Tentative Program for Tenth Biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Delta

Lexington, Kentucky, April 2-6, 1934
Hotel Lafayette, Convention Headquarters

Monday, April 2

8:15 a.m.  First roll call. General assembly.
9:15 a.m.  First round of men’s and women’s debates.
10:30 a.m. Second round of men’s and women’s debates.
12:00 noon. Luncheon.
12:30 p.m. Meeting, National Council.
1:30 p.m.  Drawing of topics for first round of men’s and women’s extemporaneous speech contest. Extemporaneous speech headquarters.
2:45 p.m.  First round of men’s and women’s extemp. speech.
4:00 p.m.  Third round of men’s and women’s debates.
6:00 p.m.  Pi Kappa Delta dinner. Lafayette hotel.
8:15 p.m.  First round of men’s and women’s oratory.

Tuesday, April 3

8:15 a.m.  Fourth round of men’s and women’s debate.
9:15 a.m.  Second roll call. First business session; committee reports.
12:00 noon. Luncheon. Council and committee meetings.
1:30 p.m.  Second round of men’s and women’s oratory.
3:30 p.m. Fifth round of men's and women's debates.
6:00 p.m. Pi Kappa Delta dinner. Lafayette hotel.
7:15 p.m. Drawing of topics for second round of men's and women's extemporaneous speech. Extemporaneous speech headquarters.
8:15 p.m. Second round of men's and women's extemporaneous speech contest.

**Wednesday, April 4**

8:15 a.m. Sixth round of men's and women's debates.
10:00 a.m. Demonstration debate. Redlands and North Carolina State.
11:00 a.m. Provincial meetings and luncheons.
12:00 noon. Luncheon.
12:30 p.m. Council meeting.
1:30 p.m. Seventh round of mens' and women's debates.
2:30 p.m. Drawings for third round extempore contests.
3:30 p.m. Third round extempore contests.
4:30 p.m. Third round of men's and women's oratory.
6:00 p.m. Pi Kappa Delta dinner. Lafayette hotel.
7:00 p.m. Faculty and Student conferences.
8:30 p.m. Social evening. Transylvania College.

**Thursday, April 5**

8:15 a.m. Eighth round of men's and women's debates (semi-finals for women).
9:30 a.m. Third roll call and business session.
11:00 a.m. Semi-finals, men's debate.
12:00 noon. Luncheon.
1:00 p.m. Sightseeing trip.
6:00 p.m. Pi Kappa Delta dinner. Lafayette hotel.
7:30 p.m. Finals in women's debate.
9:00 p.m. Finals in men's debate.

**Friday, April 6**

8:15 a.m. Drawings of extempore topics for men's and women's semi-finals.
9:15 a.m. Semi-finals men's and women's extemp.
10:00 a.m. Semi-finals men's and women's oratory.
12:30 p.m. Drawing of topics men's and women's extemp. finals
1:30 p.m. Finals men's and women's extemp.
3:00 p.m. Final roll call and business session.
6:30 p.m. Pi Kappa Delta banquet, Hotel Lafayette.
OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Every one who attends the convention at Lexington will look forward to meeting National President H. Dana Hopkins, Heidelberg College, Ohio Beta. The success of this convention has been on "Hoppy’s" mind ever since he left Tulsa two years ago. If you don’t take the opportunity to meet him personally and to chat with him, you will miss one of the pleasant features of the convention. He likes people, and incidentally people like him.
Transylvania College Welcomes P. K. D.

Pi Kappa Delta is meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, the first capital of the first state carved out of the “region of the western waters,” as it was called in colonial days. We are happy to welcome you as guests at Transylvania College, the oldest chartered institution west of the Alleghany mountains. We hope that you will meet here competitors worthy of your best forensic efforts, and that in all ways you will enjoy heartily your sojourn at Transylvania.

ARTHUR BRADEN,
President.

Kentucky Delta chapter considers it a distinct privilege to welcome to Lexington and the Transylvania College the representatives of the 148 chapters of Pi Kappa Delta. We are looking forward with keen anticipation to meeting you and knowing you personally. The resources of the chapter, the school and the civic organization of Lexington have been placed at our disposal to make the 1934 convention a milepost in Pi Kappa Delta history.

You are going to enjoy your stay in Lexington, and we are going to enjoy having you.

RALPH H. SAUNDERS,
Pres. of Delta Chapter.
Preliminary Report on Convention Attendance

The following tentative report attempts to show what to expect at Lexington. It is made up from reports on hand in the Secretary’s office March 5. Since entries do not close until March 12, it is necessarily incomplete. It is made up from all available sources, answers to the questionnaire of February 2, entry blanks already received, and personal letters. Of course many colleges not listed here will be at the convention. These preliminary figures indicate that the attendance at the Lexington convention will probably exceed that at Tulsa.

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**Tulsa figures** | 98 | 58 | 61 | 33 | 72 | 34 | | 560 |

Debaters from Upper Iowa, the Eta chapter, have made several trips through the state, meeting a number of the other institutions in twenty-five debates. Debates for both men and women have been held with Simpson, Central, Penn, and John Fletcher.—The Upper Iowa Collegian.
PROF. GEORGE McCARTY IS FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Prof. George McCarty, South Dakota Delta, State College, our National First Vice-President, has been one of the wheel-horses of the society for almost half its life. He has attended conventions, worked on committees, edited THE FORENSIC, and served on the national council. Wherever a job comes up which requires hard work and good judgment, some one is likely to say, “Let George do it,” and George usually does. As chairman of the charter committee he will be in direct charge of some of the most important work which will be done at the convention.
Affirmative Decisions 57%;
Negative 43%

The following reports give some indication of the way decisions have been running in relation to the affirmative and negative sides of the Pi Kappa Delta question.

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Total affirmative: 145, or 58%.
Total negative: 105, or 42%.

Record of votes by different groups shows:

- Lawyers, ministers, etc. .................. 55% affirmative
- Professors .................. 54% affirmative
- Coaches ............................... 62% affirmative
- Graduate students with debate experience .................. 59% affirmative
- Men (all groups together) .................. 60% affirmative
- Women (all groups together) ................. 51% affirmative

Statistics gathered by the coaches in the University of South Dakota's Invitational Women's Debate Tournament show 16 affirmative wins against 9 negative decisions.

In the Rocky Mountain Speech Conference the affirmative won 10 and the negative 6 debates. From the Mid-South tournament, which was held in Arkansas, reports are available for the first day only. They show 44 affirmative and 41 negative decisions. This makes the total for all records available read:

- Affirmative: 215, or 57%.
- Negative: 161, or 43%.

The conclusion to be drawn from a record of 376 debates is that, other things being equal, the affirmative has almost a 3 to 2 advantage.
National Fourth Vice-President W. Prewitt Ewing, the congenial forensic coach from William Jewell, Missouri Delta, will be in charge of all convention tournaments. Prof. Ewing brings to his task a great deal of valuable experience gained at the Tulsa convention. He has been on the job for months organizing the machinery to handle the thousand and one details of the tournaments.

"I am not so sure that I want to be identified too easily by the five hundred coaches and students who will be at Lexington," he writes, "but I trust they will detect something of a pathetic expression in this picture that will solicit their sympathy and cooperation."

"The members of my committee have worked hard to make these the smoothest running tournaments on record. They deserve all the cooperation which can be given them."

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*My Fellow Students and Coaches:*

Wherever I have met Pi Kappa Delta schools this year they have said, "We will see you at Lexington." I venture the prediction, therefore, that the national tournament will be well attended—possibly better than was the Tulsa tournament two years ago.

"Why are they going?" This is the question I have asked myself. The answers—for there are several—may be found in facts. In the first place, intercollegiate forensic contestants are not the type of people to be halted by first obstacles. Where money is not immediately available, they devise some means to raise funds. (You, you college men and women, do not wait for opportunity. You make your opportunity.) Secondly, the national tournament is the meeting place of one of the most thoughtful intercollegiate representations in America. (You
THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

National Second Vice-President S. R. Toussaint, of Monmouth College, Illinois Zeta, is chairman of the convention committee. Most of his work will be completed when the convention starts. Ever since the Tulsa convention he has been helping to select a convention city, complete hotel arrangements, and prepare for the entertainment of the five hundred delegates who will suddenly descend upon him about the first of April. He has made a number of trips to Lexington and will be on hand to greet you when you step into the LaFayette.

S. R. TOUSSAINT

know that the true rewards for having attended the tournament against odds will accrue to you ten and twenty years hence.) The tournament is looked upon not simply as a great contest of wits; its significance as an intercollegiate conference is being more and more emphasized. Finally, no one will doubt its meaning as a vast social event. Thus, because Pi Kappa Delta naturally draws its membership from those students and teachers who are made of the best steel, because the national tournament is a great laboratory of self-discovery, because it is significant as a conference, and because it is social as well as academic, our chapters are saying, “We will see you at Lexington.”

The city of Lexington itself is a magnet for all who love the graceful, the beautiful, and the historic. Seeing America en route is a fitting reward for those who train themselves to lead, to serve, and to follow intelligently.

Your committees on tournaments have worked hard and efficiently to make of this tournament a better, more smoothly running, more humane machine that you may be happier and better satisfied.

My one suggestion is: We must have judges! Will every coach make this his slogan: “I will do my part”?

We will see you at Lexington!

W. PREWITT EWING, Chairman,
Committee on Tournaments.
(Fourth Vice-President.)
Pacific Debaters Go To Jail

DAWNE ORTON
Director of Forensics
College of the Pacific

To put debaters behind prison walls may be the desire of some college roommates who have to put up with their "Mexican Athlete" bedfellows practicing speeches for the forensic season, but that is not the reason why College of the Pacific varsity debaters went to jail. California Alpha scheduled two debates last year and will have as many more this year inside prison walls, not because their debaters were behind the bars, but to hold them against opponents who could not come to Pacific, opponents who nevertheless could furnish as capable and sportsmanlike competition as any institution ever scheduled by Pacific.

College of San Quentin, as the debaters on either side jokingly refer to it, is headed by Dr. H. A. Shuder, Director of Education at the prison. Under his leadership 3000 men are enrolled in classes led by a staff of 100 instructors, research assistants, and administrators. Dr. Shuder is the only member of the entire staff that can go and come at his own pleasure.

The first contest left Pacific on the low end of a four-to-one score. One of the San Quentin men was a graduate of an institution of world distinction and an experienced political speaker. The other had served four years on the squad of one of the finest debating institutions of the west. One significant feature of this debate should be mentioned. Many of the Colleges of the West had practically dropped the moral issue from their discussions of the War Debts proposition. Consequently Pacific, represented by a son of a Methodist minister and a son of a Presbyterian Elder and coached by a former Congregational preacher went to San Quentin prepared on the negative to fight it out on the cold, hard, economic battleground. Imagine our surprise to find the team representing the state penitentiary drawing the clash of the debate over the moral issues involved in the situation. You, dear reader, may draw your own MORAL!

The second encounter came a few months later over a socialism-capitalism issue and this time Pacific had the good fortune to emerge on the long end of a five to nothing decision. The opponents in the second debate were a young man of slight de-
bating experience and the venerable politician of the first con-
test who had on that former occasion relieved our economic case
of even the shadow of a moral victory.

To get into San Quentin, even to go “in one door and out an-
other,” one must crouch through the two-by-four-foot gate that
separates the “outside” from the “inside.” On the inside end
of the tunnel that leads from the gate one gets a glimps of a
beautiful garden of the “yard.” On his left is “condemned row” in one of the original Spanish cell blocks, but at the far
end of the garden stands the modern and efficient looking Edu-
cational Building over which our genial and interesting host,
Dr. Shuder, presides. The first time a Pacific team went “in-
side” the audience for the debate was filing into the auditorium
which seats 300. Each man had his ticket and “Believe It Or
Not”—“Strange As It Seems” 700 were turned away for lack
of seating space ! ! ! !

The scene which meets one upon entering the Educational
Building could easily be mistaken for the home office of a life
insurance company—without its marble extravagances. The
curriculum of the school is designed—unlike much in our tradi-
tional college curricula—to meet the needs of the personalities
that come under its influence. Regardless of the language one
speaks, the degree of preparation, the vocational experiences,
the university degrees, the mental complexes, and the emotional
sets that he may have, Dr. Shuder will find a place for him and
a program of profitable study. We do not intend to suggest,
dear reader that you may some day apply for entrance to San
Quentin College, but if you do, you will be subjected to a battery
of orientation courses and qualitative and quantitative tests that
will furnish Dr. Shuder and his research assistants with as fine
an opportunity to assist you as could be found in most Ameri-
can colleges and universities.

The range of the curriculum is from elementary grades to
courses accredited by the state university through the extension
service. Courses in the industrial skills are popular. In the
drafting room you will find original creative work in progress.
It is the pride of Dr. Shuder that the work is creative in all as-
pects. All of the instructional staff are men accomplished in
their respective fields of content. California, Stanford, Ohio
State, Columbia, Oxford, England, and many other institutions
including the writer’s Alma Mater have alumni on the faculty
of this unique institution.
Languages, political science, economics, sociology, law, English composition and literature, life sciences, physical sciences, graphic art, engineering, and public speaking are departments offering instruction. But Dr. Shuder takes particular pride in the work of the Public Speaking Department. He is a firm believer in Public Speaking as a means of developing creative mental habits, and debating plays a very significant part in the work in this field. It is because of this that the Pacific Debaters Went To Jail.

Jail may not be a good place to go, but Pacific has found it a good place to get real debate competition and enthusiastic audiences.

The Province of the Lakes is “polishing up for the big races at Lexington” by holding pre-Lexington debate tournaments at Heidelberg, March 9; Michigan State, March 17; and a women’s tournament at Toledo, February 16-17.—Dana T. Burns, Governor.

“We are having the largest debate season this year in the history of the school, fifty-three debates, or twice as many as ever attempted before in a single season, and this on a restricted budget of $550. We have already held sixteen debates, with six victories out of the eight decision contests.”—Forest H. Rose, Southeast Missouri State Teachers.
INTERCHAPTER RELATIONS IN CHARGE OF O'CONNELL

National Third Vice-President W. V. O'Connell is the second Irishman on the national council. He is in charge of interchapter relations. He doesn't have many inter-chapter troubles to iron out, but he has done a significant piece of work in organizing and standardizing provincial meetings and tournaments. He is one of these quiet administrators who handles troubles by preventing them from arising.

W. V. O'CONNELL

The third annual intercollegiate debate tournament of the College of St. Thomas will be held in St. Paul February 27-28 and March 1. Already entries have been received from seven Minnesota, two Iowa, four South Dakota, one North Dakota, two Illinois, three Nebraska, and seven Wisconsin colleges.—The Aquin.

Nebraska Wesleyan has entered three women's and three men's debate teams in the state tournament at Hastings, March 8-10. It is also entering four extempore speakers and an orator in the peace contest which will be held at the same time.—C. Horton Talley, Coach.

Hastings College attended the Rocky Mountain Speech Conference in Denver, February 9-10. John Anderson took second in extempore speaking and Hale McCown second in oratory. Both will participate in the national contests at Lexington.

Hays Teachers, Kansas Nu, is planning on sending four debaters to the national convention.—State College Leader.
Suggestion for a Change of Method in Selecting the Annual Debate Subject

Because of the widespread difficulty of agreeing upon the meaning of the present Pi Kappa Delta debate question occasioned by its loose and indefinite phrasing, the writer believes that our system of choosing and phrasing the annual debate proposition should be improved in order to prevent the recurrence of this situation in the future. Accordingly a motion will be introduced in business session at the Lexington Convention providing for a change as follows:

At the time of selecting Province governors each province of Pi Kappa Delta shall select a representative to act on a national committee for the selection of the annual debate subject. This committee shall serve for two years, or between national conventions, or until their successors are chosen. It shall be the duty of the national committee thus chosen to select three debate propositions annually and to submit them phrased as debate propositions for a vote of the chapters on or before the 25th of September. There shall no longer be a spring vote, but each chapter may submit to the committee as many suggestions for debate propositions as it chooses. The committee shall have the privilege of considering subjects not suggested by the chapters and may thus take advantage of summer developments before the submission of the final three propositions. The proposition chosen by the majority vote of the chapters shall be the debate subject for the ensuing season. Selection of the three propositions and their statement shall be determined by a majority vote of the committee. The committee shall determine upon a scheme of rotation from one province to another for the selection of the committee chairman. It shall be the duty of the chairman to compile the lists of subjects considered and take the vote of the committee. He shall report the results and the committee's choices to the General Secretary of Pi Kappa Delta in time for the annual fall vote.

It shall be permissible for the presidents of Delta Sigma Rho, Tau Kappa Alpha, Phi Rho Pi, and Pi Kappa Delta to be members of the national committee on the selection of the annual debate proposition.

Perhaps the above is not in final form. Think it over and if something better can be devised to go before the convention, let's have it. At least let us do something that puts the responsibility up to a designated authority, and let's make that authority rep-
resentative of all sections. Surely we can find a debate coach in each section who will watch the phrasing of debate questions as well as the choice of subject. Our present method is haphazard and irresponsible. This plan would give coaches the three summer months to be reading and examining and thus give us the benefit of much careful consideration of propositions before we are called upon to vote (shall we say blindly?) without knowing the extent or sphere of the debate field or the turn of the issues involved.

This article isn’t “panning” anybody. It is suggested as a plan for betterment. We all know that those who have had this duty of handling the machinery of the debate question have done their best, and that they would have to be superhuman to satisfy us all.

Since we are selecting a debate question for practically the entire country, I think we owe it to the other organizations to allow them a say in the selection of the propositions to be voted upon. Perhaps we should also allow them a vote on the three finally selected.

Once again, think it over. I am taking my say before the convention begins, so nobody can say “sorehead” because his teams didn’t win. Frankly I do not like this year’s selection of a debate subject, nor do I like the fact that it has so many possible interpretations. I think we should at least have the intelligence in our organization to select an economic or a political science question without producing a hybrid. Let Congress have a monopoly on the Sons of the Wild J — k — s.

Respectfully but earnestly yours,

E. R. Nichols.

A debate of the merits of college fraternities attracted the largest audience of the year at William Jewell, Missouri Delta. The debate was with Iowa State. After the debate W. Prewitt Ewing, the debate coach, turned the meeting into an open forum. A number of students spoke from the floor. This debate upon a question of common interest attracted so much attention that it is planned to follow it with others of a like nature.—The William Jewell Student.

The twelfth annual McCahill debate tournament, which will be held at Drake, Iowa Mu, March 8-10, is attracting a large number of high school teams.—Drake Times-Delphic.

Wake Forest, North Carolina Beta, won a negative decision over North Carolina State.—Old Gold and Black.
FINLEY HAS BEEN NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR TEN YEARS

Our National Secretary is probably known to more members of the society than any of the other officers. He correspond with the chapters twelve months each year. Each one who joins the order is interested in him to the extent of five dollars at least. The only way to get a membership card or a key is to bribe him. He even has fixed rates for these procedures in order to standardize the process and prevent crowding. Presidents and vice-presidents come and go, but Finley goes on forever. You'll meet him at the convention.

GEORGE W. FINLEY

J. D. COON ALWAYS POPULAR AT CONVENTIONS

J. D. Coon, who has served Pi Kappa Delta for many years as national counsel, is always one of the most popular men at national conventions. He doesn't coach forensics and he hasn't anything to gain from attending our conventions. He comes because he believes in public speaking for students and because he likes young people. He's a great fellow to talk to. He always makes a good speech when he's called on, and he will do anything for a fellow, except lend his stiff shirt. He just can't get along without that stiff shirt.
Professor Courtney Enters Public Life

Dr. Luther M. Courtney, debate coach at Baylor University, Texas Iota, was appointed by President Roosevelt July 1, 1933, to serve on a Fact-Finding Board, which board had to deal with a threatened strikes on the L. A. & T. Railroad of Texas and Arkansas. In November he was appointed to serve on a second board of a similar nature, involving the railroad brotherhoods and the management of the Southern Pacific lines in Texas and Louisiana.

Dr. Courtney's fine work on these boards led to his recent appointment to serve on a Board of Arbitration to help settle disputes between the four brotherhoods and the management of the Southern Pacific lines in Louisiana and Texas. His duties with the new board began March 5 and will necessitate his absence from Baylor for some time. Dr. Florence Elberta Barnes has been appointed to handle his work during his absence. The arbitration board will attempt to settle eighty-three cases growing out of disputes arising between the management of the Southern Pacific lines and their engineers, firemen, conductors, and yardsmen.

"I fear that this last appointment will interfere with my attendance upon the national convention at Lexington," writes Dr. Courtney. "I have been assured, however, by the management of the Southern Pacific lines that the board will adjourn for a week in order that I may attend the convention. I sincerely hope this can be done."

In the meantime the Waco Civic League has placed Dr. Courtney's name in nomination for a place on the City Commission. The election will not take place until April 3.

While these public affairs have been claiming his time, Dr. Courtney has not been neglecting his forensic work. His men's teams have won first place in two tournaments. His girls' teams have taken part in only one tournament, but emerged victors in that.

Some of Dr. Courtney's coaching success may be attributed to
careful building of a forensic program. For example, President Neff of the university awards seven scholarships to men on the Baylor debate squad. These scholarships are awarded upon the basis of a successful debating record. The three delegates who will represent Baylor at Lexington will be from the scholarship group.

Prof. Dwayne Orton, California Delta of the College of the Pacific, is chairman of the new committee on judging. He writes that while he as chairman will accept the credit for anything the committee accomplishes, most of the real work is being done by Miss E. Irwin of Baylor College, Texas Epsilon, who is vice-chairman.

Thirty-eight high schools sent more than three hundred debaters to the high school tournament sponsored by the Kansas Iota chapter at the College of Emporia January 5-6. One hundred two teams participated. Topeka defeated Miami, Oklahoma, in the finals.—The New College Life.

Professor Pelsma, Pittsburg Teachers, Kansas Theta, took eighteen students to the debate tournament at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, February 15-16. Arkansas Alpha and Beta chapters at Henderson Teachers and Ouachita sponsored the tournament.—The Collegio.

Millsaps and Mississippi met recently in interesting debates before their chapel assemblies. The first speaker on each side presented the argument and the second confined himself to refutation. There were no decisions given.—The Purple and White.

"An Evening at Jonesport," a Seth Parker play, was given by the Texas Delta chapter at Howard Payne on February 27, to raise funds to send forensic teams to the national convention at Lexington.—Howard Payne Yellow Jacket.

Irene Holth, of Hamline, Minnesota Delta, becomes the first woman to represent Minnesota in the interstate oratorical contest by virtue of her victory over a field of men.—The Hamline Oracle.

Seventeen Kansas colleges met at Emporia Teachers, Kansas Zeta, March 1-3, for tournament contests in men’s and women’s debate, oratory, and extempore speaking.—State College Leader.
Praise For Mundt

Prof. Karl Mundt, the subject of the following editorial, is debate coach at Eastern State Teachers College, Madison, the home of the South Dakota Theta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. He was present at the last national convention and active in the business of the society.

For some time newspapers over the state have been suggesting Karl Mundt of Madison for governor, and who would likely make a better one? He is well and favorably known over the state through his being much in demand as a platform speaker and a man of keen intellect and good judgment. He is particularly well trained for such office through his knowledge of political science and economics and one who in a business way has been close to agriculture during the past years of stress and should know its problems as few do. In our opinion Karl Mundt is not a politician, as we have used the word in the past. We hold that he belongs to a new order now taking over political office in the states and nation. That new order comprises younger men trained for the office they seek and who are imbued with the desire to give rather than take. You find them in other nations, in Washington, and working to the surface in South Dakota. His activities as an official of the fish and game commission and other state and local organizations, brings forth his executive ability, all of which, with his popularity, will take him a long way toward the nomination and then, election to the governor’s chair should he decide to run.—Winfred Dispatch.

Can a student who has not yet earned eligibility for membership in Pi Kappa Delta take part in this year’s contests at the convention? The answer is “Yes,” even if the convention contest participation is needed for eligibility. He must, however, send his tentative application for membership to the national secretary, accompanied by his initiation fees. The membership card will be issued after the convention. This rule does not apply, of course, to contestants entered from petitioning colleges.

At least one visiting college president will be with us at Lexington. President F. L. McCluer, of Westminster College, Missouri, will be on hand as usual. Formerly coach of his college, he is now its president, but he still keeps his interest in forensics.
WINNERS OF THE WINFIELD TOURNAMENT COMING TO LEXINGTON

You may expect to meet Nora Geeslin and Nellie Jillson when the women’s debate tournament gets under way at Lexington. They won the women’s debate championship at the Winfield tournament last fall. Next to the national tournaments, the Winfield tournaments at Southwestern, Kansas Delta, are the largest in the country. The winners of such a tournament will undoubtedly be able to give a good account of themselves wherever they go.

These young ladies represent Northwestern State Teachers College, Oklahoma Delta. Prof. O. W. Rush, their coach, will be there with them.

Delta Sigma Rho sponsored a forensic tournament at the University of Iowa March 2-3. The tournament was invitational, bringing together Delta Sigma Rho and Tau Kappa Alpha schools. There were three classes of debates: decision debates for men, no-decision debates for men, and debates for women. In the decision debates for men Notre Dame and Iowa tied for first, and University of South Dakota, University of Denver, and Iowa State Teachers tied for second. In the extempore speaking contest Iowa State Teachers won first, Texas University second, and Colorado University third. University of Texas won the oratorical contest, with Iowa second and Denver third.
From the Pacific coast comes word to look out for the girls from the College of the Pacific who won the Redlands invitational tournament over twenty-four west coast teams. Here they are, two seniors, Miriam Gealey and Jeanet Manning. The boy-friend who insists on getting in the picture is Dwayne Orton, the debate coach. He is also chairman of the committee on judging at the national tournament. These Californians plan to start March 15. They have scheduled an extensive trip which calls for a debate against Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 27. You’ll probably hear them at Lexington.

Hastings women took a trip through Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, and South Dakota early in February, holding seventeen debates. Included was the no-decision tournament in Maryville, Missouri, and the women’s tournament at the University of South Dakota, where Hastings met the University of South Dakota in a convocation radio debate.

Augustana debaters appeared recently before the Sioux Falls Lions, Altrusa, Cooperative, and Cosmopolitan clubs. Augustana and Dakota Wesleyan argued before the Mitchell Rotary club. Augustana debaters also invaded St. Paul, where they met St. Olaf, St. Thomas, Macalester, Hamline, and Augsburg teams in no-decision contests.—The Augustana Mirror.

Prof. Herbert C. Libby, debate coach at Colby, Maine Alpha, writes that he hopes to attend the Lexington convention. Professor Libby is a former national officer. He has not been able to attend a national convention since the one held at Simpson College in 1922. He is looking forward again to seeing his old friends in Pi Kappa Delta.

Olivet and Michigan State debated before Leslie high school. —The Olivet College Echo.
Enid Miller, the Successful Coach

When Chester Hunt won the Nebraska State Oratorical contest last fall, he became the ninth Nebraska Wesleyan orator to win this contest in the past ten years. Never since Enid Miller, his coach, came to Nebraska Alpha, has one of her orators failed to win the state contest. Only once since she came to Nebraska Wesleyan has another institution won the state contest, and that was the year she was away doing graduate work. Last year her orator won the Interstate contest.

Miss Miller does not concentrate on oratory exclusively. Her debaters and extempore speakers also have enviable records.

Miss Miller left her position at the end of the first semester to complete her work for the doctor’s degree at the University of Michigan.

Nebraska Wesleyan is bringing a formidable group of contestants to the national convention. The men’s debate team is composed of Paul Rieber and Chester Hunt, both with three years of college debating behind them. Both are also orators, Hunt having won the last state oratorical contest, and Rieber the Peace contest. Rieber will represent the college in oratory at the convention. The women’s team, Beatrice Clark and Ruth Butcher, last year won the women’s provincial tournament. One is a sophomore and the other a junior. Miss Clark will also speak in the extempore contest. Helen Morgan, the entry in women’s oratory, last year won the provincial contest.—C. Horton Talley, Coach.

Wake Forest, North Carolina Beta, has a forensic program which calls for fifteen home debates, participation in a tri-state tournament March 8-9, the national Pi Kappa Delta tournament April 1-5, and the tournament sponsored by the Southern Association of Teachers of Speech, April 17-19. Debates will be on the NRA, federal radio control, and the Pi Kappa Delta question.—Old Gold and Black.

Missouri Valley College at Marshall acted as host for a debate tournament February 16-17, to which all Missouri colleges were invited. There were tournaments for senior college men, senior college women, and junior college teams which could be men, women, or both. Each entering team was guaranteed four debates, with eliminations based on two defeats.—The Cap-aha Arrow.
Notes From the National Secretary’s Office

The honors for sending in the first entries for the convention contests go to College of the Pacific, California Delta. They were sent in by Coach Dwayne Orton, who is to have the interesting job of planning for all the judging of the convention contests at Lexington. Probably Orton wanted to get the entry business off his hands so he could start worrying in earnest about how to get enough judges to make that judging game run smoothly. How about calling in the “Kentucky Colonels,” Brother Orton?

W. C. Dennis, former member of the national council, and coach of debate at Simpson, Redlands, and Iowa Wesleyan, writes that he is now at Sugar Grove, Ohio, and that he plans to take in the convention at Lexington. It will be a real pleasure to have him with us again.

The charter committee has quite a list of applications for new charters to present to the convention again this year. Several of them are from colleges that applied for charters in 1932 and are renewing their applications this year. They are Missouri Valley College, Central Teachers of Edmond, Oklahoma, Concordia College, and River Falls. Milligan College, which applied at a former convention, is also renewing its petition. One new state, Arizona, is represented among the applicants. Flagstaff is applying from the newest state in the union.

Railroads Grant One-and-a-third Fare on Certificate Identification Plan

This year we get the best rates ever given us by the railroads. They are one-and-a-third fare for the round trip on the certification plan. That means that the national secretary will send certificates to all delegates who desire them, and these certificates, when presented to your local railroad agent, will entitle you to purchase a round trip to Lexington at the reduced rate. There will be no question of having to sell any certain number
of tickets in order to get the rates, as has been the case at every former convention. If you have not received your certificates and wish to travel by rail write or wire the national secretary for the number needed.

Membership number 12,222 was recently issued to Thomas W. Jackson, coach of debate at Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota.

Key number 9,000 has been ordered by Edwin S. Dybrig, who formerly belonged to the Augustana chapter at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is now living in Washington, D. C.

Who’s Who Among the Delegates Coming to Lexington

William Springer is president of the student council at Kansas Wesleyan. He was a member of the winning debate team at the Kansas Provincial last year. The other member of this team was Robert Bowers, who is now a graduate student at Northwestern University.

The girls team from Simpson College, Ruth Robinson and Mary Williams, won the Missouri Province tournament in 1930; the Iowa State tournament in 1933; and also the Missouri Provincial tournament in 1933.

Hastings College has many important members of the student body in its list of delegates to the national convention. Hale McCown is president of the student association; Marvin Fink was last year’s student association president; and Mildred Carty is the present secretary of the student association.

Seigfreid Mickelson and Don Larson will represent Augustana of Sioux Falls in debate. They won the debate tournament at the Province of the Sioux held at Jamestown last year.

Redlands University will be represented in debate by Bernard Hyink and Winfield Bristow, the team that won the Redlands practice tournament last fall.

Central (Iowa) will be represented in women’s extempore speaking by Dorothy Payne, winner of the state extempore speaking contest in 1933.
Miriam Gealey and Jeanet Manning, who won for their college in the practice tournament at Redlands this last fall, will debate at Lexington for the College of the Pacific.

Marie Schmidt and Virginia Ullom, who won the gold medals in women’s debate at the provincial contests held at Grove City in 1933, will be in there talking for the big trophy at the Lexington meet. They hail from Bowling Green.

Don’t fail to get acquainted with Professor E. R. Nichols of Redlands. Who is he? Why, he is the man who started all this! More than any other man he was responsible for the existence of Pi Kappa Delta. Founder, first national president, first editor of THE FORENSIC, the Father of Pi Kappa Delta!

Pi Kappa Delta has had, up to date, seven national presidents. They are Nichols, Macarthur, Marsh, Westfall, Veatch, Pflaum, and Hopkins. All but two of them, Macarthur and Veatch, will be at the Lexington convention.

Bowdoin and Tufts discussed the Pi Kappa Delta question over station WCSH in Portland, January 6.—The Bowdoin Orient.

After-dinner speaking has been added as a competitive event in the South Dakota state forensic contests.—The Yankton Student.

A Drake team made a tour the last of January, meeting the University of Nebraska, Kansas State Aggies, Rockhurst, and William Jewell.—Drake Times-Delphic.

The College of the City of Detroit, in which the Michigan Zeta chapter was located up until its recent suspension, has changed its name to Wayne University.—The Olivet College Echo.

Nine radio debates featured the St. Thomas hour beginning February 2. The debates were with other Minnesota colleges and on the Pi Kappa Delta question chiefly.—The Aquin.

In order to provide practice for all members of their squads, College of Idaho and Northwest Nazarene College engaged in a series of eight debates, with different speakers in each. College of Idaho won five of the contests.—The College Coyote.
Our conventions now run five days. It would be an advantage to cut them down in time. They are prolonged by the tournaments. The tournaments are prolonged by difficulty in eliminating the Swedes and Californians who occupy an undue amount of space in the final rounds. If we could bar these Swedes and Californians, we could cut out some of the final rounds of the tournaments and close the convention at least one day earlier.

Some of the finest speeches of the convention will not be made. They will be the improvements on what was said that will be thought of after the convention is over.

According to an article on "Vocabulary and Success" by John-son O'Connor in the February number of the Atlantic Monthly, highly successful and highly paid executives with some of our great corporations have larger vocabularies than any other class of individuals studied. Some of them are college graduates, many began with only a limited education, but all have this characteristic in common: they know words.

No pen can anything eternal write
That is not dipped in shadows of the night.—Chapman.

Listen to a contest at the Lexington convention in which there are speakers from, say, Maine, Mississippi, Kansas, Montana, and California, and see if you can explain how people who all use the same dictionary for their authority can get such different pronunciations for our common English words.

Augustana, South Dakota Eta, expects to bring the largest South Dakota delegation to the national convention. Coach Carlson is planning to bring six men and three women with him. A glance at the record of chapter achievements which appeared in the October FORENSIC shows that Augustana stands sixth in forensics at national conventions. Brother Carlson is evidently planning to move up a step, or two, or three, or perhaps more.