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BATES

During the sabbatical leave of absence of Prof. Brooks Quimby, Norman Temple, Bates '46, has been Director of Forensics at Bates.

During the first semester, the Bates debating team resumed its international debates with the University of New Brunswick. The series was interrupted shortly after the debate on Nov. 27, 1941, on the entrance of the United States into the war.

CARLETON

In addition to its usual custom of sponsoring the campus oratory and extempore speaking contests, the Carleton chapter of Delta Sigma Rho is planning to hold two interschool debate tournaments this year. On February 14, Carleton sponsored a tournament for 15 Minnesota high schools; and on February 28, an inexperienced division college tournament was also held.

CHICAGO

Two Student Forum debating teams returned from Florida recently after a seven round tournament at the University of Miami. The teams amassed the greatest team-total of any of the participating schools.

Winning five out of seven rounds, Curt Crawford and Ray Marks took top affirmative honors. Howie Schuman and Dave Ladd upholding the negative took third among the negative teams.

The debating culminated in an exhibition debate between the University of Chicago and the University of Miami, the high teams on the respective sides of the proposition. That evening under the stars and the palms of Miami the hosts gave a banquet at which the team awards were presented.

Ray Marks, accepting the gold trophy indicative of affirmative honors, thanked the Miami students and faculty for their thoughtfully planned and thought-provoking tourney.

The Miami officials were so happy over the outcome of the affair that they proposed that it become an annual affair with different schools being special guests. All of the participating schools—Alabama, Georgia, Stetson, South Carolina, Florida, Miami, and Chicago seconded the proposal.

In summing up the University's experience at the tourney Wm. Birenbaum, Student Forum Director, said, "It is from the intimate discussion of these diverse sectional approaches to the proposition of world government, or of any other debate topic, and not from the incidental trophies that the true value of such a tournament arises."

The University has over 30 active debate teams competing for varsity positions. The schedule for the month of February includes meets with Mundelein, Northwestern, University of Pennsylvania, University of Miami, the Indiana University Tournament, and the Northwestern University Tournament.

COLORADO

Speakers Congress is now engaged in the most active year in the forensic history of the University of Colorado. Over a hundred students are engaged in at least one and usually more of the Congress' varied activities.

Highlight of this year's debating will be the trip of two Colorado debaters this spring to the Hawaiian Isles to debate with representatives of the University of Hawaii. Competition is keen among the many experienced debaters for the laurels of making the trip. Colorado will send three other speakers as far as the West Coast. The debaters will depart April 7 and will return April 17.

Many other intercollegiate activities have been completed or are planned. Fall quarter debating was climaxed by the trip of seven students and the two Speakers Congress advisors, Roy C. Nelson and Thorrel B. Fest, to Salt Lake City during Christmas vacation to participate in the Western Speech Association tournament. Don Davis and Roger Cozens entered the team debate finals in the senior men's division. Other Colorado speakers were Joan Willis, Virginia Kasdorf, Larry Travis, Jim Anderson, and Ed Ken-dig.

On January 17, eleven participants from Colorado were entered in the winter quarter Colorado-Wyoming Forensic League meet at Colorado Springs. Cecil Jones, Bernard Shapson, Daniel Sklar, and Jim Friedlander brought home the top honors in debate for CU; and Marjorie Bertholf, Harvey Weeks, and Phyllis Silvio placed second, third, and fourth respectively in the extempore speaking sequence. Arthur Taylor, Leslie Polk, James Cruse, and Courtland Peterson were the CU teams that tied for third place.

Twenty-six speakers participated in the Rocky Mountain Speech conference in Denver, February 12, 13, and 14. Also on the agenda for this year are the University of Nebraska tournament at Lincoln, February 27 and 28; the Savage Forensic tournament at Durant, Oklahoma, March 5 and 6; the Colorado-Wyoming legislative assembly at Greeley on April 16 and 17; and several dual meets with schools of this region.

A University oratorical contest known as the Klinger Contest will be held April

5, and an extempore contest sponsored by the Colorado chapter of Delta Sigma Rho is planned for April 19.

The Public Information and Discussion division of the Congress has sent a program containing a list of available speakers and subjects to organizations in every part of the state. Speakers have spent the fall quarter preparing over thirty subjects. Requests for programs are being handled by Bill Eaton, student chairman of the program.

Three forensic clinics for high school students have been conducted by Speakers Congress members this year. These clinics are held in conjunction with the Colorado State Debating League. Speakers Congress members will serve as judges at the Colorado State Debating League festival to be held the 19th and 20th of March on the Boulder campus. In April the University will be host to the District National Forensic League tournament.

The Public Forums division has presented two forums on the campus so far this year, and plans to hold one a month for the remainder of the season. The questions discussed at the forums by campus leaders have been "academic freedom" and "institution of an honor system" at the University of Colorado.

The local chapter plans to elect new members during the winter quarter.

HAMILTON

"For the first time in over five years, the Hamilton College Debate Society has entered into big-time competition. During the year 1946-47, the varsity debaters held forensic clashes with such colleges as R.P.I., Colgate, Syracuse, West Point, Temple, Princeton, Haverford, Columbia, Vassar, Wells, Urisinus, Williams, and many others.

"The year's activities were highlighted by four week-end debate trips. In December, Hamilton sent four teams to the annual tournament at the University of Vermont. During February, Hamilton toured colleges in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. The end of the semester concluded our trips with a trip to New England.

"At various times during the year, single debates were held on a home-and-home basis.

"Debating activities ended in May with a banquet and election of officers."

HAWAII

Major forensic events at the University of Hawaii during the second semester will be a series of debates with visiting debaters from the University of Missouri and the University of Colorado. The team from Missouri will spend the last week of March in the Islands, debating Hawaiians on Federal World Government and "Resolved: That Hawaii contributes

more to the nation than does Missouri." University of Colorado debaters will arrive the second week of April to debate on the national question, plus one debate on "Resolved: That the Federal Government should provide for the economic security of all citizens."

Hawaii Union, campus forensic organization, is sponsoring a mock state constitutional convention for the "49th State" during March and April. The entire student body will have a part in this convention, which will in so far as possible follow the exact procedure the Territory of Hawaii will use when statehood becomes a reality. The Territorial Statehood Commission has offered its services and support for the project. An extensive series of campus forums has been arranged to bring information to the student body on the problems to be dealt with in the convention.

The last two forensic events before the forensic banquet and Delta Sigma Rho initiations will be a campus-wide humorus speaking contest and the annual campus Berndt Extemporaneous contest.

IOWA

Iowa's intercollegiate forensic activities for January consisted of the Western Conference League women, home-and-home series with the University of Wisconsin and Minnesota. On January 20, Maureen McGivern and Virginia Rosenberg represented Iowa on the negative of the Federal World Government proposition against two women from the University of Wisconsin before an audience in the senate chamber of Iowa's Old Capitol. The audience ballot indicated a shift toward the negative. On January 22, Eleanor Kistle and Georgianna Edwards traveled to Minneapolis, where they defended the affirmative of the World Government question against the University of Minnesota. The audience vote following the debate was for the affirmative.

Iowa's February intercollegiate program includes two Western Conference home-and-home debates for the men. On February 19, Evan Hultman and Sherwin Markman are upholding the affirmative of World Federation in a cross-examination debate with the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. February 26, Walter Johnson and John Oostendorp, on the negative of the national high school question on Compulsory Arbitration of Labor Disputes, meet a team from the University of Illinois.

The February program at Iowa is concluded with the second Intercollegiate Conference on Post-War Problems for the academic year 1947-1948. On February 27-28, fifteen universities and colleges are participating in four rounds of debate and discussion, contests in extempore and after-dinner speaking, orig-

inal oratory, and a parliamentary session.

IOWA STATE

The Iowa State Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho has been playing an active part in forensic activities on the Ames campus this term. Members are prominent in the Iowa State Debaters Club, and the chapter is sponsoring a contest in original oratory for the Spring.

President of the local group is Lee Windheim, with Jacqueline Everett as secretary. Dinners are held every second week to which actives invite prominent alumni members of Delta Sigma Rho.

Discussion and debate, centering in Iowa State Debaters, are once more in full swing on the campus under the direction of Professor Ralph A. Micken. Mr. Robert Underhill is assisting with the big job of keeping two weekly half hours of Radio Discussion going over WOI, traveling over Iowa on Community Current Topic Discussions, conducting weekly Coffee Forums in the Union, and debating at Drake, Kansas, Cornell, Coe, Simpson, Nebraska and Iowa.

For such a program, Debaters have a membership of between fifty and sixty. Topics discussed in community visits are Universal Military Training, the Marshall Plan, Revision of UN, Inflation Control, Missouri Valley Authority, and the Partition of Palestine. On the Coffee Forum the subjects have been a little more restricted—Liberal Arts vs Technology, Should Big Name Bands be Brought to the Campus, Teacher Rating Scales, and others.

MICHIGAN

Before 1600 people, the University of Michigan debaters opened their forensic season with Oxford University. Michigan then played host to six colleges in a tournament which featured eighteen debates before speech classes. Other campus debates included engagements with Michigan State College, Ohio State University, University of Iowa, Purdue University, University of Illinois, Georgetown University, and McMaster University.

The demand for exhibition debates and discussions before high school assemblies, community gatherings, and business organizations has been unusually heavy. Thus far, the group has participated in thirty such performances.

The style of debate which has been used for all these occasions and which has proved successful in maintaining audience interest is as follows:

- First Affirmative speech—8 minutes
- First Negative cross-examines First Affirmative—5 min.
- First Negative speech—8 minutes
- Second Affirmative cross-examines First Negative—5 min.

Second Affirmative speech—8 minutes
Second Negative cross-examines second Affirmative—5 min.

Second Negative speech—8 minutes
First Affirmative cross-examines Second Negative—5 min.

Negative summary—4 minutes
Affirmative summary—4 minutes

NORTHWESTERN

Resuming forensic activity the day after the opening of the winter quarter, six teams met the Lake Forest College squad here on January 6 in practice debates.

Two teams from the women's squad won eleven of twelve debates to place first in the experienced division of the annual invitational tournament at Illinois Normal University January 9-10. Marilyn Serr, '49, chapter vice president, participated in six victories. Joyce Dix, '48, the president, was unable to make the trip. Nancy Gossage, '50, Vicki Gustafson, '50, and Dorothy Swanson, '49, completed the foursome.

Four first-year men met two teams from Western Michigan here in decisionless debates January 10.

On January 13, Charles Sohner, '50 and Art Davis, '50 debated a Lake Forest team before the annual dinner meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. This is an annual event on our forensics calendar.

Northwestern's Columbia School of the Air series continued on January 16 with a four-man panel on Juvenile Delinquency. The network show originated in WBBM.

One new feature has been added to the debate schedule. This is the Chicago Area Debate Series, which began on January 30 and has continued each succeeding Friday night. The Series of debates will continue through February and March, culminating in a Chicago Area Debate Tournament. Participating schools are: DePaul University, Loyola University, Mundelein College, University of Chicago, St. Xavier College, University of Illinois (Navy Pier Branch), and Northwestern University. Representing Northwestern in the Series are 16 members of the Freshman Debate Squad, directed by James McBeth, '47, a graduate assistant in Speech.

Twelve colleges and universities were represented in a four-round invitational tournament here February 14: Georgetown, Marquette, Chicago, Illinois (Navy Pier), Wisconsin, Knox, North Central, Mundelein, Mt. Mary, Lake Forest, Wheaton, and Lyons Junior College. Fifty-eight debates were scheduled. Twenty of our teams participated in twenty-two debates.

The following items comprise the remainder of our calendar: March 4, Canisius here; March 5-6, tournament at Terre Haute; March 19-20, tournament

at Wisconsin; March 18, Duquesne here; March 30, Denver here; April 2-3, Western Conference tournaments for men and women at Purdue.

OBERLIN

Public discussion and debate activities at Oberlin are now in the second year of postwar revival with an active group of 35 students. Professor J. Jeffery Auer is director of forensics; associated with him in forensic work are Professor Robert G. Gunderson, and Mr. J. Thomas Dutro, Jr., graduate assistant.

In the intercollegiate phase Oberlin has taken part in 52 debates during the first semester, most of them in tournaments. In the annual novice tournament of the Northeast Debate Conference four teams won first place with only two losses in sixteen debates. Oberlin teams tied for second place in the College of Wooster Invitational Direct Clash Tournament, and for fourth place in the annual state tournament for women.

On January 17th the annual Legislative Assembly of the Northeast Ohio Debate Conference was held on the Oberlin campus with more than 100 student delegates from eleven colleges. Committees were established to consider problems of U. S. foreign policy in Europe, in the Far East, and on international organization. Following a full morning of committee meetings the afternoon was devoted to parliamentary debate of resolutions in each of these areas.

Climax of the first semester forensic program was a split team debate with the men from Oxford University on the question of nationalizing basic industries. J. Thomas Dutro, Jr., president of the Oberlin Forensic Union, teamed with Mr. Kenneth D. Harris, of Oxford, on the affirmative; on the negative were Robert M. Kingdon, of Oberlin, and Sir Edward C. G. Boyle, of Oxford. The Hon. Anthony N. W. Benn, president of the Oxford Union Society, presided over the debate, which was held before the largest campus debate audience in the past decade.

In addition to its intercollegiate activities, the Oberlin Forensic Union has carried on an active public discussion program, providing service clubs, high schools, womens' clubs, farm and church groups in north central Ohio with discussions of half a dozen current public questions.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The 1948 winter quarter intercollegiate debate program at Ohio State University has included the following events: Men's debates with Ohio Wesleyan on Jan. 15, with the University of Wisconsin on Jan. 15 at Madison, with the University of Minnesota on Jan. 30, with Pennsylvania State College on Feb. 18

and 19, with Wittenberg on Feb. 11, and participation in the Mount Mercy Tournament (Pittsburgh) on Feb. 21. Also, women's debates with Ohio Wesleyan on Jan. 15, with Wittenberg on Feb. 11, with Drew on Feb. 19, with the University of Michigan on Feb. 26, and participation in the following tournaments: Purdue Novice, Feb. 7; Buckeye, Feb. 14; and Washington and Jefferson, Feb. 27.

Plans are being completed for the Ohio State University Conference on Public Affairs, to be held on March 4, 5, and 6. Over 30 colleges and universities from 11 states are expected to participate in the discussions and debates on "What Should be Our Policy Toward Russia?" (There will be a complete account of this Conference in the May issue of THE GAVEL.)

OHIO WESLEYAN

"There have been many unusual aspects connected with debating this year. The squads have been operating with the impetus they developed last year in the effort to recover from the wartime slump. The size and spirit of the squads have been excellent. The increased membership has been kept busy with an active program.

"On October 28, some of our debaters took part in debates held at Ohio State. The guests of honor were some debaters from Oxford University, England. The proposition, "That the danger of war can best be averted by an all-purpose Anglo-American Alliance," was debated by the rules of debate used in the Oxford Union.

"Our women debaters have attended two tournaments. The first was a Direct Clash tournament held at Wooster on November 15. The Ohio Women's Debate was held December 5 and 6 at Capital University. The proposition was, "Resolved, That a Federal World Government should be established." Jean Lemal and Ann Boggs represented the affirmative, and Joyce Boyher and Mary Boyers represented the negative. Misses Boggs and Lemal repeated their performance of last year by coming through the tournament undefeated. Ohio Wesleyan placed third among twelve colleges. Last year, four schools, including Wesleyan, tied for first place. This year, since the results were so close, all four schools were awarded plaques.

"The men's debate season is scheduled to begin later than the women's. Using the timely question, "Resolved, That the foreign policy of the present administration be condemned," they will take part in a series of triangle and dual debates.

"A new departure in speech activities this year at Wesleyan is the Speech Forum, a club organized to promote interest and participation of students in debate and public discussion. It allows a

real opportunity for student expression on current issues."

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma sent five debaters on Dec. 5 and 6 to the East Central Forensic Tournament at Ada, Oklahoma. Oklahoma won first place in the Senior Men's Division and in the Mixed Division, and second place in the Junior Men's Division. Arlen Specter and Roswell Clark represented Oklahoma in the first group, Betty Massman and Marlan Johnson in the second group, and Gerald Hornung and Bill Bowles in the third. Several Oklahoma entrants also won first places in the individual events.

In the Oklahoma University Invitational Tournament, held on Jan. 30 and 31, Oklahoma withdrew after qualifying three teams for the elimination rounds, believing that the host should make way for the guests.

On Feb. 6 and 7, Oklahoma sent three teams to the Baylor Forensic Tournament at Waco, Texas. Harry McMillan and Bill McGeehee won second place, losing in the finals to Seminole Junior College in the Junior Men's Division.

The new Director of Forensics is E. A. Kretsinger; Dr. William M. Sattler continues as Chapter Sponsor.

OREGON

The rapid post-war expansion of the University of Oregon Department of Speech and Drama is producing a commensurate growth in the department's forensic activities. The 13 year old Symposium program is now being complemented by full-scale participation in debate; and the traditional emphasis on individual participation in extemp, oratory, impromptu, and discussion is being continued. The department is now headed by Dr. Roy C. McCall; the forensic division is directed by E. Ray Nichols, Jr.

During the 1946-47 season Oregon symposium speakers addressed over 12,000 people in 130 different audiences in discussions on the problems of Government Control of Labor, State Taxation and Public Service Facilities, and the United Nations. Thirty-four undergraduate students were active participants in this unique speech program, which provides unparalleled training in realistic speech situations and which fulfills a part of the service duty of a state university toward the civic groups, service organizations, and high schools of the state.

Oregon debate activity in 1946-47 was limited to practice debates with Oregon State College and one exhibition debate with the University of California. The latter event was a successful experiment in three-man debating conducted before an audience of 200 people.

In the intercollegiate competition in individual events, Oregon speakers coached

by Prof. K. E. Montgomery placed first in the Men's Extempore contest sponsored by the Intercollegiate Forensic Association of Oregon and second in the Women's Division of the same contest. A first place award was won in Women's Extempore in the San Jose tournament, as were two second place awards in Women's Oratory and Discussion. The San Jose winners were directed by Robert D. Clark. First place was won at the Linfield invitational tournament in Senior Men's Discussion. Oregon also placed first in the State Peace Oratorical, and the entry won second place in the national contest. The final award of the year was first place in Extempore at the Pacific Forensic League tournament held at the University of Arizona. Oregon's PFL entrants were coached by Prof. Walfred A. Dahlberg.

In the first three months of the 1947-48 season, 30 students have participated in 40 debates and have taken part in 24 symposium engagements, addressing over 2000 people in symposium audiences. Oregon winners in the Western Association of Speech Northern Division tournament at Whitman College collected first place awards in Lower Division Women's Impromptu and After-Dinner Speaking, and in Senior Men's Extempore. A third place was won in Lower Division Women's Oratory. Lower Divisions entrants were coached by Prof. John Baird.

Oregon also made a clean sweep of the State intercollegiate extempore contests, with contestants coached by Prof. Montgomery winning first place in both the Men's and Women's divisions. Second place was awarded to Oregon in the State After-Dinner Speaking contest.

Plans for the remainder of the 1947-48 season include: a series of discussions to be presented throughout the state, a weekly radio symposium to be broadcast during the winter quarter, participation in the Linfield College tournament, the Pacific Forensic League meeting at the University of Nevada, and the State Peace Oratory and I.F.A.O. oratory contests.

PENN STATE

"To date, the Penn State Women have had but one major trip during which they encountered four men's teams in cross-examination style debate at Pennsylvania, St. Joseph's, Temple, and Fordham. Although we have debates scheduled up to May 1, the bulk of our debating will take place early in the second semester, from the middle of February through the middle of March, during which period we anticipate over sixty debates in which ten of our women's teams, using the squad system, will participate."

TEXAS

Texas has an unusually active debate

squad during the current season, 32 men debaters participating in practice debates and intercollegiate contests. Prior to Feb. 17, Texas participated in 99 intercollegiate debates; three were non-decision, and of the remainder Texas won 63, lost 32, and tied one.

On Dec. 5, Herbert Taylor and William Darden, recently initiated into Delta Sigma Rho, debated Oxford University before an audience of more than 1000 persons.

Other debates included a series of six engagements with the University of Florida and a series of six encounters with Texas A and M., held in Austin. On Feb. 6 and 7, Texas sent seven teams to the Baylor University Tournament and met with considerable success. Sam Smith and Kleber Miller won six debates before being eliminated in the semi-finals; Meredith Long and Ronnie Dugger won five before losing in the quarter-finals; Herbert Taylor and Thomas Taylor won five and lost one before losing a second time in the quarter-finals.

Plans for February and March were equally extensive. On Feb. 23, four Texas teams met Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge and later entered the Glendy Burke Forensic Centennial at Tulane, in New Orleans. Visits were also made to Baylor, Southern Methodist University, and Texas Tech; and two teams were sent to the Missouri Valley Meet during the last week in March. Baylor and the University of Missouri also visited Austin during March.

On April 16 and 17, Texas will serve as host to a large tournament in Austin, in which contests will be held in debate, extempore speaking, oratory, and after-dinner speaking. There will be Junior and Senior Divisions and Men's and Women's Divisions in debate, with similar groups in the other events. The Texas chapter extends an invitation to all Delta Sigma Rho chapters to attend this tournament. Inquiries should be addressed to Prof. Thomas A. Rouse, Director of Forensics, or Mr. Edgar G. Shelton, Jr., Men's Debate Coach and Chapter Sponsor. The deadline on entries will be April 12.

WASHINGTON

This year Washington University debate activities are expanding. The squad coached by Mr. E. E. Markert is made up of twenty-four active members. Weekly meetings are modeled after the parliamentary style, and through these meetings members of the squad are developing proficiency in all phases of debate.

The highlight of the season was the Oxford debate on November 10th, in which John Montrey and Don Waldemer of Washington met Anthony Benn and Kenneth Harris of the English school. The topic was: Resolved, That the argu-

ments in favor of nationalization of basic industry are overwhelming. Other intercollegiate debates have included a round-robin series of debates February 6 at St. Louis University in which Washington, represented by six teams, met teams from St. Louis, Westminster, and William Jewell. The same topic, Federal World Government, was debated that evening with Missouri University with Don Waldemer and Bob Karsh of Washington upholding the affirmative. In addition to these intercollegiate debates, a number of programs have been presented before various civic groups and high schools in the St. Louis area. The subjects debated have included the Nationalization of Basic Industry, Federal World Government, Russian Foreign Policy, Compulsory Arbitration, the Marshall Plan, and Woman's Place is in the Home.

WHITMAN

"Whitman College sent Bonnie Marolf, Carmen Gleiser, Bob Nelson, and George Shields to the recent Inland Empire Debate Meet. This was a Freshman-Sophomore meet and was held at the University of Idaho in Moscow. It proved an interesting experience to the younger debaters although Gonzaga University took sweep-stake honors.

"The next activity for Whitman debaters was participation in the Eighteenth Annual Intercollegiate Tournament at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon. We are sending fifteen contestants to take part in all divisions including debate, extempore, oratory, interpretative reading, after-dinner speaking, and impromptu. The tournament took place February 26, 27, and 28."

YALE

During the fall of 1947, the Yale chapter elected to membership Donald H. Rivkin, member of the University debate team, class orator of the class of 1948, and a recently elected Rhodes Scholar from Iowa.

The Yale varsity debate team has defeated Columbia and Dartmouth in home-and-home contests, and split with Harvard in a similar arrangement. World Federation, the Taft-Hartley Labor Law, and Truman for President have been the favorite topics.

With the teams divided up, Yale lost to the predominantly Oxford University team on the subject of an Anglo-American Alliance when the English debaters visited New Haven in October.

The freshman team recently split with the Taft School in a home-and-home series on World Federation, both negative teams winning. A Yale team visited Boston the week-end of February 13-15 to participate in the annual Boston University Debate Tournament.