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10. PROVINCE OF THE NORTHWEST
The Province of the Upper Mississippi
A History
by Grace Walsh
Province Governor

The problem of meeting THE FORENSIC editor's request for a history of our province was not an easy one. Harried forensic directors do not have much time to dig through old newspaper files. Perhaps this brief report of our history will indicate the rich tradition of forensics in the Upper Mississippi region and stimulate further investigation into our history.¹

The Province of the Upper Mississippi has chapters in the states of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Macalester College reported the earliest enrollment in the ranks of the province and has the distinction of having the first chapter in Minnesota in 1921. St. Olaf College and Upper Iowa University were admitted to the fraternity in 1922. Hamline University, Concordia College, the University of Dubuque, the College of St. Thomas, and Gustavus Adolphus College all had chapters granted by 1926. Ten years later, in 1936, Wisconsin State College at River Falls and Luther College were admitted. The College of St. Catherine had its charter granted in 1948. The newest charters in the province belong to Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire and St. Mary’s College which became members in 1951.

The schools in the province reported that most of their debate activity prior to the establishment of local chapters of Pi Kappa Delta was handled by literary societies. The Clio society started in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1860, and was brought to Decorah, Iowa, in 1862, one year after Luther College was founded there. This group held weekly meetings devoted to speeches, essays, declamations, and debate. The procedure of the early debates was interesting. There were six or eight people on each side, with one person acting as chief disputant; he began the debate. The rest of the people followed in order, speaking as often as they liked. The propositions employed did not include religious or political questions, but dealt with such subjects as the influence of money and education in society, and the usefulness of the compass and steam power.

Early interest in oratory was shown when Chips, the Luther College paper, made editorial reference to the intercollegiate oratorical contest in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Indiana. It suggested that if Luther students were allowed to participate in such affairs, their skill in writing and speaking would be improved. That was about the time when oratorical interest was really flourishing in Wisconsin. Reminiscing about those days in a conversation with this writer, Mr. William T. Evjue, editor of the Madison CAPITOL TIMES, described the night Wisconsin’s early winner of the Interstate rode from the depot to the university campus in a vehicle reserved for all returning heroes—a hayrack. The students stood along the street and cheered one who was to be cheered many times in years to come in the field of politics. This young man’s name was Robert M. LaFallette, Sr. Evidently the Luther editorial on the importance of oratory had results across the border, for the Luther College alumni of Southern Wisconsin began, in 1903, a long series of Norse and English oratorical contests, offering $25 prizes to the winners. Still Luther did not fare very well in intercollegiate oratory. They began competing in 1911 in a state contest judged by Pro-

¹ See the “Ridin the Provinces” section of this issue.
fessors Reger of the University of Minnesota, Lylam of the University of Wisconsin, and Meyer of the University of Illinois. Again the college newspaper stepped in with a stirring editorial, wondering why Luther was weak in this activity. It observed that what was really needed was a faculty advisor, and finally, Henry O. Talle, now Congressional Representative from Iowa, was secured as coach.

As time went on, interest in debate in the province continued to grow. All kinds of questions were debated. Resolved: That Ireland is justified in demanding a separate Parliament was one of them. Another was Resolved: That the United States government should buy all railroad and telegraph lines and control them. Resolved: That the United States should join the League of Nations was yet another topic. In the fall of 1917, debates on the intercollegiate level were eliminated at Macalester. Many good people had gone to war and debating was very expensive. Activity was resumed shortly after the war.

In the early days of the province there were many important problems. In the area of debate, one important intercollegiate triangular debate was called off in Minnesota. Concordia College reported that Gustavus Adolphus objected to debating because Concordia sent a lady to debate. At St. Olaf College the entire student body as well as the college president became involved in the effort to establish the St. Olaf chapter. Objection on the part of the administration was raised because the initiation ceremony involved taking an oath. A compromise was reached when the Pi Kappa Delta president agreed to the granting of the charter by substituting a mere affirmation or promise in the place of an oath. But such major controversies did not interfere with growing interest in forensics throughout the province.

The Upper Mississippi today is the hometown for many very well known tournaments. Part of the strength of the province can be found in the fact that almost every chapter sponsors important tournaments. Prominent among them at present are the Northwest Tournament sponsored by Mac-

alester College and the College of St. Thomas, the Red River Valley Tournament at Concordia College, the Wisconsin State College at River Falls "B" Tournament, and the Eau Claire Speech Meet. It is also significant that many of these colleges sponsor high school tournaments. Gustavus Adolphus with its Northwest Activities Meet for high schools, St. Mary's College, St. Olaf College, River Falls, and Eau Claire are among the chapters that annually hold large high school affairs. This year Eau Claire's report of activity is the highest in the province. In October this college sponsored a discussion clinic attended by 200 high school participants; in January they entertained 194 high school debate teams; and its college tournament in February was attended by 118 discussors, 84 speakers in individual events, and 108 debate teams. All these events sponsored by local chapters lay the groundwork for the success of the province in national affairs and also supply training for future members of Pi Kappa Delta.

Evidence of the debate power of the province has been well demonstrated by the records of its teams at the West Point Tournament. They were the teams of Luther College, College of St. Thomas, St. Olaf College, and Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire. The latter two have repeatedly made strong records at this tournament.

Since 1949, Superior Sweepstakes at the National Pi Kappa Delta Convention have been won by Luther College, Macalester, St. Olaf College, the College of St. Thomas, and Wisconsin State College at River Falls. Double Superior Sweepstakes were awarded to St. Olaf College and Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire in 1953, and to Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire in 1955.

Many people important in forensic circles have been graduated from this province. Probably one of the greatest teams in province history, according to Robert F. Forsythe, was Sheron and Kaplan of the College of St. Thomas. In addition to winning almost all available honors, this
famous pair represented this country in a tour of England. Coach of the famous
duet was Professor Owen P. McElmeel. A current cause for real celebration in this
province was Professor McElmeel’s return to St. Paul for the 25th anniversary of
the Northwest Debate Tournament which he founded.

Among the other speakers from our province who will long be remembered were: Carlton Roscholt of Luther College, Anita Erickson of St. Olaf College, Joan
Reidy of Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire, Ron Brown of Gustavus Adolphus,
and Ralph Zimmermann of Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire. All of these
people were first place winners in the Interstate Oratorical Contest within the
last seven years.

Specific history from particular chapters with the names of all charter members
and the records of debates won and lost are available on many college campuses,
but will not be included in this brief report. Following are a few unique facts about
particular chapters:

**St. Olaf College**
St. Olaf is the home of the national president of Pi Kappa Delta, Theodore
F. Nelson. Professors Nelson and Kenneth Wilkins have led the St. Olaf
college speakers to such recent achievements as provincial women’s sweepstakes in 1952, provincial men’s in 1954, as well as many national honors.

**University of Dubuque**
The University of Dubuque can claim Dale Welch, now president of Hastings
College, Nebraska, as a charter member of its chapter. Mr. Thomas Olbright is
the present sponsor of this chapter.

**Wisconsin State College at River Falls**
This chapter has a unique distinction, having one of its own charter members, Miss Marion E. Hawkins, as the debate director of that college. Miss Hawkins
was Upper Mississippi Province governor for 1954-55, and River Falls played
host to the last provincial tournament.

**St. Mary’s College**
One of the two youngest chapters, St. Mary’s sponsor is Brother Philip. On
or near December 7, the feast of St. Ambrose, patron of orators, St. Mary’s
presents a beautifully inscribed trophy to the winner of its local oratorical con-
test.

**Luther College**
Sponsor of this chapter is Mr. Kenneth Berger. The Speech Association of
Luther College, through its Speakers’ Bureau, has published a brochure of its
“package program”, designed for high school assemblies, civic and church or-
izations. Chapters throughout the nation may be interested in this brochure.

**Gustavus Adolphus College**
Professor Evan Anderson of Gustavus has the longest tenure of any coach in
the Upper Mississippi Province.

**College of St. Catherine**
The only inactive chapter in the province at the present time is St. Catherine’s.
In view of their previous fine record under Mr. Robert Forsythe and Mr.
Joseph Robbe, it is hoped that the chapter may be reactivated next year.

**Macalester College and the College of St. Thomas**
These schools have jointly sponsored not only the Northwest Debate Tourna-
ment for several years, but also a national convention in 1942.

**Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire**
In 1953, this college won the national championship in public discussion and
an outstanding debater award at West Point. In 1953, 1954, and 1955, it sur-
vived until the last day at West Point.

The Province of the Upper Mississippi has had a long and illustrious history in
forensics. From the early literary society debate to the present high place in national competition Pi Kappa Delta has been a
guiding force in the development of college speakers who can take their place on the
public platform.
Group discussion is usually acclaimed as a basic tool in our democratic society and a useful method of problem-solving, yet it continues to meet with difficulty in gaining acceptance into the forensic world. Thirty-five years ago, directors of debating were not aware that group discussion existed. Then came a period when a large group of speech teachers and school administrators upheld group discussion as a worthy replacement for overly-competitive, cut-throat debate contests, and the battle was on. Finally it was recognized that discussion and debate were complementary methodologies, not inherent enemies. Since both discussion and debate were equally useful and essential methods of problem solving in a democratic society it was considered wise by many directors to include both in a well-rounded forensics program.

The problem of group discussion as a contest event, has produced some strange bedfellows. On the one hand there are those patriarchs of traditional debating who can’t see that an activity where people “just sit around and talk” would be worthy of a place in a forensics tournament. On the other hand we have those champions of group discussion who cannot allow their chosen activity to come in contact with the “taint of competition.” The former group cannot see anything in group discussion to test the skills of the participant or to encourage him to display his abilities, while the latter group is fearful that “typical debaters” will pervert the valuable procedures of group discussion in order to win personal glory.

These two groups both seem to be avoiding the real issue which is: does group discussion as a contest event provide worthwhile training to the college student? In order to answer this question one must ask further: does forensic competition have any real value for the individual student?

Now, if one is concerned with the evils of competition, of over-stressing the desire to win, of promotion of deceit and trickery, then it is in this whole area of forensics competition that one should grapple with the problem and not confine it to group discussion alone. If, on the other hand, one accepts the usual blandishments about forensic competition; that it provides the opportunity and the extra impetus to put classroom teaching to work in a more realistic atmosphere, that it brings about the best in careful research, analytical ability and logical thinking, and that it tends to perfect oral communication skills, then we cannot question the value of competitive forensics. We may then ask only, are these values or results compatible with the aims and goals of good group discussion?

One of the difficulties seems to be a fear that the desire to win will over-shadow all the other important elements of group discussion. It is considered all right to desire to win in a debate or extemp contest but there is something wrong with this desire in group discussion. Yet very few forensic directors will say that the primary purpose in a debate is to win. As Ewbank and Auer put it the real value of formal debating is that “it gives the debater training in thorough analysis, in the construction and delivery of argumentative speeches, and in defending his position against equally prepared opponents. The formal debate gives the student the basic training in thinking and speaking he should have.” These same abilities are equally important in group discussion and they can be evaluated and judged on an individual basis just as they can be in a debate. An overpowering desire to win is as detrimental to good debating as it is to good group discussion. It must be kept in its proper place in both cases, not by eliminating the activity but by continually stressing the important things.
To all of this some will answer that debate is essentially competitive whereas discussion is essentially cooperative. On the surface this appears to be true. However, basic in both activities is the democratic search for the best possible solution to a problem. Neither cooperation or competition is best in this search. Both are important and other things, such as the ability to reason, are more important than either. Unlike the proponents of debate, who would deny that their sole purpose is to teach students to win, some upholsters of group discussion have adopted a singular purpose in the promotion of cooperation. They apparently believe that if we just cooperate enough we will automatically find the right answers. Therefore, anything that smacks of competition only hinders group discussion. However, no amount of group cooperation ever produced valid solutions where the individuals in the group were incapable of using sound reasoning. There is nothing mystical about a group which gives it powers above and beyond the mental abilities of its members; all the thinking that is done in a group situation is done by the individuals who compose the group. It is true that cooperative thought can provide the opportunity for reasoning to develop, but underlying this is the presumption that the individual can think and that cooperation comes after that.

One can appreciate the fact that cooperation is a necessary element for welding individual reflective deliberation into purposeful group action, yet one cannot force participants to cooperate any more than debaters can be forced to think logically. They must be continually motivated and stimulated to do so. Cooperation in group discussion must grow out of a sincere desire to follow the facts wherever they lead, from a deep belief in the ability of all to rise above self-interest when properly motivated and from a realization that what is right is more important than who is right. No amount of paradigms of "cooperation" will make good discussants out of persons who do not believe in the value and worth of group discussion or who are unwilling to honestly pursue its aims and objectives.

All of this is to say, that group discussion does have a place in competitive forensic activities if the aim of such activities is to promote the best in thorough research, sound analysis, logical thinking, and communicative skills, and to stimulate students to put these things to practice in an atmosphere which places a high premium on individual intellectual ability. It would indeed be a shame to prevent some of our best students from ever becoming acquainted with one of the most valuable of all democratic tools.

It may be more difficult to evaluate an individual's cooperativeness in group discussion than to discount competition in a debate, especially when there is a reward offered for cooperation. But, cooperation is not the only factor to be evaluated and rewarded in discussion. According to McBurney and Hance, "Inquiry, constructive thinking, criticism, and cooperation are the basic conceptions underlying the principles and methods of discussion." Cooperation is only one element of group discussion and no amount of cooperation alone could adequately substitute for a lack of inquiry, constructive thinking, and criticism. Note also, that these three elements are all matters of individual ability and application, and they can also be observed, criticized and appraised by a competent critic judge the same as individual ability in a debate can be judged.
sees it only as another opportunity to win an individual certificate or add a few more points toward the sweepstakes award. No wonder then that we get results which in no way resemble a true problem-solving situation. If coaches could or would devote a fair part of their time to teaching the skills and methods of discussion, and if they would give as much thought to the selection of discussion participants as they do to picking their number one debate team, then, our discussion contests would take on a different aspect.

At present, discussion contests are too often tacked onto debate tournaments as just another event. Consequently, very little planning goes into the event and hardly anyone is concerned with the results obtained. It seems possible to plan a discussion tournament, just as we now plan debate tournaments. Or, there could be a tournament in which several rounds of discussion on the general problem could precede the debates on a specific topic. This might even result in better debating. Then too, there is the student legislative congress which has become increasingly popular indicating that it has a great deal of appeal to the student and can have great value in the field of discussion when properly conducted.

Finally, it is necessary to give at least as much thought to criticizing and judging discussion contests as is given for debate contests. Actually, the judging in discussion probably involves a higher degree of skill than in debate. Unfortunately, too many debate coaches and others who are tournament judges know very little about the basic principles of true group discussion. Many tend to judge discussion as either a debate, looking for the one who argued the best, or as a cooperative contest, looking for the person who agrees the most. It is this kind of superficial evaluation that leads to insincerity and dishonesty on the part of the student participant. To prevent this we need to carefully select judges who are trained in group discussion and who can properly evaluate skillful analysis and reflective thinking as well as recognize sincere attempts to promote the best interests of the group.

The judging itself could be improved by providing more thorough evaluation sheets wherein the criteria for judging are clearly set forth and explained. Also, there is no reason for a judge to have to select the best participant or for the tournament to declare a winner. What we are interested in is finding those students who are superior or excellent in their ability to use the skills and methods of good group discussion so that others may be motivated to improve their abilities. In this same vein, there is no logical reason for judging the chairman by the same set of standards as the others are judged by, particularly when the discussion calls for a formal leadership role. When this is done, it tends to handicap the other participants and make it extremely difficult for the judge to properly weigh their contributions against that of the chairman. Either, trained chairmen should be provided, or the chairmanship should be rotated so that every student has an opportunity to function and be judged as a chairman.

When, and if, group discussion is elevated to its place as a coactivity with debate, and when forensics directors, tournament directors and others become as concerned with the fine points of discussion as they are now concerned with debate, then perhaps many of the present objections to group discussion as a contest event can be eliminated. More important, however, students may then have the opportunity to gain skill and knowledge in an activity that will better prepare them to take their place as useful citizens than training in debate alone can do.
Edward S. Betz Honored At Pacific Provincial Tournament And Convention

Edward S. Betz, Director of Forensics at the College of the Pacific in Stockton, California, was honored April 6 at the Pi Kappa Delta Pacific Provincial Tournament and Convention by a special tribute announcing his retirement as Director of Forensics upon the conclusion of this school year. The announcement of Mr. Betz’s retirement was made at the Provincial Banquet held on the college’s campus in the presence of over 100 Pi Kappa Delta members who were attending the tournament. Following the announcement was the presentation of a scroll stating a Proclamation of Service and on which was inscribed the names of all the members of Pi Kappa Delta at the College of the Pacific since 1938. Also presented to Mr. Betz was the gift of a briefcase which served as a material expression of the high regard and esteem held for him as forensic director for the past 19 years. Officiating at the tribute were David King, President of the C. O. P. chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and John Varner, Debate Manager at the college.

A most significant aspect of the entire proceedings was the fact that it represented the combined efforts of many members of the honor fraternity, past and present, who together expressed their regret at Mr. Betz’s retirement. Several of those in attendance to extend their personal well wishes were: Mel Nickerson, Susan Vanderlaan, Jane Curry, Jack Mansfield, Margaret Pinto, Martin Pulich, Manuel Furtado, Jim Lewis, Dr. Colliver, John Fancucci, George Nunn, and Howard Runion.

Mr. Betz, whose increasing duties as Dean of Men and many other administrative tasks at the college necessitated his retirement from active speech participation, expressed his deep appreciation for the tribute which was presented as a complete surprise to him, and his sincere regret that his pressing administrative duties prevent his further active continuance in forensics at the college.

Mr. Betz, before his acceptance of his position at the College of the Pacific in 1928, taught history at Holdridge College, Nebraska before directing debate for two years at Hasting’s College, Nebraska, his Alma Mater.

His record at the College of the Pacific has truly served as an inspiration and encouragement in many ways since 1938. His efficient term of office as National President for Pi Kappa Delta in 1951-52 is still well remembered. Also commemorating Mr. Betz’s service was the reading of a letter from Theodore Nelson, President of Pi Kappa Delta, honoring Betz for his many years of superlative contribution to the high ideals of forensic endeavor. It is assured the entire membership of Pi Kappa Delta joins with Dr. Nelson in extending a salute to a great man who has stepped from our active ranks in deed only.
In Memoriam

CAROLYN MARIE NEVINS

Carolyn Marie Nevins, senior honor student, major in speech, and active member of the Pi Kappa Delta chapter at the University of Omaha, Nebraska, was shot to death on Saturday evening, December 10, 1955, as she waited for her father to keep a date to drive her home from the university campus. Her murderer has not been apprehended after over five months of diligent searching by police and private investigators.

Her forensic director, Alfred Sugarman, writes of her: "It is difficult to get students who are willing to put in the time or the effort that forensics requires, and there are not too many who have the intellectual capacity to do significant work. Carolyn Nevins was one who had the capacity and somehow found the time. She received a number of awards of Superior and Excellent in discussion, debate and extemporaneous speaking. The day of her death she participated in our annual tournament here and received superior ratings in every discussion and debate round. As a person, as a student, as a speaker, she was a most worthy member of Pi Kappa Delta."

The National Council of Pi Kappa Delta has taken official notice of this tragedy to a member of its order. President Nelson has sent a letter in the name of the fraternity to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Nevins of Omaha, Nebraska. The Council is considering further action in the name of Pi Kappa Delta in honor of Carolyn Nevins.
Southeastern Oklahoma Initiates Democratic Whip

where he graduated in 1927 and at OU where he received his A.B. degree in 1931.

Upon graduating from the university, Albert was chosen as a Rhodes Scholar from 1931 to 1934. He earned two degrees in Law from Oxford University in England: Bachelor of Arts in 1933 and Bachelor of Civil Law in 1934.

During World War II he entered the Army in June, 1941, as a private and was discharged a lieutenant-colonel in February 1946. Albert was awarded the Bronze Star while serving in the Pacific theatre.

As the Democratic "whip", Carl Albert holds the third highest office of the Democratic party in the Congress. As part of his official duties he recently had the opportunity to exercise some of his Oxfordian courtesies. In the absence of the House Majority Leader, Albert conducted England's Prime Minister, Anthony Eden, through the Congress chambers.

Oklahoma's outstanding Congressman has established the "Carl Albert Award" at three of his state's colleges in his congressional district. The twenty-five dollar cash award goes to the outstanding student in forensics at Southeastern State, Murray State School of Agriculture, and Eastern Oklahoma A and M colleges.

In a letter to the Theta chapter secretary, Albert expressed the following sentiments regarding his initiation:

"I want to thank everybody that had anything to do with my initiation into Pi Kappa Delta and how proud I was to have received this honor. The participants in this fraternity share the interest I have always had in public speaking. I have long wanted to be a member of Pi Kappa Delta and am happy that I can now say I am."

Pi Kappa should be proud also to have as a member this outstanding Congressman whose reputation as an orator is a national one. His initiation lends additional honor to an honorable organization.
Province of the Lower Mississippi Forensic Tournament

Cedric Crink, Governor
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas
March 29, 30, 31

The new officers elected are: E. L. Pross, T. C. U., Governor; Don Graham, North-west Louisiana, Lt. Governor; Robert Capel, S. F. Austin, Secretary-Treasurer. The tournament results were as follows:

**Men**

First
Joe Cannon, North Texas State College

Second
Bobby Patton, T. C. U.

Third
Lloyd Noel, Oklahoma Central

**ORATORY**

Jane Ferguson, Baylor University

Jan Beanboef, Louisiana College

Jeannie Reed, Oklahoma Central

**EXTEMPORANEOUS**

First
Milton Copeland, Abilene Christian College

Second
Jim Jones, Oklahoma Central

Third
Penrose S. Amant, Louisiana College

**DEBATE**

First
Central Oklahoma 7-1

Second
Southeast Oklahoma 7-1

Central Oklahoma 8-0

Louisiana College 8-0

**AFTER-DINNER SPEAKING**

First
Weldon Walker, Northwest Louisiana

Second
Bobby Patton, T. C. U.

Mildred Williamson, North Texas State

Mazie Dranguet, Northwest Louisiana

**SWEEPSTAKES**

First
Oklahoma Central

Second
North Texas State College

Third
Baylor University
Pictured are those in attendance at the Province of the Pacific Tournament held at College of the Pacific, Stockton, California, April 5-7, 1956. This was the first time this province has held a tournament attended only by Pi Kappa Delta schools since the province was split, forming the Province of the Northwest and the Province of the Pacific several years ago. Obviously, from the number seen in the picture, the tournament was a great success.

Province of the Pacific Forensic Tournament

Eugene R. Moulton, Governor
College of the Pacific
Stockton, California
April 5-7, 1956

Officers elected are: Eugene R. Moulton, Redlands, Governor; William H. Stites, Arizona State, Secretary. Results of the tournament are as follows:

Sweepstakes

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DEBATE

Men
Excellent
Neal Diepua and Sanford Gadjent, Arizona State
Ray Orbach and Mike Bleicher, Cal Tech
John Mayfield and Jim Arnet, Humboldt
William Wittenberg and Jack Melitz, U.C.L.A.
Dave King and John Varner, College of the Pacific

Women
Nancy Shingler & Carol Wells, Pasadena
Cathy Davis & Evelyn Penfold, Humboldt
Mary Mann and Betty Baker, Redlands
Marlys Egenes & Dolores Penn, Pepperdine
Susan VanderLaan & Jane Curry, C.O.P.

Superior
Marvin Strait and Owen Dean, Arizona
Tom Morton and Ken Scholtz, Cal Tech
Ed Miller and Tony Rosenbun, Redlands
Jack Kingsley and Mike Shapiro, U.C.L.A.
Tony McPeak and Ada Picaizen, San Diego
Lee Granell & Harry Steinmetz, San Diego

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Men
Excellent
Sanford Gadjent, Arizona State
Pete Mathiesen, Humboldt State
Ed Miller, University of Redlands

Women
Carol Sneed, Redlands
Elynor Moskowitz, San Diego State

Superior
Ken Scholtz, Cal Tech
Alan Dinehart, L.A. State
William Wittenberg, U.C.L.A.
John Varner, College of the Pacific

Betty Baker, Redlands
Marlys Egenes, Pepperdine
Susan VanderLaan, College of the Pacific

DISCUSSION

Men
Excellent
Owen Dean, Arizona State
Don Tokowitz, L.A. State
Tony Rosenbaum, Redlands
Jack Melitz, U.C.L.A.

Women
Bennetta Brewer, Arizona State
Evelyn Penfold, Humboldt
Ethel Gregory, Pepperdine
Linda Smith, Redlands

Superior
Hal Mintz, L.A. State
Harry Steinmetz, San Diego State
Mel Nickerson, C.O.P.

Nancy Shingler, Pasadena
Mary Ward, San Diego State

ORATORY

Men
Excellent
Wesley Corbin, Pasadena College
Ramon Cortines, Pasadena College
Tony Rosenbaum, Redlands
Lee Granell, San Diego State

Women
Bennetta Brewer, Arizona State
Nancy Shingler, Pasadena
Evelyn Penfold, Humboldt State
Jackie Banning, University of Redlands
Ethel Gregory, Pepperdine

Superior
Louis Negrete, L.A. State
Jack Lindquist, L.A. State
Jack Kingsley, U.C.L.A.
Mel Nickerson, College of the Pacific

Margaret Buford, Redlands
Linda Sinclair, Redlands
Head table at banquet Northwest Provincial Convention 1956—56 present from 11 chapters
Left to right—Mrs. W. H. Veatch; W. H. Veatch, Past National President, Host to the Convention; Evelyn Robinson, Whitman tied for third in ADS; Province Governor Paul Rosser of Seattle Pacific; Don Eastvold, Attorney-General of the State of Washington Special Distinction from St. Olaf's, Guest Speaker; Theodore Karl of Pacific Lutheran, Toastmaster, Governor-elect of the Northwest Province; Mrs. C. C. French; President C. C. French of the State College of Washington; Albert Gunderson of Western Washington, winner of ADS; Fred Minifie of Linfield, 2nd in ADS.

Province of the Northwest Tournament
Paul Rosser, Governor
Pullman, Washington
March 29-31, 1956

The new province officers are: Professor Theodore Karl, Pacific Lutheran, Governor; Professor Carl Isaacson, Idaho State, Secretary-Treasurer. By a 9-2 vote recommend dropping of discussion as a competitive event. Discussed Curricular Speech order and after discussion with no remarks in favor dropped subjects. Results of the tournament were as follows:

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EXTEMPORANEOUS

Men's Division
First
Swinland, Pacific Lutheran
Second
Riggs, Seattle Pacific
Third
Usher, Puget Sound

Women's Division
Tie between Hustad and Schnell of Pacific Lutheran

Johnson, Linfield

ORATORY

First
Gilbreath, Pacific Lutheran
Second
Cave, Linfield
Third
Tie between Pacific Lutheran and Linfield

Knack, Idaho State
Hustad, Pacific Lutheran
Tie between Idaho State and Seattle Pacific

AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

First
Gunderson, Western Washington
Second
Minifie, Linfield
Third
Tie between Whitman and WSC

Province of Missouri-Illinois Tournament
Cunera Van Emmerik & Ralph A. Micken
Governors
William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri
April 12-14, 1956

The results of this tournament were as follows:

DEBATE

Men
Superior
Bradley University and William Jewell
Both undefeated
Augustana
Illinois College, teams 1 and 2
Southern Illinois University
Drake University
Westminster

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Southern Illinois University
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Province of the Lakes Tournament

Wofford G. Gardner, Governor
Grove City College
Grove City, Pennsylvania
April 9-11, 1956

New officers elected are: Governor, Dr. Emil Pfister, Central Michigan; Secretary-Treasurer, Raymond Yeager, Bowling Green. Morris Harvey College, Charleston, West Virginia received its charter at the convention. Fourteen schools attended; total personnel—75. A site was chosen for the '58 convention: Morris Harvey College, Charleston, West Virginia. The results of the tournament are as follows:

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Men
First
Robert Henderhan, Kent State
Second
Robert Winter, Hope

Women
June Turner, Michigan State
Jan Powers, Marietta

DISCUSSION
June Turner, Michigan State
Second - tie
Marlo Davison, Central Michigan
Barbara Eyre, Bowling Green
Sue Hoover, Kent State

First - tie
James Dennis, Kent State
Berton Sheppard, Michigan State

Second - tie
Marlo Davison, Central Michigan
Barbara Eyre, Bowling Green
Sue Hoover, Kent State

First - tie
John Warren, Grove City
David Parker, Morris Harvey

Provision of the Plains Tournament
Charles Masten, Governor
Southwestern College
Winfield, Kansas
March 15-17, 1956


Newly elected officers are: Governor, Ray L. DeBoer, Colorado State College of Education; Vice-Governor, Edna C. Sorber, Southwestern College; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Tuttle, Hastings College. Results of the tournament are as follows:
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Men
Good
Don Martin, Emporia
Bob Frykholm, Colorado State College of Education
Maynard Kaufman, Bethel

Superior
D. J. Stoops, Washburn
Don Edmunds, Emporia

Excellent
Jack Focht, Southwestern
Phil Tomkinds, Colorado State College of Education

Good
John Ross, Ottawa
Charles Evans, Hastings

Women
Jerrine Davis, Washburn
Carol Clarke, Hastings

Carol Clark, Washburn
Winnie Fellers, Hays
Wilma Rugh, Ottawa
Sally Allyn, Pittsburg
Joyce Chappell, Southwestern
Shirley Skufca, Western State Colorado

DISCUSSION

The following members of Kansas Zeta Emporia, are engaged in work and study: six recent graduates are now in the coaching profession. Jim Trout, '55, is debate coach at Washington High School, Bethel, Kansas; Bessie Johnston Duggan, '54, is coaching the Haven, Kansas squad; Barbara McJilton, '53, instructs the squad of Emporia High. In addition, Howard Holaday, '52, is now Director of Forensics at Emporia State. Assisting him and working on a Master's Degree is Dave Matheny, '53. Matheny and McJilton attended the National at Kalamazoo, while Trent was a member of the team at Redlands last spring. Dick Wilkie, '50, is a member of the coaching staff at Kansas University, Wanda Berntz, '54, Millard Denny, '54, and Shirley Rhodes Meares, '53, are also teaching school, although not coaching debate at the present time.

Four members are currently serving on active duty in the United States Navy. Bob Howard, '52, is in Washington, D. C.; Jerry Demo, '53, is at San Diego, California; Don Madole, '55, is in Hawaii; and Don Smith, '53 is in the Naval Air Force in the Pacific. Howard attended the National Tournament at Stillwater, Ok-
lahoma and Demo was present at the Kalamazoo Convention.

Four members are attending other schools at the present time. Bob Kaiser, who attended the Stillwater Convention, is in theological school in Chicago; Dick Fay, '53, is in Law School at Washburn University; Gerry Day, '54, is working on a Masters at Kansas State College; and Jim Siehr, '53, is attending Marquette University.

Leonard Sowers, '54, is on active duty with the Marine Corps. Joyce Miller Cartmill, '53, is currently in England, where her husband is stationed with the Air Force. Joyce was at the Kalamazoo Tournament. Norman Werner Wilson, '53, is living in Lindsburg, Kansas, where her husband is coaching athletics at high school. Norman has two children. Clyde Wilson, '48, is now a representative to the Kansas legislature.

David Hardy, a 1953 graduate of St. Olaf College, is now enrolled in Harvard Law School, where he expects to receive the L.L.B. degree in June, 1956. During his three years in law school he has served as Director of Debate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This year he is chairman of the West Point National Tournament Selection Committee for District VIII. While in college he was an active member of the Minnesota Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

When Kansas Lambda chapter was first established at Sterling College in 1923, one of the charter members was Bessie Orr. In later years she married a man named Harry Orr, no relation, who is at present pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Arkansas City, Kansas.

Their daughter Betty is currently President of the Kansas Lambda chapter. The second generation has indeed arrived. Betty is a senior, has been very active in intercollegiate speech activities as well as college dramatics and is helping revitalize speech interest in Pi Kappa Delta at Sterling College.

PFC Don J. Ellick, of the Iowa Beta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is now a member of the Tokyo Quartermaster Depot in Japan. He has been a reports analyst in the Depot's Company A since his arrival in the Far East last January. He entered the Army in July, 1954, after his graduation from Central College in Pella, Iowa. Don's home is in Millersburg, Iowa.
The President's Letter

The May issue of the Forensic comes to you during the closing days of another college year. For some, it will be the last of four stimulating years of forensic experience. The old battered debate box, with its dangling hinges is about to take its last trip — to the closet shelf. As you sort out the many accumulated notes, papers, themes, etc. which have been stored away in the bottom drawer of your desk, you many come across the oration you wrote in your sophomore year, the speaking notes for the extemp talk you gave at the Redlands Convention, or the double columned sheets of paper on which you took down the debate cases during this year's provincial tournament. Some nostalgia may come over you as memory images of these forensic events pass over your mind. Time and again, in the years of your future, these memories will return to color your recollections of college life.

To you, then, the Pi Kappa Delta graduates of '56, this letter is dedicated. Our fraternity will miss you next year! As we watch the pairs of debaters strolling to the next round of competition at forthcoming tournaments, your familiar shuffle will be gone. But we do not want you to leave us before we have had a chance to express our appreciation.

You have been the central core of our organization during these four years. Your membership applications and advanced degrees have helped sustain our treasury. Collectively you have been a large share of our membership — you have really been much of Pi Kappa Delta. Your work and leadership have maintained the activities of the local chapters and the provinces. Your speaking has been the evidence of our program in the many contests which our fraternity has sponsored. Your votes have guided our policies in the assemblies of our National Convention.

We hope you feel that this giving of yourselves to us actually has been reciprocally advantageous. We hope you can recognize in your present maturity many qualities that bear the imprint of Pi Kappa Delta. More confidence and poise in coping with speaking situations, greater skill in analyzing problems, keener discrimination between valid and invalid arguments, finer insights into person to person interactions, and more objectivity in controversial situations are some such qualities that you now may possess in greater measure.

But how about your relationships with Pi Kappa Delta hereafter? We invite you to retain your interest and loyalty to the fraternity. You may do this in several ways. Ask our National Secretary to send you the Forensic. This will keep you informed of what we are doing. Come back often to visit your local chapter, and pay a visit to our Provincial and National Conventions. Wear your Pi Kappa Delta key, and explain, when occasion arises, what it represents and means. Encourage young speakers planning college careers to qualify for membership in the organization. And when your “ship comes in” why not set aside substantial donations to Pi Kappa Delta for scholarships, trophies, and other worthy causes!

All these activities will help to maintain interest and loyalty. But even more significant will be your use of “persuasion, beautiful and just” in your chosen vocation and in your activities as a citizen. Your whole lifetime can be a testimony to Pi Kappa Delta’s purposes and ideals. Whenever you support worthy causes with high level methods, you are performing the most important service in promoting our program. The society you are about to enter poses many tangled and complicated problems. In the near future, many of you will stand in positions of responsibility, and what you have learned in our fellowship should help you to speak wisely and persuasively in the decision-making councils of our nation. The best of luck to all Pi Kappa Delta graduates of '56!
CENTRAL COLLEGE
(Iowa)

Miss Cunera Van Emmerik, Governor of the Province of Missouri was honored by the Iowa Forensic Association at their State Tournament at Coe College, March 16 and 17, for her service to the association. Following her talk at the luncheon, on the history of the association (in which she has had a considerable part) she was presented with an orchid. This more than deserved recognition came as Central Speakers were doing well in the tournament.

Joyce Bennett received a superior in Poetry Reading and Carolyn Coleman won a superior in discussion. Inta Simons and Shirley Groendyke won awards of excellent in discussion. Robert Borgman, Miss Simons and Miss Coleman all won excellent awards in debate. Borgman was rated excellent in extemp. Gerard Van Dyke received a rating of excellent in oratory.

Earlier on February 11 Central College sponsored an invitational forensic tournament which climaxed in an exhibition debate between the two teams judged best. In this debate Grinnell defeated Simpson. Those attending were, Central, Cornell, Drake, Grinnell, Iowa State Teachers, Iowa State, Simpson and Wartburg. Debaters from Central College won six of eight debates. The teams of Coleman and Borgman and the team of Simpsons and Groendyke were each rated excellent.

Central also participated in the Nebraska University Tournament February 24 and 25 and the Iowa University Tournament March 2 and 3. At the latter Meet Miss Coleman was rated excellent in discussion.

GREENVILLE COLLEGE

Illinois Chi members have had a busy season that has included sponsoring two tournaments, an oratorical contest, several debate tournaments and qualification for the West Point Tournament.

In the sixth annual Greenville College Tournament, Southern Illinois University won the trophy by out-pointing Washing-
the right to attend the Annual West Point Tournament as a delegate from the fifth district. The West Point team is composed of Ron Werner and Gary Cronkhite, both from Pueblo, Colorado.

Graduating seniors include Milo Kaufmann and Lowell Billings, who figured strongly in the Chapter’s success at the De-pauw, Northern and State tourneys. Kaufmann has accepted a graduate fellowship in English literature and Billings is entering the ministry of the Free Methodist Church.

LINFIELD COLLEGE

Five hundred people representing thirty-seven schools and seven states attended this year’s Linfield Forensic Tournament. This was the twenty-sixth edition of the annual event.

Al Cave and his partner, Wally Cory, who attended the National at Redlands last year, won four out of six debates in the senior men’s division this year. In addition, Al won the senior Lincoln-Douglas debate, first in extemp, senior men, and second in impromptu, senior men. Bill Anderson won first in radio. Fred Minifie, who with his partner Jim Gunton attended the National last year as freshman, won four out of six in the junior men, and Fred took second in junior Lincoln-Douglas, first in salesmanship, third in after-dinner, and also a finalist in impromptu. Terry Olson won first place in storytelling. Sonja Jenssen and Dixie Johnson have won first place in women’s debate in the last two tournaments, having won 15 straight debates without a loss. Sonja also won first place in impromptu.

Pictured are Linfield College speakers, left to right: Al Cave, Bill Anderson, R. D. Mahaffey, Fred Minifie, Terry Olson, Sonja Jenssen, Dixie Johnson.
MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN

Students from ten colleges and universities in four states participated February 10-11, in the annual Gulf States Speech Festival at Mississippi Southern College. The only undefeated debate team in the senior division was Millsaps College. The senior debate teams from the University of Alabama and Tulane also won superior ratings. In junior debate the only undefeated team was Tulane. Superior ratings were also received by Mississippi Southern and Millsaps College.


MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Five members of Mississippi Gamma received the best campaign award and eight ratings of superior at the annual Mississippi Youth Congress held in the State Capitol Building in Jackson, December 2-3. Although this was the fourth time in five years the MSCW girls have been voted the best campaign award, a woman has never been elected president pro-tem of the Senate chamber. This year’s campaign to elect Mary Elizabeth Barrett was based on the love sonnet, “How Do I Love Thee” by Elizabeth Barrett Browning included A Sonnet to the Senate, “How I can Serve Thee”, a guide for using parliamentary procedure; and nomination and acceptance speeches in verse. Individual superior awards were as follows: Barrett, acceptance speech, parliamentarian and bill; Glenda Pevey, nomination speech and a bill; Martha Jo Ashley, Carolyn King and Peggy Lack for bills.

At the Deep South Debate Tournament at Mississippi College, Jimmie Meese and Pat Moore received a rating of superior in debate and Ashley in oral interpretation. Debating teams consisting of Ashley and Lack and Ida Loving and Meese were eliminated in the quarterfinals of the Millsaps College debate tournament. Loving received a rating of superior in oral interpretation, Ashley in original speaking, Lack in after dinner speaking, and Loving and Meese won three of four debates in the Mississippi Southern College speech tournament. MSCW sponsored the Magnolia Speech Tournament and attended the Southern Speech Association Tournament and the PKD Provincial.

Pledges to PKD are Ruth Sykes, Margaret Boyles, Loving, Moore, Meese, and Tommie Dale.

“A Sonnet to the Senate” featuring MSCW’s Mary Elizabeth Barrett (second from left) campaign for president pro-tem of the Mississippi Youth Congress. Somei supporters are, left to right, Carolyn King, Glenda Pevey, Peggy Lack and Martha Jo Ashley.
Northeast Missouri State Teachers College

The Missouri Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has been active this year. They attended a Tournament at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois. The next tournament was held on the campus at Kirksville on December 2 and 3. Then on January 6 and 7, the squad members attended a tournament at Illinois State Normal University at Normal, Illinois. On January 14, the squad attended a tournament at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri. On February 3 and 4, the local chapter took part in a tournament at State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas. The debate squad attended a tournament at Nebraska University at Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 24 and 25, followed by the State Tournament which was held at Warrensburg, Missouri. The Provincial, which was a joint meeting of the Illinois and Missouri Provinces, was held at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.

In 1924, the Board of Regents at the Teachers College set up an annual award of fifty dollars to the winning debate team on the campus at the college. This is called the Regents Award in Debate and is an intramural tournament. It is open to any student who has not been a winner in this tournament. Last year Bob Shearer and Glen Easterday won the award and were not eligible to participate this year. This year the winning team was Ruth Black, a freshman, and Aubrey Britt, a junior.

Southeast State College, Durant, Oklahoma

The twenty-seventh consecutive Savage Forensic was held at Southeastern State College, Durant, Oklahoma, on March 1, 2, and 3. This forensic is a living monument to the life-long interest in debate and related forensic activities of T. A. Houston, the founder of the forensic tournament who conducted it for twenty four years until his retirement in 1952.

In 1934, which also marks the year Pi Kappa Delta was installed on the campus, Houston began a coaching career which reached its zenith with the winning of the first West Point Invitational Tournament in 1947 with the team of Scotty Nobles and Jerry Sanders.

Beginning with this year, the T. A. Houston Oratorical Award has been established as an annual award by Mr. Ruth Hatchett who succeeded Mr. Houston as debate coach and director of the Savage Forensic. The award is presented to the winning contestant in the senior men’s division of oratory. This year’s winner of the Houston award is Douglas Manning of Southwestern State College, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Nine states and thirty-four colleges and universities sent contestants to this year’s Savage. Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Alabama, and Oklahoma were represented.

Southwestern College, Kansas

The following new members were elected to Pi Kappa Delta at Southwestern College:

Kent Garhart  Don Mohlstrom  
Jeanette Campbell  Fred Baker  
Bena Brewer  Sheryl Strohl  
Frank Barnett  Dennis Barratt  
Roger Daeschner  Mary Carttar  
Frank Davis  Larry Montgomery  
Gene Hemphill  Richard Near

St. Olaf

St. Olaf College won the sweepstakes for the second year in a row and the third time in recent years at the Eau Claire Speech Meet February 16, 17 and 18. This gave them permanent possession of the trophy. Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire tied with St Olaf for sweepstakes but lost out by virtue of St Olaf's two first places to Eau Claire's one.

St Olaf won first in second division debate and Wayne Tellikson won first in After-Dinner speaking for the Norsemen. The award in first division debate went to Augustana College. Barbara Sachs of the University of Wisconsin was first in discussion. Janet Kauffman of Mankato State Teachers College won first in folklore telling. Jocelyn Gilbertson of Wisconsin State at Eau Claire won first and retired the trophy in oratory.

Other Pi Kappa Delta winners were: Eau Claire, third in first division debate; St. Olaf fourth in second division debate; Macalester, third; in discussion, Patricia Litsheim, Eau Claire, second; in oratory, Henry Ruff, Macalester, second and Larry Hennemann, River Falls, third; in extemporaneous speaking, Patricia Litsheim, Eau Claire, second; in after-dinner, Larry Hennemann, River Falls, second.
Ridin' the Provinces

I spent a long evening last Friday with Advisor Bob Cathcart and the California Lambda Chapter revising and passing a new local constitution. It's difficult enough to get a constitution through any group but with a group of debaters it is almost impossible. "The Great Debate" was over the question of a grade point requirement. The chapter finally agreed on a 1.5 (in a three point scale) requirement for membership. This is in keeping with the recommendation, which was tabled, at the Redlands Convention. Perhaps it's about time we all thought again about this problem so that we don't need to pack our six guns when we leave for the Bad Lands next spring. There is also the question of the order of Curricular Speech and the future of Group Discussion in the National Convention which we all need to review. This last matter is reviewed in this and the March issue of The Forensic and the other two will be reviewed in next fall's issues, but perhaps the local chapters and provinces would profit by a discussion such as California Lambda had last Friday.

Forensic publicity has always been interesting to me. The whole move of educational forensics has been toward eliminating the first, second and third classification in the various events. Thus, the Pi Kappa Delta tournaments recognize superior and excellent performances. But no matter what system is used, campus journalists are difficult to control.

Occasionally, I am able to read the school papers of other colleges and see how they write up the tournaments we both have entered. More than once in a while I see a report that indicates a sweep not borne out by the actual results. We have all seen National Championships claimed after Pi Kappa Delta Conventions and sweepstakes for tournaments with no such award. In order to avoid the injunction that "he who is without sin. cast the first stone" let me point out that similar reports have appeared in local papers about my teams. I understand that a study was even made by a Western Conference school after one of their tournaments showing a difficulty in recognizing the tournament from the school newspaper reports.

A little gilding is not bad. Naturally, we want to play up the achievements of the local squad. This is essential to local prestige and if it produces more money in the budget so that more can participate in forensics the next year, good has been served. But, deliberate falsification, or tricky manipulation of statistics (an easy job for debaters) is to be deplored because it indicates an emphasis on winning which is detrimental to an educationally sound forensic program.

Rarely is this the fault of the forensic director. Occasionally, though all too often, it is caused by overeager debaters. The greatest problem is with the local journalists. These Johnny Cubs are not interested in the educational aspects of debate; they want a story. After the recent Pacific Province Tournament I had difficulty with the local press over the difference between two superiors out of four in oratory and first and second place. "You people," the local editor told my debater who wrote the story, "write so that no one can understand you. What does superior mean? What does excellent mean?" It's a legitimate question. Maybe we can keep our accuracy and avoid bad feelings by some education. We need always to educate coaches and debaters about the real importance of intercollegiate forensics and we need to do more to educate the campus
journalists and students about what we are doing and why.

Perhaps with careful education we can write stories such as appeared in the March issue of the Central Ray — “Forensic Teams Win Four of Eight.” Such courageous accuracy is a product of a forensic program built to serve a useful purpose over many years of outstanding leadership. I look forward to the day when we all are as accurate and maybe even write the heading — “State College Clobbered in the State Meet.”

In another section of this issue is an article by Governor Grace Walsh on the history of the Upper Mississippi province. When your editors asked her to write this article it seemed like an easy job. But it wasn’t. Most chapters keep little history and at least one province (and probably all) keep no history. Governor Walsh commented in a letter to this editor that she was going to see to it that this lack was remedied in the future. There is no need here to embark on a long dissertation on the significance of historical study. This case is carefully explained other places. The challenge that “those who can’t remember the past are condemned to live it again” applies to forensics. Intercollegiate Forensics has gone through many experiences in its history. We have seen the time when debates, like basketball games, were times for cheerleaders and occasional riots. We have seen a variety of judging schemes tried, dropped and tried again. We have seen debate’s angry opponents stamp it out, switch to non-decision, substitute discussion-symposium and then we have seen it return stronger than ever. But, this is not a happy ending story. Things don’t just get better and better. Just recently we had to face the attack of secondary school administrators. We can expect our excesses and other’s misunderstandings to develop new attacks. It will be for us to know what happened last time and the time before. Similar conditions arise in the understanding of the nature of debate, oratory and other forensic events. Add to this the pure enjoyment and intellectual stimulation that comes from knowing what our origins are and you find a real justification for chapter and province histories.

Noticing a newspaper account of the article “The First Debate Tournament” (The Forensic, March, 1956) J. Thompson Baker wrote a lengthy and newsworthy letter to the editor of The Forensic. Readers of this article will recall that Mr. Baker, forensics coach emeritus of Southwestern College, Kansas, was cited as the founder of the intercollegiate debate tournament. Mr. Baker, now past 81 and still quite active, sent along additional data about the history of forensics. We quote the following from his letter of April 9, 1956:

“The Practice Tournament I modestly can claim as a child of my brain. But an even more important incorporated element has not been given notice. I refer to the debating both sides of the question. This idea was born in Literary Society in my college days, probably back in 1894 or 1895. We had engaged in the customary weekly debate. The losing team were not good losers; and chimed out “Oh, anybody could win on that side. We had the losing side”. Immediately we got the floor and proposed a motion: ‘Move that next week we have the same subject, the same debaters, but reverse sides’. Passed, unanimously; and the next week we beat them worse than ever. I nursed that idea for many years, and finally proposed it both in high school leagues and in Pi Kappa Delta. It met violent opposition, first
in my own debate classes. Some refused to debate both sides, so were refused place on our teams. The idea met with more friendly response in Pi Kappa Delta, and, given trial, proved its value for many reasons not necessary to name now.

When I insisted on debating both sides in high school debating, there came, both face-to-face and by letter, the most violent resistance. I was accused of imbecility, and the declaration that it might be all right for college folks, but impossible for high school debaters. My reply was that the tournament would run on the basis of each team debating both sides, alternating; either plan that or your teams cannot enter. The most violent opponent debate coach, who said that he would not bring his teams if we insisted on such debating, did bring his teams, and he became my strongest supporter of the system.

It is true we “flew in the face” of most eminent debaters and statesmen. Theodore Roosevelt contended it was utterly wrong for anyone to uphold and debate what he did not believe. My answer was and is, ‘Debating is not based on personal belief.’ And really, personal belief is not argument. One of the best debaters I ever had did not want to debate a certain side of a question. But that once done, even personal belief and personal opinion was wholly changed, by the wholesome and convincing arguments found and presented. (I wish some of our politicians were compelled to debate both sides. We might have more seemly debate, and more honest men.)”

Dr. Robert S. Catheart who writes in this issue in defense of discussion as a contest activity is an active Pi Kappa Delta member. He holds the degree of Special Distinction for his participation at Pepperdine and Redlands. He was a charter member of the Pepperdine Chapter. Presently he is advisor for the Los Angeles State College Chapter. He holds a BA and MA degree from Redlands and a Ph. D. from Northwestern University.

—MALCOLM SILLARS
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