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ARIZONA

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

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

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

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

COLORADO

"At the opening of the fall quarter, the Colorado chapter was given much encouragement when more than 100 potential forensic participants attended the

opening meeting of Colorado's Speakers Congress. This represented nearly a 100% gain over the attendance of last year. However, by considering the agenda which is mapped out for Speakers Congress in the coming months, it becomes readily apparent that every member may at one time or another be engaged in speech activities on and off the campus.

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

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

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

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

"Other forensic activities concerning Colorado speakers include that of presenting a discussion and demonstration dealing with forensics in secondary schools before a special session of the Colorado Educational Association at Denver on November 23. Early in November the chapter will attend the annual conference of the Rocky Mountain Forensic League to be held at Denver University. Also, on December 4, 5, and 6, the chapter expects to sponsor a Collegiate Forum Meeting on the Boulder campus. Then on December 29, 30, and 31, it will finish off the quarter's activities when it attends the Western Association Tournament at Salt Lake City, Utah. Add to these meets numerous off-campus speaking opportunities and independent campus discussions, and it becomes apparent that the Colorado chapter has

achieved a well-balanced forensics program.

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

HAWAII

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

time of eight minutes.

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

ILLINOIS

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

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

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

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

IOWA

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

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

As in former years, Iowa's intercollegiate season will be inaugurated with

the annual Invitational Debate and Discussion Conference on the Iowa campus December 5-6. Fifteen universities and colleges have accepted invitations.

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

IOWA STATE TEACHERS

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

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

KANSAS

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

The following four speaking events topped the intramural program:

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

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

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

Three features will highlight the coming season:

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

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

MICHIGAN

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

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

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

MISSOURI

"On October 14, we are holding our annual Open House, at which time we try

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

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

"Professor Bower Aly is back as Director of Forensics, after a year's leave of absence at the University of Hawaii.

"At a Delta Sigma Rho breakfast last spring, Robert L. Varner was elected president and Wayne W. Waldo, secretary, of the local chapter. Mr. Varner is also captain of the Varsity Debate Squad, and Thomas K. Bamford is secretary."

NORTHWESTERN

Ninety men and women attended the opening debate meeting on Oct. 14 to hear Dr. Glen E. Mills, director of forensics and sponsor of the chapter, outline plans for the season and also to hear Prof. Franklin Scott, of the Department of History, discuss the "World Government" proposition in historical perspective. Eighty-six persons signed up for try-outs; of this number, 23 were women, 36 were upperclass men, and 27 were first-year men.

Dr. Mills will be assisted by Wayne Minnick, upperclass men's coach; Leighton Borin, women's coach; and James McBath, first-year men's coach. These assistants are graduate students in the School of Speech.

Several discussion programs for "Columbia School of the Air" have been arranged for broadcast from WBBM in Chicago. The series is called "Opinion Please".

On November 6 and 7 a team will go to Cleveland for a series of high school demonstration debates with Western Reserve on the compulsory arbitration proposition. One week later a similar series will be conducted for high schools in the Chicago area. The mid-November tournament at Bradley University in Peoria will provide experience for two teams of women and two teams of freshmen. As usual, a delegation will attend the University of Iowa tournament early in December.

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

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

OHIO STATE

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

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

OKLAHOMA

"Our annual Debate and Discussion Institute was held October 16, 17 and 18 at Norman as the University of Oklahoma played host to five hundred high school and college speakers and instructors throughout the Southwest. Featured in the Institute were demonstration debates on the high school and college questions and three rounds of practice debate. Dean James H. McBurney of Northwestern University was the principal conference speaker.

"The first out-of-state trip on our schedule will be made to Wichita University, Wichita, Kansas, October 24 and 25."

OREGON STATE

"The 1946-47 Forensic season of Oregon State College was the most extensive in its history. The various squads traveled over 15,000 miles covering a triangular shaped area of the U. S. with Tacoma, Washington, Tucson, Arizona, and West Point as its extremities.

"Among the major tournaments which Oregon State entered were the Seventeenth Annual Invitational Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament at McMinnville, Oregon; Western Speech Association

Tournament in San Jose, California; Junior College Forensic Tournament at Tacoma, Washington; Conference of the Pacific Forensic League held at Tucson, Arizona; The Rocky Mountain Speech Conference at Denver, Colorado; and the National Debate Tournament at West Point.

"We had 41 students participating in intercollegiate forensic activities. In Ex-tempore and Impromptu contests we took five first places and three second places. In Oratory and After-Dinner speaking we earned one first place, two second places and four third places. The debaters had 197 individual debates and won two second-place tournament awards and two third-place tournament awards.

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

PENNSYLVANIA STATE

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

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

PITTSBURGH

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

"The heavier schedule includes a western trip highlighted by participation in the Delta Sigma Rho tournament at the University of Wisconsin and a defense of their win at the Grand National. In late October, Pitt will cooperate with West-

ern Reserve University in a series of demonstration debates, Oregon style, on the 1947-48 high school question of Government Medical Care. They will debate before high school audiences in Cleveland and Pittsburgh. At the conclusion of this series, a debate will be staged before a conference of Pittsburgh district high school coaches and students on Saturday, November 1.

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

"Pitt wishes to encourage any Delta Sigma Rho schools that may be in the Western Pennsylvania district to hold any type of individual intercollegiate encounter with the Pitt Men's Debating Association. We are making every attempt this season to hold such individual meetings before local audience groups if sufficient time is possible for audience arrangements."

SYRACUSE

"During the spring semester, four new members were initiated into Delta Sigma Rho at Syracuse: Laura Pilarski, Richard Schoenwald, Sonia Stabsky and Frances Eidelson. The ritual was performed by Dr. Agnes I. Allardyce and Dr. Raymond Irwin of the School of Speech faculty. At a coffee following the ceremony, Clarence Twichell, president of the Onondaga County Boy Scouts and member of the National Speakers' Bureau was the principal speaker. The plans of the organization were outlined by the chapter president.

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

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

"Laura Pilarski is a junior clerk in Women's Student Government, a junior editor on the Daily Orange campus newspaper, vice-president of the debate or-

ganizations and treasurer of Independent Women's Association. She has participated in debates with Cornell, Colgate, Penn. State, Ursinus, and Temple, and in the Vermont tournament.

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

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

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

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

"Dr. Raymond Irwin, who is from Minnesota, joined the Speech faculty last year. He is in charge of the School of Speech convocations which all freshmen and sophomores attend weekly. In this capacity he has been instrumental in arranging for two debate convocations—the first a three-way discussion of the national labor question by Colgate, Cornell, and Syracuse; the second, a demonstration debate between Syracuse and Oswego State Teachers' College."

TEXAS

A new experiment with regard to debate is being tried at Texas during the current year. Instead of having try-outs for the squads at the beginning of the year and selecting the squads at that time, the forensic directors have organized a debate workshop. All persons interested in debate are invited to attend and to engage in debates once each week, and from this workshop one or more teams are selected for each intercollegiate contest. In this way young debaters are provided the opportunity of developing since they are not eliminated at the beginning of the season.

Debate plans for the season include: a series in Austin on Nov. 13 with the University of Florida; a debate with Oxford University (England) on Dec. 5; participation in the Southwest Debate Institute at Austin during the second week in December; a debate with Kansas University in December; and debates with other col-

lege teams on the second Thursday of each month thereafter. In addition, there will be a number of home-and-home debates and tournaments, including the Missouri Valley Meet in the spring.

Prof. Thomas A. Rouse is director of forensics; Miss Emogene Emoery is women's coach; and Edgar G. Shelton is men's coach. Two other members of Delta Sigma Rho, Martin Todaro and Guilford Jones, are teaching fellows in Speech and assistant coaches of debate. Prof. Edd Miller, men's coach for several years, is on leave to attend the University of Michigan in order to complete the work for the Ph. D. degree in Speech.

VIRGINIA

The Delta Sigma Rho chapter at the University of Virginia is making plans for the most active year in its history. At its first fall meeting, October 7, officers elected for 1947-48 were: William Pierce, President; Quinnan Hodges, Vice-President; Hugh Ross, Secretary-Treasurer. Professor H. Hardy Perritt, Director of Forensics, has succeeded Dr. Karl R. Wallace as Faculty Sponsor of the chapter. As the guiding body for the University of Virginia Debating Council, the chapter made tentative plans for 1947-48 to include as many debates as possible on the college proposition, a series of demonstrations for Virginia high schools on the high school proposition, a debate with Oxford in January, and the sponsorship of a larger debate tournament than the one conducted last year.

This program is planned to follow up the season of 1946-47, when University of Virginia debaters participated in 74 intercollegiate debates and three demonstration debates, arguing four propositions during the year. Activities included sponsorship of a tournament for Virginia colleges and universities; participation in tournaments at Roanoke College, College of William and Mary, Mary Washington College, and U. S. Military Academy; many home debates and discussions; entertainment of the Cambridge University team; and a few tours, one as far as Montreal, Canada.

The Delta Sigma Rho chapter at a late spring meeting initiated three of the most active debaters: William Pierce, Quinnan Hodges, and Brooks Monroe. Others of the 12 who participated in intercollegiate contests during the year were members of the chapter or were not eligible.

WESLEYAN

Anticipating an active year of intramural and intercollegiate debates, members of the Wesleyan chapter and the Wesleyan Debating Club are launching a drive for new members and are drawing up a plan of organized debates.

Five general subjects, one of which is the problem of World Government, will

be debated. The first series will be the intramural discussions in the fall, with debate tournaments following during the winter. It is hoped that debates will be held with several New England colleges and that the Little Three series will be continued. In the spring, when the formal intercollegiate debate conventions are held, Wesleyan will be represented.

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

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

WESTERN RESERVE

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

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

WHITMAN

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

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

ker, chapter secretary, who is also college debate manager.

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

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

WOOSTER

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

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

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

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

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

Because of war-time paper shortages and financial limitations, the GAVEL has been sent during the past four years to only some 4500 members who have specifically requested it. The Executive Committee recently, instructed the Editor, however, to send a copy of the May, 1947, issue to each member whose address is presumed to be correct (some 7500), to prepare such a notice as this, and to request each member de-

siring to receive all four issues annually so to indicate to the Editor.

In the future each member who responds to this notice will receive all four issues, whereas the remaining members will receive only a limited number each year.

If you did not send the notice which appeared in the May, 1947, issue, please send the form which appears on page 4 of this issue.