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I have just been reviewing the activities of Tau Kappa Alpha and I feel that it might be well to call to the attention of all members the scope and significance which these activities have achieved.

Probably one of the most important projects of TKA over the past ten years has been the Speaker-of-the-Year project. During the past decade, under the direction of Prof. Charles Redding and the Board of Awards this program has recognized 46 of the outstanding speakers of this country. As we look back over this list, we can be proud of this project and of the achievements. At the Council meeting at Rutgers last spring this program was reappraised and given more support. Under the leadership of the new Chairman of the Board, Wayne C. Eubank of New Mexico, I am sure that we can look forward to even greater achievements in this area in the light of our decade of experience.

Another important project was the TKA textbook published in 1954. This book has brought much added prestige to our fraternity. It is a symbol of the unselfish efforts of a group of our leaders who contributed their time and efforts to the achievement of this significant project. We hope to revise this volume in the near future and to go on to even greater achievements in this area.

Tau Kappa Alpha will hold its Twentieth Annual National Conference at Salt Lake City in March of 1960. The National Conference has become one of the most important projects of your society and we hope to make it even more important and significant in the future.

The Speaker of Tau Kappa Alpha is generally recognized as the best publication of its kind in the field. It has enjoyed a remarkable success in spite of the fact that it has been forced to operate under a limited budget. Further testimony to the unselfish efforts of those who have edited and contributed to its success.

TKA has been fortunate in having Prof. Charles Layton as Historian. We have collected under his guidance and urging probably the most complete and accurate history available to any
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There will be several major changes in the TKA National Conference in 1960, most of which I think will help make the coming national meets even greater than the preceding ones. I attended the 1959 Speech Convention at Washington, D. C. in December and was very pleased with the amount of consideration the Executive Council gave the Student Council recommendations. Most of our recommendations were acted upon directly or indirectly. I will not discuss these changes here, as you can read them in the minutes of the meeting printed in this *Speaker*.

The response of names and addresses for a student directory of TKA has been so poor that there will not be one published this month, and there may not be one published at all. However, I still need the names and addresses by February of the regional and local student officers of TKA for my mailing list. If I don’t have their names they will not receive a copy of the agenda for the 1960 Student Council meetings.

I must also receive by February a list of all items that any students would like placed on the agenda of the Student Council in 1960.

**Local Chapters**

Dr. Bradley often stated that the strength of TKA depended upon the strength of the local chapter. I will add to this: I think the strength of the local chapter depends upon how well its student president executes his job, but many local officers have trouble finding out just exactly what their job entails. I have thought a lot lately about what the jobs of the student officers are. On a local level each chapter president should, in my opinion, have four major goals. First, he should send to the *Speaker* each month a report of his chapter activities. Second, he should be compiling a current history of his chapter and if possible, a past history. Third he should arrange for a chapter study session or meeting of some type every two or three weeks. And last, but not least, he should encourage new people to join in the speech activities of TKA.

Regional officers have a different kind of a job. Their job is to keep in touch with the local officer to find out

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As of December 22, 1959, a total of 82 out of our 94 chapters had corresponded with the national office regarding one or more matters including the initiating of new members, paying the annual national dues, or submitting chapter reports for the previous year. That figure showed a good response among our chapters' sponsors to their various duties. Before the present school year ends all of our chapters should have put their chapter records in good order.

There are many reasons to believe that Tau Kappa Alpha is growing much stronger each year as a dynamic force in American democracy. The TKA "Speaker-of-The-Year" Awards have attracted nation-wide attention not only to the recipients of the awards but to the meaning of the TKA slogan, "Intelligent, responsible and effective speech in a free society". Also, the TKA textbook, Argumentation and Debate, (New York, Henry Holt & Co., 1955) has received widespread adoption among American colleges and universities. Intercollegiate awareness of the importance of TKA and what the fraternity represents has been shown by an increasing number of letters for information about TKA and by a flood of applications and inquiries about new TKA chapters at colleges which do not have an honorary Speech fraternity.

TKA Chapters seem to be responding to their increased status and importance in many constructive and worthwhile ways. For example:

1. More numerous and more spectacular anniversary celebrations are being conducted by our local chapters.
3. The return of annual chapter reports has reached an all-time percentage high.
4. Local chapters have stepped up their chapter activity tremendously. Many TKA chapters are looked upon as a strong "service fraternity" at their respective colleges and universities by reason of such activities as: sponsoring and judging intramural debates; presenting demon-
stration discussion or debate programs to service clubs, lodges, women’s clubs, PTA meetings, etc.; and administrating and judging high school forensic tournaments. Certainly the future of TKA looks bright as long as our chapter sponsors continue to devote their energies enthusiastically to the purposes and goals of our fraternity.

As of December 22 a total of 40 chapters had paid the 1959-60 annual national dues. That was a good return from the “first billing”. The remainder of our chapters are expected to pay the $10.00 dues before the ending of the school year in June, 1960. The reason for the annual national dues was made clear at the national conference at Rutgers University last March. Over the past few years the National Council has continued to expand many of our worthwhile projects with corresponding increase in cost. For example our magazine, The Speaker, has become an important publication in American education. But during the last two fiscal years the printing and mailing bill for The Speaker has been greater each year than our entire income from new memberships. The alternatives to dipping into our Savings Account included: raising the cost of individual memberships, cutting down on the cost of our various projects, and adopting an annual chapter fee. The latter alternative was adopted.

Chapters which plan to order special plaques, awards, keys, certificates, etc. for TKA anniversary celebrations (silver anniversary and golden anniversary celebrations are occurring quite frequently among our chapters) should correspond with the Exec. Sec.-Treas. at least two months prior to the date of the planned occasion. All orders will be placed immediately, but delay often results from incorrectly spelled names and from hand-writing which is not legible.

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what the students of their regions want changed in TKA. Each regional President should correspond with every chapter in his region so that he may be an informed representative at the Student Council meetings.

I requested that a manual of TKA be published at least every three years and a copy given to each new member. The Executive Council granted that this should be done, but that a manual could not be published for at least one year. I feel we need information about TKA now, not in a year. Therefore, I will try to have copies of a brief history, a list of the goals, a list of officers' duties and the constitution and by-laws of TKA mimeographed by the time you come to Salt Lake City for the TKA Nationals this spring.

Please send all items you wish to appear on the agenda of the 1960 Student Council Meeting to: Mr. Dean S. Ellis, 1143 East 2nd South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

See you in Salt Lake in the spring.
Tau Kappa Alpha should have a national shrine, a memorial center, a forensic museum. What shall we call it?

"Museum" sounds like a motley black granite exhibition of something long dead. A "center" is sometimes a kind of pink and gray merry-go-round of tin and din. A "shrine" may be a white marble cloud of tradition and mystery, or a solemn container of the sacred cow. Again, what shall we name it?

The National Council of Tau Kappa Alpha meeting in Washington, D.C., December 28, 1959, voted unanimously to establish this something, for which you are asked to suggest a name, at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. As you know, Tau Kappa Alpha was founded a bit over fifty years ago in Indianapolis by student debaters and orators from colleges in Indiana. Five of the eleven charter members were forensic men from Butler University. The chief Founder, Honorable Oswald Ryan, was a Butler debater. It was he who first envisioned Tau Kappa Alpha in his mind's eye, and it was he who set about to organize the fraternity, aided by fellow forensic Hoosier men.

Butler University is being offered the honor of supplying the Tau Kappa Alpha Memorial room. It will be the golden opportunity of Tau Kappa Alpha itself to furnish the room with mementoes of its founding, and evidences of its first half century of progress and of its forward reach into the future.

In some respects this room will be a memorial museum and a shrine to which the society may repair to show respect and esteem for those who organized and developed the fraternity from its beginnings through fifty years of growth; but it will also be a rallying center to which Tau Kappa Alpha men and women may go to gain inspiration and momentum for forensic advance in the years ahead. The presence of this honor society room in one of the nation's reputable educational institutions, such as Butler University,
located in one of the state capital cities of the country, will bring favorable attention to Tau Kappa Alpha, and enhance its status in academic and professional circles.

It must be emphasized, however, that this fraternity project has not reached the stage of realization. Its successful accomplishment from this point onward depends not upon the vision and imagination of the society's historian and its national council alone, but upon the interest and contributions of our one hundred, more or less, chapters and our host of loyal alumni and active members. The fraternity has need for the cooperation and help of local chapters and individual members in receiving mementoes, pictures, early keys and emblems, letters, papers, files, furniture, etc.—any articles that were related to Tau Kappa Alpha's founding, early history, and later development. Will you please send to the national historian anything that you think would serve this memorial or forensic purpose? If you have questions about an item's serviceability, your letter of inquiry to the national historian will receive his prompt attention.

Does your chapter have a local Tau Kappa Alpha center in some classroom or library section where you assemble memorial, historical, and present-day factual material of significance and interest to your members and the campus as a whole? What is being attempted on a national scale at Indianapolis can be adapted for local use by the individual chapters. At Indianapolis will be displayed the pictures of The Founder, charter members, and national officers, and other noteworthy persons and events. You can do a similar thing for your own group. Does your campus know who your members and officers are? Is the importance of your chapter and the forensic achievements of the members recognized by the students and faculty members of your school? A Tau Kappa Alpha spot in a room, if not a whole room, of the Library or some place known to the campus as well as to your members, will aid in giving recognition to your group and in strengthening forensics in your college or university. Suggestions contained in the historian's page, "Did You, Will You Do It?" in the November, 1959, issue of The Speaker relative to the compilations of local chapter histories will be useful in furnishing some items for your local TKA spot.

There are fruitful opportunities for local and national cooperation in this TKA project. The national historian is hoping to set up files and exhibits from local chapters, in addition to contributions to the national scene. Would your chapter wish to be represented as such in the historical and activity section of TKA room at Butler University? A reciprocal question is, Would your local chapter like pictures of National Founder Oswald Ryan, and of present retiring and newly-elected national presidents, such as President Earl Bradley of Southern Illinois University who is retiring after two dynamic and highly productive terms of office, and President-elect Annabel Hagood of the University of Alabama, who has distinguished herself as a national TKA officer, an outstanding director of forensics, and as the first woman to have been elected
national president of Tau Kappa Alpha?

Those who have some historical sketches or items to give for the national TKA spot at Butler University in Indianapolis, or who wish something from the national for local chapter use, such as suggested above, or who have some question to ask or some comment to make concerning either the historical project described in the previous issue, or the TKA spot proposed in this issue of *The Speaker* are asked to address their contributions, questions, or missives to Charles R. Layton, Tau Kappa Alpha Historian, 55 North College Street, New Concord, Ohio.

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organization. There are still gaps but it is the hope of all that these will be plugged and that a truly complete and meaningful history of TKA may be published in the near future. I hope that all of you will cooperate with us in this very vital project.

The celebration of our Golden Anniversary prompted the initiation of two new projects, the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Past President’s Key. All four of the living past presidents of the fraternity have been presented the Key. The Distinguished Alumni Awards have been presented to 18 of our Distinguished Alumnae. These are continuing programs. They have added much to the prestige of TKA.

In addition to the above, TKA has cooperated with the National Committee on Discussion and Debate (which selects the annual debate and discussion questions) and T. Earle Johnson, the TKA representative on the committee, has served as Chairman three times. TKA has had a significant voice in this project which touches the activities of all chapters.

Tau Kappa Alpha has been active in the National Association of College Honor Societies and H. L. Ewbank, Jr. our representative to this organization is now Secretary of the organization.

Through cooperation with the National Forensic League, high school honor society for speech activities, TKA has presented the TKA Trophy to outstanding High Schools for distinguished work in speech activities. This program has brought TKA to the favorable attention of outstanding high schools throughout the nation.

All this in addition to conducting the regular business of the society. A record of achievement that cannot be matched by any other similar organization. Truly, TKA is doing a significant job. We are trying at all times to assume the full measure of our responsibility of training leaders for a Free Society—leaders skilled in Effective, Intelligent, and Responsible speaking.
THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL TAU KAPPA ALPHA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

University of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah
March 21, 22, 23, 1960

The University of Utah, the Student Body, the Speech Department, and the local chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha are happy to be the host for the 1960 National Conference. We urge you to make a special effort to attend and pledge to do everything within our power to make it a memorable experience. The University of Utah Chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha was founded in 1912.

UNION BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
The Schedule of Conference Events — Union Building

Monday — March 21

9:00-10:00 Debate, Round I
10:30-12:00 Congress Committees, Round I
   Student Council Meeting
   National Council Meeting
12:30-1:30 President’s Luncheon
2:15-3:15 Debate, Round II
4:00-5:30 Congress Committees, Round II
   Student Council Meeting
5:30-6:30 Model Initiation
7:00-8:00 Debate, Round III
8:30- Public Speaking, Round I
         Extemporaneous Speaking, Round I

Tuesday — March 22

8:00-9:00 Debate, Round IV
9:30-12:00 Congress Committees, Round III
   Student Council Meeting
   National Council Meeting
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 Debate, Round V
2:30-4:00 Congress Session I
4:30-5:30 Public Speaking, Round II
         Extemporaneous Speaking, Round II
5:45-6:45 Debate, Round VI
7:30-9:00 Conference Banquet
9:00-10:00 Student Elections
         Meeting of All Sponsors

Wednesday — March 23

9:00-10:00 Debate, Round VII
10:30-12:00 Congress Session II
1:00-2:00 Debate, Round VIII
2:30-3:30 Public Speaking, Finals
         Extemporaneous Speaking, Finals
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVENTS

Debate

1. Proposition—"Resolved: That Congress Should Have the Power to Reverse Decisions of the Supreme Court."

2. Team Divisions:
   A. Each school may enter one affirmative and one negative team in the four-man division.
   B. Each school may enter one team of two students prepared to debate both sides of the question in the two-man division.
   C. A school may enter one or both divisions.

3. Judges—Each school participating in debate must furnish a qualified critic judge for each division entered.

4. There will be eight rounds of debate in each division.

5. Type—Debates will be conventional style: 10 minute constructive speeches, 5 minute rebuttal, with no intermission between constructive and rebuttal speeches.

6. Awards—Tau Kappa Alpha certificates will be awarded to the top ten debaters at the conference, as indicated by individual scores. Plaques will be awarded to the three top schools in each division on the basis of wins and losses; individual team scores will be used to break ties.

7. Any team more than ten minutes late for any round will forfeit that round of debate.

Discussion — Congressional Session

The context of this event this year will be to combine certain essential features of discussion with a Congressional Session. The early Committee sessions will follow the features of discussion by:

a. Analyzing the specific problem
b. Analyzing possible solutions
c. Determining the best solution or solutions

The group will then phrase the decision of the majority in the form of resolutions to be adopted by the Congressional Assembly. Minority reports will be permitted.

Rules and Procedures

1. All students registered at the conference will be permitted to enter the event, with the exception of those who are members of the Student Council. (Conflict in schedule makes this exception necessary.)

2. The overall topic of the event shall be "How May we Assure Farm Income?"
3. The sub-topics for the various committee groups shall be:
   Committee 1—"How May We Assure Dairy Farm Income?"
   Committee 2—"How May We Assure Cotton Farm Income?"
   Committee 3—"How May We Assure Wheat Farm Income?"
   Committee 4—"How May We Assure Beef Farm Income?"
   Committee 5—"How May We Assure Hog Farm Income?"

   (Committees on other topics such as Corn Income, Small Produce, etc. may be formulated by the director of the event, if a sufficient number are interested).

4. Size of committee group—The minimum size of a committee shall be five persons. The maximum size shall be fifteen. Should more than fifteen choose one of the committee groups, it shall be divided into two (or more) groups, each reporting its resolutions to the General Assembly.

5. Each student participant shall sign up for one of the committees at registration (or before). He will be permitted to have his choice unless the committee-group is too small, i.e. four or less.

6. Chairmen of Student Committee groups shall be selected by the director of the event from among the students of the visiting schools. Should the committee-group desire to pass the chairmanship on to others, this may be done.

7. Before final adjournment, the committee-group shall elect the person who is to present the final resolutions to the General Assembly.

8. A copy of the resolutions shall be presented to the Steering Committee prior to the first meeting of the General Assembly at a time designated by the director of the event.

The General Assembly

1. The Speaker of The General Assembly shall be the National Student President of Tau Kappa Alpha.

2. The Clerk of the General Assembly shall be the National Student Secretary.

3. The Parliamentarian shall be a faculty member chosen by the director of the event.

4. The Steering Committee:
   a. Membership—The members of the steering committee shall be the National Student Officers of Tau Kappa Alpha and the Parliamentarian.
   b. Duties—
      (1) Shall receive the resolutions and decide if any are duplicates and should be acted upon by the General Assembly as the same resolution. (Should duplicating resolutions occur, each committee-group should be permitted the opportunity of making a report anyway.)
(2) Determine the agenda for the meetings.
(3) Determine the time to be allotted to each resolution.
(4) The National Student Vice President shall make the report to
the General Assembly.
(5) The report of the Steering Committee shall be treated as any
other committee report, i.e., subject to amendment and adoption
by the Assembly.
(6) "Roberts Rules of Order" will be the official governing rules of
General Assembly.

Note:
Awards for Discussion—Congress. Five Distinguished Achievement
Plaques will be awarded and ten certificates. First, second and third
will not be recognized.

Public Speaking
1. Each school may enter two student speakers. Men and women will com-
pete in the same division. Students entered in Public Speaking cannot
enter Extemporaneous Speaking.
2. All contestants will participate in the first two rounds. The final round
will consist of the eight speakers who received the highest ratings in
Rounds I and II.
3. Each student will deliver a speech on the subject of his choosing. This
speech must be persuasive in nature, designed to inspire, convince, or
actuate.
4. The speech must not be less than five minutes or more than eight minutes
in length.
5. The speeches may be memorized or delivered extemporaneously, with or
without notes.
6. Each school should provide one judge.
7. Each speaker will be rated on both rounds. Speakers averaging a total score
of 90 percent or above will be superior; 85 percent, excellent; 80 per-
cent, good; 75 percent, satisfactory; below 75 percent, poor.
8. Three Tau Kappa Alpha plaques and five certificates will be awarded.

Extemporaneous Speaking
1. Each school may enter two student speakers. Students entered in Extem-
poraneous Speaking cannot enter Public Speaking. Men and women will
compete in the same division.
2. All contestants will participate in the first two rounds. The final round will
consist of the top-ranking eight students.
3. The time will be five to seven minutes.
4. Speakers will draw their topics in the order listed on the schedule 30 minutes before speaking time. Each speaker will receive three topics from which he will select one. The topics should be handed to the judge at the time of speaking.

5. The speech may be delivered with or without notes at the option of the speaker.

6. The topics will be selected from the area of international affairs for the last six months, October 1 to March 15.

7. Each school entering should provide one judge.

8. Each speaker will be rated in both rounds. Speakers averaging a total score of 90 percent or above will be rated superior; 85 percent, excellent; 80 percent, good; 75 percent, satisfactory; below 75 percent, poor.

9. Three Tau Kappa Alpha Plaques and five certificates will be awarded.

**Induction into Tau Kappa Alpha**

The ceremony for formal initiation into membership in Tau Kappa Alpha will be held Monday at 5:30 in the Union Building. Anyone wishing to be initiated should clear application and membership approval with Ralph Y. McGinnis, National Secretary-Treasurer, before coming to the conference. This initiation should be one of the highlights of the conference.

Please direct any inquiries to:

**George A. Adamson, Conference Director**

314 Kingsbury Hall, University of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah
See you at Utah, March 21, 22, 23!
WABASH CHAPTER HONORS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

*Left to right*—Walter Linn (founder); W. N. Brigance (Distinguished alumni plaque, South Dakota); Lawrence DeVore (founder); Byron K. Trippet (President, Wabash College).

The Wabash College annual TKA banquet in May, 1959 honored three members of the Crawfordsville community who had been awarded Distinguished Alumni plaques at the National Conference at Rutgers University. Byron K. Trippet, President of the College, was present for the dinner and participated in the ceremonies.
MINUTES OF THE TAU KAPPA ALPHA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.
7:00 p.m. December 28, 1959

1. The National Executive Council of Tau Kappa Alpha met from 7:00 p.m.
to midnight December 28, 1959 in the Executive Suite of the Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C. Present at the meeting were:
President: Earl E. Bradley. Southern Illinois University
1st Vice Pres.: Annabel Hagood. University of Alabama
2nd Vice Pres.: Victor Powell. Wabash College
3rd Vice Pres.: Robert Huber. University of Vermont
Sec.-Treas.: Ralph Y. McGinnis. Montana State University
Editor: Bert E. Bradley, Jr. University of Richmond
Historian: Charles Layton. Muskingum College

Regional Governors:
I. Northeastern: Raymond S. Beard. Cortland State College
III. Virginia: Bert E. Bradley, Jr. University of Richmond
IV. Southern: Joe C. Wetherby. Duke University
V. Ohio-Kentucky: Gordon Wiseman. Ohio University
VI. Midwestern: Nicholas M. Cripe. Butler University
VII. Western: George Adamson. University of Utah

Members at Large:
James McBath. University of Southern California
Donald Sprague. University of Miami

Chairmen of Standing Committees
Finance: Victor Powell. Wabash College
Expansion: Annabel Hagood. University of Alabama

President of Student Council:
Dean Ellis. University of Utah

2. President Bradley read a letter from Oswald Ryan, Founder of Tau Kappa Alpha, expressing regret that he could not attend the Council Meeting. President Bradley also read a letter from Wayne C. Eubank, Chairman of the Standards Committee, expressing regret that he could not be present.

3. The annual Regional Governor Reports were read by each of the six regional governors present. The report of the Midwestern Governor, Karl Moll, which had been mailed to President Bradley, was distributed to the Council. All seven reports were accepted by the Council and were placed in the annual Yearbook.

4. The report of the Standards Committee was read, accepted, and ordered placed in the annual Yearbook. In following the recommendations made by the Standards Committee, the following Council actions were taken:
   A. Moved by Wetherby and seconded by Sprague "that Emory University be removed from probation". The motion PASSED.
B. Moved by Wetherby, seconded by Bert Bradley "that Davidson College be continued on probation". The motion PASSED.

C. Moved by Bert Bradley, seconded by Wetherby, "that Lafayette College and Lynchburg College be continued on probation". The motion was PASSED.

D. Moved by Beard and seconded by Sprague "that the Hobart College chapter of TKA be deactivated". The motion was PASSED.

5. Bert E. Bradley submitted his annual report as Editor of The Speaker. The report was accepted and ordered included in the Yearbook. As a result of a recommendation by the Editor, the following action was taken: Moved by Sprague and seconded by H. L. Eubank "that the annual budget for the publication and distribution of The Speaker be increased from $1500 to $1700". The motion was PASSED.

6. The annual report by T. Earle Johnson, TKA representative to the Speech Association of America Committee on Intercollegiate Debate and Discussion, was read, accepted, and ordered placed in the Yearbook.

7. Charles Layton, Historian, submitted a progress report on the efforts being made by himself and others to collect and compile additional historical materials about Tau Kappa Alpha. Following discussion on the work of the Historian, the following actions were taken:

   A. Moved by Hagood and seconded by Cripe "that the Council appropriate the sum of $100.00 to continue the work of the Historian during the year 1960". The motion was PASSED.

   B. Moved by Huber and seconded by H. L. Eubank "that attempts be made to establish a Tau Kappa Alpha National Museum and Archives at Butler University". The motion was PASSED.

8. Charles Redding, outgoing Chairman of the Speaker of the Year Committee, presented an oral progress report in behalf of himself and Wayne C. Eubank, incoming Chairman. The records of the committee were in the process of being transferred from Purdue University to the University of New Mexico.

9. Student Council President Dean Ellis read and discussed the recommendations of the Student Council Meeting at Rutgers University in March, 1959. Council discussion of these recommendations, as found on pages 21-24 of the May, 1959, issue of The Speaker, served as a background for actions taken by the National Council relative to a report from the National Conference Committee.

10. Annabel Hagood, Chairman of the National Conference Committee, presented a report which contained seven recommendations relative to the organization and administration of the 1960 Conference and Tournament at the University of Utah, March 21-23. Moved by Huber and seconded
by H. L. Eubank "that each of the recommendations be acted upon separately". The motion was PASSED. Accordingly, each of the following recommendations stood as a seconded motion:

A. "The committee approves the custom of an annual conference of Tau Kappa Alpha". PASSED.

B. "The Committee recommends that the Discussion contest and the Congress be replaced by a Parliamentary Session which will incorporate Discussion and Parliamentary Debate." PASSED.

(At this point a motion to suspend the rules was introduced and passed to allow consideration of the following resolution: "that in scheduling the 1960 National Conference and Tournament, the Director shall avoid a conflict of hours for participants in Debate and Parliamentary Discussion". PASSED.)

C. "The Committee approves the practice of conducting two divisions of debate, one for two-man teams and one for four-man teams". PASSED.

D. "The Committee makes the following recommendations concerning the conduct of the debate divisions:

(1) Increase the number of rounds to eight.
(2) Use a system of power matching.
(3) Avoid, in so far as possible, pairing teams from the same geographic area.
(4) Continue the practice of permitting a school to enter a team in each division." PASSED.

E. "The Committee recommends that an appropriate rotating trophy be awarded to the winner in each division of debate in addition to the traditional plaques, (and as amended) 'contingent on finding sponsors for the two trophies'. These trophies should be indicative of a significant national tournament." PASSED.

(At this point President Bradley appointed Dr. Nicholas M. Cripe and Dr. Robert Huber as a committee of two to investigate the possibilities of obtaining donated trophies for this purpose.)

F. "The Committee recommends that the public speaking contest be continued and that a contest in extemporaneous speaking be added, (and as amended) 'the two running concurrently'." PASSED.

G. "The Committee recommends that this committee be discharged and a new committee appointed to draft a comprehensive set of rules governing the national conference, including rules for the parliamentary discussion session." PASSED.

(At this point the President declared the committee discharged. He then proceeded to appoint the new committee consisting of Dr. Robert Huber, Chairman; Dr. Gregg Phifer; and Dr. Nicholas M. Cripe.)
H. Moved by Layton, seconded by Huber "that a chapter sponsor should be appointed as director of each contest and of each division of debate, such appointments to be made by the Conference director". PASSED.

11. Moved by Ellis, seconded by Beard, "that every third year one issue of The Speaker should be designated as 'a Manual of Tau Kappa Alpha' containing a copy of the TKA Constitution and other pertinent information about the society". The motion was PASSED.

12. A report of the Time and Place Committee submitted by mail from Wayne C. Eubank, Chairman, to the President, was read, recommending "that the National Council of TKA act favorably upon the invitation from Bellarmine College to host the 1961 TKA National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, April 3-5". Council discussion revealed general agreement for holding the 1961 Conference at Bellarmine College on dates other than April 3-5 (which are the dates of 1961 Southern Speech Association Convention.) Moved by Cripe and seconded by Huber "to postpone until the next Council meeting, March 21, 1960, the final decision on the invitation from Bellarmine College". The motion was PASSED.

13. President Bradley read a report from Karl Moll, Director of the 1959 TKA Conference at Rutgers University. The report was adopted.

14. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer submitted his annual report which was accepted for inclusion in the annual Yearbook, and which included the following information:

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

   B. New Chapters
       Three new chapters were installed during 1958-59. The schools and their chapter sponsors included:

       Bellarmine College.........................Louisville, Kentucky
           Prof. Benson S. Alleman

       Howard University..........................Washington, D. C.
           Dr. Osborn Smallwood

       Rochester Institute of Technology...........Rochester, N. Y.
           Prof. Joseph E. Fitzpatrick

       One additional college, Middlebury College of Middlebury, Vermont, was passed upon favorably by the Standards Committee and voted a TKA Charter by the National Council at the very end of the school year. However, because the Chapter had not
been installed by September 1, 1959, the Middlebury Chapter will be counted in the listing of new chapters for 1959-60.

C. Finances

The financial condition of Tau Kappa Alpha continues to be sound. The fraternity savings account remains deposited in the Western Montana Building and Loan Company where deposits are insured up to $10,000. Interest on the savings is now paid at the rate of 3 1/2 percent, an increase of 1/2 percent over the interest paid during the previous year. During the year an additional $400 was deposited in the Savings account (transferred from the open account) to bring the total to $8,432.69 (plus interest which will be added after January 1, 1960). Deposits into the Savings Account may be made by the Exec. Sec.-Treas. at any time, but withdrawals may not be made unless authorized by the National Council and signed by both the President and the Exec. Sec.-Treas. of Tau Kappa Alpha.

The fraternity Open Account remains deposited with the Business Manager of Montana State University. All checks and money received by the Exec. Sec.-Treas. for memberships, pins, keys, etc. are deposited with the University Business Office. Bills of the fraternity are signed by the Exec. Sec.-Treas. and submitted to the University for payment. A monthly balance sheet is prepared by the University Business Manager for the Exec. Sec.-Treas. The annual audit of the University Business Office included the following report for 1958-59:

**Receipts** .............................................................. $6,757.80
1. Balance from previous year....$2,105.92
2. Memberships .......................... 2,232.00
3. Keys, pins, etc. ....................... 916.69
4. Three Charters @ $25.00 ....... 75.00
5. Royalty from textbook.............. 1,127.95
6. Subscriptions to *The Speaker*... 10.00
7. Profit on Nat'l. Conference.... 216.04
8. Miscellaneous ...................... 74.20

**Expenditures** ....................................................... $6,145.34
1. Stenographic & sec. help........... $488.00
2. L. G. Balfour Co.................... 2,325.32
3. Travel (History, SAA Debate, etc.) 286.26
4. *The Speaker* of TKA ............ 2,022.89
5. Office supplies & Materials .... 230.03
6. Postage ............................ 87.10
7. Transfer to Savings Account..... 400.00
8. Miscellaneous ........................ 266.78
9. Bookkeeping chgs. (MSU) .... 38.96
Balance at end of 1958-59 school year........... $ 612.46

D. Summary of TKA Finances, July 1, 1959
1. Savings Account with W. Mont.
   Bldg. and Loan Co.......................... $8,432.69
2. Open Account with Montana
   State U. Bus. Office....................... 612.46
Total ........................................... $9,045.15

E. General Condition of TKA
As a result of observing a number of factors which are readily
apparent in the National Office, the Secretary-Treasurer is forced
to conclude that substantial progress has been made during the
past year. That conclusion was based upon the following con-
ditions:
1. Increased memberships (323 compared to previous 283).
2. Four new Chapters (incl. one to be installed).
3. Increased percentage return of annual chapter reports. (By
   late 1959 a total of 82 of our chapter sponsors, out of 94,
   had corresponded with the National office. Somewhat of
   a record.)
4. A flood of preliminary applications and inquiries about new
   TKA Chapters.
5. Many requests for information about TKA.
6. Numerous letters of enthusiasm for the TKA Textbook,
   TKA Speaker of the Year Awards, and TKA Slogan.
7. More numerous and more spectacular anniversary cele-
   brations by local chapters.

15. New Business
A. The Exec. Sec.-Treas. announced that five colleges and universities
   had completed all necessary application materials for a chartered
   chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha. (Two applications for reactivation of
   former charters and three applications for new charters.) Because
   two of the three members of the Standards Committee were absent,
   the committee was unable to meet to make recommendations on
   the applications to the National Council. The Secretary was in-
   structed to submit the applications by mail to the Standards Com-
   mittee and then to poll by mail the vote of the National Council on
   those applications recommended by the Standards Committee.
B. The Exec. Sec.-Treas. announced the names of twelve colleges and universities which had taken preliminary steps in applying for a chartered chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha, and he asked for informal recommendations from Council members regarding the advisability of completing some of the applications.

16. Proposed amendments to the TKA Constitution:

A. Proposed "Huber Amendment". Moved by Huber and seconded by H. L. Eubank, that: "Article V, Section 2, b, (5) shall be amended to read: 'The officers, with the exception of the Editor of The Speaker, shall take office immediately following their election. The Editor of The Speaker shall take office on July 1, following his election'."

(Receiving more than the necessary two-thirds vote of the Council, the motion was declared PASSED. The proposed amendment will be submitted in January, 1960, to a vote of all active chapters of TKA.)

B. Proposed "Cripe Amendment". Moved by Cripe and seconded by Huber that: "Article V, Section 2, b, (6) shall be amended to read: 'The first Vice-President shall succeed to the Presidency of the society. Also, to Section 3, a, add the words: 'and the immediate past president who shall serve for two years'."

(Not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote of the Council, the motion was declared DEFEATED.)

C. Proposed "H. L. Eubank Amendment No. 1". Moved by H. L. Eubank and seconded by Hagood that: "Article V, Section 3 shall be amended to add 'f, (5): Association of College Honor Societies. There shall be an Association of College Honor Societies Committee of one, appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of this Committee to represent Tau Kappa Alpha on the Council of the Association of College Honor Societies and to provide effective liaison between Tau Kappa Alpha and the Association'."  

(Receiving more than the necessary two-thirds vote of the Council, the motion was declared PASSED. The proposed amendment will be submitted in January, 1960, to a vote of all active chapters of TKA.)

D. Proposed "H. L. Eubank Amendment No. 2". Moved by H. L. Eubank and seconded by Ellis that: "Article V, Section 3, shall be amended to add: 'f, (6): National Conference. There shall be a National Conference Committee of three, appointed by the President. Their term of office will be for two years. It shall be the duty of this committee to: (a) review the operations at each national conference, and (b) formulate recommendations for programming the national conference'."
(Receiving more than the necessary two-thirds vote of the Council, the motion was declared PASSED. The proposed amendment will be submitted in January, 1960, to a vote of all active chapters of TKA.)

17. Presidents Annual Report. President Bradley submitted his Annual Report which was accepted for inclusion in the annual Yearbook and which included the following excerpts:

A. The problems of an organization such as Tau Kappa Alpha in a period such as that through which we are passing are many and complex. We have faced these and managed to maintain an ongoing organization during the past four years; however, it is evident that many of these are going to become increasingly complicated in the period ahead unless we act with careful consideration.

B. The problem of merger which faced us a few years ago is dormant for the present. That it will come up again is certain. Probably the major difficulty that was encountered in our past effort was that we tried to rush the matter and failed to give adequate consideration to all the factors and problems involved. It is my personal opinion that we should have a permanent committee to study this problem on a continuing basis and be prepared with the kind of information that could be made available to all chapters at any time the subject comes up for active consideration. I am still convinced that there is much to be gained through a merger of the major organizations in this field.

C. The major problem of the organization is one of adequate finances to carry on the many projects that we have in operation. Most of us are convinced that these projects are worthwhile and we are equally convinced that we should be carrying them forward so as to make them increasingly meaningful and useful. The President's Page in the January, 1960, Speaker carries a list of these and the problems involved. Most of these take money and our annual enrollment of new members, our principal source of income, will not and can not be expected to carry the load and give adequate financial support to the organization. It was the realization of this fact that prompted the Council to enact the resolution at our Council meetings at Rutgers requiring each chapter to pay an annual fee of $10.00. If all our chapters participated in this program every year, we could maintain ourselves in a financially solvent position for the next few years. The textbook has prevented financial problems from overtaking us sooner.

D. We do have problems but in spite of this we have made significant gains. We have celebrated the Golden Anniversary and published
a very fine souvenir brochure and added other items through the voluntary contributions of chapters. We have added to the savings account and our many programs have received fine recognition among our own members and outside our fraternity. We have added some strong new chapters and expanded our activities. We have done well but we must resolve to do better.

E. If we can move ahead and meet the problems that are bound to arise in the future as they have in the past, solving our problems with consideration and care as we move along, then we can expect TKA to become an increasingly important force in the education of leaders for a free society.

18. Nominating Committee Report. Lionel Crocker, reporting for the Nominating Committee, submitted the following slate of nominations for those offices for which elections were scheduled:

President: Annabel Hagood..................University of Alabama
1st Vice Pres.: Robert Huber..................University of Vermont
2nd Vice Pres.: Charles Redding...............Purdue University
3rd Vice Pres.: John Auston..................University of Denver

Members at Large:

Earl E. Bradley................................Southern Illinois University
Victor Powell......................................Wabash College
Wayne C. Eubank................................University of New Mexico

The President asked for nominations from the floor. Moved by Wetherby, seconded by H. L. Eubank "that the nominations of the Nomination Committee be accepted by the National Council and the Secretary-Treasurer cast a unanimous vote for the Council for all nominees to their respective offices." The motion was PASSED.

19. There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned with the announcement that the next regularly scheduled Council meeting would occur at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 21, 1960.

Respectfully submitted,
December 29, 1959
Dr. Ralph Y. McGinnis
Montana State University
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Tau Kappa Alpha
REGIONAL NEWS

Midwestern Region

The Eighteenth Annual Conference of the Midwest Region was held at Manchester College on October 30-31 with nine of the fifteen chapters and Hanover College in attendance. The chapters attending were Alma, Ball State, Butler, Earlham, Evansville, Manchester, Purdue, Wabash, and Western Michigan. Sixty-two students participated. Top participant awards went to Western Michigan, Ball State, and Butler. Professor Charles Helgesen of Western Michigan received the "Coach of the Year" award. Officers elected for this next year are: President, Connie Stavropulos, Manchester; Vice-Pres., Ed Rintye, Western Michigan; Secretary, Dr. David Shepard, Ball State.

Next year's conference will be held on the Ball State campus.

Northeastern Region

Tau Kappa Alpha activity in the Northeastern Region began early in November with the annual St. Lawrence University invitational tournament. The following weekend (November 20-21) the University of Vermont held its 14th annual TKA tournament. The business meeting of the Northeastern Region was held Saturday, November 21. A Tri-Regional Tournament was discussed to provide an event of some importance for TKA schools who might not make it to Salt Lake City. The tentative dates April 15 and 16 are being considered with the host being Rutgers University at New Brunswick, New Jersey (Midwestern Region). All interested TKA schools from the Northeastern, Midwestern, and Virginia Regions are welcome.

Following the Vermont Tournament two debate events of long standing took place when Tufts and New York University Heights, both TKA, held invitational tournaments on the same week-end of December 4 and 5.

Southern Region

The Southern Region had its largest representation with fourteen schools participating in the regional tournament held at Louisiana State University, November 20 and 21. The best school ratings were as follows:

First—Mercer
Second—Florida
Third—Alabama

The Mercer University of Macon, Georgia, received the Governor's trophy which was presented by Professor Joseph Wetherby, Southern Governor of Duke University. Mr. Joe Cook of University of Alabama, won the extemporaneous speaking contest.

A feature of the two-day meeting was the Annual Regional Banquet which featured a "Louisiana dinner."

The tournament was under the direction of Waldo W. Braden and Lenore Evans.

Virginia Region

The annual Virginia Regional Conference was held on November 13-14 at Randolph-Macon College. Eight
teams from six schools participated in the meet. First place in debate went to the University of Richmond, second place was won by the College of William and Mary, and third place was awarded to a team from Randolph-Macon College.

Student officers of the region were elected as follows: President, Doug Foard, Randolph-Macon College; Vice President, Diane Pickering, College of William and Mary; Secretary-Treasurer, Lloyd Case, Roanoke College; Representative to the Student Council, Bill Lambert, Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Dr. Edgar E. MacDonald was elected as the new Governor of the Virginia region.

CHAPTER NEWS

University of Alabama

The Alabama Debate Squad opened its fall activities by playing host to the Alabama Discussion Conference, November 5-7. Sixteen schools representing eight states participated. Certificate winners for the University of Alabama were Craig Bamberger, Mike Brannon, Bill Bouldin, Joe Cook and Tommy Smitherman. The following week, on November 12, the Cambridge team visited the Alabama campus for a debate on the resolution, That the American High School is the Grave of American Greatness.

Alabama participated in the Southern Tau Kappa Alpha Tournament held at Baton Rouge, November 19-21, winning third place school award, first place negative team award and first place in extemp. Joe Cook was elected president of the Student Council of the Southern Region of TKA.

The week-end of December 4 and 5, Alabama participated in two tournaments. At the Deep South Debate Tournament, held on the Mississippi College campus, Alabama received a Certificate of Excellent in Junior Division, and the first place trophy in Senior Division. Alabama swept the first Birmingham Invitational Forensics Tournament, winning the sweepstakes trophy, first and second place affirmative awards, first and third place negative awards, and first place in each individual speaking event.

Two exhibition debates and two tournaments round out the pre-Christmas schedule. On December 9, Alabama will present a cross-examination exhibition debate in Eutaw, Alabama, and on December 12, Vermont and Alabama will present a debate before the participants in the Pittsburgh Cross-Examination Tournament. In addition to attending this tournament, Alabama will participate in the Razorback Tournament at the University of Arkansas.
University of Arkansas

On December 1, Arkansas TKA initiated four new members: Charlotte Petree, Dick Dahlen, Paul Bowie, and Stuart Towns.

The 7th Annual Razorback Forensic Tournament will be held Thursday and Friday, December 11-12. Events scheduled include: Debate (Sr. Men, Jr. Men, and Women), Oratory, and Extemporaneous Speaking.

The University of Arkansas will attend the 20th Annual Millsaps College Debate Tournament, January 8-9, 1960, and the Thirteenth Annual University of Miami (Florida) Intercollegiate Debate Tournament, January 28-30, 1960.

Tau Kappa Alpha at the University of Arkansas has initiated a series of tours to Arkansas high schools. The purpose of these trips is to accomplish the following objectives: (1) to demonstrate representative public speaking activities, (2) to further public speaking and the teaching of speech in Arkansas high schools, (3) to promote education in general, (4) the University of Arkansas in particular, and finally, (5) to create good will for the University.

The first of these trips was made December 3-4 and covered Heber Springs, Batesville, North Little Rock, Forrest City, Marianna, and West Memphis. Approximately 3000 students heard these assembly programs.

The program is made up of a debate, an after-dinner speech, and an extemporaneous oration.

Making the first trip were Don Schnipper, Texarkana, Arkansas; Dick Upton, West Memphis; Bill Luplow, Parkin, Co-Captain of the 1959 Championship Southwest Conference football team, and Nick Patton, Lewisville. The after-dinner speech was given by Stuart Towns, Forrest City. The extemporaneous oration was given by Bob Fussell, Forrest City, Vice-President of the Student Body.

The program was emceed by Joe Paul Alberty, Fort Smith, a member of the Razorback football team.

The next trip will be made December 10 to Fort Smith and Van Buren.

Auburn University

The Auburn squad has participated in three major events this fall. The team went to the Alabama Discussion Conference, the Southern Regional TKA Tournament at L. S. U., and the Birmingham Invitational Forensics Tournament sponsored by Birmingham-Southern and Howard College. Inter-school debates were held with Alabama College at Montevallo and with West Georgia College at Auburn. Several television debates were presented over the Alabama Educational TV network including a studio to studio debate with Alabama College debaters. Sundra Harris will be initiated into TKA in January.

Bridgewater College

The Bridgewater College chapter of TKA is being sponsored this year by Prof. Roger E. Sappington of the history department. Although there are no student TKA members on the campus at the present time, an active debate program is being maintained, and there probably will be new initiates before the end of the school year. The
debaters have participated in the Annual Conference on Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, the Annual Novice Debate Tournament at Wake Forest College, and the Annual Virginia Regional TKA Tournament.

Butler University

Butler's sixteen debaters will participate in six debate tournaments this first semester. At the Purdue Forensic Conference on November 20-21, Seth Lewis of the Butler negative team was the top negative debater and the second ranking speaker at the conference. On December 5, Butler was host to approximately twenty schools from five states at the Seventh Annual Butler Novice Debate Tournament. Present plans call for the Butler debaters to take part in at least twelve tournaments the second semester.

Denison University

Denison University hosted the regional Tau Kappa Alpha debate tournament on Saturday, November 14, 1959. Nine colleges participated. Students representing Denison were Helen Greer, John Jeisel, Robert Canary, and Charles Ekstrom. Denison's novice team included Diane Jones, Bruce Carlson, Loren Carlson and Len Sucsy. The debate teams are coached by William Hall. Capital University took first and Muskingum College took second.

The annual Samson Talbot Bible Reading contest was held on November 16. John Otis took first, Derek Mali, second, Richard Patterson, third, Richard Weaver, fourth. Prizes totaled $60.00.

Paul Ried of Denison received his Ph.D. at Ohio State University in June of 1959 with a thesis on the Boylston Chair of Rhetoric. William Hall will spend his sabbatical at Ohio State University in residency on his doctorate.

John McDonald, past student President of TKA, won the Tiffany Bowl in a moot court trial competition at Detroit. He and his partners won the tournament for the Ohio State Law School.

The annual debate warm-up tournament was held on the Denison campus on Saturday, October 31. One hundred and twenty student debaters participated. Out-of-state teams included Pittsburgh and Marshall.

University of Denver

The Denver Chapter will initiate eight new members in January, 1960, bringing chapter membership to 25.

At the 29th Annual Rocky Mountain Speech Conference, February 11-13, 1960, the Denver Chapter will present the first of a series of awards the purpose of which will be to recognize the individual in the Rocky Mountain area who has done the most during the past year to advance interest in speech training. Students, teachers, business, and professional people are eligible for this recognition.

In March, 1960, the Denver Chapter will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in a day-long series of symposia in which distinguished alumni from the region will participate. Subjects
for consideration during the symposia will center around ways of reducing speech and communication hostilities. The principle banquet speaker will be the Denver Chapter’s most distinguished alumnus, Lowell Thomas.

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**Evansville College**

Evansville College is holding its initiation banquet on Friday, January 22, 1959.

In addition, plans for attending the Eastern Illinois tournament and the Indiana University tournament have been made for February.

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**University of Florida**

A round-robin intra-squad debate tournament, December 12-15, marked the end of first semester competition for the Debate Society. The next tournament will be after the final exam period in January.

The University of Miami provided a team of Dick Essen and Blas Herrero to take part in a demonstration debate against a Florida team of Jim Shapro and Bill Biglow during the Florida Junior Tournament, December 4. After the demonstration, Professor Mary Louise Gehring, Stetson; Professor Donald Williams, University of Florida; and Mr. Dick Hahn, FSU, gave a critique for the novice debaters attending. Friday evening, Essen, Herrero, Biglow, and Bill Holt also took part in a television discussion of the debate topic over WUFT.

Aimed at the novice programs in the universities and junior colleges in the state, the Junior Tournament has doubled its size in three years, with eleven schools and over 100 students attending this year.

The names of several new members are being submitted to National Headquarters of TKA, and the local chapter is making plans for second semester. This year, the chapter will assist with the State High School Debate Tournament and the Intramural Speech Contests.

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**Howard College**

Intercollegiate debate activities at Howard have taken debaters to five states and six tournaments during the first part of the year. Debaters from Howard have won nine superior certificates in debate and discussion at the Mercer Invitational, Alabama Discussion Tournament, Wake Forest Novice Tournament, South Carolina Invitational, and the Southern Regional Tau Kappa Alpha at Louisiana State University.

Recently, Howard and Birmingham Southern College co-sponsored the First Birmingham Invitational Debate Tournament. Fourteen colleges and universities attended the meet won by the University of Alabama. Tau Kappa Alpha is now making plans to host a high school debate tournament during January.

The Tau Kappa Alpha speaker’s bureau at Howard has already begun functioning by supplying Tau Kappa Alpha speakers at civic clubs, churches, and to other interested groups in the Birmingham area. Tau Kappa Alpha is looking forward to the second semester and its tournaments and activities.
Howard University

Kappa Sigma debaters of Howard University have won 19 of their last 20 varsity tournament debates. On November 20-21, Howard won the University of Rochester’s Sixth Annual Invitational Debate Tournament by winning nine of ten debates. The Howard negative team was undefeated. In the final round of the tournament, after the Howard affirmative had emerged victorious over the Dartmouth negative in an earlier round, Howard was pitted against Fordham on the affirmative and the negative. Howard won both debates and the tournament. Horace Wheatley, of Howard, won the public speaking contest which was held in conjunction with the tournament.

On December 4-5, the Howard debaters participated in the Twelfth Annual Invitational Debate Tournament at Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts. Of the thirty participating colleges, Howard University alone was undefeated on both the negative and the affirmative. Howard thus had the best overall record of the participating schools. However, Dartmouth had the best rated negative team and Bowdoin College had the highest rated affirmative team.

The national debate topic was used in both of the above mentioned tournaments. Conrad Harper and Anthony Campbell, both sophomores, constituted the Howard affirmative; Horace Wheatley, a junior, and Lascelles Anderson, a senior, were the negative team.

Indiana State Teachers College

The annual Indiana State Committee Hearing and Symposium was held on November 13 under the title “Shall We Curb the Highest Court?” Eleven expert witnesses appeared. They included Professors Mann, Kelso, and Wallace of the Indiana University School of Law; Reverend Parry, political science head at Notre Dame; Attorney J. P. Ward of the A.C.L.U.; Professor A. Dunham of the University of Chicago School of Law; Mr. M. Miller and Mr. G. P. Rice, Indianapolis attorneys; Mr. Irving Dilliard of the St. Louis Post Dispatch; and Mr. Irving Brant, historian of Washington, D.C. Students and professors of the following schools also participated: Illinois State Normal University, DePauw University, Indiana University, Wabash College, St. Louis University, St. Joseph’s College, Butler University, Asbury College, Eastern Michigan University, Greenville College, Georgetown College, Hanover College, and Indiana State. Professor Otis J. Aggertt was in charge.

On the following day twelve colleges and universities participated in the Annual Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament. Professor Leslie Rude was in charge.

With the next local activity being the Annual High School Speech Tournament on January 23, the squad is keeping busy with tournaments at Bradley University, Greenville College, Butler University, Navy Pier, and Earlham College.

This year has seen the organization of the Indiana State Speech Union with a maximum elected membership
of fifteen students. First speaker is Ronald Matlon, second speaker is Joseph Jones and Clerk is Doris Jean Knapp.

Professors Rude and Aggertt are the sponsors. The year's activities include sponsorship of hearings, tournaments, public programs, judging assignments, and a mock political convention. It is intended that the Union will at all times consist of only active, interested students devoted to their own growth and to service to the campus.

**Louisiana State University**

The debaters at Louisiana State University have had a very busy time during the first semester. Events include the following.

On October 9 and 10, Louisiana State University entertained the Fifth Annual Forensics Conference under the direction of Owen Peterson, Associate Professor of Speech. Thirteen colleges with 140 participants came.

On October 10, the L.S.U. department sponsored its Annual Workshop on Discussion and Radio Speaking for High School Teachers and Students. This event brought to the campus fourteen Louisiana high schools and approximately 250 students.

On November 7, the department sponsored the Annual Workshop on Dramatics and Interpretation. This activity brought to the campus twenty-five high schools and 250 students and faculty members.

On November 17, the L.S.U. debaters met a team from Mississippi Southern, in an audience debate, patterned after the British plan.

The local chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha was proud to entertain the Twelfth Annual Southern Regional TKA Tournament on November 20 and 21. This tournament was the largest in the history of the region and brought to L.S.U. representatives from fourteen institutions. It was under the direction of Waldo W. Braden and Lenore Evans.

Other trips have been made to Louisiana Polytechnic Institute at Ruston, Louisiana, Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi, Southwestern Louisiana Institute at Lafayette, Louisiana and to the Millsaps Tournament at Jackson, Mississippi.

**Manchester College**

Manchester College debaters were hosts to the Regional Conference October 30 and 31, with discussion and parliamentary debate on the debate topic. Attorney Byron Kennedy of Warsaw, and Professor Warner Chapman of the University of Indiana Law School were resource persons in a forum. Prof. Chapman was also the keynote speaker.

Manchester has also hosted Albion College for practice debates. The team went to the Earlham College tournament December 12, and plans to attend a number of other tourneys.

**Mankato State College**

Getting an earlier start than usual this year, Mankato speakers have attended five intercollegiate forensic tournaments during November and December. Two of these have been exclusively debate contests, sponsored by the Twin Cities League, an associ-
ation of 16 colleges in and near Minneapolis-St. Paul. The other tournaments have included discussion, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking, and have been sponsored by Iowa State Teachers College, Wayne State College (Nebraska), and the University of South Dakota.

January activities will include a Speech Clinic for high school teachers and students, a local oratory contest, a novice debate tournament in River Falls (Wisconsin), and an individual-event competition and debate tournament of the Twin Cities League. Before the end of the season, it is expected that Mankato students will have competed in 15 intercollegiate meets, as well as before local public audiences.

University of Maryland

The University of Maryland Chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha recently elected two new members. James Goeden, a senior in his second year of debating, and Delmar C. Anderson, a faculty member who assists with debate, were elected. Several additional debaters will be eligible when Spring elections are held in March.

The Autumn debate season has been quite an active one this year. As of December 12, 1959, Maryland will have taken part in nine debate tournaments plus several single debates. Twenty-six debaters will have participated in 102 debates. Maryland debaters including varsity and novice had a record of 62 wins against 40 losses for the Fall season with two first places, two second places, and two third places, in the nine events.

An extensive schedule of tournaments and public debates is planned for the balance of the year. Two of the highlights will be the Capitol Hill Tournament on February 25-27, and the Maryland High School Forensic Festival on April 2. TKA will be co-sponsor of both these events.

Memphis State University

Memphis State University has enjoyed a successful fall schedule of debate activities.

TKA members attended the Regional Tournament at L.S.U. and the Birmingham Invitational where Norma Cox placed second in impromptu and Jeanne Graham placed second in after-dinner, third in impromptu, and received an individual award in debate. In December two novice teams will attend the University of Mississippi Invitational Tournament.

The forensic group has just finished intrasquad debates. A Christmas party is being planned to celebrate the end of the first semester's activities.

Miami University

Plans are moving ahead for Miami University's Second Annual Cross-Examination Debate Tournament, March 11-12, 1960. The University of Pittsburgh, which now holds the Sesquicentennial Traveling Trophy which Miami awards, intends to be back to defend its championship.

As a special feature of this year's tourney we are pleased to have Supreme Court Justice Harold H. Burton as guest speaker after the first round of debate Friday evening. He
THE SPEAKER

recently retired from the bench but
still sits occasionally with the Circuit
Court of Appeals. His topic will be
"The Independence and Continuity of
the Supreme Court of the United
States." The Miami Chapter is looking
forward to initiating several new
members this spring. Promising can-
didates are showing up well in debate
as well as the Speakers Bureau. The
Bureau is now entering its 26th year
of service to organizations in South-
western Ohio.

University of Miami

Blas Herrero and Eric Raepple were
the top negative team at the Carolina
Forensics, University of South Caro-
olina.

Lawrence Wiener, Jon Prager,
Maury Kutner and Roy French took
the team trophy at the University of
Florida novice tournament. French
and Kutner tied for top speaker hon-
ors. Blas Herrero and Dick Essen com-
peted in an exhibition debate against
Florida varsity debaters.

Blas Herrero and Dick Essen de-
bated against University of Pittsbur-
gh teams before six high school audiences
in the Pittsburgh area. They then en-
tered the annual Pitt Cross-Examina-
tion Tournament and took first place
in the negative division.

The chapter will initiate new mem-
biers in January.

University of Mississippi

Dr. Clyde E. Reeves, faculty advisor
to TKA, was the director of this year's
highly successful Mississippi Youth
Congress, held annually in the State
Capitol building in Jackson. The con-
gress, initiated twelve years ago at the
University of Mississippi, had a parti-
cipation this year of more than two
hundred student delegates and their
coaches from nineteen high schools
and ten colleges, junior colleges and
universities throughout the state.
The other on-campus activities spon-
sored by Dr. Reeves and the speech
department have also been highly suc-
cessful this fall. The annual High
School Debate Workshop attracted in
excess of two hundred and fifty partici-
pants, and the most significant new
addition this year to the program, the
first annual Junior College Debate
Workshop, drew a registration of
forty-eight from five institutions. No-
lan Shepard (TKA), graduate assis-
tant in speech, was largely instru-
mental in the success of both work-
shops, in which symposium-forums
and demonstration debates by Ole
Miss students furnished the most im-
portant parts of the programs.

University of New Hampshire

The TKA chapter at the University
of New Hampshire has been actively
engaged in revitalizing its chapter by
(1) engaging in debate tournaments
on other campuses; (2) debating on
our own campus; (3) assisting with
high school activities in debate and
speech events; and (4) holding an
annual TKA dinner to present awards.

The 1958-59 season found our
chapter represented at 8 debate tourn-
aments held off campus. Our present
philosophy is to give the opportunity
to a number of students to participate
in the off-campus tournaments. Sev-
enteen debaters participated last year.
The participation was not without reward: (a) a negative team was undefeated at the St. Anselm's Novice tournament in December; (b) a different novice squad won the Norwich College Novice Debate Tournament in February; (c) an affirmative varsity team was undefeated at the Brooklyn College Tournament; and (d) a varsity squad was undefeated and won the trophy at the annual American International College tournament in April.

UNH held practice debates with other colleges as well as between squads on our own campus. For the past two years the UNH chapter of TKA has sponsored an inter-house debate tournament. In 1958 Chi Omega sorority won the silver cup donated by the coach; in 1959 Kappa Delta sorority won this event. The tournaments were publicized as the UNH celebration of the Golden Anniversary of TKA.

Several UNH debaters selected a colleague from one of the local high schools and held debates with another team to assist the high school in initiating a debate program. A series of twelve meetings were held with these high schools. TKA members also assist with the three high school tournaments held annually on the UNH campus and sponsored by the New Hampshire Speech Association.

To present recognitions to the TKA members, an annual dinner is held in the spring. In the past year, 32 students debated on and off our campus. Fifty students assisted with the high school speech tournaments. Five new members were initiated last spring, four were initiated this fall. It is sincerely hoped that the UNH chapter of TKA can increase its chapter membership from the large number of students interested in speech on our campus.

New York University

The Washington Square Debate Team (NYU) has been expanded this year to include all undergraduate divisions at the Washington Square Center, i.e., Washington Square College of Arts and Science, School of Education, and School of Commerce. The team, novice and varsity, expects this year to engage in the most extensive forensics program of the team's history.

Coach Bob Olian reports that a very successful practice tournament (14 schools) was held on October 31, and announces that the annual NYU Spring Forensic Festival will be held on April 8-9, 1960. This event consists of debate, persuasive speaking, and after dinner speaking. All undergraduate schools are invited to attend this festival.

NYU will play host to the British debate team from Cambridge on December 14. The debate will be held at 8 P.M. at the Law School Auditorium.

The Washington Square College Chapter of TKA initiated four new members into TKA last spring. The new members are: Lynn Zeller, President; William Schnirring, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Katz; and Basil Desti.

Plans are now being formulated for an initiation dinner in May, 1960, at
which event 10 new members will be inducted.

University of Notre Dame

With nine tournaments and one meet already behind them this year, the Notre Dame Debate Team is preparing for the long circuit ahead this spring. So far, the team has accumulated ten trophies, one plaque, two medals, and three certificates.

First place trophies were captured at the University of Kentucky’s Thoroughbred Debate Tournament and the freshman-sophomore tournament held by the University of Illinois at Chicago. A first place in extemporaneous speaking was won at Texas Christian University.

Awards for second place were earned at St. Joseph’s College, Purdue University, and St. Mary’s College. By defeating Marquette University in an annual meet between the two schools, Notre Dame retained the Coffey-Martzell trophy for another year.

Other tournaments attended this fall were at Northwestern University, Wayne State College, and the U.S. Air Force Academy. On the trip to Colorado, Notre Dame debated before 1700 girls at Loretto Heights College in Denver.

Beginning with the University of Miami’s tournament in the last week of January, Notre Dame will be debating in tournaments every weekend until the National Regionals in the middle of March. The best is yet to come.

Occidental College

The Occidental College chapter of TKA has had a very busy and rewarding fall schedule. In this semester about 40 students in the school have taken part in various phases of the forensic program. The College attended six events during the semester and had favorable results. Several debate teams had undefeated tournament records. The three speakers entered in oral interpretation in the U.S.C. tournament, December 6, placed first and in a two-way tie for second place. They were Carl Culverson, Nat Hales and Tom Waggoner. Occidental chapter has elected to membership five students. They are John Bennett, Jack McClure, Peter Skaife, Nat Hales and Walter Jester.

To finish the fall session, the College chapter sponsored the annual Basic Speech Contest. This contest involves the participation of 350 freshman students. The chapter was responsible for setting up, conducting, and much of the judging of this event.

Purdue University

The Purdue debaters have already participated in eight intercollegiate conferences this season with the “busy” weeks still ahead. The first event was the Midwest Regional Conference at Manchester College. In the discussions on the debate topic Art Freyman of Purdue ranked high and was one of the six speakers in the parliamentary debate that ended the conference.

On campus the Twelfth Invitational Forensic Conference provided debaters with audiences and with intermissions
for seminars on judging and analysis of this year's question. Three of the seven intramural speech contests are also in the records for this year. Participants and audiences show an increase in number and interest.

**University of Richmond**

The University of Richmond debate team attended four debate tournaments during the fall semester. The acquisition of two trophies, twelve certificates, and a record of 42 wins and 12 losses attest to the success of these ventures.

Two 4-man units were entered in the Wake Forest Novice Tournament. One unit composed of Paul Ausherman, Bing Garthright, Ann Bennett, and Bonnie Cox won 11 and lost 1 to tie for the first place school award. The negative team of Bennett and Cox were undefeated to tie for first place negative. The second unit comprised of Ed Shiver, Jay Bond, Roland Brandis, and Walter Griggs won 10 and lost 2 to tie for second place school. The affirmative team of Shiver and Bond were undefeated to win the first place affirmative trophy. Ausherman, Garthright, and Griggs won certificates as outstanding debaters in the meet.

At the Virginia Regional Conference a team composed of John Willis, Tommy Atkins, Tommy Baer, and John Donaldson won first place in debate. Donaldson was named outstanding debater in the tourney with Willis and Atkins also receiving certificates as outstanding debaters.

John Donaldson and Tommy Atkins went undefeated through seven rounds of debate at the Wake Forest Dixie Classic tournament to tie as the first place negative team. Richmond also received a certificate as the third place school. Ausherman and Garthright upheld the affirmative.

Roland Brandis and Walter Griggs were undefeated in the Temple Novice Tournament. Ed Shiver and Jay Bond had 2 wins and 2 losses.

On November 23 the Cambridge University team visited the University of Richmond campus. Donaldson and Atkins, upholding the negative, won the vote of the audience on the question, "Resolved: That membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment should be illegal."

Richmond plans to attend eight tournaments during the spring semester.

**Roanoke College**

The Roanoke College debaters have fared reasonably well in the forensic wars this fall. First, the novice debaters attended the Wake Forest tournament on November 6 and 7, and the affirmative team composed of C. P. Brumfield, Jr. and Jerry Goldstein won a third-place rating. The following weekend, two four-man teams participated in the Virginia TKA Tournament at Randolph-Macon College and secured fourth place while C. P. Brumfield again rated third-place in individual points scored. One negative team, composed of Dick Erickson and Lloyd Case, won three of its four rounds.

**University of South Carolina**

The South Carolina Debate squad has made use of thirty-two debaters so
far in intercollegiate competition, from a reporting squad of fifty-eight. We have competed in eleven tournaments and four exhibition debates so far this season. We will attend some twenty-two tournaments by the end of the school year. In November we initiated four new members into Tau Kappa Alpha and pledged two with intention to initiate early in the next semester.

We are planning a series of high school clinics, one at the University and four out in the state. And our varsity squad will judge the state finals which will be held on campus.

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St. Cloud State College

During the first quarter of the 1959-1960 school year the Forensics Association of St. Cloud State College has entered five speech tournaments and will participate in a sixth on December 11 and 12.

The debate record for the five tournaments stands at twenty-three victories and seventeen defeats. Two teams have emerged from tournaments undefeated. These are Karen Pollock and Nancy Gasperlin who won three rounds and lost none at the University of Minnesota, Duluth Branch; and Bill Mitteness and Marlene Zwilling who won four and lost none at the University of South Dakota.

Miss Gasperlin received a superior speaking award in debate at the University of Iowa tournament.

In addition to debate the students have been entering discussion and the individual events. Karen Pollock received a rating of "excellent" for three rounds of discussion at the Iowa tournament and Mr. Mitteness rated "excellent" in extemporaneous speaking at South Dakota.

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Tufts University

Tufts entered both a novice and a varsity team in the Vermont Tournament in November, at which the novice team took an informal first place in the division, and the varsity group reported a better than even record.

One of the major forensic events in New England this fall, as always, was the 13th annual Tufts varsity invitational tournament on December 4 and 5, in which top debate honors went to Dartmouth, the winner of a final round decision over Bowdoin. Top award in the extempore speaking contest went to Joel Davidow of Princeton. Plans are now being made for Tufts' first high school debate tournament, a successor to the high school workshop which it sponsored on October 31. The tournament will probably take place in the late spring and will be open to high schools throughout Southern New England.

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University of Utah

At the midway point in the debate season the University of Utah is counting on valuable experience gained thus far to prepare them for several big tournaments on the agenda for the rest of the year. Several debaters have taken part in contests at Brigham Young University, Fresno, Rocky Mountain Speech Meet, Colorado Invitational and Western Speech Meet.

Of the several big tournaments on the horizon the biggest is the Tau
Kappa Alpha National Conference which we are proud to be host to in March. We hope all schools are making plans to come to Salt Lake City and help us enjoy this experience.

We are also proud to have the National Student President of Tau Kappa Alpha, Mr. Dean Ellis, as a member of our local chapter. Mr. Ellis has done much for debate and is looking forward eagerly to seeing you all at the National Conference.

Prof. George Adamson, sponsor of the Utah chapter, announces the election of the following officers for this year: Henry Heath, President; Richard Burrell, Vice President; and Kathleen Halverson, Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Halverson has also been elected as Secretary of the Western Region of Tau Kappa Alpha.

Vanderbilt University

With only three experienced debaters returning, Vanderbilt has pressed its novices into service this fall sooner than usual. The TKA squad has participated in the University of Kentucky Thoroughbred, Western Kentucky Invitational, and TKA Southern tournaments. Inter-city scrimmages with David Lipscomb has also featured the fall tune-up.

Fourteen debaters have seen competition so far. Two freshman teams are undefeated, one being 8-0. These two teams, comprised of Lionel Barrett, Kenneth Edwards, Larry Layman, and John Sergent won the Novice Trophy at the Western Kentucky Tournament. Sergent was top point scorer.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Four debaters, including two freshmen who had not taken part in intercollegiate debating before, debated at the University of Virginia on November 20 in a non-decision match. Speaking were David L. Gibson, William T. McIlwaine, and novices James B. Kelly and Joseph A. Knight.

William E. Lambert, Sharon Allen, Siegfried Othmer, and J. Robert Yeaman, with the adviser, Edward A. Hancock, participated in the Tau Kappa Alpha Tournament at Randolph Macon College on November 13.

The V.P.I. Debate Club gave a holiday party on the evening of December 3 at the home of the adviser.

Willamette University

Willamette has participated this autumn in forensic tournaments at the University of Oregon, the Washington State College and the Western Speech Association Forensic Tournament at Stockton College, California.

The new Symposium Group has been presenting programs before educational and civic organizations on a number of vital topics such as: "Is Modern Education Doing Its Job?" and "What Changes in Our Foreign Aid Policy are Desirable?"

College of William and Mary

The College debaters have completed a fairly successful fall season. Seven tournaments were attended; University of Maryland Fall Warm-up, Virginia Region TKA, U. S. Naval Academy Invitational, University of South Carolina, Wake Forest Novice
Meet, the Dixie Classic, also at Wake Forest, and the University of Pittsburgh Cross-Exam meet. The debaters placed second at Maryland, second at the State TKA meet, with Ray Matson and Diane Pickering winning speaker's awards. Bill Bryant took a speaker's trophy at South Carolina, and at Navy Ray Matson and Jim Odell placed second and third as speaker's. An affirmative team, composed of Barbara Larson and Jack Cochran placed second at the Wake Forest Novice meet. William and Mary won the first place trophy at the Wake Forest Dixie Classic meet. The negative team of Jim Odell and Roger Green placed first, and the affirmative team composed of Bill Bryant and Shep McKinney tied for first. Six other individual awards were won by College debaters this fall. The spring season will see College debaters entering ten other meets including Miami (Fla.), Georgetown, Maryland, Dartmouth, and Kent State (Ohio).

Our own Marshall-Wythe tournament is scheduled for February 5 and 6, 1960. Thirty schools will participate in seven rounds of debate over the two day schedule. This year's entries include Florida, Duke, Wake Forest, Richmond, Georgetown, Dartmouth, Penn State, Wayne State, Ohio State, Northwestern, Illinois State, Southern Illinois, Texas, Maryland, Northwestern, Army, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Marine, and Texas.

Our second high school Debate Workshop will be held on January 15 and 16. About 25 high schools are expected to send teams to participate in debate contests and work sessions. College debaters will serve as instructors and critics in the affair.

Before the end of the year College debaters will participate in twenty public appearances. TKA initiates this year are Dot Young, Ray Matson, Bill Bryant, and Shep McKinney.

Wittenberg University

Tau Kappa Alpha members at Wittenberg University are happy to report that Kappa Delta sorority won the intramural debate tournament sponsored by TKA on December 5 and 12. Twelve teams registered at the required debate clinic explaining rules and procedures on November 22. Interest was intense and debates lively as the students examined the pro's and con's of Wittenberg's Honor Code.

John Finney serves the chapter as president. Virginia Mills is secretary.
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