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"Speech Education in Business and Industry"

The present growth and expansion of speech education in the field of business and industry are outrunning the increased speech activities which we are now experiencing in our college classrooms. In fact, much of our present day emphasis upon speech in the academic field probably springs from the demands originating outside of the college. Many of us who work in sheltered halls are unaware of what is going on in the non-academic circles of the business world. There are reasons for this. We are surrounded by all kinds of barometers and fact-finding sources which supply us with the vital statistics of our profession. The facts are constantly poured out to us. We are told about the increase in enrollment of the number of students in each class, the new courses offered, the number and qualifications of teachers available etc.; but when it comes to getting the true picture of speech education in business and industry, we fall back on personal opinion and guess work. There are no bureaus or commissions or census takers to supply us here with the reliable data.

I do not claim to know all the facts; but after organizing and teaching sixty-two speech clubs and classes among business groups in the mid-West during the last twenty-six years, and after giving some hundred lectures on the subject of speech making to private firms and business organizations and having followed the developments of speech training among adults generally, I have made some observations which I propose to discuss hoping they will be of some interest to our GAVEL readers.

The interest and activity in speech education in the business world are much more extensive than most college teachers realize. For instance, in a near-by city of 400,000, one single organization conducts annually a speech improvement program with a regular staff of paid instructors and boasts a regular annual enrollment of 350 students. In this same city there are at least a dozen other speech teachers who offer classes privately for pay. The Dale Carnegie Institute is now starting its 26th class. Several colleges and universities are offering night classes through Extension Centers. Many of the civic clubs, literary clubs, and fraternal organizations of the city are carrying on some form of speech training along with their regular activities. Recently there were organized several new Toastmasters' Clubs, Parliamentary Law Clubs, and Current Topics Clubs. These latter groups operate without a regular teacher.

We see the trend on a national scale. National institutions and big corporations offer speech training programs, among them: Westinghouse, General Electric, International Harvester, Bituminous Coal Institute of America, The American Bankers' Institute, and many similar national organizations.

Speech work in the business world differs widely from that in our own college classes. First, one is impressed with the diversification in both the student personnel and the content of the courses. Business speech courses are usually open to anyone who has the price of admission regardless of age, professional standing, or previous education. In one class of 18 students, a few summers ago which I conducted, the age range was from 15 to 66, the educational level was from the fourth grade to Ph.D. and beyond. In this class there was a fifteen year old high school girl, a butcher, a coon trapper, a prominent corporation attorney, a Dean of The School of Engineering of a State University, a farmer, an insurance salesman, a banker, a movie actor, a copy writer, a merchant, a truck driver, a sales manager, a bookkeeper, two housewives, and two stenographers. And this, by the way, I consider to be one of my most successful classes.

For the most part, students enter these courses of their own free will and accord. The average age is about 35, more than ten years above the average age of the college student. This added maturity brings with it a certain mental perspective, a seasoned judgment, and a realistic approach which flavors the content of the speeches. Some of the class members have had unusual experiences. For instance, I had one student who had spent more than thirty hours at the conference tables with John L. Lewis. Another student was the private airplane pilot of the late F. D. Roosevelt on his tours to the international conferences at Casablanca and Teheran. He dined with Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt. Among these more mature men and women with a wealth of personal experiences, the character and personality of the speaker high-lights the speech-making process. It is easy to see, therefore, that these classes are more realistic than are most college speech classes. Many of these student speakers feel that they have earned the right to speak.

The enrollees may be classified into four main groups. In Group I are those who are excessively timid and shy. They feel insecure and are personally ambitious to get on in the world. They feel a lack of education and suffer from inadequacy and inferiority. In the second
group are those who feel that they would like to give a better account of themselves before committee meetings, at sales conferences, and in audience situations in general. In this group may be found a number of college graduates who welcome an opportunity for further self-improvement. In the third group are those who seek more poise and self confidence. They would like to be more articulate in business and social situations in general. They have no definite reason for taking the course except to keep mentally alert. These people want to be saved from loneliness, and a speech class gives them a wider circle of friends and acquaintances. It is this longing to be saved that has stimulated the interest of some adults who have lived ten or twenty years beyond the formal academic ventures of college.

One word should be offered about the practical benefits of these courses. On the whole the results are most gratifying. This probably is the real reason why these classes are so popular. Frankly, I think the results are more gratifying than in the college classroom. There are certain inherent advantages which makes these results possible. These students know what they want. They are motivated by the desire for self-improvement. The speech-making laboratory is more ideal in its character than that of a typical college class. The audience is more akin to the rank and file of listeners of most public meetings. The emphasis is upon speaking skills, not theory. The laboratory method is used almost altogether. Usually there are no textbooks, no examinations, no shot-gun quizzes, no bells or whistles to stop the class. The audience is less artificial and I dare say less critical. The teacher is not pre-occupied with giving grades or making out reports.

One further advantage which probably outweighs all others lies in the fact that the instructor is free to fit the course to meet the needs of the group. He is not tied to a two-hour credit course in basic speech, or a three-hour course in extemporaneous speaking, or a two-hour course in debate, etc. Here he is free to shake down from his experiences and his knowledge of speech training the pertinent principles which will help a specific group the most. From his personal resources he is free to make up one single custom-built program. This is something he cannot do for the college student.

In closing, I should say that I am not sure that our work in our hallowed halls is half as good as we think it is or that the teaching in speech making in the field of business and industry is half as bad as most of us believe it to be. I am inclined to believe that some of the best public speaking in America today, and some of the best teaching that is done in our field, may be found miles away from the ivy-clad walls among the prosaic public speaking class rooms filled with men and women from ranks of business and industry.

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The Student Congress Movement Comes of Age

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I.
The Student Congress Movement has come of age!

Exactly twenty-one years have passed since that auspicious day in 1927 when it had its birth in a Model League of Nations Assembly, sponsored by the School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University.

This might therefore be an appropriate time to engage in a few biographical reminiscences and a bit of friendly evaluation. Let us go back to the beginning.

As an infant the Student Congress was small, but certainly no one can deny that it was lusty. Educators everywhere not only welcomed its arrival, but they were eager to foster its growth and development. Here, they said, is something for which we have long been searching—a really practicable device for putting training in public speaking and parliamentary procedure to work in the deliberation of vital public problems.

Before young Master Student Congress was many years old he had begun to travel. One of his first stops was at a National Model Legislative Convention sponsored in the spring of 1933 by the New York Debate Coaches Conference. Soon he had visited Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Maine and California. In 1938 he covered the entire country. That was the year both Pi Kappa Delta and the National Forensic League held Congresses which were nation-wide in character. The following year the first National Student Congress of Delta Sigma Rho took place in Washington, D. C.

Perhaps by now our whimsical allegory has gone far enough. Here are the literal facts: Joseph F. O’Brien, writing in 1940, was able to list no less than fifteen regional or national Legislative Conferences, organized on a permanent basis and convened at regularly appointed intervals.

As we might expect, during the war years the Student Congress Movement was hidden in the general eclipse which blotted out most of our intercollegiate forensic activities. With the return of peace, however, it again sprang into prominence. The spring of 1947 saw an unprecedented amount of healthy activity in all parts of the country. Congresses mushroomed everywhere, and everywhere they were eagerly attended.

Viewed objectively, only one conclusion is possible: Whether we like it or not, the Student Congress is here to stay. Within its short life-time it has become firmly entrenched as an integral part of our extra-curricular speaking program.

Thus far the picture has been uniformly rosy. One must in all candorfulness, however, confess that of late there have been a number of discordant strains in the general symphony of universal praise.

The Student Congress Movement is suffering today from the attacks of a critical minority which is constantly making itself more and more vociferous.

The charges of the indictment are roughly as follows: “A Congress usually degenerates into a mere parliamentary haggle.” “It promotes unbridled vote-trading and underhanded ‘politicking.’ ” “Sound deliberation of issues is lost in the steam-roller tactics of party machines and prearranged pork-barrel deals.”

To deny that some of these charges have a considerable element of validity would, we recognize, be quite impossible. But, at the same time, to assert that these evils are inevitable concomitants of the Congress plan is, we believe, completely unwarranted.

The writers have suffered through some student congresses which displayed every one of the various faults that critics point out—as well as a few others which apparently have not yet come to their attention. On the other hand, it has been our pleasure to attend some congresses which in our opinion represented the highest and most praiseworthy type of forensic endeavor.

As a result of these experiences, we have come to two conclusions. (1) The Congress plan is in itself fundamentally sound. (2) Whether any particular congress will be a success or a failure depends entirely upon the care with which it is planned and organized, and on the spirit in which it is conducted.

Only one proviso needs to be entered. It is this: The success of a Congress, as is true of any other type of forensic event, rests in part upon what might be termed “the human element.” Student delegates must adopt and maintain those attitudes of cooperation and fair play which are essential to fruitful argumentative deliberation and true creative thinking. Unless they can be educated to do this, the Congress cannot succeed. Nor is such education a quick or easy process. We cannot expect that our expert competitive debaters will become expert parliamentary debaters or skilled discussion group members over night. Time and patience are required to train them in the new and strange techniques of cooperative social decision.

Despite this fact, it is still possible—working with the human material we
have here and now—to do much toward insuring the success of any Congress venture. By careful planning we can iron out in advance many of the “bugs” which tangle up the machinery of a smooth-working legislative organization and result in the evils of parliamentary haggling and “politzicking” which are so loudly decried.

With this aim in mind, we offer the following specific suggestions. They are not absolutely fool-proof, nor are they all-inclusive. However, we do feel that each of them is advisable in itself, of merit in and of itself, and that collectively they constitute the decalogue of a successful student congress.

II.

(1) As a general rule, the success of a Congress is directly dependent upon the amount of time devoted to the consideration of legislation in the committee sessions. Hasty and ill-considered action at this level will inevitably detract from the effectiveness of the debate in the General Assembly meetings. We believe that three two-hour committee sessions are absolute minimum. More may be desirable.

For this reason, a one-day congress is almost certainly pre-doomed to failure. Whenever possible, a two or three-day meeting should be planned.

(2) It is desirable to have legislation reported to the General Assembly in the form of resolutions rather than of bills. This removes the necessity of drawing up elaborate documents, with enabling clauses, plans for financing, administration, etc. As a result, committees are able to center all of their attention upon the fundamental merits and weaknesses of a given policy and are relieved of the obligation of working out numerous technical details.

Are not most of the bills submitted in our national and state legislative bodies drawn up by research experts, rather than by the legislators themselves? Why should we expect students to be able to write exhaustive and fool-proof legislation when our congressmen do not feel equal to the task?

(3) Delegates who desire to introduce resolutions for consideration at the Congress should be required to submit copies of their proposals at least three weeks prior to the meeting. These may be mimeographed and copies sent to all participating schools. If all delegates have an opportunity to study in advance the various resolutions which they will be called upon to discuss, considerable time will be saved in getting the committee sessions under way, and committee action will be more intelligent and purposeful.

(4) We suggest that the names of all student delegates attending the Congress, together with a statement of their party affiliations, also be submitted several weeks in advance. Party commitments at that time should be final.

At a recent Congress, the balance of party power was dangerously upset by numerous switches in allegiance which were made after the conference was actually under way.

(5) Each political party should have the privilege of nominating candidates for the various offices of the Congress. In some cases in the past, the so-called Independent Party has been denied this right. The result was a wild orgy of vote trading in which the identity of the disenfranchised party was practically lost. Consequently, it was unable to make its point of view felt in the General Assembly meetings.

(6) Committees must be as small as possible. If a committee is too large to engage in informal roundtable discussion and thus to fall back on parliamentary procedure in order to get its business done, many of the values of this part of the Congress will be lost.

Furthermore, each committee should be so organized that the various political parties are represented in proportion to their total strength in the Congress, and it should contain the individuals who submitted the specific resolutions which are assigned for its consideration.

We cannot too much stress this last suggestion. In more than one Congress good resolutions have been completely overlooked simply because their sponsors had no opportunity to explain and defend them in committee sessions.

(7) Once the Congress is under way, it is highly desirable that its direction be placed in so far as practicable in the hands of a Student Steering Committee. This committee may well consist of the Speaker of the Assembly, the Vice-president of the Congress, the Party Floor Leaders and the Clerks.

Decisions as to which of the resolutions reported out of committee will come before the General Assembly, and the order in which they will be debated, as well as other pertinent matters concerning the conduct of the conference, are to be left entirely to the discretion of this group.

Here, as elsewhere, faculty interference in the actual operation of the conference must be reduced to an absolute minimum.

(8) Each participating school should submit in advance the names of those students who in the opinion of its faculty advisor are qualified to fill the various Congress offices. If nominations are limited to persons thus recommended, the direction of the Congress will be in the hands of officials whose ability and training enable them to carry out their duties efficiently.

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Report of the Evaluations Committee of the Third National Student Congress...

The Evaluations Committee of the Third National Student Congress of Delta Sigma Rho was assigned two jobs: (1) "to evaluate the procedure, work, and effectiveness of the Congress, and to make recommendations for the improvement of future Congresses to the Faculty Committee on Arrangements; and (2) "to conduct an attitude analysis of the delegates." Before presenting our evaluation of the work and effectiveness of the Congress, the Committee would like to report on the attitude analysis taken at the Chicago meeting.

I. Attitude Analysis: Questionnaires were handed out both before and after the Congress asking questions about the two topics for discussion. Four statements were presented about "Labor," and five about "Health." The delegates were asked to check the statement that most nearly represented their attitudes on the question. The same statements were used in the later poll, at the conclusion of the Congress. The Labor statements were:

1. Labor should be given additional power by legislation
2. Labor laws should remain substantially as they are at present
3. Labor should be curbed
4. ................................ .................. (For any specific, individual opinion).

The Health Statements were:

1. The present medical system is generally satisfactory
2. The present medical system should enlarge its group practice and group insurance plans
3. The present medical system should receive substantial Federal Aid
4. The present medical system should be replaced by a system under Federal Control
5. .................................................. (For any specific, individual opinion).

Results: An examination of the sixty-three valid, matched (both a before and after questionnaire returned) questionnaires, shows little change in opinion. Thirteen of the sixty-three people polled showed a change of opinion on the Labor question; while thirty-four showed a change of opinion on Health; while thirty-four showed a change of opinion on Health. The change on the Labor question was slight and after the discussion, than before). In the Health section, the shift was in the direction of Federal Control of Medicine, with, again, a large number of people filling in the blank space with specific proposals not covered by the four statements presented.

The committee recognizes that this poll is far from being an accurate, scientific public opinion poll, but the results obtained lead to the conclusion that the Congress produced more specific thinking on the subjects discussed, rather than a general feeling on some previously thought out, broad statement of belief.

II. Evaluation of Procedure, Work, and Effectiveness of the Congress: Members of the committee observed closely all phases of the activity of the Congress. On the basis of their observations, the members of the Evaluations Committee make the following recommendations:

1. The mechanics of voting should be made very clear. There was, apparently, some confusion about voting by school or by delegate, about the right to change one's vote before the results of voting are announced, etc.
2. The role of the Independents in the Congress should be studied. It was felt by some of the committee that the Independents were not as active in the Congress—chiefly because they did not caucus—as were the party members.
3. The Steering Committee should be made a permanent part of the machinery of the Congress. Its value was clearly demonstrated at the sessions of this Congress.
4. Name badges should be provided for all delegates, and, if possible, a complete roster of attending members be made available early in the Congress.
5. If fewer than five delegates have pre-registered as candidates for office in a party caucus, then nominations should be allowed from the floor, but, in that case, there should be no more than five candidates for any one office. In some instances, there were only one or two delegates who had submitted their names in advance for nomination to some office. It was felt by the committee that the present rule (not allowing any nominations from the floor) was a little too strict in this respect.
6. The committee discussed the advisability of holding elections the first night of the Congress. This, of course, would necessitate beginning the Congress earlier and having the election in the first General Assembly on the first night of the Congress. The committee felt this matter should be studied by the next Faculty Committee on Rules.
7. The committee recommends that each chapter of Delta Sigma Rho should
compile some advisory material on the workings of the Congress for the next set of delegates who will attend the 1949 Congress.

(8) The committee discussed the advisability of using only one question instead of two. Opinion again was divided. This matter, also, should be studied by the next Faculty Committee on Rules.

(9) After carefully watching the workings of the Third National Delta Sigma Rho Student Congress, this committee is firmly convinced that the Congress is a very worthwhile forensic experience; that the value to the student both in speaking, association with other students, and increase of knowledge on important current topics is great; and that the Congress definitely should be retained as the principal feature of the Biennial meeting of Delta Sigma Rho. In general the committee wants to go on record as strongly approving the Congress idea and the implementation of it as demonstrated in the Third National Delta Sigma Rho Student Congress.

Respectfully submitted:

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Dean William R. Davis, 1877-1947

Dean William Rees Davis, dean of the Division of Letters and Arts in Whitman College and for many years sponsor of the Whitman chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, died on March 13, 1947.

A graduate of Ripon College in 1901 and the recipient of the M. A. degree from Harvard University in 1910, Prof. Davis was a member of the Whitman faculty for 35 years. He was particularly interested in the fields of English and speech, being a great admirer of, and an authority on, Shakespeare and also actively sponsoring speech activities at Whitman. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Sigma Rho, and of Phi Delta Theta, social fraternity. In addition, he belonged to the Modern Language Association, the American Association of University Professors, and the National Council of Teachers of English; and he was the founder of the Inland Empire Chapter of Teachers of English.

President W. S. Anderson of Whitman College paid tribute to Dean Davis as follows: "Countless students of several generations at Whitman will be saddened by the news that the College has lost one of its great teachers and a faithful servant. Prof. Davis' very life was woven into the fabric of Whitman College and into the lives of its graduates. In a large sense, he can be counted as one of the founders of Whitman."

Professor V. A. Ketcham, 1884-1947

Victor Alvin Ketcham, professor of Speech at the Ohio State University for thirty-four years, died on July 20, after a two and a half-year illness. He was 63 years old. Professor Ketcham was born in Corning, Ohio. He attended the Ohio University prior to entering the Ohio State University, where he received his A.B. degree in 1907. He went on to receive his LL.B. degree at the Ohio State University Law School in 1910.

Early in his career Professor Ketcham turned from the practice of law to the teaching of Speech. He taught at the University of Maine from 1910 to 1912, and at the University of Illinois from 1912 to 1915, before becoming associated with the Ohio State University as a staff member in 1913. Professor Ketcham served for three decades as director of Public Speaking and Debate courses and activities at Ohio State. In 1936, he was made Chairman of the newly created Department of Speech. His own indefatigable labor in bringing the new department into being was recognized by his associates.

In the late 20's and early 30's Professor Ketcham spent much of his time giving lectures to classes of the personnel heads of several corporations, including RCA and General Electric. In this work he was highly successful. Among the works of Professor Ketcham were, ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE, and MAKE A GOOD SPEECH. The latter is now in mimeograph form and will soon be published. His lecture, "The Seven Doors to the Mind," has been printed in several text books on public speaking as illustrative of the imaginative elements in Speech.

Professor Ketcham was a member of the American Association of University Professors, the Speech Association of America, the Ohio Society of New York, Delta Sigma Rho, the Lions Club at New Lexington, Ohio, and the Faculty Club.

Funeral services were held in Columbus, July 22, and burial was in New Lexington. Members of the Speech Staff at Ohio State University served as pallbearers.
Fifty Years of Debating at Bates College . . .

The history of debating at Bates College, an activity which has brought world-wide fame to the Lewiston, Maine, institution, is outlined in a well illustrated booklet published recently by the Delta Sigma Rho chapter at the college. The pamphlet is entitled, "Fifty Years of Debating at Bates College," and presents many of the highlights of the program through that half century.

Bates has engaged in intercollegiate debating since 1896. In that year, a team composed of four Bates men won the New England championship. Since then, the college has won 75% of all its decision debates, having scored victories over world-famous institutions such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and Cornell.

The college originated international debating in 1908-09, then, in 1921, sent the first American debating team to England to debate Oxford. Another team went to England in 1925, and in 1928, Bates debaters took part in a widely publicized round-the-world trip meeting teams from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, England, and Hawaii.

In addition to maintaining a college debating program Bates College also has been conducting a high school debating league for more than 30 years. Many of the men and women who later earned debating fame at Bates and other institutions first received their training in the Bates Interscholastic Debating League.

The new Bates chapter Delta Sigma Rho booklet concludes with the following facts, which are of more than usual interest:

"For more than fifty years the development of American thought can be traced in Bates debating. In 1867 the first prize debate was on the question: Has the United States an equal claim with Great Britain to be considered a Nation of the first rank?" In 1947, the Bates and Cambridge debaters argued on the dissolution of the British Empire.

"In the 1930s, Bates and Oxford attacked the question of American isolation; on November 27, 1941, Bates debaters were in Canada discussing the entrance of America into World War II. Bates debated Free Silver in 1896 and Compulsory Arbitration of Labor Disputes in 1917 and again this year.

"Debating has been more than a competitive activity at Bates; it has been and is a part of the educational opportunity of the College."

Lorraine Buehler Contest at Kansas . . .

The Kansas Delta Sigma Rho students and alumni are sponsoring a special all-university oratorical contest for a period of ten years in honor of the late Lorraine Buehler, wife of Professor E. C. Buehler, director of forensics of Kansas for the past twenty-two years. Mrs. Buehler was a former orator and debater with high honors at Washburn College and was closely associated with her husband's work in Kansas and was a high school teacher of speech in Lawrence at the time of her death. As an expression of appreciation and an act of tribute to her interest in speech and forensics, former debaters and members of Kansas Delta Sigma Rho are contributing toward this memorial contest.

For this annual forensic event Mrs. Natalie Calderwood, Department of English, is chairman of a special committee. This contest promises to be an outstanding event in forensics on the campus. One friend of forensics and of the Buehlers, is offering, for first prize, a set of the Encyclopedia Americana each year for 10 years. The contributions from former debaters and Delta Sigma Rho Alumni will provide attractive additional cash awards.

The first date of the contest is set for March 17, 1937.

National Debate Proposition . . .

The National Committee on Intercollegiate Debate and Discussion, of which Prof. P. E. Lull (A), director of forensics at Purdue University, is chairman, has announced the official debate proposition for 1947-48: "Resolved, that a federal world government should be established." The committee has also selected an official discussion subject: "What should be done to insure peaceful relations among the nations of the world?"

The national committee on the selection of the high school debate proposition has selected for the 1947-48 season a topic of widespread interest and significance—"Compulsory Arbitration of Labor Disputes."
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ament; College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. April:
9-10—Ohio Association of College Teachers of Speech—Spring Meeting in Conjunction with Ohio College Association.
18-17—Ohio State Speech League Drama and Poetry Reading Finals; Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
17—Ohio Association of College Teachers of Speech—First Year Debate Tournament; Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

OKLAHOMA
Oct. 16, 17, 18 Annual Debate and Discussion Institute for High Schools and Colleges, University of Oklahoma.
Nov. 7, 8, Poetry Festival, Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha.
Nov. 14, 15, District High School Forensic Tournament, Phillips University, Enid.
Dec. 10, 11, District High School Forensic Tournament, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.
Jan. District High School Forensic Tournament, Southeastern State College, Durant.

The Student Congress Movement Comes of Age (Cont’d).

We do not pretend that such controlled elections are entirely desirable. It would be far better if nominations could be made freely and openly. However, the success of a Congress depends so directly upon the calibre of its student officers that a compromise with the ideal is more than justified in this instance.

(8) We suggest that the first thirty minutes of each General Committee session be devoted exclusively to the consideration of the majority and minority reports drawn up by the committee presenting resolutions. The proponents of each of these points of view should have previously arranged opportunities to explain their proposals and to argue in their favor.

Only at the end of this period should the Assembly consider the various amendments which members may wish to advance relative to these prepared reports. In this way the merits of each committee’s proposals will receive full attention, and parliamentary manoeuvring will be greatly reduced. Careful organization of floor debate by party leaders is one of the keys to a successful Congress.

(9) The common practice of referring to Robert’s RULES OF ORDER for guidance on all matters of procedure not specifically covered in the rules drawn up for a particular Congress is, we believe, a bad one.

Roberts’ RULES were designed for the purpose of dispatching immediate business which arises in connection with the activities of groups organized for purposes other than the study of public problems. They are not well suited to intelligent legislative deliberation. It is inconceivable that our national or state legislative bodies could operate under them.

Perhaps we should take a cue from these bodies and experiment with the use of Canon’s or Jefferson’s RULES in some of our student Congress meetings. Whether or not this would be completely successful is somewhat problematical, although they would certainly be an improvement over Roberts’.

The ideal solution, we feel, would be a complete set of rules designed specifically for the use of student legislative congresses. Eventually these may be worked out. The national forensic societies might even undertake such a project on a joint basis. Certainly, their energies could be less well spent.

III.

These, then, are our suggestions for improving the organization and management of a Student Congress. We offer them for what they may be worth because we sincerely feel that the Congress plan is too valuable a thing to let deteriorate. No other form of intercollegiate speaking activity so well combines all of the argumentative processes which must enter into the formulation of sound policies of social action.

Therefore, let us reform where we must and improve where we can. The Student Congress Movement, despite its faults, is still the brightest star on our stormy forensic horizon.

This year, as it comes of age, we can certainly do no less than to wish it well!

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With the Alumni . . .

Dr. Carroll P. Lahman (OB), for the past seven years sponsor of the Albion chapter, has for reasons of health resigned his position as chairman of the Department of Speech at Albion College. He and his family are living in Altadena, California, the address being 2041 Crary St., Pasadena 7, California.

Dr. Claude E. Kantner (A) assumed his new duties as director of Ohio University's School of Dramatic Art and Speech on July 1. Before going to Athens, Dr. Kantner was speech pathologist at the University of Oregon Medical School.

Both of the alumni members elected last spring by the Albion College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa had won their Delta Sigma Rho keys as debaters. Dr. Clare E. Griffin has been professor of marketing at the University of Michigan since 1925 and served as dean of the School of Business Administration from 1927 to 1946. Dr. Don D. Lescroher has been professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin since 1918 and has been a labor consultant and executive in many capacities.

Ralph N. Kleps (COR) is chief, Division of Administrative Procedure, State of California. His home is in Sacramento.

Arthur L. Johnson (C) is an attorney at law in San Jose, California. He recently received significant recognition for his success in winning a test case which secured approximately $60,000,-000 in social security benefits for 20,000 dried fruit workers in the Santa Clara Valley.

Dr. Colin B. Goodykoontz (CLR) is professor of history in the University of Colorado.

Dr. Paul Emerson Lull (A), professor of speech at Purdue University, is chairman of the national committee on the intercollegiate debate question for 1947-48.

Clarence A. Peters (L), formerly on the teaching staffs of Albion College and Northwestern University and later research director for Town Meeting of the Air, has become executive director of the Republican Open Forums, with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Walter K. Koch (CLR) is general commercial manager of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, with headquarters in Denver, Colorado.

Edgar T. McCleary (Y) is master in chemistry and biology in the Asheville School for Boys, Asheville, North Carolina.

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Paul S. Smith (AM) is editor of THE NEWTOWN BEE, a weekly newspaper in Newtown, Connecticut.

Rev. Robert F. Rumm (CH) is minister of the Methodist Church in Plainville, Connecticut.

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Dr. Howard DeF. Widger (Y) is head of the Department of English, Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, Charleston, Illinois.

Dr. Horace G. Smith (NO) is president of the Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois. Dr. Smith is one of the representatives who attended the organization meeting of the National Society of Delta Sigma Rho.

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Boston University Debate Tournament

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On March 29, 1947 six of the leading forensic teams in the East gathered at Boston University's Hayden Memorial Building at the invitation of the Debating Society to compete for a trophy placed in competition to mark the first Boston University Invitational Debate Tournament.

We, at Boston University, have long felt that the East—rugged behind the rest of the nation in tournament debating. It was our hope that an event such as this would be a concrete contribution to the general revival of interest in forensic affairs that is sweeping the nation.

Plans for the tournament were begun in May, 1946, and student committeemen worked through the summer and fall to assure the smooth functioning of this event. Invitations were issued to seven teams that were selected on the basis of critical examination of debate records. An effort was made to include colleges that would represent Eastern debating at its best, both from the point of view of achievement and geographic distribution. All seven teams that were invited promptly accepted. One team was forced to withdraw at the last moment because of the serious illness of one of its debaters.

The proposition for debate was the national question, "Resolved: That Labor Should Be Given a Direct Share in the Management of Industry." It was felt that the choice of the national question would give all teams an equal opportunity to prepare their cases. Each participating delegation consisted of two debaters prepared on both sides of the question and a faculty adviser to judge debates of other teams. The competition, which began at noon on Saturday, March 29th, developed as follows:

SEEDING ROUND: (Positions in this round were determined by lot.) Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Affirmative vs. Boston College, Negative. Decision: MIT.

Rutgers University, Affirmative vs. Boston University, Negative. Decision: Boston University. This debate was broadcast over the facilities of radio station WMEX.

Annapolis, Affirmative vs. West Point, Negative. Decision: Annapolis.

Columbia University drew a "bye" and did not take part in the first two rounds.

ROUND ONE: (Teams were placed on the basis of points scored in the Seeding round.) Rutgers University, Affirmative vs. M. I. T., Negative. Decision: Annapolis.

Boston University, Affirmative vs. Boston College, Negative. Decision: Boston University.

This was another surprise. Boston University had outpointed Boston College in the seeding round, but the twenty point margin given Boston University, the most decisive win in the tourney, came in what was expected to be a close debate.

ROUND TWO: Annapolis, Affirmative vs. Rutgers, Negative. Decision: Annapolis.

Boston University, Affirmative vs. Columbia, Negative. Decision: Boston University.

Between the second, or semi-final round, and the finals, the debaters and their faculty advisers were the guests of the Boston University Debating Society at a banquet held at the Hotel Sheraton.

The final round was opened by Dr. George Marsh, faculty adviser of the BU chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, who welcomed the visiting teams to the University. Tournament Chairman was Alan Edelstein, BU Senior; chairman of the final round was Frank Colbourn, Vice-President of the BU chapter of Delta Sigma Rho. Judges of the final round were faculty advisers of the visiting teams.

FINAL ROUND: Annapolis, Affirmative, represented by Midshipmen Robert Miller and John Jones met Boston University, Negative, represented by Lee Polisner, President of the BU chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, and Bernadette Marzocco.

Presentation of the trophy to the winning team was made by Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University.

An interesting sidelight of the tournament is the comparison of Affirmative and Negative wins. There were six Affirmative wins and three negative victories. Despite the preponderance of Affirmative decisions in the preliminary debates a Negative team won the final round. Consequently the question of which side has an inherent advantage in a debate on the national question remains unsettled—perhaps indicating that the proposition is nicely balanced.

The general highly favorable reaction to the tournament, both by the visiting teams and the general public, indicates that tournament debating stimulates wide-spread interest and may well be one of the most popular forms of forensic competition.

Consequently it is the intention of Boston University to make this tournament an annual affair and each year to bring together some of the leading Eastern teams. It is also our hope that as conditions permit an increase in the number of teams competing we will be able to include mid-western and western teams in this contest.
With the Chapters...

ARIZONA

At the close of the 1946-1947 school year the University of Arizona chapter of Delta Sigma Rho initiated five students and pledged three. The initiation, pledging, and banquet which followed were in charge of Oliver J. Neibel, Jr., president of the local chapter. (Three were initiated and ten pledged last fall.)

A special feature of the banquet occasion was the conferring of a special mark of recognition upon a freshman student who was therefore not yet eligible for initiation. Henry A. Kiker, Jr., a freshman in the College of Business and Public Administration, had carried a full curricular load for the entire year; but in addition, he made a record in forensics that has not been paralleled in the 22 years’ experience in the institution, of the present faculty sponsor of Delta Sigma Rho.

Kiker was a regular attendant at debate squad meetings throughout the entire year, carrying his full load of research, preparation, and practice debates. He competed in the autumn oratory contest and won third place in oratory in the Western Speech Tournament held in San Jose, California Nov. 23-25. In the same tournament the team of Neibel and Kiker tied for second place in lower-division debating. He competed for a place on the team that went to the Rocky Mountain Speech Conference in Denver the middle of February. He was one of two chosen by competition to represent the University of Arizona in discussion sequence in the annual conference of the Pacific Forensic League April 1-3, and was a member of a team that debated at the University of New Mexico on April 14. In addition, he was a member of the lower-division debate team (with Neibel) that took second place in the Arizona Intercollegiate Speech Tournament at Phoenix April 18-19. He won first place in the local competition in extemporaneous speaking preliminary to the State Tournament, and won first place in the lower-division extemporaneous speaking contest in the Arizona Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament April 18-19.

Since he was yet ineligible to membership in Delta Sigma Rho in terms of academic standing, Prof. W. Arthur Cable, director of forensics, conferred on Henry Kiker the title, "Delta Sigma Rho GRAND PLEDGE. No such recognition of distinction has ever before been awarded at the University of Arizona.

COLORADO

"At the opening of the fall quarter, the Colorado chapter was given much encouragement when more than 100 potential forensic participants attended the opening meeting of Colorado’s Speakers Congress. This represented nearly a 100% gain over the attendance of last year. However, by considering the agenda which is mapped out for Speakers Congress in the coming months, it becomes readily apparent that every member may at one time or another be engaged in speech activities on and off the campus.

To begin with, the chapter’s fall quarter forensic activities started with a series of regular weekly radio programs commencing October 8. These programs consist of roundtable discussions on pertinent topics which are of interest to listeners. A few topics to be discussed in the near future are: "The United States and the Rehabilitation of Europe," and, "Should the United States Alter its Immigration Policy?"

"On October 18, the first in a series of High School speech clinics was held. The subject of these clinics is forensics in general, including the implications and problems involved in formulating and administering a well-rounded speech program. The October 8 meeting was held at Pueblo, followed by a meeting at Grand Junction on October 23, and one at the University of Colorado on November 1.

"On October 27, on the university campus, a public forum with guest speakers and student moderators was held. The topic was, "A New Student Union Building for C. U."

"The most important speech event to be held at the University of Colorado in more than a decade will occur on November 13. On that date the Oxford University debating team will oppose a selected Colorado team and debate the following proposition: "The United States Must Radically Alter Its Traditional Economic Policies If International Full Employment Is To Be Achieved."

"Other forensic activities concerning Colorado speakers include that of presenting a discussion and demonstration dealing with forensics in secondary schools before a special session of the Colorado Educational Association at Denver on November 22. Early in November the chapter will attend the annual conference of the Rocky Mountain Forensic League to be held at Denver University. Also, on December 4, 5, and 6, the chapter expects to sponsor a Collegiate Forum Meeting on the Boulder campus. Then on December 29, 30, and 31, it will finish off the quarter’s activities when it attends the Western Association Tournament at Salt Lake City, Utah. Add to these meets numerous off-campus speaking opportunities and independent campus discussions, and it becomes apparent that the Colorado chapter has
achieved a well-balanced forensics program.

"Turning to more conclusive Chapter news, we report that the Chapter has initiated three more members into the Colorado branch of Delta Sigma Rho. They include Don Davis, Robert Polkinghorn, and Virginia Kasdorf. All are extremely active in Speakers Congress. Don Davis is presently serving as President, and Robert Polkinghorn is holding down the position of inter-collegiate activities chairman. Virginia Kasdorf is one of the outstanding women speakers on the campus. The other officers of Speakers Congress are Roger Cozens, Vice-president, Blanche Epstein, Secretary, and Larry Travis, Treasurer."

**HAWAII**

Plans for this year's debate and public speaking activities on the campus are well under way with an oratorical contest, a forensics program, and varsity debate tryouts scheduled for the first semester. Robert Fukuda, debate head announced recently.

The first event will be the inter-class debate trials, to be held on November 5 and 7. The topic selected by the Board of Debate and Forensics for this year's interclass competition is: Resolved: That private language schools in the Territory of Hawaii should be prohibited.

The freshman and sophomore classes will have nine candidates turning out for the trials. The junior class will have six candidates, and the seniors will have two. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes to speak on any aspect of the question and on either affirmative or negative sides, as he wishes.

The judges will pick a team of two members for each class on the basis of effective debating, taking into consideration such factors as argument, delivery, grasp of the vital issues of the question, reasoning, and style.

On November 12 and 14, the candidates for the varsity debate squad for this year will compete in tryouts. The topic selected for the trials is, Resolved: That the Federal government should require arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries.

Nineteen students will vie for places on the squad, and each speaker will be permitted to speak on either side and on any aspect of the question for five minutes. The basis of judging will be the same as in the inter-class tryouts.

The annual all-campus oratorical contest is scheduled for December 1 and 3. Any regular undergraduate of the University of Hawaii is eligible to enter. Seventeen students have notified the Debate board of their desire to enter the contest. Each speaker will be allowed a free choice of topics, a minimum speaking time of five minutes, and a maximum time of eight minutes.

Plans are also underway to bring one or two mainland college debate teams to Honolulu next spring for a series of intercollegiate debates with the University of Hawaii varsity team. The Board is now negotiating with the University of Missouri, the University of Utah, the University of Arizona, the University of Washington, the University of California, UCLA, Redlands University and the University of Southern California.

**ILLINOIS**

"The chapter begins the year with four undergraduate members and seven members on the Speech staff. Howard Shuman, Richard Murphy, and Ruby Wispe are faculty advisers for the debate and discussion program.

"Effective this year, the Speech Division of the University becomes a full-fledged department. In harmony with the general expansion, debate and discussion events will be extended. This year the Western Conference is planning, in addition to the general meeting for members schools, a series of dual events. The Illinois debaters will participate in the state legislative assembly now being organized by the state Speech Association, to be held in Springfield. A series of local discussion and radio forums is being arranged.

"The chapter will hold a reception for the Oxford Debaters, at which the distinguished visitors will talk about the Oxford Union. The annual parliamentary institute, sponsored by the chapter, will be made semi-annual this year. All officers in campus organizations are invited to participate in the training.

The chapter members—and especially the six who attended—would like to express their appreciation of the Third Delta Sigma Rho Legislative Assembly, and to note that it was the high point in last year's debate program."

**IOWA**

Since the report in the May, 1947, Gavel the State University of Iowa chapter of Delta Sigma Rho elected to membership Herbert Kanzel, who brought honors to Iowa by winning first place, and the $100 Lowden prize, in the annual Northern Oratorical League contest at Northwestern May 2.

The University of Iowa will officially open her forensic season with a second post-war international debate, when a three-man team from Oxford University visits the campus on November 7. The proposition to be debated is that of a "all-purpose Anglo-American alliance," which will be upheld by two Iowa men and one British speaker, and opposed by two Britshers and one Iowa debater.

As in former years, Iowa's intercollegiate season will be inaugurated with
the annual Invitational Debate and Discussion Conference on the Iowa campus December 5-6. Fifteen universities and colleges have accepted invitations.

Officers of the Iowa chapter for 1947-48 are: president, Leo Ziffren; vice-president, Ruth Koch; secretary, LeRoy Cowperthwaite; treasurer, Mel Baker; and social co-chairmen, Ruth Cornell and John Oostendorp.

IOWA STATE TEACHERS

Speech activities at I.S.T.C. have taken a new lease on the 1947-48 school year under the guidance of a policy-making speech board. The board is composed of the director of forensics, a faculty representative from the department of speech, one faculty member from the department of English, a faculty representative from the department of social science; a student in the social science department, the president of Delta Sigma Rho, and the president of the recently innovated Speech Activities Club.

Plans are now being made for the following tournaments, both collegiate and high school level, to be held on the campus at Cedar Falls: I.S.T.C. Invitational, December 12-13, 1947; State of Iowa Tournament, March 12-13, 1948; High School Discussion Meet, November 14-15, 1947; Brindley High School Discussion and Debate Tournament, January 16-17, 1948.

KANSAS

The forensic program of the University of Kansas last year was featured by the largest group of Delta Sigma Rho initiates in the history of the local chapter. The initiates include the following persons: Kenneth Ephraim Beasley, Beth Hinkson Bell, Herbert Brooks Coles, William Andrew Conboy, Wallace Benjamin Foster, Hal Mitchell Friesen, Dorothy Agnes Foster, Roberta Foster, Paul Royer, Evan Keith Wilson, Kenneth Johnson.

The following four speaking events topped the intramural program:
1. The annual Campus Problem Speaking Contest.
2. The Forensic Review (this program was composed of a limited number of the best speech performers of the year in the Forensic League, the newly formed speech club of the campus).
3. The annual All-University Oratorical Contest.
4. The All-University Extemp Contest on the subject, "The American Political Scene".

The University Debaters participated in a total of 66 debates, 54 of which were tournament decision type, with 45 wins and 9 loses. Most of the no-decision events were held before special audiences such as debate institutes and college assemblies in nearby towns.

The newly formed Forensic League promises to be a strong driving force for student interest and participation for all kinds of speech activities. This league is composed of 40 students. It has a three-fold purpose: 1. To offer valuable speaking experience of any type for its members at its regular bi-monthly meetings; 2. To conduct and activate speaking bureaus for both campus and off-campus audiences; 3. To promote the general cause of forensics on the campus. Membership is limited and selective. Half of the membership is composed of students who have had no forensic experience.

Three features will highlight the coming season:
1. The University of Kansas and her sister school, Kansas State College, will be host to the Missouri Valley Forensic League which will hold its meeting late in March in Lawrence.
2. The overhauling and expansion of the Student Speakers' Bureau.
3. The inauguration of the Lorraine Buehler Oratorical contest in the month of March.

The University of Kansas regrets that its able Assistant Forensic Director, Kenneth Johnson, recently elected member at large to Delta Sigma Rho, last spring accepted an attractive position at San Jose State College, San Jose, California.

MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan Varsity Debate Organization under the direction of D. C. Kleckner, has made plans for an expanded program for 1947-48. The initial meeting was attended by 80 men and women.

On October 23, Michigan held a demonstration debate before 300 high school debaters on the question of compulsory arbitration of labor disputes. This was followed on October 29 by a debate with Oxford University, England. On November 1, a debate clinic was held on campus for the benefit of those high school students and coaches interested in interscholastic debating. The various aspects of debating as related to the high school question were discussed. Beginning on that date, several teams will tour the state before high school assemblies and luncheon clubs. In December, Michigan will be host to six colleges in a tournament which will feature all debates before speech classes. The squads will also participate in the Western Conference traveling debates.

In the great majority of events, a cross-examination style will be used. One of the major goals is to revive audience interest in debate.

MISSOURI

"On October 14, we are holding our annual Open House, at which time we try
to acquaint students with the various Forensic activities. Tryouts for the Varsity Debate Squad and for the Freshman Squad will be October 21. The International Debate this year will be on campus against Oxford University, on the question, "Resolved: That the social and economic arguments for the nationalization of basic industries are overwhelming." The debate will be November 11 with Missouri taking the negative.

"On December 5-6 we plan to attend the Intercollegiate Conference on post-war problems at the University of Iowa. At that time also the Missouri High School Forensics Conference will be held here. A debate with Washington University will be November 13 in St. Louis. Missouri will have the negative of the question, 'Resolved: That the federal government should require arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries.'"

"Professor Bower Aly is back as Director of Forensics, after a year's leave of absence at the University of Hawaii. "At a Delta Sigma Rho breakfast last spring, Robert L. Varner was elected president and Wayne W. Waldo, secretary, of the local chapter. Mr. Varner is also captain of the Varsity Debate Squad, and Thomas K. Bamford is secretary."

NORTHWESTERN

Ninety men and women attended the opening debate meeting on Oct. 14 to hear Dr. Glen E. Mills, director of forensics and sponsor of the chapter, outline plans for the season and also to hear Prof. Franklin Scott, of the Department of History, discuss the "World Government" proposition in historical perspective. Eighty-six persons signed up for try-outs; of this number, 23 were women, 36 were upperclass men, and 27 were first-year men. Dr. Mills will be assisted by Wayne Minnick, upperclass men's coach; Leighton Borin, women's coach; and James McBath, first-year men's coach. These assistants are graduate students in the School of Speech.

Several discussion programs for "Columbia School of the Air" have been arranged for broadcast from WBBM in Chicago. The series is called "Opinion Please". On November 6 and 7 a team will go to Cleveland for a series of high school demonstration debates with Western Reserve on the compulsory arbitration proposition. One week later a similar series will be conducted for high schools in the Chicago area. The mid-November tournament at Bradley University in Peoria will provide experience for two teams of women and two teams of freshmen. As usual, a delegation will attend the University of Iowa tournament early in December.

The current squads are working to maintain their status as defending champions of six major, annual tournaments in the Middle West.

The officers of the Northwestern chapter are: Joyce Dix, '48, president; Marilyn Serr, '49, vice president; and Betty Edwards, '49, secretary-treasurer.

OHIO STATE

The coming debate season at Ohio State promises to be an interesting and busy one. Extensive programs have been planned for both the men's and women's varsity teams. In addition, there will be a full schedule of activities for freshmen and novice debaters. A Student Speakers Bureau will provide qualified students with an opportunity to present individual lectures and addresses before a wide variety of audiences throughout the state.

At the beginning of the fall quarter the chapter, in cooperation with the Department of Speech, held a Debate Mixer which was attended by approximately fifty new students interested in participating in intercollegiate speaking activities. W. Hayes Yeager, Chairman of the Department of Speech, greeted the guests. Other speakers were Dr. Harold F. Harding, advisor to the chapter; Mr. Douglas Ehninger, coach of the men's teams, and Mr. Wallace Fotheringham, a new member of the Speech Department, who will assume the duties of coach of the women's teams. Miss Bonnie Lee McNiven, president of Delta Sigma Rho at Ohio State, presided.

OKLAHOMA

"Our annual Debate and Discussion Institute was held October 16, 17 and 18 at Norman as the University of Oklahoma played host to five hundred high school and college speakers and instructors throughout the Southwest. Featured in the Institute were demonstration debates on the high school and college questions and three rounds of practice debate. Dean James H. McBurney of Northwestern University was the principal conference speaker. "The first out-of-state trip on our schedule will be made to Wichita University, Wichita, Kansas, October 24 and 25."

OREGON STATE

"The 1946-47 Forensic season of Oregon State College was the most extensive in its history. The various squads traveled over 15,000 miles covering a triangular shaped area of the U. S. with Tacoma, Washington, Tucson, Arizona, and West Point as its extremities. "Among the major tournaments which Oregon State entered were the Seventeenth Annual invitational Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament at McMinnville, Oregon; Western Speech Association
Tourism in San Jose, California; Jun-
ior College Forensic Tournament at Ta-
compa, Washington; Conference of the Pa-
cific Forensic League held at Tucson, Ar-
izona; The Rocky Mountain Speech Con-
ference at Denver, Colorado; and the Na-
tional Debate Tournament at West Point.

"We have 41 students participating in
intercollegiate forensic activities. In Ex-
tempore and Impromptu contests we
earned one first place, two second places
and four third places. The debaters had
197 individual debates and won two sec-
ond-place tournament awards and two
third-place tournament awards.

"We closed the 1946-47 season with
the Delta Sigma Rho annual initiation
followed by a very enjoyable banquet. It
would appear from the way things look
right now that this year may be an even
better season than last year."

PYENNSYLVANIA STATE

"On October 22 the Forensic Council
of The Pennsylvania State College will be
host to the gentlemen from Oxford Uni-
versity, who will engage one of our men's
teams in debate that evening. In Novem-
ber the Penn State men will debate the
Mount Mercy College women on the topic:
"Resolved, that undergraduate marriage
should be encouraged." On March 19
and 20 Penn State will again be host to
the fourteenth Pennsylvania State De-
baters' Convention.

"The Penn State women's team has al-
ready been invited to debate with the
men from Princeton, Rutgers, Temple,
and St. Joseph's (Philadelphia). Also,
the women are planning a trip to Colum-
bus, where they will engage the Ohio State
University women in a series of deb-
ates on several consecutive days."

PITTSBURGH

"The Men's Debating Association of
the University of Pittsburgh, winner of the
1947 Grand National Forensic Tourn-
ament at Mary Washington College, is
starting off this year with a heavier sched-
ule, more members, better finances,
and a new director. Fred S. Robie, Delta
Sigma Rho at Pitt in 1940 and formerly
director at West Virginia University, will
replace Ben Elkins as faculty director of
the Association. Delta Sigma Rho at
Pitt has been inactive since 1943 and has
at present no undergraduate members on
campus. Fall tapping to Delta Sigma
Rho of at least one member to the chap-
ter from the undergraduate ranks will re-
activate the chapter.

"The heavier schedule includes a west-
tern trip highlighted by participation in
the Delta Sigma Rho tournament at the
University of Wisconsin and a defense of
their win at the Grand National. In late
October, Pitt will cooperate with West-
ern Reserve University in a series of dem-
onstration debates, Oregon style, on the
1947-48 high school question of Govern-
ment Medical Care. They will debate be-
fore high school audiences in Cleveland
and Pittsburgh. At the conclusion of
this series, a debate will be staged before
a conference of Pittsburgh district high
school coaches and students on Saturday,
November 1.

"On December 6th, Pitt will sponsor a
tournament for about one hundred dis-
trict high schools as a part of the pro-
gram of augmenting interest in debate
activities. Pitt will also participate in a
round-robin intercollegiate prac-
ticate tournament on October 30 with Mt. Mercy
College and Duquesne University at Mt.
Mercy. Local colleges and universities are
organizing with Pitt to afford college
novices the opportunity to acquire debate
experience through scheduled weekly
novice encounters. In addition to the
tournament and other local activities, the Association
will participate in tournaments to be held at Shippensburg, Mt. Mercy, Washington
and Jefferson, Penn State, and Slippery
Rock.

"Pitt wishes to encourage any Delta
Sigma Rho schools that may be in the
Western Pennsylvania district to hold
any type of individual intercollegiate en-
counter with the Pitt Men's Debating As-
sociation. We are making every attempt
this season to hold such individual meet-
ings before local audience groups if suf-
ficient time is possible for audience ar-
rangements."

SYRACUSE

"During the spring semester, four new
members were initiated into Delta Sigma
Rho at Syracuse: Laura Pilarski, Rich-
ard Schoenwald, Sonia Stabsky and Fran-
ces Eldelson. The ritual was performed
by Dr. Agnes J. Alland and Dr. Ray
mond Irwin of the School of Speech fac-
ulty. At a coffee following the ceremony,
Clarence Twichell, president of the Onon-
daga County Boy Scouts and member of
the National Speakers' Bureau was the
principal speaker. The plans of the or-
ganization were outlined by the chapter
president.

"Those invited to the coffee included
Dean Eunice Hilton, Dean of Women;
Dean Frank Piskor, Dean of Men; Prof.
Harry Heitman, Director of the School of
Speech; Prof. J. Calvin Callaghan, de-
bate director; and the Executive Council
members of the debate organization. Spe-
cial guests were graduates in the area
who were Delta Sigma Rho members.

"The new initiates, in addition to meet-
ing Syracuse's B average requirement,
have the following to their credit:

Laura Pilarski is a junior clerk in
Women's Student Government, a junior
editor on the Daily Orange campus news-
paper, vice-president of the debate or-
ganizations and treasurer of Independent Women's Association. She has participated in debates with Cornell, Colgate, Penn. State, Ursinus, and Temple, and in the Vermont tournament.

"Senior Richard Schoenwald is a history major at Syracuse with three years of college varsity debating behind him.

"Frances Eldelson is a junior majoring in Business Administration and Foreign Trade. She is one of the charter members of the Syracuse chapter of Sigma Delta Tau sorority and two days after initiation into Delta Sigma Rho debated in the Vermont tournament.

"Sonia Stabsky was the girl chosen to meet Brooklyn College before an adult Extension School Speech class when that college team was here in November. She has participated in several debate trips, is active in the campus Zionist organization and is a member of Sigma Delta Tau sorority.

"Dr. Agnes I. Allardye, the SY advisor and a professor of Speech Education at Syracuse, took part in the ritual ceremony. She is a member of the American Association of University Women, was one of the founders of Kappa Delta sorority's local chapter while an undergraduate at Syracuse, and is actively interested in the work and problems of the modern day student studying with her.

"Dr. Raymond Irwin, who is from Minnesota, joined the Speech faculty last year. He is in charge of the School of Speech convocations which all freshmen and sophomores attend weekly. In this capacity he has been instrumental in arranging for two debate convocations—the first a three-way discussion of the national labor question by Colgate, Cornell, and Syracuse; the second, a demonstration debate between Syracuse and Oswego State Teachers' College."
be debated. The first series will be the intramural discussions in the fall, with debate tournaments following during the winter. It is hoped that debates will be held with several New England colleges and that the Little Three series will be continued. In the spring, when the formal intercollegiate debate conventions are held, Wesleyan will be represented.

Dr. John Crawford, head of the Department of Speech and sponsor of the Wesleyan chapter, assisted by Mr. Jay Save-reid, of the Department of Speech, met with the members of the chapter on Oct. 8 to discuss plans for the revival of intramural debating and also to formulate the intercollegiate schedule. Delta Sigma Rho members will serve as judges in the intramural contests.

Herbert D. Sabel, '48, is the president of the Wesleyan chapter.

WESTERN RESERVE

Western Reserve University is beginning its work in debating with a series of intercollegiate cross-examination debates with the University of Pittsburgh to be held before high school audiences in both Cleveland and Pittsburgh. A similar series is to be scheduled with Northwestern University during the first week of November.

The Reserve debate team this year is under the direction of Robert A. Lang. The squad numbers over 40 speakers, most of whom are new. The Rostrum has also scheduled several exhibition debates before local audiences in Cleveland and environs.

WHITMAN

The Whitman chapter has organized for the 1947-48 season with the following officers: Bill Downey, president; Louise Dekker, secretary and treasurer. The other two members of the active chapter are Phyllis Garrison and Don Sceb-bart.

Under the sponsorship of the chapter, a season of intramural debating is being arranged, with two representatives from each campus social group competing for the championship. On Oct. 6, intramural debate managers and participants met for an organization meeting with Louise Dekker, chapter secretary, who is also college debate manager.

In the field of intercollegiate forensics, Whitman plans an extensive season's program. The Western Association Northern Division Speech Tournament is to be held at Whitman Dec. 4-6, with Prof. Lloyd Newcomer, Whitman director of forensics and chapter sponsor, as chairman. Members of the Delta Sigma Rho chapter and other varsity speech students will be in charge of arrangements for the tournament. It is expected that 18 colleges from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and northern Nevada will enter from 150 to 200 participants in the several types of competition: one-man debate, two-man debate, forum discussion, impromptu speaking, oratory, extempore speaking, interpretation, and after-dinner speaking. This season, for the first time, the Western Association tournament is being divided, with the southern contest planned for Santa Barbara, California, and the northern for Whitman.

Last year, Whitman's two entrants in the tournament at San Francisco, Emily Stanton and Patty Latourette, took fourth place in the debate competition.

WOOSTER

"The first event of the forensic season at the College of Wooster will be the Oxford University Debate on October 27. These visitors will appear in a convocation program, service club discussions, and radio interviews, as well as the evening climax of the debate.

"A Direct Clash Tournament will be sponsored by the College of Wooster Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho on November 15. Ten Ohio schools will participate. This is the first tournament of this kind to be held on the Wooster Campus.

"Plans for the year include participation in the State Tournaments for men and women and the various oratory and extemporary speech contests.

"The second semester of last year the Delta Sigma Rho sponsored a mock trial which was well received by the campus. A similar event is being scheduled for the first semester of this year.

Hazelyn Melconian is the new president for 1947-1948, with Harold McComas as Secretary-Treasurer."

Because of war-time paper shortages and financial limitations, the GAVEL has been sent during the past four years to only some 4500 members who have specifically requested it. The Executive Committee recently instructed the Editor, however, to send a copy of the May, 1947, issue to each member whose address is presumed to be correct (some 7500), to prepare such a notice as this, and to request each member desiring to receive all four issues annually so to indicate to the Editor. In the future each member who responds to this notice will receive all four issues, whereas the remaining members will receive only a limited number each year.

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