pinkerton. “The door always has been open for those who have the ability and the desire.”

“As a result, there are hundreds of young men and women today who are leaders in the professions, in business, in industry and in many other areas who have in some small way received a bit of training which may be helping them to experience more satisfaction from what they are doing in life,” Pinkerton added.

Dr. Qill Cope, one of Pinkerton’s first debaters, is now president of Middle Tennessee State College and is also a former Tennessee commissioner of education. Jared Maddux, who was also on a debate team, is a state senator and a former lieutenant governor of Tennessee.

Tech debaters have been in contests with debaters from India, British Columbia University and Oxford. “Nothing is too good for Tech debaters in forensics,” said Pinkerton. “We try to participate in the best tournaments to give students broad opportunities and experience.”

“Debating especially offers training in research, in organization and in presentation,” he added. Approximately 12 tournaments, which include a total of 200 debates, are given during a year.
After retiring, Pinkerton plans to participate in his favorite pastimes of gardening, fishing and traveling. He will spend next summer in the West and in Mexico.

Pinkerton first served as the sponsor of the Upper Cumberland Literary Society, which was one of four such organizations on Tech campus. In 1930 he was instrumental in organizing the speech activities group and has served as its sponsor for the past 33 years. He also served as district director for the Tennessee Speech and Drama League, formerly called the Interscholastic Literary League, for 32 years.

Pinkerton received his B.S. from George Peabody College for Teachers in 1923 and his M.A. in 1924. He did graduate study at the University of Chicago, University of North Carolina, University of Virginia and George Peabody College.

Many honors have come to Pinkerton during his 37 years in Tech forensics. For two terms he was president of the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensic Association, governor of the Province of the Southeast of Pi Kappa Delta and a member of the West Point Selection Committee. In addition, he has served on many committees in connection with various speech organization and activities.

“Much of the success of the forensic program at Tech can be accredited to the students who have had the desire and the ability to get the job done and to the administration and faculty that have cooperated and supported the program,” said Pinkerton. “During the last five years we have had the assistance of two very capable and highly trained men in speech, namely Dr. Dale Level for two years and Mr. William Floyd for the past three years,” he added.

“There has been a major change in debating over the years. In early debating, the work was mostly intercollegiate with debates from college to college. All debating now is done in tournaments,” said Pinkerton. “This is advantageous in that a person has a greater variety of debates for less money,” he added.

“Mr. Pinkerton has taken more people more places on less money than anyone else because of the small amount of money he has been allotted for traveling expenses,” said Professor Johnson.

“While going on a trip to Michigan to a Pi Kappa Delta tournament, which was over 700 miles away, we rode in an antiquated Nash because the gas mileage was better,” said Professor Thorne.

“I would be ungrateful beyond measure if I did not give recognition to my wife, Marguerite, who, in my absence on speech trips, fired the furnace, did without the use of the family car and assumed many responsibilities which normally would have belonged to me. In addition, she sent to our program many excellent students from a very rich and successful forensic program at Cookeville Central. In fact, I have been the envy of many of my forensic colleagues in that I enjoyed such an advantage,” said Pinkerton.

Meet Your Council

To many members of Pi Kappa Delta the National Council is made up of names listed in The Forensic, pictures published only occasionally, and real people seen rarely, if ever. This new feature in The Forensic is designed to help you become better acquainted with the people who furnish leadership and continuity to Pi Kappa Delta. As time and space allows, one or more of the Council members will be featured.

LARRY NORTON
National Secretary-Treasurer

It is fitting that the first Council member to be featured should be the National Secretary-Treasurer because he is the individual who has the widest possible contact with the general membership, Dr. Norton, of Bradley University, who is pictured on the Secretary’s Page, was elected to that position at Carbondale in 1963.
Larry has had a successful career in the Speech field and has been a highly effective worker in the affairs of Pi Kappa Delta. He has had a diversity of professional experience, having served as a teacher and administrator both at the high school and college level. During one eight-year period in his early career he also served as Athletic Coach. (Do you suppose Bradley Debaters do road work when they are travelling?)

Larry has been active in many speech organizations, academic and honorary associations, as well as civic and church groups. The positions that he has held in these organizations, and particularly in Pi Kappa Delta, are tributes to the dedication of this council member. In his years in Pi Kappa Delta he has served several times as a Province Officer, member of the National Council, National President, and National Secretary-Treasurer.

Larry is a family man and he and his wife, Eleanor, have two children, a daughter, Jeanne and a son, Larry II.

Lest this brief account give a picture of a man too much dedicated to duty, it should be pointed out that for some reason or other, our National Secretary-Treasurer is often called on to serve as a judge in beauty contests. This undoubtedly makes up for the many debates he has had to suffer through!

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THEODORE O. H. KARL
Council Member

Another prominent Pi Kappa Deltan, popular in the west but not widely enough known through the rest of the country, is Ted Karl of Pacific Lutheran University. Ted is the affable and energetic gentleman who will serve as our host at the 1965 National Convention in Tacoma, Washington.

Ted has the same sort of interesting background and varied interests found in so many of the outstanding leaders of Pi Kappa Delta. He has had administrative experience in business, has had a successful career as a teacher and has been extremely active in professional organizations. His major professional interests have been in the areas of Speech, Drama and Telecommunications, and he has served in various offices in many of the organizations associated with these fields of interest.

Ted is actively interested in sports and claims a special interest in driving his MGA (your editor has a mental picture of our very proper council member gunning his MGA around a turn on one of the hilly Washington roads!). Another of Ted’s outdoor projects is a cabin at the lake which he and his wife Betsy acquired recently.

Picture of the Georgetown College Varsity debaters with the trophy they won at the Kentucky Intercollegiate Forensics Conference. They are from left to right: Kenny Mahanes, Paul Corts, team captain and Pres. of local Pi Kappa Delta chapter, Dudley Webb and Bobby Hawkins.
Let's Think About the Listener

Richard M. Rothman

There has recently been a considerable amount of valuable and justified attention paid to the listening process, and the methods by which listening can be improved. Valuable as such instruction is, it may sometimes tend to obscure the obligation of the speaker to the listener, and place too much of the "burden" of the absorption of the speech on the hearer.

The point of concern is to consider a few circumstances under which too much is expected of the listener, and what can be or is done about it. One most obvious circumstance is found fairly often in the beginning public speaking classroom, when, for a variety of reasons, one of which is lack of understanding or concern for the audience and its reactions, a speech is delivered at much too rapid a rate. Often this wears off as the inexperienced student learns what to do with his "exhilaration," or more about audience needs and reaction through a combination of experience and helpful commentary by teacher, students, or both. The point, though, is that usually neither the instructor nor the students in the classroom fail to recognize the speaker's obligation to his audience to speak at a reasonable rate so that what he has to say can be reasonably absorbed and understood.

But let us look at the situation we sometimes find in debate. At a recent intercollegiate novice debate tournament, almost every debater I heard spoke at a rate which placed unreasonable demands upon the listener. And this is a tendency which I have found to be so pronounced among experienced high school, as well as college debaters, that I have almost come to expect it. It is true that the motivation is worthy, and some justifications can be found. The debater is, understandably, anxious to cram as much as he can into his ten minutes or five minutes, and sometimes is coached to do so. There may be some justification for the notion that the judge, as a "professional listener," is able to absorb more. However, this notion may be bordering on the idea, expressed in annoyance, if only half seriously, by a debater I once coached, that judges were not human beings. Further research brought out the point that this was only true when he lost!

It may be that many judges are willing to strain their faculties to the utmost; to pay that extra attention which an excessively fast rate requires of them in order to absorb what is being said; but I do not believe, as judges, that they should. And that, of course, is the point of this article: if you, as coaches, judges, debaters, student coaches, and coaches-to-be agree, perhaps you will help to change this situation.

For it seems to me, at least, that the speaker has an obligation to analyze and adapt to the listener in debate as elsewhere, and that this certainly includes so elementary a principle as adapting one's rate to the normal, natural attention span of absorption without strain.

A companion difficulty which often but not always accompanies excessively fast rate is excessive volume. Undoubtedly the same anxiety and urgency to persuade is often operating in such situations, but the novice or experienced debater who maintains a consistent level of excessive volume defeats his purpose. His audience soon becomes so deafened that they gain no more than they would if he did not use enough volume to be heard. At the opposite end of the scale, he is, in fact, inaudible.

The best debaters I have heard have usually been reasonable in expectations from their listeners, and in attitude toward their opponents. They have usually done a careful and excellent job of developing, or refuting, three or four major lines of argument, ably defending or attacking the major premises with excellent logic and evidence. They have most often been courteous as well
as reasonable, admitting in fairness and necessity what could not intelligently be denied. It goes without saying that they have neither used sarcasm nor attacked the person of their opponents; most often they have been personally mild and inobtrusive in their analysis of the arguments, and extremely courteous toward their opponents.

Above all, they have had a calm and unhurried surety which that self-confidence based on fine planning, logical analysis and qualitative judgment can, at its best, breed.

Old Pi Kap members never die; they just keep talking away. At any rate, an old Pi Kap member by the name of Robert C. Williams is still talking. Dr. Williams, president-emeritus of Wisconsin State College, Whitewater, is currently coordinator of teacher recruitment for Wisconsin State Colleges. Dr. Williams, one of the founders of the Iowa Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, Central College at Pella, is shown above as he presented the Robert C. Williams Top Speaker Award at the Wisconsin State College, Whitewater debate tournament, December 14, 1964. The winner, from the University of Wisconsin, is as pleased as Dr. Williams. Whitewater is proud of its president-emeritus — with good reason. In March, 1963, he was honored as one of Pi Kappa Delta’s fifty famous alumni.

Whitewater has a habit of stealing good men (good men being Pi Kap men) from other colleges. Dr. Williams was stolen from Superior, Wisconsin State Teachers College in 1946. He had been Acting President at Superior for three years. When he stepped down from his position as President at Whitewater in 1962, another Pi Kap man, Dr. Walker D. Wyman, was stolen from Wisconsin State College, River Falls, to fill the vacancy. He is still talking, too, and appearing in print. His luncheon address at the October Conference of The Western History Association in Salt Lake City, has now appeared as “Western Folklore and History,” in the current issue of The American West.

Province Governors Take Note!

Reports on Province Tournaments (contest results, reports of special activities, pictures) should be in the hands of the Editor by April 25 in order to be included in the May issue. The March issue comes to you late because people who promised articles failed to get them in on time and this delay must be avoided on the May issue. Remember — all contributors — the deadline for the May issue of The Forensic is April 25.

Hollis Todd, Governor of the Southeast Province grins approvingly as his Junior team, Judy Smith and Janice Johnson display the trophy they won at the Gulf States Debate Tournament. Jimmy Walther also displays the best speaker award presented to him at the same tournament.
Oral Interpretation — A Forensic Activity?

D. Terry Williams

The question of whether oral interpretation belongs in the area of theatre or forensics has stimulated some of the members of Pi Kappa Delta concerning its recognition as a contest activity.

At the outset, an assumption should be made as to the rightful category of this phase of speech. It is the opinion of the writer that the oral interpretation of literature cannot be justly termed as a facet of the theatre. On the contrary, it can easily be compared to the forensics activity of oratory in that the participant utilizes prepared written material, delivers it in assembly, and employs similar speaking techniques. The type of selection of material between these two realms differs but a comparison can be made. One can go even further by stating that since oratory is considered a contest activity and has been for years, why shouldn’t its counterpart be considered in the same vein?

Let us not overlook the obvious. Almost every school encourages its forensics participants to engage in oral interp as well as prodding them into interscholastic interp contests and festivals. It is only natural, therefore, for one of the leading speech organizations to recognize oral interpretation as a contest activity.

The problem concerns the proper conception of oral interpretation. If one is searching for a school to follow, his quest is answered by the philosophy of Miss Charlotte Lee, of Northwestern University, who is recognized as the rule-setter of the standards for interpretation. It is Miss Lee’s opinion and the opinion of most instructors of interpretation that, if properly taught, the course’s purpose is that of delivering prepared material in an expressive manner without exhibiting the attributes of an actor portraying a role.

So let it be assumed that the art of oral interpretation is in no way connected with the theatre. It can, on the contrary, be compared to the art of oratory. Therefore, interp should be recognized in the same light as oratory—as a contest activity.

Destry Rides — Not Again?

It is rumored that the Province of the Northwest will hold the Province tournament this spring at the Diamond S Ranchotel near Boulder, Montana. A check of this location has disclosed the fact that it is a Montana Guest Ranch complete with a swimming pool heated by natural hot springs, mountain scenery, and western atmosphere including saddle horses and ranch style cooking.

The Forensic has nothing against such wholesome activity, but we would point out that the Convention at Carbondale adopted a tongue-in-cheek resolution of censure against this same group after they held their 1962 tournament at the Chico Hot Springs Ranch in Montana.

It therefore appears that Governor Bill Corbin and his Province outfit are openly defying the aforesaid resolution and are determined to have another wild and woolly Province Roundup, much to the chagrin of those law abiding traditionalists who cling to the standard practice of tea and crumpets and campus tournaments.

Some excuse can possibly be made for the actions of these Northwesterners. They are from a rough and row section of the country, they are somewhat lacking in culture and “couth“, they are, by nature, inclined to independence, and gosh, don’t they have fun!!

At any rate, your Editor promises that he will be in attendance at this outrageous affair (disguised as a cowboy or, perchance, as a mountain man) and will report to you on the proceedings in a future issue.
The Secretary's Page

The report of the Evaluation Committee on the National Convention and Tournament held at Southern Illinois University in March 1963 included the statement that, "The admission of mixed teams met with universal approval." The poll of chapters on this and other questions which was recommended by the Evaluation Committee and conducted by this office last Fall probably justifies drawing a similar conclusion.

I am sure the conclusions to be reached from this poll will be of some benefit to the Council in making plans for the next National Convention. However, it is difficult to recognize any mandates with the possible exception of the admission of mixed teams.

Questions concerning debate, extemporaneous speaking and length of the convention were included in the Fall letter mailed to two hundred and nine chapters. One hundred and one chapters returned the questionnaire. Thus we are limited immediately to the reactions of only forty-eight per cent of the active chapters. We might rationalize by saying that the responding chapters comprise the largest and most active of our membership. To some extent this seems to be true. Yet there are many exceptions to be noted. Also, it is not unlikely that the smaller chapters are just as vitally concerned with such questions as admission of mixed teams, power-matching, elimination rounds, cross-examination debate, and length of the convention. I doubt that we should ignore their silence when arrangements are made which include the general welfare of Pi Kappa Delta.

Even though one hundred and one questionnaires were returned, not all sponsors expressed a reaction to each question. The largest response, to questions relating to debate procedures, was relative to admission of mixed teams. Eighty were in favor and four against. Slightly less than a majority of those responding were in favor of power-matching, elimination rounds and cross-examination debate. The suggestion for power-matching and for cross-examination received fifty and forty-nine favorable votes respectively. Keeping in mind that this is less than twenty-five per cent of the total membership, there is, nevertheless, an interest in these directions.

Nearly all respondents expressed an opinion as to whether the judge or the student should ask the question of the extemporaneous speakers. The vote was sixty-seven to twenty-eight in favor of the judge asking the question. One sponsor was brave enough to indicate that no question should be asked. This served as a reminder, too late, that the poll could have included an opportunity to react to the question and answer form of extemporaneous speaking.

Sixty-five sponsors indicated that they desired condensing the convention to less than five days while thirty-four expressed a desire for five days. From the comments written in on this question, it is apparent that several schools are faced with a real problem so far as taking students...
from the campus for a longer period of time. However, many of these same persons are in favor of the convention idea rather than 'just another tournament'.

A final reminder that applications and key orders should be sent in as soon as possible. This is the rush season for the Balfour Company and it takes longer to process the key orders at this time of year. Initiate all eligible members this Spring. The membership fee is seven dollars. Make all checks payable to Pi Kappa Delta. Have a good Spring banquet.

************** CHAPTER NOTES **************

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE (Illinois)

North Central's forensic squad has been busy throughout the year. They have attended two Northern Illinois tourneys as well as Bradley, Navy Pier, Purdue, and a number of Chicago Area Forensic Association meetings. Six debaters are eligible for membership in Pi Kappa Delta.

Our squad is anxiously awaiting the Illinois Province convention at Millikin on March 25-27.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Hollis Todd, Governor of the Southeastern Province, indicates plans are under way for a good tournament and convention in Florida. Stetson University at Deland, Florida, is the Host School. The Southeastern Province has exhibited a great deal of interest in the tournament and convention and indications are that a great deal of member chapters will be represented. Tennessee Wesleyan and William B. Yates have a representative at the tournament and convention.

Lenoir Rhyne is reactivating its chapter and this gives us a total active membership of twenty-one chapters in the Southeastern Province.

Epsilon Chapter has made it a practice of having a dinner meeting each month for the Pi Kappa Delta members on campus and for those who live in the Clinton area. This has established closer bonds between the present college members and the graduates who were Pi Kappa Delta members. At our last monthly meeting we had twenty-seven Pi Kappa Delta members and visitors present.

The debate team this year has had its share of success as the enclosed photo will indicate. Judy Smith and Janice Johnston, Sophomores at Mississippi College, won the Junior Division at the Gulf States Debate Tournament held at the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg. Jimmy Walther, a Florida student at Mississippi College, won the Best Speakers Award in the Junior Division at the same tournament.

Twelve new members of the debate squad have earned the right to be invited into membership in the Epsilon Chapter this year and are under consideration by the initiation committee. Invitations will be issued in the near future.

WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE
(Eau Claire)

Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire has been notified by Dr. Wayne N. Thompson of the University of Texas that Eau Claire has won first place in the elimination round of the National Contest in Public Discussion.

The judging of this round was conducted at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville campus. Eau Claire was in competition with Emerson College of Boston, Indiana University, and Idaho State University. The tape will now advance to the National Semi-Finals. This is a tape recorded program on the problem of what can be done to decrease the problem of racial tension in the United States.

Working under the direction of Grace Walsh, Director of Forensics, were moderator Robert Plumb, a senior from Edgerton, Wis., and participants Joyce
Jepson, a junior from Elroy, Wis., Carole Sponholtz, a senior from West Allis, Wis., Joe Zesbaugh, a senior from St. Paul, Minn., and Patricia Drake, a junior from Eau Claire, Wis.

Eau Claire has won the National Championship twice and has been second place winner twice in the finals.

Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire hosted its 20th Annual Eau Claire Speech Meet here at Eau Claire on February 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1964. Under the direction of tourney sponsor Grace Walsh were student forensic directors Karen O'Nil, Jeannie Dundas, Jim Cote and Susan Moore.

This was the largest tourney in the twenty years history of the meet. One-hundred four debate teams were entered. Three-hundred fifteen guests were served at a candlelight buffet and heard the winning speakers of the various events which were won by the following schools:

Over all sweepstakes winner was Macalester College with second place a tie between Eau Claire and Oshkosh. Fourth place went to the University of Wisconsin.

Winners of various events are as follows:

Varsity Debate—Eau Claire
Novice Debate—Oshkosh
After Dinner Speaking — University of Nebraska
Reading—Macalester College
Oratory—Concordia College
Exttempore Speaking — Morningside College
Public Address—Macalester College

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

The Washington Epsilon chapter, Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, is anxiously anticipating the privilege of being host to the 24th National Pi Kappa Delta Convention in the spring of 1965. In cooperation with the chapters of the Province of the Northwest, the members of our chapter and especially Ruth Ellis, student delegate to the National Convention Committee, are preparing for the use of the 126-acre campus during the five-day convention which will be attended by approximately 170 colleges and universities.

The P.L.U. campus is located in a scenic area particularly famous for mountain scenery and sea coasts. Majestic Mt. Rainier is only an hour's drive from the campus. The Pacific Ocean is within a two and a half hour's drive. Seattle, Gateway to the Orient, lies 40 miles to the north via a new expressway. Though Pacific Lutheran is located in the suburb of Parkland, downtown Tacoma is only 7 miles away. During the spring convention, visitors will see the Washington State Flower, rhododendron, bursting in pastel-shaded blossoms under towering Douglas fir trees. Activity during the convention will primarily center in the Tacoma-Pierce Administration Building, the Eastvold Chapel, the College Union Building, and four modern residence halls. We are pleased to report adequate facilities for all the convention needs.

The Washington Epsilon chapter has sponsored three major forensic activities during the year. In October the High School Student Congress gave students an opportunity to participate in the formulation and passage of bills and resolutions in a situation similar to the Congress in Washington, D.C. This activity is unique in that it is solely student planned and operated, with two legislative houses and Congressional-type committees. Andrea Hagen was the Congress Director.

In January the All-School Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Speech Department and Pi Kappa Delta conducted two rounds of competitive oratory. Peggy Ogden and Marilyn Nordlund were co-chairmen.

For the three days of the last weekend of February, the annual High School Debate Tournament attracted 90 schools from Washington and Idaho to the campus. Keith Swenson, Tournament Director, wishes to report a substantial profit from the tournament to be used for the convention expenses.

The 1963-1964 officers of the Washington Epsilon chapter are as follows:
President, Keith Swenson; Vice-President, Andrea Hagen; Treasurer, Dave Stein; Secretary, Sandra Ellingson; Corresponding Secretary, Peggy Ogden. Advisor and member of the National Committee is Theodore O. H. Karl.

Plans for the coming months are centered around the initiation of new members and the annual spring banquet, and organizing the national convention. All the chapter members, Professor Karl, and Dr. Robert Mortvedt, member of the Famous Fifty and President of Pacific Lutheran University, wish to extend an invitation to all to attend the 24th National Pi Kappa Delta Convention, Spring, 1965!

NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

The debate squad at North Texas State reached a goal set in 1962 when it captured its 100th trophy in less than 3 years. During the string of victories that began in 1961-62, the squad has won 19 of the last 23 sweepstakes trophies for which it has competed, and has maintained a record of 70% wins for the 24-28 debaters who have been in tournament competition each year. So far in 1963-64, NTSU has won the top award in tournaments at Bethany College in Oklahoma, East Central State in Oklahoma, the Golden Spread Tournament in Amarillo, Abilene Christian, and the Gulf States Festival at Mississippi Southern. There is no early end to the winning streak in sight, since there is only one senior and two juniors on the squad. Among the outstanding records is the 24-0 mark of Jebby Prindle and Cathy Stricklin, set in three tournaments; oddly, they won only one of those, since in the other two they tied for first with another North Texas team, Connie Johnson and Gale Gooch. Donna Butts has won Extemp 5 times this season.

In addition to its outstanding tournament work, the North Texans have held four Debates-of-the-Month, the Pi Kappa Delta sponsored campus debates on various topics, have faced Cambridge’s touring team on campus and on television via a Fort Worth station, and will host the Province of the Lower Mississippi Valley convention and tournament March 26-28. The local chapter is looking forward to the 1965 nationals, when it hopes to repeat or better its showing at Carbondale, when it won Superior in both Men’s and Women’s Debate and two other Superior awards, and two Excellents.

STETSON UNIVERSITY

The Florida Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, with Miss Betty Mack as sponsor is in the midst of a rewarding and varied forensic program. Activities center around the intercollegiate debate program and the Stetson Forum, inaugurated just this year by Pi Kappa Delta and the Department of Speech and Drama.

Debate team members participated in tournaments at Mercer University, Emory University, and the University of Georgia last semester. This semester we will attend tournaments at Spring Hill College, Florida State University, the Pi Kappa Delta Province of the Southeast Tournament which the Florida Beta chapter of Stetson will host, and the Southern Speech Association Tournament in Houston.

The Stetson Forum, the second activity promoted by Pi Kappa Delta, was inaugurated this year. The forum programs are campus wide events held once a month at which a topic of interest to all students is presented by members of the student body. Forum programs this year have included a debate on “Socialized Education” with two members of the University of Florida debate team as guest speakers, a symposium on “United States Policy on Cuba,” and a colloquy on “Should Stetson Adopt an Honor System.” In each of the two first forums the audience was divided into sections of pro, neutral, and con. Students moved about freely in the audience as they expressed their reaction to the point of view currently presented by the speaker on the platform. At the conclusion of these two programs a division of the house was called and a vote taken of the number of people for, against, or neutral to the issue. Future programs in the
Stetson Forum will include a debate with the Irish debaters during their tour of the United States, a program on civil rights, and a discussion on the upcoming presidential elections. Pi Kappa Delta relies primarily upon students outside the organization as speakers for the forum. The forum encourages student participation in forensic activities with an ultimate objective of increased awareness of vital issues of the day.

Officers of the chapter are Gerald Studier, President; Allen Newman, Vice-President; and JoAnna Conte, Secretary-Treasurer.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

The local chapter sponsored an appearance by the Irish debaters from University College, Dublin. William Primm and Patrick Sweeney took the affirmative in a cross-question debate on the motion: "that the United States educational system needs a new philosophy." Good Irish blood was on both sides of the question.

The busy tournament season will be closed with a May picnic and initiation of officers and new members at a lakeside cottage thirty miles from the campus.

Excitement is rising for the big trip to Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, next school year.

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Western Illinois' forensic schedule is proceeding full speed through the spring quarter.

The second annual mid-season debate tournament on February 15 drew some 21 universities for four rounds of conventional debate. A major snow storm caused a change in the operation of the tournament. Still, all schools debated all four rounds. Results were not calculated immediately inasmuch as all schools departed as soon as the last round was completed.

In mid-April, WIU will host the first annual oral interpretation tournament. The contest will be open to any school wishing to enter and will feature competitive reading in prose, poetry, and dramatic literature.

Western debaters have won several awards during the season in both cross-examination and conventional debate. At the Capitol Hill Tourney Rudy Jagielski and Ron Lomas went 5-1 in the six preliminary rounds, but lost to George Washington University in the quarter finals.

The WIU-Harvard debate is tentatively scheduled for April 2nd, barring last minute contingencies. Western will pit Vic Leo and Ron Lomas against the Harvard team. The proposition: "Resolved, that the United States Should Annex Cuba." Western will uphold the affirmative, Harvard the negative.

WIU's debater of the year award will be presented at the annual speech department awards banquet. Last year the award went to a team: Dale Schaufel and Ron Lomas.

Victor Leo, a junior, has been elected secretary-treasurer of Illinois Nu chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. Vic has also been employed as debate coach at Macomb High School. Ron Lomas has been advanced to the degree of special distinction, order of debate.

SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE
(South Dakota)

This year our speech activities have been interrupted with car accidents. We suffered two mishaps, one of which was quite bad, causing serious injuries to several of us.

Here at Southern we have a young team which is improving steadily. Barr ing any more auto accidents we anticipate a good season in the '64-'65 Academic year.
GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

The Kentucky Alpha chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky has pledged five new members. They are Van Anderson, Frank Baker, Bobby Hawkins, Kenny Mahanes, and Dudley Webb. Several other members of the debating team have qualified for membership and another pledge class is being formed.

The chapter has participated in numerous debates this season. The varsity team won second place at the Georgetown Opener, first place at the Western Kentucky State College Debate Tournament, second place at the Kentucky Intercollegiate Forensics Conference, and has participated in others such as the Bowling Green State University Honorary Debate Tournament.

The novice team won first place at the Berea Mid-Winter Debate Tournament and has participated in the University of Georgia Novice Debates.

Georgetown is hosting the Fourth Annual Bluegrass Debate Tournament again this spring. Seventeen colleges and universities from Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana will be participating.

Pi Kappa Delta also sponsors the Georgetown Forum on our campus. Each month we select a topic for discussion. Tryouts are then held for principal speakers. The forum is then held under traditional rules. Participation on the part of the student body has been quite good, increasing in proportion to the timeliness and controversy of the issue being discussed.

MOUNT UNION COLLEGE

Two weeks before classes began last fall it appeared that the newly organized chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Mount Union College might be short lived. The charter had been granted at the last national convention but the installation had not been held and the coach had moved to another college. The alternative to dropping debate was for the former Registrar, Robert Tripp, to assume the position of debate coach in addition to his new duties as Associate Professor of Education.

The Debate Council has consisted of ten members and has participated in seven tournaments with three more to go. Three of the members were holdovers from last year and the others were novice speakers. To date the Novice teams have won five trophies and the Varsity debaters have added two more. In addition to the trophies, the club has also won ten certificates of distinction and excellence.

The installation of the chapter is scheduled for April 23rd when Dr. Raymond Yeager is officially to install the group.

Officers of the new chapter will be President Caryl Woodring, Vice-President Susan Bethel, Secretary Lorie Wiard and Treasurer Julie Grimm.

WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Five members of the WT forensics group competing in the National Intercollegiate Discussion Contest have been advanced to the semi-final round.

The national contest is sponsored under the direction of Dr. Wayne Thompson of the University of Texas.

The discussion group, moderated by Barry Braden, made a recording on the national topic, “What Should Be Done to Minimize Racial Friction in the United States,” and sent it to the contest.

Members of the group include Mary Lemmond, Willie Thompson, Wynette Johnson and Beth York. The discussion entry was made with the supervision of Mr. Gene Lewis, head of the WT forensics program.
At the suggestion of Dr. C. Toliver, head of the speech department of West Texas State University, the debate students have offered instruction to debate groups from area high schools in the fundamentals of debate procedure and contest speaking.

The program has been well received by the high schools, and has helped increase the prestige of the university.

The WT debaters and their coach, Mr. Lewis, have also challenged the teams from near-by colleges to debates on the national topic.

LINFIELD COLLEGE

The 32nd annual Interscholastic Forensic Tournament at Linfield this year drew over 250 teams and over 1000 contestants from over sixty high schools in the state of Oregon. Our college tournament is drawing colleges and universities from eight western states and will have over 200 debate teams as well as contestants in nine different individual events.

During the second semester we have attended tournaments in Arizona, and in California, as well as entertaining two state contests on our campus. We expect to attend several tournaments before the end of the school year.

COLORADO STATE COLLEGE

Students representing Colorado State College participated in the 33rd annual Rocky Mountain Speech Conference at Denver University on February 6, 7, and 8 and walked away with honors. Connie Barnett, a sophomore at CSC, captured top honors in Extemporaneous Speaking by placing first in the competition while Ruby Kay Lynch, a senior, took third.

Two of Colorado State College's debate teams were among the highly rated at the tournament. Tom Willett and Wayne Easley won five of the six debate rounds in which they competed as did Joan Mosbo and Ruby Kay Lynch. Both teams tied for second place.

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

Since December, the Ottawa Univer-

sity debate and forensic squad has participated in five tournaments, winning first place at Iowa State University in the championship debate division, and having an undefeated team in the Nebraska Wesleyan tournament. On February 28-29, the Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Ottawa University sponsored its first annual invitational tournament. Six rounds of debate, oratory, extemporaneous speaking, and oral interpretation were included. The debate squad is now preparing for the Kansas Intercollegiate Debate League tournament which will be held at Washburn University on March 13-14. Also, plans are underway for the Pi Kappa Delta Regional which will be held March 19-21 at Omaha University. Prof. Michael S. Twedt, debate coach, plans to submit the debate record of a senior team: Jeff Cunningham-Mike Cornett to the West Point District IV Committee. At present, they have a seventy-five per cent win record.

The debate squad plans to have a banquet to honor the present members of Pi Kappa Delta as well as the "old" members the last part of May.

ROCKHURST COLLEGE

The annual Rockhurst College debate tournament was held on February 22, 1964. The tournament was attended by 40 individual teams representing 20 schools from 4 states. The tournament was won by Bethel College of North Newton, Kansas. The top speaker was William Juhnke, Jr. of Bethel College. The awards were presented by Captain Donald Alford, U. S. Marine Corps and former distinguished debater from the University of Houston.

Also, the annual Dowling Oratorical Contest, a campus tradition, contest was held Feb. 26, 1964. This preliminary contest named four finalists for the final contest to be held March 21, 1964. A gold medal was awarded to the winner of the contest. The contest is named in honor of the Rev. Michael Dowling, first president of Rockhurst College.
KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

Brent C. Barrows and Robert B. Spencer, negative, have participated in 10 rounds of decision and 3 rounds of non-decision debate thus qualifying them for application to Pi Kappa Delta membership.

Initiation will be held in late April for the debaters, and their coach and instructor Richard S. Jackson; Lloyd J. Averill, Vice President of Kalamazoo College and Dean of the Chapel, will be initiated as an honorary member.

Alpha Chapter hopes to field at least one varsity and two or more novice debate squads in the 1964-65 school year.

ELMHURST COLLEGE

The Illinois Alpha Alpha Chapter at Elmhurst College has recently elected five new members in Debate and three in Oratory. These shall be initiated on March 15, by Mr. Glenn Reddick from North Central College. At the same time he will install the Chapter, and initiate the charter members as well as the two recently elected Graduate members.

This year’s officers are Alfred Kanitz, President; Tom Burke, Jr., Vice President; James Stevens, Secretary; and Harold R. Morris, Reporter.

The squad this year has participated in tournaments at Bradley, Western Illinois, Illinois State and others, taking part in Debate, Oratory and Extemporaneous contests, whenever possible. At the Illinois Speech Association Meeting we engaged in a Parliamentary Debate, against Northern Illinois. Participating for Elmhurst, was Alfred Kanitz and Prof. John E. Gow, Debate coach. At the Illinois Intercollegiate Oratorical Association tournament at Monmouth College, Alfred Kanitz placed fourth in Extemporaneous speaking. The Novice team placed third at the tournament at the University of Dubuque. At the Bradley Tournament Alfred Kanitz and Stan Sumner received a superior rating.

SOUTHERN COLORADO STATE COLLEGE

As the newest member of the Pi Kappa Delta Fraternity in the state, the Colorado Epsilon Chapter has had an active program going during 1963-64.

Thus far, members have attended seven tournaments, with three more on the schedule.

At Colorado Woman’s College Invitational Mildred Fitzgerald and Bob Garvey were undefeated in debate; at the Wichita Shocker Tournament Loyde Terry and Bob Garvey were quarter-finalists in senior debate; at Amarillo (Texas) Golden Spread Don Smith and Henry McIntosh were semi-finalists in junior debate; at the Rocky Mountain Speech Conference Terry and Garvey won five of six. In oratory, Terry placed second at Wichita and first at the Rocky Mountain Speech Conference. This was his second win in this tournament as he also took first in 1963.

Epsilon’s sponsor, Lloyd P. Dudley, was honored at the Rocky Mountain Speech Conference when he was presented the 1964 award of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha for outstanding contribution to Speech in Colorado.

Western Illinois debaters are shown on the steps of the Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. just before hearing the final championship round in the Caucus Room. Left to right: Nancy Setterberg, Victor Leo, Rudy Jagielski, and Ron Lomas. Jagielski and Lomas were eliminated in the quarter-finals of the Capitol Hill Tournament.
From The Province of The Lakes—

Tom Carter, '59, Special Distinction at West Virginia Beta at Marshall University, is now Captain Tom Carter, M.D., serving his residency at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver. His debating partner Paul Robertson is an Assistant Attorney-General for the state of Texas. Their successor James Bailes is currently Clerk to the Federal Judge at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Tom Dunfee, junior partner in the debating firm of Bailes and Dunfee, is now a Root-Tilden Fellow at the Law School of New York University. Tom's three-year colleague Aubrey King is, as noted in the January Alumni News, at the Indian School of International Studies, Delhi, India, on a Rotary Foundation Fellowship. And Walt Cosby, third member of the Cosby-King-Dunfee trio, is serving as 2nd Lieutenant with the First Battalion, 19th Infantry in Germany.

Prof. Richard Jackson joins the speech staff at Kalamazoo College (Alpha) as speech instructor and theatre designer. He arrives in time to work in the new Fine Arts building housing Speech, Theatre, and Fine Arts.

Dr. William Schrier, head of the Speech Department of Hope College (Gamma), had his latest commencement speech published in the July 15 issue of Vital Speeches. Bill says, "Certainly giving speeches has helped to keep me young in spirit, although body-wise I'm rapidly qualifying for membership in the 5-B club—bald, bifocals, bridge-work, buldge and bunions." As for the future, Dr. Schrier plans to continue speaking at commencements until his retirement. At that time he expects to turn his avocation as a commencement speaker into a year-around vocation.

Dr. Tom Murray, Eastern Michigan University (Epsilon), has assumed the position of Director of Forensics. He formerly taught at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Grant Wessel, formerly from Eastern Michigan University, has accepted the pastorate of an Evangelical United Brethren church in Dearborn.

From The Province of The Northwest—

Earl A. Keffer is the new director of forensics at Eastern Montana College of Education, Gamma chapter at Billings, Montana.
New Members of Pi Kappa Delta

YANKTON COLLEGE
36680 Joseph Walsh
36681 Susan Bolluyt

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
36682 Jay Johnson
36683 Marylu Kinville
36684 Barbara Montagna
36685 Forest A. Roberts
36686 Vince Romano
36687 Dale Tahtinen

MIDLAND COLLEGE
36688 Carol Hessenflow

PEPPERDINE COLLEGE
36689 Patricia M. Roberts

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
36690 Robert Leo Armbruster
36691 Judy Kay Epley
36692 Marilyn G. Lowell
36693 Philip H. Mackay
36694 Donald F. Melvin
36695 Mary Jean Millick
36696 Wallace A. Mollema, Jr.
36697 Peter Andrew Remender
36698 Douglas J. Stranahan

OLD DOMINION COLLEGE
36699 George Robert Kirkland

DRAKE UNIVERSITY
36700 Burrus M. Carnahan

NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE
36701 Ralph A. Nichols II

SOUTHERN COLORADO STATE COLLEGE
36702 Donald H. Smith

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
36703 Talmadge Littlejohn

DRAKE UNIVERSITY
36704 Janet Lee Gaspar

PEPPERDINE COLLEGE
36705 B. J. Sims

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
36706 Bernard E. Nummer

WISCONSIN STATE—RIVER FALLS
36707 Vincent Di Salvo

McNEESE STATE COLLEGE
36708 Carolyn Baker
36709 Carole D. Carlin
36710 Inez Coffey
36711 Amelia Franklin
36712 Robert Dale Hayes
36713 Laura Belle Kent
36714 Patricia Materne
36715 Hardy Parkerson
36716 Lee Raymond Smith III
36717 Maureen Talbot

HENDERSO N STATE TEACHERS COL.
36718 Wendell Harlan
36719 Sallye Ann Johnson
36720 Charlotte McQueen
36721 Frances Jane Tolleson

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
36722 Bruce Bambach
36723 Phillip Bucy
36724 Dallas Hamerlinek
36725 Rudy Jagielshi
36726 Jean Limacher
36727 Bill Mitchell
36728 Nancy Setterberg
36729 James Bruce Smith
36730 Peter Wehrle

KANSAS STATE—PITTSBURG
36731lerry Beck
36732 Michael Burris
36733 Jack Harris
36734 Rebecca Harrison
36735 Richard Radford
36736 Judith Schmidt
36737 Kathleen Spicer

FINDLAY COLLEGE
36738 John Howard Grunewald

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
36739 Carolyn Castleberry
36740 Gloria Sue Cook
36741 Patricia Ann Fitch
36742 Carol Patton

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
36743 Peter E. Davis

HURON COLLEGE
36744 William A. Poppen

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
36745 Charles E. Bilyeu
36746 Bill Byrne
36747 Pat Dresser
36748 Judy Kirkland

SOUTHEASTERN STATE COLLEGE, OKLA.
36749 Billy D. Hamilton
36750 C. W. Mangrum
36751 Martha Jane Patterson
36752 Russell Paul Westbrook, Jr.

MIDLAND COLLEGE
36753 John C. Morris
36754 Gordon Simmons

ADAMS STATE COLLEGE
36755 Samuel Jackson
36756 Daniel Lee Love
36757 Mary Bernadette Mendine
36758 James Lester Murray
36759 Anthony B. Schroeder
36760 Keith Rodney Sloan
36761 Donald Alan Spong
36762 Bernie R. Trujillo
The Editor Signs Off...

Elsewhere in this issue of The Forensic on the Secretary’s Page, Larry Norton reports on the results of a questionnaire sent out to two hundred and nine “active” chapters. It is probably no surprise to learn that only one hundred and one incomplete replies were received. We have all come to expect that the response to such calls will be, at best, halfhearted. The question of some importance is—what will be the response to this disclosure of apathy on the part of over half of the chapters of Pi Kappa Delta?

Let’s remember that these questions were posed in response to the feelings of the Convention at Carbondale. There was animated discussion and even some bitterness generated over these questions at the time. Your Editor listened to many of these discussions and was often impressed that here was a group seriously trying to deal with and solve problems bearing on the welfare and conduct of the organization. From the spirit of interest expressed, I even expected a veritable flood of articles to The Forensic dealing with the adoption of cross-examination debate or the question of the length and form of the convention. Needless to say, the Editorial dikes have not been breached by the threatened flood—in fact, they haven’t been touched!

What happened to all of the apparent interest? Was there really so much interest in the first place? Is concern with the affairs of Pi Kappa Delta like a geyser that erupts once every two years only to subside and retreat to the lower levels of concerted consciousness, to boil and seethe unseen and unheard until the next biennial occurrence? Isn’t it possible that an organization can have individual interim consciousness and voices that will make the biennial convention even more productive?

I have no idea what happened to the interest which was evident at Carbondale or at Stillwater or Bowling Green. Only the membership can answer that question. I did think, and I still do think, the interest was real. There was too much sincerity for it to be interpreted otherwise. I do feel however that the concern for these matters is often suppressed between conventions. Perhaps the convention atmosphere is required as a catalyst. I hope not, for I would hate to think that the individual required a group situation in order to think clearly and express himself effectively on matters that affect us individually. I really think it is necessary to have an opportunity to listen to the carefully considered opinions of others in the calm of your own office or home before we attempt a final determination of these problems in the press of tournament and convention activities. And I do think that the founders of Pi Kappa Delta intended for The Forensic to be an opportunity for the individual to speak out on issues of importance.

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