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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As we begin another year and look to the activities ahead, it might be well to pause and ask ourselves, what is the purpose of all this? What are we trying to do? What are the goals, immediate and long-range, that we are trying to accomplish? Have we been caught up in a whirlwind and blown off our course? Are we doing what we are doing for a reason that is truly well considered or are we merely going along with current trends? Questions such as the above could be extended and might prove valuable in stimulating a bit of serious reflection on the nature of the programs that we are conducting in many of our schools at present.

An examination of the trends in intercollegiate forensic programs during the past decade is revealing. The post World War II trend became fairly well set in the late 1940's and has proceeded with relatively little challenge. I am not attempting to say that what is being done should not be done or that it does not represent a desirable direction. The point that I would like to make here, and to emphasize, is the fact that many in the field seem to accept all that is taking place without question. Not that there are not occasional grumblings and mumblings. The important thing seems to be that we have come to accept the pattern of tournaments, more tournaments and nothing but tournaments. More tournaments limiting the number of teams that may be entered from one school to one or two teams are springing up all over the country. Schools are being invited to attend these select tournaments on the basis of previous records. The emphasis seems to be moving increasingly toward championship events



DR. EARL BRADLEY

with accompanying elaborate hardware.

Without praise or blame on these counts, I would like to raise the very important question, do these activities, and these alone, in the light of the present emphasis serve the purpose to the fullest of our programs?

The training of leaders for a free society is the major task of our colleges and universities today. The contribution of forensics in general and Tau Kappa Alpha in particular is our concern. The tasks of leadership in an increasingly complex society place a demand upon education today that cannot be ignored. Are we contributing to this leadership training to the full extent of our potentialities? Is that

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## SECRETARY'S PAGE

New members initiated into Tau Kappa Alpha during the school year 1958-59 totaled 323. That number compared very favorably with a total of 283 for 1957-58, and with a total of 241 for 1956-57.

If all students at TKA schools who qualified for membership had applied for membership during the past year, the number of new members could have been double what it was. Too many of our large TKA schools with extensive forensics programs did not even initiate one new member. In some cases the chapter sponsor wrote the national office that the eligible students could not afford the membership fee. In other cases, when the superior debaters could not qualify according to scholastic requirements (upper 35% of class), the sponsor refused to recommend the less able debaters who did qualify academically.

Three new chapters were installed during 1958-59. The schools, locations and chapter sponsors were:

Bellarmine College—Louisville, Ky.

Prof. Benson Alleman

Howard University—Washington, D.C.

Dr. Osborn Smallwood

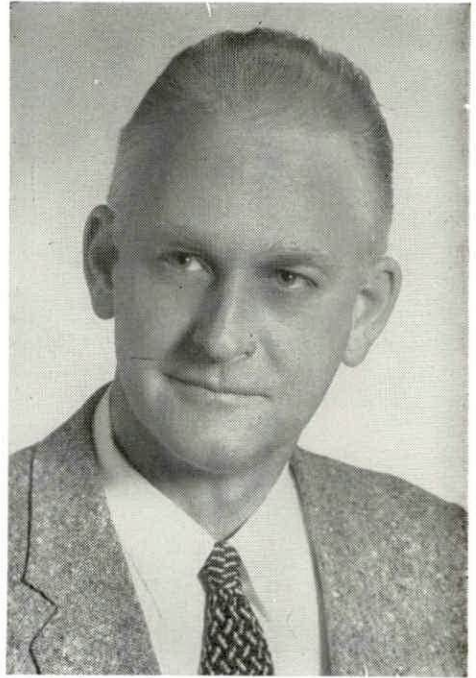
Rochester Institute of Technology—

Rochester, N. Y.

Prof. Joseph E. Fitzpatrick

A few chapter sponsors have not yet returned the annual Chapter Report to the national office. Much essential information is gained from these reports, including the names of the officers and faculty sponsor, and the forensic program of each chapter.

On October 1 the National Secretary-Treasurer sent a statement to each chapter for the payment of the annual chapter fee of \$10.00. (See the Min-



DR. RALPH Y. MCGINNIS

utes of the TKA National Council Meetings, March 23-24, 1959, in the May, 1959 issue of *The Speaker*, pp. 27-28.) According to the action by the National Council, the annual chapter fees may be paid "to the National Secretary-Treasurer, to the Director of a Regional TKA Tournament, or to the Director of the National TKA Conference." For those schools which wish to include their annual chapter fees in a tournament registration, payment can be made to the director of either their regional tournament or the national conference. The director will then forward such fees to the National Secretary-Treasurer. Other schools should send their annual chapter fees directly to the national office.

A goal of 400 new members in TKA for 1959-60 can be reached easily if chapter sponsors will certify qualified applicants to the national office as soon as they are eligible. When membership applications are delayed until the end of the school year, too often they become forgotten.

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### PURDUE PLACES THIRD IN DISCUSSION CONTEST

A Tau Kappa Alpha university, Purdue, placed third in the Eighth National Contest in Public Discussion in a field of thirty-five. The finals, which were held in Detroit as a sectional meeting of the Central States Speech Association convention, climaxed a series of preliminary and semifinal rounds.

Judges for the national finals were Dr. Donald Smith, University of Minnesota; Dr. L. E. Norton, Bradley University; and Dr. Paul Rickard, Wayne State University.

The first-place winner was Fresno State College, and second place went to Bob Jones University.

Semifinalists, all of whom were rated excellent, also included Wake Forest, Stetson University, Los Angeles State College, Bradley, University of Dubuque, St. Louis University, Washington State College, Grinnell, and Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire.

Dr. Keith Montgomery, Director of Forensics, was the adviser to the students who prepared the winning tape for Purdue.

The National Contest in Public Discussion is conducted by tape recording. Participating institutions choose "teams" of four or five undergraduates who do research on the national question and then plan and rehearse their programs. They make a twenty-five minute recording.

Declarations of entry for the Ninth National Contest should be sent to the originator and national sponsor, Dr. Wayne N. Thompson, University of Illinois, Navy Pier, Chicago 11, not later than November 15, 1959. He will send shipping instructions so that tapes can be mailed about December 1. All universities, colleges, and junior colleges are eligible to participate. Dr. Thompson will send full information upon request.

Tapes of past winners are available through the DAVI National Tape Repository, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. The cost is \$1.00, and the applicant must send a tape.

## DID YOU, WILL YOU DO IT?

CHARLES R. LAYTON, *Historian*

Did you do it? What? Put together a history of your local chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha. Your national historian and other TKA officers asked, advised, and pled with you to do it as our Golden Anniversary Year approached. Now as that occasion passes it is in order to take stock of what happened. So the question is renewed, "Did you do it?"

As we look back over fifty years of progress, surely we want to obtain for ourselves some record of local chapter doings. Each chapter will desire some picture of its past, even if it is only a sketch. Some TKA schools doubtless have prepared a chapter history, perhaps before the Golden Anniversary Year. If you have, please send a copy of the results to your national historian for the national archives. If you have not prepared a history for yourselves, won't you start doing it now?

Your history need not be polished literary art. It may be in the form of jottings of essential facts, events, and names. It is to be hoped that a secretary's book has been kept; but if that has not been done, you can piece together a sketch of the beginnings and development of your chapter from old issues of your college paper, yearbook, and the memories of older members. The more immediate past and the present are well known to you now; but if you do not get them down for permanent record while they are fresh in mind, the historian of the future seventy-fifth and centennial anniversaries of Tau Kappa Alpha will be in the dark trying to piece together scraps of information, tradition, reminiscences, and speculations just as we are having to do now as we look back fifty years.



DEAN CHARLES R. LAYTON

Some of the things that will make the past of your college TKA chapter come to life and put today's picture on the screen for the future are these:

- (1) Year by year Membership Rolls from the beginning to the present. Local sources for names can be supplemented, for the asking, by records from National Secretary McGinnis' office in Missoula, Montana.
- (2) Location and Vocation of each member whether regular, associate, or honorary. This, in many cases, can be enriched by biographical

fact, incident, anecdote, and what not, including achievements of members.

- (3) Memorial List of Deceased Members with date and place of death, and relevant facts concerning them.
- (4) Date and place of Installation of Tau Kappa Alpha in your college and as much related information about it as can be dug out, such as installing officer, initiates and other data concerning the event.
- (5) Listing of Charter Members and Officers.
- (6) Roster of Officers and Faculty Sponsors, year-by-year or period-by-period to the present.
- (7) High Spots and maybe Low Moments in the life and activities of your Society over the years.
- (8) Present Status of the Society and statement of its policies and activities. What does it do on and/or off the campus? Is it strictly and wholly an Honor Society, or does it conduct a program of activities? Does it observe strictly and to the letter the minimum performance and scholarship standards for membership stated in the National Constitution? Are its local qualifications for membership greater than the minimum ones declared by the National Constitution?

These eight suggestions are neither inclusive nor exclusive. Perhaps few colleges can score one hundred per cent in following them. Many will do well to do fifty per cent of them. Some will have very little knowledge of what has gone before, and what they do will have to be fragmentary and disjointed. On the other hand, there are

Tau Kappa Alpha schools that will go beyond the suggested eight items.

Your national historian is prepared to take what he can get from the chapters, and the chapters will have to expect to be disappointed in their endeavor to secure some of the information which they will much desire. The thing for each of us to do is to start where we are and go as far as we can, hoping that the future will uncover some information not now available. We may need to work the way the archaeologist does, piece by piece, with many connecting links missing.

Why not prepare your history upon the installment plan, paying a bit now and more bits later? Why not send your national historian something on one or more features of your life story within the next week or month? You can forward more later. Choose an historian or a committee on history at once. The chapter can elect, or the faculty sponsor or chapter president can appoint.

Type a copy with at least one carbon. Send your national historian the carbon. You keep the original for your files. When this material comes, it will be arranged for the Society's historical archives, and selection will be made of interesting items for publication in *The Speaker*. Credit and publicity will be given to the contributing schools. The first report received will be featured even if it be only one stirring paragraph! Address your historical bits or sketches to Charles R. Layton, 55 North College Street, New Concord, Ohio.

In the next issue of *The Speaker*, your historian will issue a call for Tau Kappa Alpha museum pieces. What are they? Time will tell.



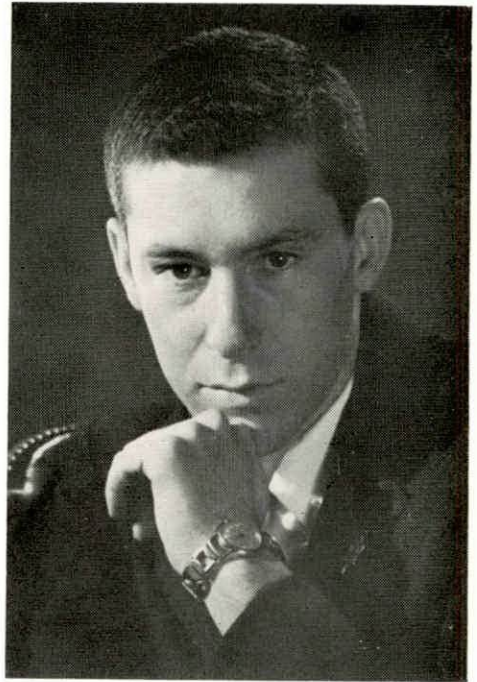
## STUDENT PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I sincerely thank you for electing me President of the Student Council of Tau Kappa Alpha. I will serve in this capacity to the best of my ability during the coming year.

As President of the Student Council I have three main goals for the 1959-60 season. These are: first, to increase student participation in the administration of Tau Kappa Alpha; second, to re-evaluate the events to be held at the national meets; third, to arouse interest in the coming national meet to be held in Salt Lake City.

How many students really know what TKA stands for and what its colors are? How many Universities who are affiliated with Tau Kappa Alpha have a copy of the constitution and by-laws, and how many students have read this constitution? Because of this lack of knowledge of how TKA is administered, many students feel that the administration is entirely the responsibility of the Faculty.

The Student Council was organized to correct this very problem. As President I have a full vote on the Senior Council and the right to voice the student view, but unless I can realize your views this vote will represent only my personal biases and opinions. To correct this problem, I am going to ask each regional governor to arrange a student meeting of all TKA members, to be held at the fall quarter regional meet. Will the regional student officers send me a report of all recommendations and suggestions from this meeting together with their own names and addresses? If new officers are elected at the regional meet please include their names and addresses with the regional report.



DEAN ELLIS

A student directory of TKA will be published in the *Speaker*.

To help us become better acquainted with what our responsibilities are as TKA members I have suggested to Professor Bert Bradley that he prepare one of the coming issues of the *Speaker* as a manual of TKA, such as was published in 1955. This would contain the constitution, objectives and a brief history of TKA. I would like to see each new member given a manual so that he could readily understand what it means to be a member. This will be taken up at the meeting in Washington in December.

On a local level, a greater number of Chapter-sponsored events is the key to

increased interest and participation. This is strictly the responsibility of the local student officers. I would recommend that you organize a party to welcome the new, or prospectively new, debator, or organize a student study session.

Will each chapter please elect officers and send me their names and addresses for the directory.

#### *Re-evaluation of National Events*

Although the host school traditionally decides on the events to be held at nationals, proceeding from comments and discussion at the last national council, I have these suggestions for consideration by the student councils of the various regions. 1) The types of events to be held. 2) Power-matching in debate (winner against winner). 3) The operation of the Student Congress. 4) Topics for the Student Congress. 5) The judging of Discussion. 6) Should extemp and/or impromptu replace public speaking? 7) How standardized should the events at nationals be?

#### *The 1960 National Tournament*

The 1960 National Meet will be held in the heart of the scenic West at the University of Utah. The meet will be

directed by Professor George Adamson, who is known in the west for his ability to conduct large tournaments on tight schedules.

One of the real values of forensics is the opportunity to see how residents in other parts of the nation are living and thinking. The location of the meet this year provides this opportunity, especially for the Eastern schools. The value of this meet is directly proportionate to the number and diversity of schools represented. Now is the time to make allowances in your budget. Those schools who will find the expense of transportation a problem might benefit from a few Scotch methods we use in the West, such as having the students pay for their own food (which they would pay for if they stayed home anyway). Other schools provide the students only with their transportation, letting the student arrange for his own room and board. For many Eastern students who think Chicago is in the West, this may be an only opportunity to see the real West.

Accommodations in Salt Lake are excellent, moderate, and plentiful.

I hope to see you all next spring!

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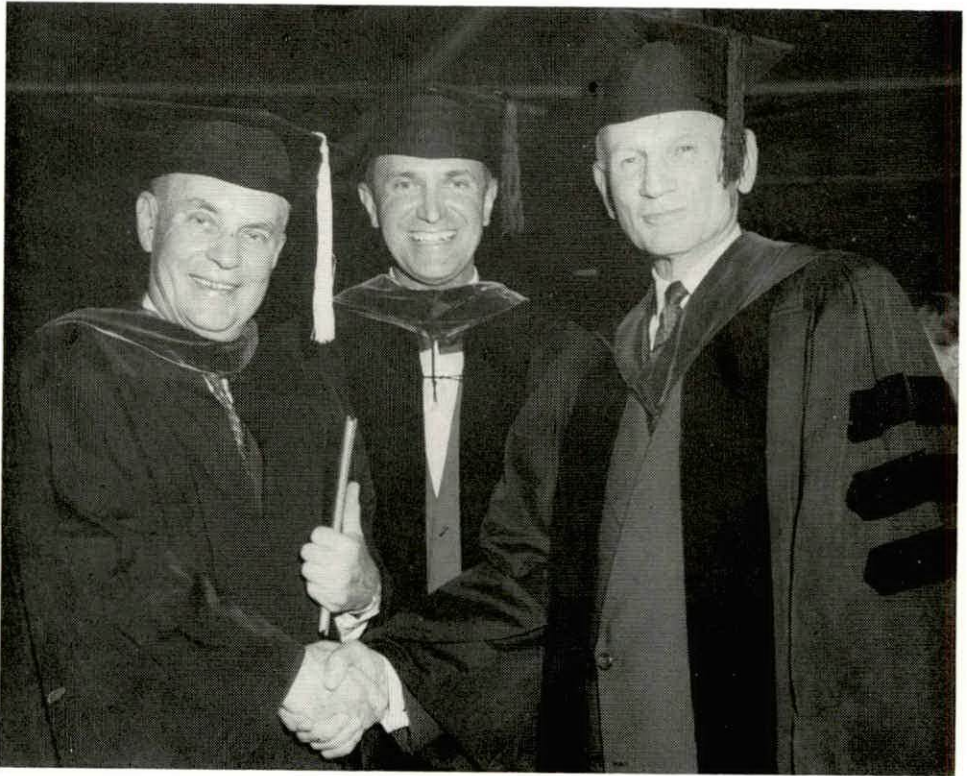
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TAU KAPPA ALPHA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

University of Utah

March 21, 22, 23, 1960

## OSWALD RYAN RECEIVES HONORARY LL.D. FROM BUTLER UNIVERSITY



*Left to right: Dr. Oswald Ryan, Dr. Nicholas Cripe, Dr. M. O. Ross.*

Butler University, celebrating its 104th. Annual Commencement, helped Tau Kappa Alpha bring the fraternity's Golden Anniversary Year to a fitting close when the University paid tribute to one of the school's outstanding alumni by conferring an honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon Oswald Ryan, founder of Tau Kappa Alpha. The honorary doctorate was presented by Dr. M. O. Ross, president of Butler University. Dr. Nicholas M. Cripe, a member of the Butler faculty and Governor of the Midwest Region of TKA, read the following citation just prior to the conferring of the degree.

Mr. President:

I have the honor to present to you one of Butler University's most distinguished sons.

Oswald Ryan was educated in the public schools of his home town, Anderson, Indiana, and in Butler College, Harvard University and the Harvard Law School. As a sophomore at Butler College in 1908, Oswald Ryan was instrumental in the founding of Tau Kappa Alpha, an honorary fraternity for college debaters and orators that today has over one hundred active chapters on college and university campuses throughout the nation. At Harvard he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1913, Mr. Ryan practised law in Indiana until 1932.

Listed in *Who's Who in America* since 1915 when his book *Municipal Freedom*, was published, Mr. Ryan is also the author of *The Challenge of the Prophets*, published in 1929. A contributor to magazines and journals, he has had articles in such publications as *Harper's*, *American Political Science Review*, and the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*. His essay, "Commission Plan of City Government," received the Baldwin National Award in 1910 for history and political science.

In 1923 as a member of the Special European Immigration Committee, Mr. Ryan conferred with Mussolini, Masaryk, Benes, Baldwin, and other European leaders on immigration policies. He served as General Counsel to the Federal Power Commission under Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt from 1932 to 1938. And it was during this period as General Counsel that Mr. Ryan, in his arguments before the United States Supreme Court and various U. S. Courts of Appeals, made noteworthy contributions to the development of our domestic administrative law. In 1938 President Roosevelt appointed him a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board, newly created by Congress.

In recent years, Mr. Ryan has been known principally for his services to American Civil Aviation and Air Law. As Chairman and member of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Chairman of the Air Coordinating Committee, and member of the National Advising Committee for Aeronautics, he has held three of the top presidential posts in United States aviation. Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower have paid tribute to his many contributions to American aviation and to his part in the creation of a body of international air law.

During the period 1944-54, Mr. Ryan represented the United States on a number of diplomatic air missions which made possible our present worldwide network of air transportation. Chief among them were the Mission to Madrid, Spain in 1944; the Bilateral Agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom of Bermuda in 1946 which set the pattern for our later air agreements throughout the world; the Mission to Mexico in Mexico City in 1946 of which he was Chairman; the Multilateral Air Negotiations in Geneva in 1947; the Bilateral Agreement with Spain in Washington in 1954.

Since 1955, Mr. Ryan has been active in the practice of law in Washington, D.C.

Mr. President, I present to you for the conferral of the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, Mr. Oswald Ryan, diplomat, attorney, author, and founder of Tau Kappa Alpha.

## NATIONAL DEBATE PROPOSITION AND DISCUSSION QUESTION FOR AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, 1959-1960

As of August 7, 1959, the Committee on Intercollegiate Discussion and Debate of the Speech Association of America announces the results of the preferential poll of directors of forensics of American colleges and universities to determine the debate and discussion question for nation-wide use during the 1959-1960 forensic season. As shown by the tabulation on the following page the results are:

### NATIONAL DEBATE PROPOSITION

*Resolved:* That Congress should be given the power to reverse decisions of the Supreme Court

### NATIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTION

What should be the role of government in regulating organized labor?

The Committee appends no qualifications or definitions to the announced proposition or question; and "official" interpretations by the Committee are forbidden.

If circumstances should arise which render the regularly selected proposition or question unsuitable, the Committee may, by two-thirds vote, rephrase the proposition or question, or select an entirely new proposition or question. Your representative on the Committee will be pleased to supply further information concerning the rules under which the Committee operates.

Those directors of forensics who will be in attendance at the Convention of the Speech Association of America in Washington, D.C., in December, 1959, are cordially invited to attend the open meeting of the Committee. Details of time and place will be listed in the convention program.

### *Respectfully submitted:*

Glenn L. Jones (Phi Rho Pi), 1171 Garrison, Denver 15, Colorado  
Harvey Cromwell (Pi Kappa Delta), Miss. State College for Women, Columbus, Miss.  
Austin J. Freeley (A. F. A.), John Carroll University, Cleveland 18, Ohio  
Winston Brembeck (Unaff. S.A.A.), Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wis.  
T. Earle Johnson (Tau Kappa Alpha), Box 1965, University, Alabama  
Orville Hitchcock (Delta Sigma Rho), State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa  
(Chairman for 1959)

**SUMMARY OF NATION-WIDE PREFERENTIAL POLL  
OF DIRECTORS OF FORENSICS TO DETERMINE  
THE DEBATE PROPOSITION AND DISCUSSION QUESTION  
FOR THE 1959-1960 FORENSIC SEASON**

DEBATE PROPOSITIONS	PRP	PKD	AFA	Unaff.	TKA	DSR	Totals	Rank
<i>Resolved.</i> That federal price supports for agriculture should be abolished...154	433	116	147	200	163	1213	II	
<i>Resolved.</i> That East and West Germany should be unified as a sovereign state .....	106	372	160	146	164	123	1071	IV
<i>Resolved.</i> That Congress should be given the power to reverse decisions of the Supreme Court.....	116	452	154	146	202	160	1230	I
<i>Resolved.</i> That Communist China should be admitted to the United Nations .....	126	354	109	129	169	171	1058	V
<i>Resolved.</i> That the federal government should establish a system of compulsory health insurance.....	128	369	166	122	195	148	1128	III

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

What should be the policy of the United States toward the problems of Africa? .....	84	327	102	119	155	123	910	V
What should be the role of government in regulating organized labor?..	174	462	112	154	199	169	1270	I
How can the United States best meet foreign economic competition?.....	124	402	134	121	186	141	1108	III
What should be the place of the humanities in American higher education? .....	128	397	151	136	191	132	1135	II
What should be the role of the federal government in regulating our economy? .....	120	362	116	115	154	140	1007	IV

In the above tabulation each first-place vote was scored five points, each second-place vote four points, each third-place vote three points, each fourth-place vote two points, and each fifth-place vote one point.

## TAU KAPPA ALPHA NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST, 1958-1959

The following is a list of new members for the past school year. If the list for your school is incomplete or inaccurate, please inform the national secretary-treasurer.

### UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Craig S. Bamberger	Julian D. Butler	Marjorie F. Meyer
William M. Bouldin	Joseph G. Cook	Gail F. Shavitz

### ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

Tommy T. Anderson	Rita M. Maldonado	Don C. Williams
Barbara A. Dodd	Richard B. Neville	

### ALMA COLLEGE

Sharon N. Beardsley	Praim S. Singh
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### UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Phillip E. Allen	Judith L. McKnight	Rosemary Ridgill
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### BALL STATE COLLEGE

William R. Landon	Carole J. Rush
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### BELLARMINE COLLEGE

Prof. Benson S. Alleman (Sponsor)	Donald E. Nugent
William L. Barnett	Edward H. O'Rourke
Rev. Hilary H. Gottbrath	Paul J. Schuler
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred F. Horrigan	Thomas E. Shannon
Rev. John T. Loftus	Charles L. Thieman
James P. Marquart	John A. Tichenor
Joseph E. McCaulay	Very Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Treece
John F. McGrath	Thomas S. Vissman

### BEREA COLLEGE

Muriel E. Wright

### BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Craig W. Christensen	Robert D. Hatch	G. Perrin Walker
George H. Clendenin	Thomas A. Quinn	Ronald W. Walker
Terry L. Crapo		

### BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Harold L. Bate	Marcia L. Miller	Sam J. Stegman
Margaret J. Dunn	Deirdre J. G. Porter	James W. Stilwell
Seth B. Lewis		

### CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

Alberta Dayhuff	Glenn A. Hagen	Helen M. Krahn
Marcia A. Rasley		

## CASE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Calvert C. Canfield	Colin A. Heath	Sophocles M. Sophocles
Frederick C. Crawford	Donald P. Marston	John Talayco
John W. Culver	Rabbi Abba H. Silver	

## UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Jane M. Dotson	Virginia A. Koerber	Spencer Shank
Maurice G. Elton	S. Mallikarjun	Mary A. Winterrowd
Mary Jane Frank	Leslye F. Osborne	Donald C. Wintersheimer

## CORNELL COLLEGE

James Wotring

## DENISON UNIVERSITY

Jason C. Blackford	Richard Dusterberg	Mary Jane Jagger
Robert H. Canary		

## UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Sylvester Clifford	Thomas E. Drabek	Roy V. Wood
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## DUKE UNIVERSITY

Byron F. Battle	Elizabeth M. Giavani	John K. Stumpf
Charles A. Crocco, Jr.	John A. Koskinen	

## EARLHAM COLLEGE

Stephen Johnson

## EMORY UNIVERSITY

James E. Baker	Henry T. Grayson, Jr.	John P. McKeever
Sturgis G. Bates, III	James E. Hall	Rachel E. Tanner

## EVANSVILLE COLLEGE

Bethalee J. Brandenberger	William W. Kaiser	James D. Schwengel
Glen G. Grisham	Rita M. Patry	C. Thomas H. Weeks

## FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Patricia A. Batal	Arthur H. Danart	Charles J. Van Delinder
Benjamin L. Bryan	David G. Hortin	

## HOWARD COLLEGE

Paul A. Barefield	William R. Haley	James D. Ragsdale
Marjorie A. Craig	Joanna Holtam	Charles Rice
James W. Flynt	Jerry N. Patterson	

## HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Lascelles F. Anderson	Anne E. Jenkins	Prof. Osborn T. Smallwood
Samuel L. Banks	Timothy L. Jenkins	(Sponsor)
Arthur T. Bennett	Ella G. Mizzell	Conrad D. Snowden
Anne E. Jenkins	Leona E. Perry	Leroy O. Stone
Lowell E. Davis		

## INDIANA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

Douglas D. Rogers	Donald Unguhait	Prof. Otis J. Aggertt (Sponsor)
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## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Michael Brown	Marietta Foraker	Anne Whitaker
Terrence Fitzgerald	Henry Hawken	



## LONG BEACH STATE COLLEGE

Thomas J. Cummins  
Evalin L. Doegey  
Warren L. Lashley

Doris M. Reid  
Kermit J. Sadler  
Kit T. Selvig

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## REGIONAL NEWS

### Midwestern Region

The Eighteenth Annual Regional Conference of the Midwest Region of Tau Kappa Alpha will be held on the campus of Manchester College, October 30-31. Professor Paul Roten, Manchester, is conference director. The national debate topic will serve as the basis for three discussion conferences of ninety minutes each on Friday. The conferences will be followed by a banquet with a keynote speaker and a symposium in the evening. On Saturday morning there will be a parliamentary debate. Six of the ten top students in rankings in committee action will make formalized presentations after which there will be a period of British Parliamentary debate from the floor in which all interested students can participate.

As usual much of the forensics activity in this area will be as a consequence of events sponsored by TKA schools. During the year Ball State will sponsor two tournaments, Butler will sponsor two tournaments, Earlham has one, Indiana State one, Purdue two, and Notre Dame one.

### Southern Region

The Southern Region will hold its annual regional tournament at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 19-20-21. The Louisiana State University Chapter will be hosts and Dr. Waldo Braden will be the Tournament Director.

### Virginia Region

Debate activity seems to be humming in the Virginia Region this year.

Plans are already well under way for the Virginia Regional tournament which is being held this year on the campus of Randolph-Macon College on November 13-14. Lynchburg College has a one-day Discussion Conference scheduled for October 31, the College of William and Mary will again be host to some thirty schools with its annual Marshall-Wythe tournament, and Randolph-Macon will hold its second annual novice meet sometime in the spring.

### Western Region

The TKA schools of the Southern California Area have started the year by taking their usual active part in the activities of this area. Long Beach State College served as host this year for the annual Demonstration Speech Clinic. The Demonstration Debate Team came from the University of California at Santa Barbara. The Demonstration oral interpretation was from Occidental College, and the Demonstration oratory speaker was from Long Beach State. Comment on the debate event was furnished by Dr. James McBath of USC, while Dr. Upton Palmer of UC at Santa Barbara analyzed the oral interpretation demonstration. Throughout this year TKA schools of Southern California will serve as host for four of this area's larger speech tournaments, including the West Point Elimination Tournament. In addition, numerous high school events have been planned by these schools. These high school events include both the qualifying tournament and the State champion tournament.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### University of Alabama

The University of Alabama will officially open its debate season with the Alabama Discussion Conference November 5-7. Prior to the opening assembly, the members of the Debate Squad will entertain in honor of Senator John Sparkman, who will be initiated as an honorary member of TKA.

Other tournaments on the agenda for first semester are Southern Tau Kappa Alpha, Deep South Debate Conference, Pittsburgh Cross-Examination Tournament, Razorback Debate Tournament, Mid-South Debate Tournament, and the Birmingham Invitational Tournament.

The Alabama Debate Squad will participate in a number of public debates, including one with Cambridge University on the Alabama campus and one with the University of Vermont at the Pittsburgh Tournament.

The Alabama chapter of TKA added six new members to its ranks last spring. They are Craig Bamberger, Bill Bouldin, Julian Butler, Joe Cook, Marjorie Meyer, and Gail Shavitz. Joe Cook is serving as president for 1959-60, with Craig Bamberger as vice president and Elizabeth Maxwell as secretary-treasurer. The Debate Council is composed of Mrs. Annabel D. Hagood, Director of Forensics; Joe Cook, President of TKA; James Stathis, Manager of Debate; Annette Nevin, Assistant Manager of Debate; Bill Bouldin and Marjorie Meyer, members at large; and Janelle Beauboeuf and Ruth Anne Clark, assistants to the Director of Forensics.

### Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Auburn Chapter elected Tommy T. Anderson, President; Rita Maldonado, Vice President; and Barbara Dodd, Secretary-Treasurer. Tournaments already scheduled for this fall are The Alabama Discussion Conference at the University of Alabama, the Southern Regional at Louisiana State University, and The Birmingham Invitational Forensics Tournament. Three students will be initiated this fall.

### Alma College

The Alma College Debate Squad is one of the largest in recent years. Over twenty members have reported for work on the national question.

The experienced debaters are preparing for the Tau Kappa Alpha Regional Discussion Conference to be held at Manchester College on October 30 and 31.

The novice debaters are pointing for the State Novice Debate Tournament to be held at Western Michigan University in November.

The second annual Alma College High School Tournament will be held on campus on November 21.

### University of Arkansas

A record turnout of 50 students showed up for the fall forensics opener and mixer held on September 30.

The University of Arkansas plans to attend the following tournaments during the Fall Semester: Arkansas "Warm-Up" Tournament, November 13-14; Southern TKA at Louisiana State University, November 20-21; Southwest

Conference Tournament at Texas Tech, December 4-5.

The University of Arkansas chapter of TKA will host its 7th Annual Razorback Forensic Tournament December 11 and 12.

### **Ball State Teachers College**

The Ball State chapter will host the Cambridge Debaters on November 6. The Chapter will also send a delegation to the TKA Regional Discussion Conference at Manchester College in October. Tournaments scheduled for November and December include Bowling Green (Kentucky), Northwestern, Butler, and the Pre-Holiday Tournament at Earlham College.

Candidates for initiation into the local chapter include Linda Gambee, Peggy Rollings, Jim Deegan, Bill Elwell, Larry Stuber, Hal Whiteman, Norma Wallace, and Marylou Kantz.

### **Bellarmino College**

Joseph Hammer, a varsity debater for the past two years, will be initiated in the near future. This year the Bellarmino College Chapter will sponsor two debate tournaments: the Pre-Holiday Practice Joust, December 12, which will be for both novice and varsity teams, and the Fourth Interstate Novice Tournament, April 8 & 9, a terminal invitational tournament limited to 25 teams. The debate program includes 19 tournaments—novice teams will be in 9 tourneys, varsity teams in 12. This fall the College was host to the Kentucky High School Discussion Conference, and in January will be the host to the Kentucky High School Debate tournament. Bellarmino debaters are serving as judges for the rounds of practice debates held by the high schools in the Louisville area throughout the fall. This spring Bill Barnett,

president of Bellarmino Chapter, will represent the college in several oratorical and public speaking contests. During the year the Chapter will sponsor a program of intra-mural debates at the College, several public debates and panels, and a television debate.

### **Berea College**

Berea College has two debate teams this year; one novice and one varsity. They plan to enter the Tau Kappa Alpha Regional Conference at Denison, the Kentucky Intercollegiate Debate Tournament January 9th at Georgetown and the Novice Debate Tournament at Bellarmino, Louisville in March. Two candidates will enter the Kentucky Oratorical Contest at Georgetown in April. The chapter plans to initiate four members into Tau Kappa Alpha this spring.

### **Butler University**

This year's Forensic program at Butler University will again be an active one. Sixteen students (8 varsity, 8 novice) are on the debate squad this year. Butler speakers will participate in nineteen debate tournaments, at least five oratorical events, a discussion conference, and as many audience events as can be conveniently arranged.

The chapter has six active members participating this year in various events. On Saturday, October 3, the chapter in cooperation with the Speech Department sponsored the Third Annual High School Debate Clinic for 191 high school debaters. All of the members will attend the Regional Conference at Manchester College on October 30-31 and as many as possible will be at Salt Lake. The chapter will probably initiate 3 new members in April.

Four of last year's chapter members are now in graduate schools (TKA

schools naturally). Ruth Anne Clark is at Alabama, Ted Walwik at Ohio University, Harold Bate at Florida, and Jim Steinmeier is here at Butler.

### Capital University

This year TKA, as well as the other curricular and co-curricular speech activities, moves into the new Speech and Fine Arts Building at Capital.

Some thirty students are participating in forensics activities this year. Of these, two are TKA members, fifteen are pledges striving to reach the standards for full membership in TKA, and thirteen are novices.

The forensics program includes interpretation, oratory, extemp, discussion and debate. Capital plans to attend fifteen tournaments and has arranged for an extensive audience debating program. An entertaining debate was held before 1500 high school students at High School Day, October 17. Other debates will be held before service clubs, high schools, and alumni groups throughout a four-state area.

### Cornell College

Eleven students have indicated an interest in extra-curricular speech activities this year, and plans are being made to attend tournaments at Iowa State Teachers College and Bradley University. Invitations have gone out for the fourth annual cross-examination debate tournament sponsored by Cornell College on January 9.

### Denison University

A group of 30 eager debaters is working under the direction of William Hall, forensics director. All 30 will participate in the Denison warm up on October 31 on the national question. Richard Dusterberg is President and Jason Blackford is the secretary of the

local chapter. Rosalene Drumel looks forward to an active season with the speaker's bureau. Lionel Crocker served as critic judge of the annual exhibition debate in Columbus for the Ohio Speech League.

### Dickinson College

"During the year 1958-1959 Dickinson College had an active group of debaters engaged in intercollegiate competition. A few of them were members of Tau Kappa Alpha, but many were less experienced. These people engaged in about a dozen tournaments and between forty and fifty debates with something better than average results. They used the National Debate Question.

Because none of the debaters met the requirement of two full years of debating none was selected as a member of the Dickinson Chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha. It is expected that a few will be elected this fall. The Dickinson College Chapter of TKA is one of the oldest, since it was established in 1915, only seven years after the fraternity was organized in Indiana. During most of this period leadership in guiding debate activities has been in the hands of the late Professor C. W. Fink in the Department of Economics, Professor Ralph Schecter who teaches English and Speech, and Professor Herbert Wing, Jr. who has taught Greek and history."

### Duke University

Debate activities for the season include plans to attend fourteen tournaments. Those for the fall semester include the Wake Forest Novice Tournament, the Carolina Forensics, the Dixie Classic, and the TKA Southern Region Tournament at Baton Rouge.

Carl Stewart, who debated four years as an undergraduate and is now a sec-

ond year Law student, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Debate Coach.

### **Earlham College**

Twenty students turned out for the opening meeting of the forensic season at Earlham. Fall and early winter activities include the TKA Regional Conference at Manchester College, dual meets with neighboring colleges and universities, and two debate tournaments. The Earlham chapter is sponsoring a pre-holiday debate tournament on Saturday, December 12. Scott Stanley, Tom Wagner, and Brenda Baumhart have returned from last year's varsity squad and a number of novice debaters from last year are working to win places on varsity teams.

### **Emory and Henry College**

Teams representing our chapter attended the regional and national TKA tournaments last year. Teams will go to the regional at Randolph-Macon in November and will participate in other area tournaments this year. Distance will probably prevent attendance at the national.

Since most participants in debate last year were beginners, we have only five persons ready to be qualified by participation for TKA membership. This will be completed soon and some of the new members will be initiated at the regional tournament next month.

A credit course in debating has been organized with around fifteen students enrolled. The course will be conducted on the workshop plan, combining instruction and participation. Students will receive college credit in the amount of three semester hours for those who complete the course requirements.

TKA chapter officers will be reported as soon as the prospective new members are qualified, initiated and elected.

### **Evansville College**

The Evansville College chapter has a new sponsor, Ted J. Foster. Activities planned for the year include attendance at the Regional TKA Conference at Manchester College, October 30 and 31. The chapter will also be represented at several major tournaments this year, although the final schedule is incomplete at this time.

The chapter plans to induct several new members this year during the spring quarter. In addition, TKA plans to sponsor an intramural oratorical contest in the Spring.

### **University of Florida**

Graduation cut deeply into TKA membership in the Debate Society of the University of Florida; however, the chapter members are looking forward to two initiations this year, one first semester and one second semester. Included in the first group will be Student Body President, Joe Ripley. A former Student Body President and a member of TKA, U.S. Senator George Smathers, is honored this year in the Debate Society's Handbook. This brochure, a survey of forensic activities at the University of Florida, features Senator Smathers in a section devoted to the achievement of former members of the Society.

The Society is looking forward to a busy first semester with trips proposed to Mercer, South Carolina, Wake Forest, Wichita, Miami, and the Southern Region TKA. In addition, Debate Society and TKA members will provide demonstration groups and assist with other details of the High School Discussion Conference November 7, and with the Florida Junior Debate Tournament, December 4-5, both events to be held on the campus at Gainesville. Finally, there will be intrasquad debate and extemporaneous competitions before the Christmas Holidays.



### Florida State University

A new graduate assistant will be traveling with Florida State University debaters in the current academic year, Phil McFarland, Stanford M.A. who comes to Florida State University from the University of Arizona. Dr. Gregg Phifer will continue in charge of FSU forensics. Richard Hahn, Northwestern M.A., will also make some trips with the FSU debaters.

Plans for the current year include attendance at the Dixie Debate Tournament in October, the Alabama Discussion Conference in November, the Florida Junior Tournament and the First Annual Birmingham Tournament in December. We hope to be represented at the TKA Regional meet in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and expect to attend the All Southern Tournament at Agnes Scott College in January.

In February and March FSU hits the tournament trail: the Miami Invitational, the Gulf States Speech Festival, the West Georgia Invitational, the Azalea Tournament at Spring Hill, the University of Georgia Student Congress in Athens, and probably some others.

The 11th Annual FSU Invitational Tournament will be held February 19 and 20, 1960, with competition in debate, original oratory, impromptu speaking, and after-dinner speaking. About 15 schools from 7 or 8 southeastern states, plus a visitor or two from outside the region, annually compete in this tournament. The principal award is a Sweepstakes trophy, with individual medals and certificates in all events. Because of limited space, any new school wishing to enter should make inquiry early.

Florida State University also sponsors the State High School Congress in October and next spring will have intramural events in Oratory, Extempo-

rary Speaking, and After-Dinner Speaking.

### Howard College

The Howard College TKA Chapter has an ambitious season of forensics activities planned. In addition to participating in approximately ten tournament activities with the Howard College Debate Squad, the TKA Chapter will co-host with the department of speech an Alabama High School Forensics Tournament on January 15 on the Howard campus. Approximately 20 competing high schools are expected, and the tournament will include events in debate, oratory, extempore, impromptu, oral interpretation, and after dinner speaking.

With five active members, the Howard chapter also plans an energetic Speakers' Bureau program for the current year, during which time the Bureau will supply Birmingham civic organizations, churches, and schools with speakers for various special occasions. Fees and honorariums from these engagements will be donated by Chapter members to a special scholarship fund which Howard TKA Chapter will award at the end of the year to a graduating Senior who plans to enter graduate school in the field of speech.

The Howard Chapter will also assist the Department of Speech and the Birmingham-Southern College Department of Speech in administering an intercollegiate debate tournament December 4-5 in downtown Birmingham. Approximately 25 colleges and universities are expected to compete in this event.

### Indiana State Teachers College

The Indiana State forensic squad is blessed this year with the largest budget in its history, approximately six times as much as four years ago. Activities this year will begin with the

Annual Committee Hearing and Symposium on November 13: the topic this year is "Shall We Curb The Highest Court?" Expert "witnesses" will be interrogated by a committee of local students, visiting students, and townspeople. Ten to twenty colleges will send forensic students to explore the debate question first-hand with recognized authorities.

On the following day Indiana State will host its Annual Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament in which the visiting colleges will enter as many debaters, speakers, interpreters, and discussers as they see fit.

On January 23, the college will again entertain the high schools of the state in the Annual High School Speech Tournament. The occasion is a competitive one in debate and a non-competitive one in other areas. During December, January, February, and March the college will engage in approximately twenty intercollegiate forensic tournaments.

Approximately seventy students will be involved in forensics this year of whom perhaps twenty five or thirty will enter intercollegiate activities.

### **University of Kentucky**

The 1959-60 forensics year got off to a good start with two exhibition debates with the U.S. Military Academy. One of these debates was held before a local high school audience, and the other before members of the College of Law. We plan to participate in fifteen tournaments this year including the TKA Regional at Denison, and the National at Utah. Tex Fitzgerald is president of our chapter, and Lessley Decker is the secretary. Lessley is also secretary of the National Student Council. We are presently working with a squad of twenty, and we hope to initiate several of them by spring.

### **Louisiana State University**

LSU's chapter of TKA rounded out another successful year in Forensics activity. The members of the chapter served with distinction in various tournaments throughout the South. The chapter again fulfilled its job as leaders of the LSU Debate Squad.

Two TKA members received honors at the 1958 Southern Regional Debates held at the University of South Carolina. George Lankford won second place in Ex Temp, and Bobby Thigpen placed second in debate. TKA members can also be rightly proud of their hard fought second place position in the well known Missouri Valley Tournament held this year at the University of Texas.

At the final meeting of the year, we initiated two new members; Richard Barton & Mary Pearl Jackson. Also at this meeting were elected new officers John Gunn, president; George Lankford, Vice President; and Richard Barton, Secretary-Treasurer. We know that these new initiates and officers will carry on the fine traditions of TKA at LSU.

This year we again sponsored a coke and cookie party where we entertained prospective members of the debate team. We are happy to say that a superlative group of new debaters has begun to work with great spirit. Using this group as a base, we expect great things from the team this year.

As has been the custom in the past, our chapter has awarded prizes to the outstanding debaters of the year. This year John Gunn was declared the outstanding member of the squad, and Paul Rogers was given the award as the outstanding new debater. Several members of TKA received medals for their superior contributions.

The primary concern of the chapter this semester is the preparation for the Southern Regional Meeting. This year LSU is the host chapter, and we hope to make the meet a truly memorable one. All activities are to be based on a "Louisiana" theme. The highlight of the meet will be a banquet which will feature typical Louisiana dishes and a speaker who specializes in "Cajun" stories. (Cajun refers to the French speaking people living in southern Louisiana). LSU is especially proud to host this meet as it will be part of our year-long Centennial Celebration.

### **Mankato State College**

Sixteen students responded to the first call for debaters at Mankato State this year. With only four of the group having had any intercollegiate experience, the year's prospects will depend largely on the performance of newcomers. First event of the season is a tournament at Cedar Falls, Iowa, which will include competition in debate, discussion, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking.

Sorely missed will be Joe Pellish, past president of the Mankato TKA chapter and veteran of two national TKA conferences, including last year's Rutgers conference where he placed second in Congressional participation and tied for seventh in discussion.

Initiated last spring was Sharon P. Johnson of Fairmont, Minnesota. Miss Johnson is currently serving as president of Mankato's TKA chapter.

### **University of Maryland**

TKA at Maryland begins its third year of activity with a record number of members and a record sized debate squad of sixteen varsity debaters and an equal number of novice debaters. TKA members on campus include Dottie West, Sybil Rappoport, James John-

son, Dick Burdick, Fred Smith, Bill Levy, and Frank Hunt.

Activity for the current debate season began on October 14, with the Calvert Debate Society-TKA Forum on this year's intercollegiate debate topic. An audience of about 100 debaters including several debaters from nearby colleges questioned the guest speakers. Other campus activities in which TKA will participate this year include: the Maryland-Washington Area Warm-up on October 31, the well known Capitol Hill Tournament on February 25-27, high school forensics workshop in January, and the Maryland High School Forensics Festival on April 2.

With a larger debate squad TKA hopes to expand tournament participation this year by adding trips to Pittsburgh, Boston, and Miami to our usual schedule of events in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina, and Washington. While the arrangement of transportation is still uncertain Maryland hopes to enter the Air Force Academy tournament at Colorado Springs.

In addition to tournament activity the debate squad plans a series of debates before area high schools and civic clubs. Any TKA schools which are planning tours of the Washington area are cordially invited to write to Maryland to arrange debates.

### **Memphis State University**

In May 1959, the Memphis State University Chapter initiated three members to TKA: Norma Cox, David Landis, and Shirley King. Faculty members made honorary members are Dr. Noel Rapp and Mrs. Lea Park. In addition TKA has eight pledges. Following the ceremonies, a party was held celebrating the climax of another successful debate season.

New officers for the 1959-60 season are Jeanne Graham—President; David Landis—Vice-President; and Norma Cox—Secretary-Treasurer. In addition David Landis is vice-president of the MSU Student Government Association, Jeanne Graham is president of Tassel, senior women's honorary, and Dwight Williams, Pledge, is president of the Sophomore Class. Gail Howard past president, has been awarded an AAUW scholarship for graduate study.

MSU debaters plan to attend eight tournaments this year. Novice trips include the Alabama Discussion Conference, the Magnolia Tournament at Mississippi State College for Women, and the Mississippi Southern Invitational. Varsity debaters will attend the TKA Regional at LSU, the Birmingham Invitational, and the Florida State Invitational. Both will attend the Tennessee State Tournament at Maryville and the Southern Speech Association Tournament and Congress at Wake Forest.

### University of Miami

Back in school and preparing for an active Miami debate season are Dick Essen, president of the southern province, Blas Herrero, Eric Raepple, Bruce Feld and Steve Kogan. Plans are made to compete before Christmas in the Carolina Forensics, the Florida Junior Tournament and the Pitt Cross Examination Tournament where Miami will again be featured in the public debate series before high school audiences in the Pittsburgh area.

After Christmas the teams will compete at the annual Miami tournament, the Florida State Sweepstakes, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Kansas, District Six regionals, TKA Nationals at Utah, and, if they qualify, at West Point.

Steve Slepín, last year's president of the local chapter, is taking time off

from his law school studies, to coach the Miami novice debaters.

### University of Mississippi

The University of Mississippi group is including three TKA school events in its fall activity schedule—the Louisiana State University Intercollegiate Forensics Conference, the University of Alabama Discussion Conference, and the TKA Regional also at L. S. U. It expects to initiate two new members before the end of the first semester.

### Montana State University

Dates for the Fourteenth Annual Northwest Tau Kappa Alpha Speech Tournament at Montana State University have been set for April 28-30, 1960. Competition will be offered in Debate, Oratory, Extemp, and Oral Interpretation. Because the tournament has grown steadily in size, the 1960 tourney, like the one the previous year, will offer separate men's and women's divisions. In the 1959 tourney last May, the 250 contestants attending represented 27 colleges from the Northwest, Southwest, Rocky Mountains and Northern Plains States. The tournament is open to any four year college. Detailed information may be received by writing to Dr. Ralph Y. McGinnis, Director of Forensics.

The Montana forensic calendar for 1959-60 includes attendance at sixteen major college speech tournaments throughout the country as well as several scheduled tours of demonstration debates for Montana high schools.

### Murray State College

Murray State begins the year with two student members and two pledges. The intercollegiate squad has fourteen members and the novice class a membership of twenty-six.

Three seniors were lost by graduation. Ed Whittaker is now a student

at San Francisco Seminary; Ainara Wilder has moved to Florida with her husband; Wayne Dinkins is in the ministry.

Last year's Sophomores Vade Bolton, Paducah, Ky., Phillip Platt, Vero Beach, Fla., David Chambers, Owensboro, Ky., and Larry Blubaum (Sr.), Mt. Vernon, Ind., make up the initial first squad varsity.

The planned schedule for the year includes non-decision debates with nearby colleges; the 12th Annual H. S. Debate Workshop; sponsorship of two regional high school meets; assembly debates at 20 West Kentucky high schools; and participation in six tournaments: Western Kentucky State; Southern Regional TKA; Eastern Illinois University; Mid-South; Magnolia; and Southern Speech Association.

### University of New Mexico

A very promising group turned up for the opening meeting of the University of New Mexico Forensics Society. A cheering bit of fiscal news was an increase in the budget from the Student Activities Fund. An effort is being made to schedule more intercollegiate debates on the campus. Any institutions planning to send traveling teams westward are invited to stop in Albuquerque for debating and basking under the perpetual New Mexico sun. New Mexico debaters are planning as usual to attend a number of tournaments. These will include Texas Technological College; United States Air Force Academy, Colorado; Broncho Forensics at Central State College, Edmond, Oklahoma; Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth; Western Speech Association Tournament, Stockton, California; Rocky Mountain Tournament, Denver, Colorado; U. of Arizona, and others.

### University of Notre Dame

At the outset of another forensic year, the University of Notre Dame Debate team is not content to rest upon past victories. Under the direction of Professor Leonard Sommer, the team of thirty men is commencing a continuous debate schedule that extends from October to May.

Debating activities for the fall semester include invitational tournaments at the University of Kentucky, Texas Christian University, Wayne State College, St. Joseph's College, Purdue University, and the Air Force Academy. Notre Dame and Marquette University compete in an annual meet, vying for the Coffey-Martzell trophy. The National Conest in Public Discussion will also be entered.

Team president this year is Jerry Goudreau, a senior from Cleveland, Ohio. Vice-president is Jay Whitney, of Burbank, California, and Guy Powers, of Forest Hills, N.Y., acts as novice coach. These men, along with Thomas Banchoff and Joel Haggard, were initiated into Tau Kappa Alpha in April. Goudreau is Chapter president and Banchoff secretary.

In addition to attending major competitive tournaments, the Debate Team has sponsored an extensive intramural debate program and will hold the Notre Dame National Invitational Debate Tournament next spring. Each year the Breen Oratory Contest is held on campus and offers a gold medal to the student who excels in oratory. Continuing an innovation of last year, the team sponsors a weekly radio program, entitled "Controversy," which presents to the students over the campus station discussion of timely national and international questions.

Exhibitions on other campuses, at Notre Dame, and before civic groups

round out the debating aspect of the team's activity.

### **Occidental College**

The Occidental Chapter started this year with a larger turn-out of novice speakers than there has been in the past. Credit for this renewed interest rests largely with the officers and members of the local chapter of TKA. During the summer about one-third of the Freshman Class was contacted by mail by the President, Steve Johnson. Much of this mailing was handled by the Chapter Secretary-Treasurer, Carolyn Lane. In addition, the membership of the Chapter at the beginning of the semester made personal contact with most of these incoming students. Social activities have been arranged by member Russ Barber, and have proved successful in generating still greater interest. Plans for this year's debate ladder and intramural contests have been made and gotten under way early in October.

### **Purdue University**

Over forty students are working on the 1959-60 debate and discussion topics at Purdue in anticipation of a full season of tournaments, radio broadcasts, campus forums and other public appearances. The nucleus of this group is strong and able since eight undergraduate members of Tau Kappa Alpha returned this fall. Jim Arneson, president of the local chapter, is planning some definite activities for TKA members at Purdue that should be of aid to the entire forensic program.

Professor Ron Reid is varsity debate coach this year after five successful seasons at Washington University in St. Louis. Henry Scheele is again coaching the novices and hopes for success similar to that of last year when his freshmen won over seventy per cent of their debates.

Among the new assistants on the public address staff are two from TKA schools—Bob Boren from Brigham Young University and Dave Robinson from New Mexico.

### **Randolph-Macon College**

The local chapter is cooperating actively with the Franklin Forensic Society, the center of forensic activity on the campus, in sponsoring the Virginia Regional TKA Tournament. This tournament, held annually, is planned for November 13 and 14.

Two students and a faculty member have been elected into the chapter this fall. An initiation ceremony is planned for the immediate future.

### **University of Richmond**

With a good turnout of freshman and novice debaters at the opening meeting, the University of Richmond is looking forward to an active year in debate. The intramural debate tournament is now in full swing; from this tournament eight debaters will be selected to attend the novice tourney at Wake Forest College. On October 16, six students participated in the Virginia Discussion Conference. Two novices, Bonnie Cox and Bing Garthright, each received a gavel as superior discussants. Other tournaments which Richmond debaters expect to enter this year are the Dixie Classic, the Pittsburg Cross-Exam, the Marshall-Wythe, the Johns Hopkins, the West Virginia, the Georgetown Invitational, and the District VIII Eliminations. The University of Richmond will be host to the Cambridge University debaters on the night of November 23.

On March 5, 1960, the second annual University of Richmond Invitational High School Tournament will be held on campus. The debate team and the Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts will also sponsor intramural

speech contests during the spring semester.

Five seniors on the debate team, Tommy Atkins, Tommy Baer, John Davis, John Donaldson, and John Polhill, were recently elected to WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

### Roanoke College

If the current level of interest in debating continues, Roanoke College hopes to enter two four-man teams at the Virginia TKA Tournament at Randolph-Macon Men's College on November 13 and 14. The novice debaters are also expecting to participate in the Wake Forest tournament on November 6 and 7.

Secretary-treasurer Lloyd Case has unearthed a wealth of information on this year's topic which the group is now analyzing and evaluating. TKA chapter president Glynn Greer has appointed a travel committee and is spearheading the chapter's endeavors to raise enough funds to get the Roanoke debaters to the National TKA Tournament at the University of Utah during Easter vacation. He also is completing arrangements for the presentation of the TKA Student Speaker of the Year plaque to the college as a permanent service award honoring the outstanding student speaker on the campus each year. Last spring Fred Weed, a graduating senior and past-president of TKA, was the recipient.

Active members this fall number three freshmen, four sophomores, and two juniors, including the winner of the discussion competition at last year's national tournament. This native of Spain, José Asumendi, has transferred to Roanoke.

### University of South Carolina

The University of South Carolina chapter of TKA initiated two new mem-

bers, Edward Roberts and Muhammed Hallaj. We also pledged seven and we have hopes of initiating all of them this fall, depending upon their forensic activity.

USC will entertain twice in debate this year. Some thirty-six schools from all over the country have accepted invitations to the yearly Carolina Forensics in November. And, in April USC will again play host to our Women's Tournament.

We plan a schedule of twenty-four tournaments for our debaters, a meet with the Cambridge Debaters, a high school clinic, and a state high school tournament. We also will give a series of exhibition debates for the high schools—on the high school subject—sending debaters to the various schools about the state.

### Tufts University

The Tufts Forensic Council is now making plans for an active season of intercollegiate competition, both at the varsity and the novice levels. In addition to participating in some ten or twelve tournaments during the year, the Council and the TKA Chapter will sponsor the annual Tufts Invitational Tournament, December 4-5, at which an attendance of 30 or more schools is anticipated. The Council is also active in the planning and sponsorship of a series of three-round Saturday afternoon tournaments throughout the fall under the Greater Boston Forensic Association. Finally, on October 31, the TKA Chapter will sponsor the first Secondary School Forensic Workshop to be held in Southern New England some years; Tufts will act as host to students from forty or more high, parochial and prep schools on that occasion. The recently elected officers of the Chapter are: Maron A. Loeb, Pres-

ident, and Wayne R. Starr, Vice-President.

### Vanderbilt University

Dr. Dwight Freshley has returned as faculty sponsor after a year's leave of absence during which he served as a Fulbright professor in Athens, Greece. He observes that "This will be a year of building character since we've lost our first-rate team of Chester Burns and Joe Sills." Besides debate honors, Chester won \$30 second prize in the Intercollegiate Peace Contest.

Early season interest is running high with the new squad and the presence of eight women at the society kick-off augurs well for the season—so the boys hope. The debaters have heard two faculty "experts" lecture on the national topic.

### Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Members of the Debate Club at V.P.I. recently held an open meeting to which members of the freshman class were invited. Taking part in the program were William Lambert, Bob Yeaman, Siegfred Othmer, and (Miss) Sharen Allen. The club is trying to build up its membership on the campus. Yeaman will direct the club this year.

### Willamette University

The Willamette University chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha recently initiated Daniel Marsh and James Sitzman.

Present forensic plans for 1959-1960 include participation in tournaments in Washington, California, Montana, and Oregon.

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which we are doing the best and most that we can do? Are we overlooking some opportunities that could enhance our place in education and society? I raise these questions, not to answer them but to stimulate your thinking in a direction that I feel is of paramount importance. I would not contend that what we are doing is not better than anything that we have done in the past. Nor would I argue that we should attempt to return to some of the events of the past that proved popular at the time. I merely suggest that we should examine carefully that which we are doing and attempt to determine

the extent to which that which we are doing contributed to our goals. Then I would ask further, is there something that we could add or detract from the present program that would make it better achieve our purpose?

I am particularly concerned with the place of TKA in the programs and the purposes of our chapters. I feel that one of our most serious needs is the formulation of purposes and programs that will make possible the achievement of those purposes in our schools. This is a task for all of us. I hope that you will give it your very serious consideration.



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