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Chapter Reports - 1959

Editor's Note—In an attempt to get more detailed reports, the Gavel has changed the policy which reserved the May issue for these reports. A survey indicated that schools had a difficult time sending in complete reports at such an early date. As an experiment, these reports were called for in the Fall instead of the Spring. In general, they seem to be more detailed in nature. Only time will really tell.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

CHAPTER—There are four student members on campus and one faculty member. During the past year there were two new members initiated. Two members made the Dean's list and one member was taken into Zeta Phi Eta.

INSTITUTIONAL—Of the twenty-one students participating in the program, eighteen took part in some intercollegiate activity. A total of eighteen events (tournaments, festivals, etc.) were attended by the squad. American University sponsored a high school debate clinic, an annual high school debate tournament (Spring), the Maryland-Washington Forensic Conference Warm-Up tournament, and the Individual Events tournament for the Maryland-Washington Forensic Conference.

GENERAL REPORT—During the last season, fourteen undergraduates of the American University participated in at least four intercollegiate debates. The group participated in a total of 249 intercollegiate debates of which we won 122 and lost 127 for a 47 per cent win record. This compares rather favorably with our 50 per cent record of 1957-58, in view of our participation in several "tough" invitational tournaments such as the Harvard Invitational, the Cherry Blossom, and District VII Elimination Tournament.

Our two most promising freshman debaters are James Cavill and Jeff Human. Both demonstrated substantial potential for growth. Robert Lee Eckleberry was again our outstanding debater and Susan Strand received a new award for the outstanding all-around contribution to the debate program. Debate keys were awarded to Robert Eckleberry, James Cavill, Jeff Human, Wilda Webber, Susan Strand, Jolene Huebner, Robert Duncan, and Barbara Lowden.

Our forensics program included two events for area high schools. The first of these was a high school forensics conference on November 1, 1958. Over one-hundred students and teachers attended from seven area high schools. This was deemed a highly successful event as was our second annual high school forensics tournament held in May. We added four individual events for the tournament program which proved to be an important innovation. Ten schools and some one-hundred students participated. In addition A.U. debaters conducted demonstration debates at the request of various high

schools in the area. We furnished student judges for Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS, Montgomery-Blair HS, Immaculata HS, Archbishop Carroll HS, and St. Joseph's College HS. These services, we think, marked our high school relations program with expansion and continued success. Next year we plan to repeat and improve both the forensics conference-clinic and the forensics tournament.

We plan to invite the Cambridge University debaters to our campus for a public debate in November. This will be financed from funds appropriated by the Student Association.

BATES

CHAPTER—There is only one student member in the organization, but there are five from the community and faculty. Two new members were initiated last year. A member of the chapter served as the National Chairman for the United Student Fellowship.

INSTITUTIONAL—Twenty-five students participated in forensics, with fourteen taking part in off-campus competition. Bates attended twelve tournaments and in addition conducted the high school debate leagues in both Maine and New Hampshire.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES—Erwin Canham, '25, President—U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Edmund Muskie, '36 Senator from Maine, and Frank Coffin, '40, Congressman from Maine.

GENERAL REPORT—The Bates chapter of Delta Sigma Rho is conducted as an honorary society. In fact, it is set up on campus much like the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The officers are alumni and we have one big meeting a year at Commencement and a sort of rump meeting during the year for the election of new members. Since we believe in electing only the better debaters and then only in their junior and senior years, that means that we rarely have more than three or four members on campus as undergraduates each year. We see no advantage in attempting to have so small a number attempt activities on campus. Instead we see to it that the honor is recognized along with Phi Beta Kappa and Departmental Honors at our annual Honors Day and so election is regarded as a district honor on campus as well as among the debaters.

The actual debating activity is conducted by the Debating Council, a student organi-

zation whose officers are usually the Delta Sigma Rho members on campus. Under the direction of the Director of Forensics who is also head of the Speech Department and Sponsor of the Delta Sigma Rho chapter, this Council conducts an active debate, discussion, and general forensic program. The college belongs to both the New England and the Eastern Forensic Associations and participates in their tournaments. The debate teams travel all over the Northeast and generally place among the first four in most of the tournaments. Last year they finished second in both the sweepstakes and debate in the New England Forensic competition, and first in oral interpretation and third in oratory.

BELOIT

CHAPTER—While there are no student members on campus at the present time, there are two from the faculty and community.

INSTITUTIONAL—While not participating in intercollegiate forensics during the year, there were seven students in a class. This is an attempt to rebuild interest in forensics.

GENERAL REPORT—The interest of forensics on this campus has fallen off sharply in the last few years. As stated above, we are giving class work in forensics in the hope that new interest and understanding of the problems involved will reach the students.

A general call was issued to the freshman class as well as to the upper classes to try to get the intercollegiate debate program going again. One person so far has responded. Naturally this is very discouraging. But all hope is not lost. Efforts will continue until all possible means are used that will bring students into the program or until no interest is shown.

COLORADO

CHAPTER—A total of nineteen DSR members, four of which are students. In the group are included two deans and two members of the Board of Regents. The Chapter sponsors an Oratory contest, an Extemporaneous Speaking contest, the International Debate and a Speech Banquet. David Wood was elected president of freshman class at Law School. Gilbert Bonem received awards of Phi Beta Kappa, graduated Summa Cum Laude, and was granted a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Robert Backus is a graduate assistant in Forensics at Colorado.

INSTITUTIONAL—Forty out of the sixty people participating in forensics took part in off-campus activities. A total of eleven tournaments were attended plus the holding of the Colorado Invitational Forensic Festival.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES—Thorrel Fest was elected 1st Vice-President of the NSSC. He also spent the summer in Hawaii teaching at the University. Roger Davidson spent the past year at Columbia University on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Courtland Peterson was added to the Law School at C.U. as an Assistant Professor. William Daney is completing his first year in the C.U. Medical School.

GENERAL REPORT—The 1958-1959 School Year was an active one for the University of Colorado Forensics Program. In all, the students attended 11 intercollegiate tournaments and participated in thirty symposium forums before various service groups and organizations throughout the State of Colorado in addition to local tournaments and competitive speech activities. Most noteworthy in terms of accomplishment included winning the Top of The World Forensics Tournament at Adam State College in March 1959, and qualifying a woman for the Interstate Oratory Contest in East Lansing, Michigan in April 1959.

This year the number of people involved in the forensics program has increased and it appears as if we will be having a very stimulating year. One of the features of the University of Colorado's forensics program is its Speakers Congress, which is composed of the group of students who are interested in forensic activities. They are sponsoring this year on the campus, two very interesting activities. One is called the Faculty Speakers Bureau. The members of the faculty have been contacted and asked to submit one or two topics about which they would be interested in speaking to members of various living and social units on the campus. This list is being submitted to the Presidents and Chairmen of these groups and Speaker's Congress is acting as a clearing house to furnish faculty speakers for such groups. The other activity is an intramural speech contest, the Speakers Congress is attempting to promote among the various living units on the campus. Both of these activities have great promise for improving and expanding the contribution that Speech and Speech activities are making to the University of Colorado.

The Delta Sigma Rho Chapter will sponsor again the extempore speaking contests and oratory contests and will assist in the Honors Recognition program in the University. It might also be mentioned that the majority of the officers of the Speakers Congress are Delta Sigma Rho people as well, so that the personnel of Delta Sigma Rho have been contributing also to the Speakers Congress activities. We have promising candidates in the initiation for Delta Sigma Rho this year, and if the candidates live up to their promise we shall have a rather substantial group to initiate.

CORNELL

CHAPTER—There are seven student members and three faculty members in the chapter at present. Three new members were initiated last year. An initiation and Associated Banquet was held, a Delta Sigma Rho lecture by a Faculty Member dealing with the Debate topic was sponsored, and the chapter jointly sponsored a debate booth at the Activities Fair with the Debate Association.

INSTITUTIONAL—Fifty of the sixty people active in forensics took part in intercollegiate competition. The school took part in forty intercollegiate events. They also sponsored their annual Novice debate tournament.

GENERAL REPORT—Cornell University participated in 136 intercollegiate debates, including 27 practice debates. Seventeen intercollegiate debates were held at Cornell, not including our Novice Clinic.

We debated in 9 states and Canada and met a total of 56 schools. We debated such teams as Dartmouth, Amherst, Oxford, Harvard, Brown, Columbia, McGill and Osgoode Hall, and, in addition, many small enrollment schools, such as Wells, Harpur, Le Mayne and Elmira. Some of our most rewarding debates were held before high school audiences.

Two of our debaters participated in the N. Y. State Intercollegiate Legislative Assembly.

CREIGHTON

CHAPTER—There are four student members and one faculty member. One person was initiated last year. The chapter sponsors regular Monday night discussions for the Student Body. In addition, the chapter holds regular monthly breakfasts for business meetings. All four student members of DSR are also members of the Campus honor society. One member is editor of the student paper and one member is president of the student board of governors.

INSTITUTIONAL—All twelve students in the forensic program have taken part in intercollegiate activities. A total of nine tournaments were attended.

GENERAL REPORT—The four members are senior debaters and attending approximately 5 tournaments each. One member, and one boy who was later initiated won second place in the All-Jesuit Tournament at Loyola of Chicago. That same boy who was later initiated won second place in the Nebraska State finals, along with one boy who had been a member for 2 years. The 2 girl members of our chapter tied for first place in the Women's Division of that same tournament. We are proud to have the state champions in our group.

Because of small size our chapter is, of course, limited in its activities. Yet we feel that it is important to maintain high standards for membership. For that reason we

felt that we had only one deserving member to initiate last spring. (Our initiations are usually held in April.) We look forward to having about 3 new members next year.

DEPAUW

CHAPTER—Six new members were initiated into DSR this year, giving the chapter a total of seven student members. In addition, there are two faculty members. The organization sponsored the 12th annual Invitational Debate Tournament and a dinner for the Oxford University Debaters. Three members, Jack McFarlane, Randell Ripley and Robert Wessling were elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

INSTITUTIONAL—The squad attended seventeen tournaments. Out of fifty participants, thirty took part in intercollegiate activities. A debate was held with Oxford University and also a series of radio debates over the campus radio station.

GENERAL REPORT—The 1958-59 DePauw University debate squad consisted of 23 persons who participated in a total of 175 intercollegiate debates. Twenty-one of the debaters participated in at least two tournaments.

DePauw won first-place trophies at the Eastern Illinois University varsity tournament and at the Purdue University novice tournament. In all, the squad won 104 of their 164 decision debates, placing among the top five schools in 11 of the 14 meets they attended.

The two four-year debaters graduating in 1959 were Jack McFarlane and Randell Ripley.

In rating, Pamela Parkhill won first place in the women's state oratory contest. In other intercollegiate competition, DePauw speakers won two firsts, a second, and three thirds in eight contests they entered.

The audiences favored by DePauw speakers during the year totaled 2080.

HAMILTON

CHAPTER—There are three student members and three faculty and community members in the chapter at present. A total of six new members were initiated last year. The local chapter plans to sponsor an interfraternity competition in debate. Preston Zucker was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

INSTITUTIONAL—The school attended about twenty tournaments with approximately fifty of the sixty people in the program participating. A high school debate tournament was held and a college novice debate tournament was also sponsored. In addition, the speech department also sponsors various speech and debate contests on the campus.

GENERAL REPORT—As we have indicated previously, our chapter has been relatively

inactive during the past few years. However, we do plan to sponsor an inter-fraternity trophy contest based on intercollegiate debate rules later in the year. We will supply full data on that at that time for the *Gavel*.

Our chapter is closely associated with the Debate Club at Hamilton. We are now in the process of revamping the Debate Club and recruiting new members. We have about 35 novice debaters this year, which brings the club to a total of 50 debaters. This increase of forensic interest will manifest itself shortly in the Delta Sigma Rho chapter. Before the end of this year moreover, three more men will have qualified for election to our chapter and it is expected that they will be elected.

HAWAII

CHAPTER—With the addition of five new members last year, the student section of the chapter now has six members. There are also fifteen members in the community and on the faculty.

INSTITUTIONAL—Twenty-two of the fifty students in the program competed in intercollegiate activities. Also, these contests were held as part of the program; Wednesday Legislative Forum, Campus Debate Tournament, Freshman Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, All Hawaii Oratorical Contest, Intercollegiate Speech Tournament and a series of audience debates.

IDAHO

CHAPTER—There are ten student members and seven faculty and townspeople in the Chapter at the present. Five were initiated last year. Among the events sponsored by DSR on campus are an intramural debate tournament, and annual dinner and a high school debate tournament (with cups for the winners).

INSTITUTIONAL—Eighteen of the twenty persons in the program took part in intercollegiate competition. The school attended eight tournaments, plus holding the Idaho State tournament, the Inland Empire Debate Tournament and a series of triangular debates with Washington University and Montana.

GENERAL REPORT—Idaho attends regularly the Columbia Valley tournament sponsored by Washington State University. Wayne Kidwell and Mike McNichols won first place this year in the Junior Men's division. We have annual triangular debates with Washington State and Montana and Washington State and Whitman. We attend tournaments at Linfield College, the All-Idaho State meet, the Pacific Forensic League, the Montana tournament. We sponsor a junior college tournament.

We are making plans also to attend the

Delta Sigma Rho tournament at Reno, Nevada, and the Portland State Town Hall discussion program at Portland.

Interest in forensics is at an all time high if numbers are any criterion. We have 30 aspirants: this fall.

INDIANA

CHAPTER—With six students and six associate members the chapter totals twelve, three of whom were initiated this past year. The chapter presents two awards: one the Neizer Award to the Outstanding Debater and the other the William Jennings Bryan award for the Outstanding Orator of the Year.

INSTITUTIONAL—There were fifty people in the program, and twenty of these participated in the intercollegiate program. I.U. attended fourteen tournaments in addition to holding the Western Conference Debating League Tournament, the Hoosier Debate Tournament and an International Debate. The school also sponsored a high school debate tournament.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES—Wayne E. Ponater, '51, recently became associated with the firm of Cook, Bose, Buchanan and Evans, Indianapolis, Indiana.

IOWA

CHAPTER—Four new members were initiated during the past year. There are now nine student members and fifteen associate members on the campus. Judy Clark is serving as Student Council president.

INSTITUTIONAL—Iowa attended seven debate tournaments off campus. Twenty of the thirty people involved in the program took part in the intercollegiate part. There were two tournaments held on the campus. One was the Intercollegiate Conference on World Affairs and the other an Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament. An annual International Debate was also held.

GENERAL REPORT—The SUI forensics group participated in tournaments at the following colleges and universities: Cornell College, Grinnell College, University of Nebraska, University of Wisconsin, University of South Dakota. Two invitational tournaments were held on the campus, one early in December and the other early in March. In addition, we took part as usual in the program of the Western Conference Debating League, including the exchange debates and the annual conference, in which this year one of our representatives, Judy Clark, placed second. We also attended the Delta Sigma Rho national tournament at John Carroll University, visited Minnesota for debates with the University of Minnesota and three other Minnesota colleges, and participated in the annual contest of the Northern

Oratorical League, in which our contestant, Gregg Morris, placed first. Dorothy House and David Brodsky met two students from the University of London in our annual international debate.

New members of Delta Sigma Rho initiated during the past year were: David Brodsky, Peggy Brooks, Judy Clark and Gerald R. Miller. Officers of Delta Sigma Rho for 1959-1960 are: President, David Brodsky; Vice-President, Gerald R. Miller; Secretary, Peggy Brooks. Officers of the Forensics Association for the year are: President, Kathy Kelly; Vice-President, Peggy Brooks; Secretary, Ron Stump.

IOWA STATE TEACHERS

CHAPTER—The active chapter now includes two student members and one faculty member. During the past year, two members were initiated. DSR sponsored the International Debate with Oxford. John Gohman was elected to Beta Beta Beta (science) and also served as vice president of the Cedar Falls Men's Association. Esther Kling served as full time staff in the personnel department this Spring and is now a Graduate Assistant in costuming at LSU.

INSTITUTIONAL—Half of the forty students in the forensic program took part in intercollegiate activities at the eight tournaments attended. Two high school affairs were held on the campus, the Brindley Discussion and Debate Conference and a Discussion Conference.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES—Willis Haugen, '51, received his law degree from Harvard. Robert Davis, '54 and Kenneth Anderson, '55 are both in their second year of work on their Ph.D., Davis at Iowa U. and Anderson at Wisconsin U.

GENERAL REPORT—In addition to eight forensic tournaments attended off campus, the I.S.T.C. squad held exchange debates with nearby colleges, gave demonstration debates for a high school conference and for high school assembly, debates before local groups, and sponsored a parliamentary debate with a guest college on campus.

KANSAS

CHAPTER—With eighteen student members and twelve faculty and townspeople, the Kansas chapter has one of the strongest programs in DSR. Six new members were taken in last year. The chapter sponsored a Banquet and a Business meeting plus the Delta Sigma Rho Public Affairs Speaking Contest. Ray Nichols was a candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship and has been selected to be a member of the American Debating team to tour England in the Spring of 1960. Another candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship was Stephen Hill, who has received an exchange scholarship with Birmingham Uni-

versity, England. Bob Nebrig was selected as a YMCA student representative for a trip to Russia, 1959. Don Bowan received a Woodrow Wilson scholarship to the University of Chicago.

INSTITUTIONAL—Thirty out of one hundred and fifty took part in fifteen debate tournaments. Sponsored on the campus were three intercollegiate events—The Heart of America Tournament, the State Oratorical Contest and a Group Action Discussion Tournament. Local events sponsored included a Campus Problems Speech Contest, Oratorical Contest, Informative Speech Contest, Argumentative Speech Contest, Demonstration Speech Contest and a Public Affairs Speaking Contest.

GENERAL REPORT—The University attempts to give a balanced and diversified forensic program which coordinates with the general speech curriculum.

Some 150 students participated in the overall program. Fifty-six engaged in debate activities. The University was represented in 13 different debate tournaments for a total of over 200 debates with a 60 per cent record of wins. This year, our program of audience debates was expanded. Twenty-one debaters participated in 17 debates before off-campus audiences totalling about 3,000 people. Audiences varied in size from 25 to 600 people.

The 34th Annual Campus Problems Speaking Contest was held in October before 300 students. Over 60 students participated in the 12th Annual Intramural Speaking series on April 8, 15 and 22nd. These contests include Informative Speaking, Demonstration Speaking and Argumentative Speaking.

A new event introduced this year, called "The Delta Sigma Rho Public Affairs Speaking Contest" was held on April 28th. This contest is similar to the Persuasive Speaking Contest held at the Delta Sigma Rho Tournament. Twenty students tried out for the event. It was won by Stephen Hill who received a set of the Encyclopedia Americana.

The University sponsored the Third Annual Heart of America Debate Tournament in April and the 5th Annual Kansas Oratorical Contest in March. These events brought visitors from 25 colleges and universities into Forensic competition to our campus.

Another project experimental in nature, called "Group Action Tournament" was introduced early in the year. This activity involved committee discussion in a competitive situation—competition between teams, rather than individuals. (See Gavel Vol. 41, No. 3, March 1959, pp. 41, 42, 48).

MICHIGAN STATE

CHAPTER—Three new members were initiated during the past year. The total strength of the chapter is four students and nine faculty members. Ralph Wilber, Sen-

ior in pre-law, research assistant to the Attorney General of Michigan. Charles Herbert, Chairman of the Academic Benefits Committee of Student Government.

INSTITUTIONAL—Seventy students were in the program with forty-two taking part in intercollegiate activities. A total of eleven tournaments were attended. Held on the campus were; *Controversy*, the nation's only weekly televised intercollegiate debate series, Apple Blossom Festival, national collegiate event in Oral Interpretation, and Campus Crossroads, a forum series bringing together faculty and students.

GENERAL REPORT—Participation in all phases of forensic activity. Superior certificate in discussion, Alabama Discussion Festival. Superior and Excellent certificates in debate, discussion, oratory, extemp, interp, Bradley University Tournament. First place in debate tournaments at Ohio State, Ball State, and Flint J. C. (novice tournament). Highest ranking delegation at Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League debate tournament in both A & B divisions.

MISSOURI

CHAPTER—An extra large group of individuals was initiated into DSR last year, a total of eight. The chapter has six students and two faculty members. A large number of events was sponsored by the chapter: Annual Missouri High School Debate Conference, TV program on Education, 50th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the local Chapter, International Debate, Annual Missouri High School Speech Festival, Forensic Awards Banquet, Extemporaneous Speech Contest and the Stephens Oratory Contest. Graham Helmandach was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Robert Friedman (faculty adviser) was named Missouri's Outstanding Young Teacher of Speech.

INSTITUTIONAL—Thirty-two students were involved in the forensics program with twenty participating in intercollegiate activities. The school attended nine tournaments and in addition sponsored a student speakers bureau.

GENERAL REPORT—Local events of the University of Missouri's forensic program included a demonstration debate for the Stephens College debate club, an audience debate with the University of Oklahoma, a televised discussion program, a demonstration debate for U.N. Week, an audience debate with the British team, and the annual Athenaeon Society Awards banquet.

The outstanding local event was the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Missouri's Delta Sigma Rho chapter. President Herold T. Ross and Missouri's first Delta Sigma Rho, W. F. Woodruff, were featured banquet speakers. Other former Missouri DSR's from as far away as Phoenix, Arizona, were present. The celebration included the reproduction of an 1892 Athena-

ean Society program and drew an audience of more than 300 people.

The Society again sponsored a Student Speakers Bureau whose members spoke to audiences in the area.

Off-campus intercollegiate competition included events at Kansas State, Grinnell, Iowa, Nebraska, Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky, and Illinois. Our group also returned the University of Oklahoma's visit.

The annual extemporaneous speaking contest and the 109th annual Stephens Oratory Contest were held.

Eight new members, four regular and four honorary, were elected to Delta Sigma Rho. Regular members elected were Emily Goetz, Richard E. Hodges, Ronald J. James, and Jack L. Pooker. Honorary memberships were accorded Robert P. Friedman, director of forensics; Thomas L. Fernandez, assistant director of forensics; Robert F. Karsch, chairman of the University's Forensics Committee; and W. Francis English, dean of the College of Arts and Science.

MOREHOUSE

CHAPTER—The newest of the Delta Sigma Rho chapters, Morehouse initiated eleven persons last year. They have two student members and five faculty and community members. Because the chapter was not installed until late Spring, they actually do not have a chapter report for 1959.

INSTITUTIONAL—They did have, however, fifteen people in the forensic program, and seven of these took part in intercollegiate competition. They sponsored several forums and round table discussions and also an oratorical contest.

NEBRASKA

CHAPTER—There are six student members at present and three faculty. During the past year, two new members were initiated. The chapter sponsored a High School Debate and Discussion Institute and a High School Debate Tournament.

INSTITUTIONAL—All twenty persons in the program took part in intercollegiate program. They attended sixteen tournaments and sponsored an Intercollegiate Debate and Discussion Tournament on campus.

NORTHWESTERN

CHAPTER—Seven new members were initiated last year, bringing to sixteen the number of students in the organization. In addition, there are three faculty members.

INSTITUTIONAL—Every member of the thirty-five man forensic group participated in intercollegiate activities. A total of twenty-three tournaments were attended, in addition to the Cross-examination Tournament and the Owen L. Coon Memorial Tournament, both held on campus.

GENERAL REPORT—1958-1959 Debate Year:

Total tournament debates 371.
 Total tournament debates won 295.
 Percentage .80.
 Total audience debates 29.
 Total practice debates 267.
 Total debates: 663.

Nineteen first-place awards at tournaments and three second-place awards.

National Championship at West Point 1959 for second straight year.

Northwestern-Owen Coon Tournament February 1959 attended by 63 schools.

During the last three years NU debaters have participated in 1032 debates and have won 816 of them; they have participated in 61 tournaments and won 39 of them.

During the 1958-1959 season every member of the NU debate squad won at least one tournament.

OBERLIN

CHAPTER—The chapter now has four student members and four faculty members. Last year eight new members were initiated.

INSTITUTIONAL—Twenty-seven out of forty students in the program took part in intercollegiate activities. In all, twenty tournaments were attended. Oberlin sponsored the Northeastern Ohio Debate Conference Symposium.

GENERAL REPORT—27 members of the Forensic Union participated in the intercollegiate debate program. Eighteen members engaged in seven or more events and twenty three were in three or more. In addition to the debate program, eighteen communities in northeastern Ohio listened to members of the Forensic Union discuss topics of national and international importance.

The President elect for 1959-60, Betty Boyd, won first place in all the contests sponsored by the Forensic Union with prizes totalling \$150.00. In the Civic League Oratorical Contest, competing against speakers from Wayne State University, Western Reserve University, and The College of Wooster, Miss Boyd also won first place.

First year debaters, Eric Gislason, Earl Hamlin, Ted Posselt, and Mary Turzillo were undefeated, placing first at the Northeastern Ohio Debate Conference's annual novice tournament held at John Carroll. At the Split Team Tournament held at Case Institute of Technology, Betty Boyd, Pat Stump, Sue Kelly, and Mary Turzillo won third place.

OHIO STATE

CHAPTER—With twelve student members and twenty-two associate members, Ohio State has a solid foundation. Last year four new members were initiated. A joint initiation was held with Ohio Wesleyan. The

chapter gives two awards each year, the MacArthur Award to the outstanding senior debater and the Johnston-Wiley Award to the debater of the year. Carl Hetrick was awarded a Woodrow Wilson scholarship and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

INSTITUTIONAL—The program took in twenty-five tournaments, with forty out of the fifty-two persons participating in intercollegiate contests. Also, the school sponsored two intercollegiate debate tournaments.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES—The chapter is setting up committees to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the local chapter next Spring.

GENERAL REPORT—The aim of the Ohio State University Forensic Society has been to offer the greatest variety and quality of forensic experience to the greatest number of genuinely interested students; and in this, it seems as if steady improvement has been made. In tournament competition, OSU won first place at the U. of Pittsburgh Summer Tournament, and reached the semifinal round at Harvard and Xavier, and won a second place affirmative team trophy at Georgetown University, and most important, more students were entered in competition than in past years. With regard to variety of experience, the OSU debaters had the opportunity to debate before several audiences during the year on a variety of propositions, including an invitation to take part in the hour-long Columbus Town Meeting radio and television show, debates before high school and college assemblies, and several debates for labor education groups on the campus. Finally, the Forensic Society itself sponsored two intercollegiate forensic tournaments, and a series of nine half-hour television shows in which a different style of debate and a different proposition were demonstrated each week.

OHIO WESLEYAN

CHAPTER—There are three student members and ten associate members at present. Initiated during the past year were four new members. The chapter sponsors the International Debate, a debate tournament, and an annual initiation banquet with Ohio State. In addition, this year the chapter sponsored a debate in chapel and a series of lunches on the debate topic.

INSTITUTIONAL—The forensic program included attendance at eighteen tournaments, with thirty of the fifty members of the squad taking part in intercollegiate activities.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES—Arthur Sherwood Flemming, '26, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, was initiated into DSR in 1925.

GENERAL REPORT—Our forensic squad and in particular our DSR membership is slowly growing. At present we have three active members in the organization, we have three additional members who are now

qualified and we have approximately twelve others who are serving apprenticeships.

This year we initiated a practice of debating in conjunction with the Air Force ROTC. As a part of this program we recently traveled to Colorado Springs to debate a freshman squad from the Air Academy.

OREGON STATE

CHAPTER—There are four student members and fifteen associate members in the chapter. During the past year, three new members were initiated. A Forensic Mix is sponsored at the beginning of each year and an intersectional speech contest at the close of each term (three per year). An Interhall scholarship was awarded to Beverly Burgoyne.

INSTITUTIONAL—Twelve out of twenty five students participated in the intercollegiate part of the program, attending fifteen tournaments. The Oregon High School Speech Tournament and the Annual Forensics Convocation were both held on the campus this past year.

GENERAL REPORT—The Oregon State Forensic Squads for 1958-59 participated in six tournaments throughout the west and nine state contests. Members of the squad won a total of seven first places and nine second places and six third places. These placings were in Oratory, After-Dinner Speaking, Extempore Speaking, Interpretation, Experimental Speaking, and Discussion. Oregon State was runner up for the sweepstakes trophy at the Tau Kappa Alpha Invitational Tournament at the University of Montana.

The Forensic Directors award went this year to Gerald Thomas Minifie. This award is a plaque upon which is engraved annually the name of the senior who, during his or her collegiate career, has made the greatest contribution to the college forensic program.

PENN STATE

CHAPTER—Two new members were initiated last year, which now leaves the chapter with one student and one faculty member now active on campus. The chapter sponsored an initiation banquet. Vicki O'Donnell now has a graduate assistantship in the Penn State Speech Department. Ellen Donovan was awarded Kappa Kappa Gamma Scholarship and a Harvard Law School Scholarship. Mary Ann Gemmill was awarded a Rotary Scholarship for study in New Zealand.

INSTITUTIONAL—Thirty-seven out of fifty seven students took part in eighteen tournaments. Two events were held on the campus, the Joseph F. O'Brien Inter-State Debaters' Congress and the Penn State Reading Festival.

GENERAL REPORT—*Women's Squad*: Sheila

Cohen and Jackie Leavitt won 3 out of 4 at Temple and 3 out of 4 at Duquesne. Jean Pipal and Judy Weiss won 3 out of 4 at Pitt. Mary Ann Gemmill won the Parliamentary Speaker Award and also was elected Gavel Girl at the Joseph F. O'Brien Inter-State Debaters' Congress. Barbara Kersnick and Ellen Donovan were Gavel Girl finalists. Sheila Cohen took 1st and Mary Ann Ganter 2nd in the John Henry Frizzell Extempore Contest, while Emily Bradley, Joan Kemp, Jackie Leavitt, and Marilyn West were finalists. Marjie Ganter and Mary Ann Gemmill won 4 out of 5 at the State Tournament. Mary Ann placed 3rd among the "top ten" debaters, 2nd in Extempore, and Vicki O'Donnell 3rd in Persuasion. At the Delaware Valley Tournament with Joan Kemp and Judy Weiss winning 3 out of 3, Mary Ann Ganter and Barbara Kersnick 2 out of 3 for a 5 out of 6 team record, and with Joan Kemp placing 8th among the "top ten" debaters, the Penn State Women won 2nd place in the tourney. A perfect record, 8 wins and 0 losses, was garnered at the NYU Spring Forensic Festival, with Joan Kemp and Lurene Jochem winning 4 out of 4 and, likewise, Ellen Donovan and Marjie Ganter winning 4 out of 4, giving the Penn State Women the Championship in Debate; Ellen Donovan took 2nd in After Dinner Speaking and Lurene Jochem 4th in Persuasion, while Joan Kemp and Lurene Jochem won the Certificate of Award as the best affirmative team in the tournament and Ellen Donovan and Marjie Ganter being declared the top negative team in the tourney duplicated the feat and, likewise, received the Certificate of Award. The Penn State Women won the Eastern Forensic Association Sweepstakes Championship for the second time during the tourney's eight year history, the first time being in 1953 when the Penn State Women were co-champions with the Dartmouth Men. To gain the coveted Sweepstakes Championship, Judy Bentz and Vicki O'Donnell won 5 out of 6 debates. Ellen Donovan and Mary Ann Gemmill, 4 out of 6, for 4th place in Debate, while Judy Bentz placed 3rd in Persuasion, and Mary Ann Gemmill 5th in Extempore. In winning, it is only fair to say that we barely "edged out" a mighty fine St. John's University College team.

Men's Squad

The basic aim of the program in Men's Debate is education. Emphasis is placed upon research, the analysis and synthesis of materials, and the effective presentation of the results. Even though the winning of tournaments is a secondary objective, the men do surprisingly well in competition. Highlights of the season just past include:

An undefeated record at the Temple Novice Tournament.

A series of debates with the University of Pittsburgh before six high school assemblies.

The aggregate audience for the series was approximately 4700.

The largest Inter-State Debaters Congress in recent years. Twenty colleges were represented. Leonard Julius won one of the five Parliamentary Speaker Awards. Alan Elms served as Archives Secretary.

An international debate with the University of Toronto.

Leonard Julius won the Eastern Forensic Association Championship in Oratory.

The Debate Squad, true to the Penn State tradition of "moulding men," recently provided the University with the following officers:

Jay Feldstein, President, Student Government Association, 1958-59.

Leonard Julius, President, Student Government Association, 1959-60.

Ted Holler, President, Senior Class, 1959-60.

Currently, all colleges on Penn State's home football schedule are invited to send a debate team to the campus for a public debate Friday evening before the game. The visitors are guests of the men's squad at the game next day, and throughout the weekend.

PITT

CHAPTER—Four new members were taken in last year, leaving the total of students in the chapter at six. In addition there are four faculty members. Harry W. Turner was voted the Sophomore Man-of-the-Year.

INSTITUTIONAL—The entire squad of thirty-six debaters took part in forty tournaments. Pitt also sponsored their annual Cross-Examination Tournament, annual Novice Tournament and annual Summer Tournament.

GENERAL REPORT—Intercollegiate debates 535; Decision debates 500; Won 330; Lost 170; Intercollegiate debaters 36; Men 24; Women 12; Colleges debated 170; Topics debated 8; Ranking teams (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) in major events 35; Different speakers on ranking teams 23; TV programs in *Face the People* Series 32; High School assembly debates 97; Total audience 66,462; Extension debates (Service clubs, etc.) 43; Total audience 2,240.

POMONA

GENERAL REPORT—Activities of the Pomona College chapter of Delta Sigma Rho during the year 1958-59 included the following events:

On February 28, 1959, the chapter of Delta Sigma Rho sponsored the second annual invitational cross-examination debate tournament. 28 teams from 9 colleges took part in four rounds of Oregon style debate on the national resolution. Teams from the University of California at Los Angeles won

second place. Delta Sigma Rho members Sara Carstens, Carol Samuels, and Jerrold Levitin supervised the tournament; Jerrold Levitin was tournament director.

On Saturday, May 9, 1959, members of Delta Sigma Rho recreated a prototype of the Lincoln-Douglas debates, as part of an observance of the Sesqui-centennial of Lincoln's birth. Jerrold Levitin, member of DSR, portrayed Judge Douglas; Hadley Batchelder, a new member of DSR, played the role of Lincoln. A text had been prepared from excerpts from the 7 debates in which Douglas opened the exchange, was followed by Lincoln's opening presentation, continued his arguments, was followed by Lincoln's final statement, and then concluded his presentation. The exchange took about 40 minutes, and was preceded by three short speeches on the historical and rhetorical background of the debates. Mr. Howard H. Martin, faculty sponsor of DSR, spoke on "The Oratory of Mid-Nineteenth Century America," Mr. John Kemble of the history department discussed "The Political Background of the Debates," and William Hixson, a new member of DSR, discussed the specific circumstances of the seven joint debates. Members of a southern California group, the Civil War Roundtable, were in the audience. Other parts of the observance were a talk by Mr. Justin Turner, owner of one of the largest private collections of Lincolniana; a concert of music Lincoln enjoyed and music about Lincoln, including Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait," performed by soloists and members of the Pomona College Symphony Orchestra directed by Mr. Kenneth Fiske, who discussed the circumstances surrounding the music performed.

Three new members have been elected to the Pomona chapter of DSR: William Hixson, a government major from Los Angeles; Hadley Batchelder, an International Relations major from San Diego; and Jean Kling, a Speech and Drama major from Michigan City, Indiana. These new members will be welcomed into the chapter at a dinner to be held on Wednesday evening, May 26, 1959, at the home of chapter sponsor, Howard Martin.

Members of DSR elected to Phi Beta Kappa were Sara Carstens, outgoing President of the chapter.

Graduating members of DSR entering graduate school are: Jerrold Levitin who will enter the University of California Law School at Berkeley; David Hirsch who will enter law school at Yale or Cal.; Seymour Spilerman who will enter graduate school at Brandeis University; and Sara Carstens who will, after her marriage, enter the teacher internship program at University of California at Berkeley.

Norma Jo White is concluding her stay in the nation's capital on the "Washington Semester" plan at the America University.

STANFORD

CHAPTER—There are nine student members and two faculty members at the present time. The chapter sponsors several social events plus an oratorical contest. An award was also presented to the best freshman debater and the best sophomore debater. Fred Hillier received a Danforth Fellowship, Lester O'Shea received a Fulbright Scholarship and Robert Best was ASSU Financial Manager.

INSTITUTIONAL—Forty-six debaters took part in ten tournaments. In addition a Cross-Examination Debate tournament and a Public Speaking Contest for campus students were held.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES—Frank Church was elected to the U.S. Senate and Robert McClintock was appointed Ambassador to Lebanon.

GENERAL REPORT—Forty-nine students participated in forensic activities at Stanford last year. Activities included the following tournaments—No. Calif. Forensic Assoc., Fresno Invitational, Western Speech Assoc., Mass. Inst. Tech. Tourney, Wm. & Mary Invitational, Portland Town Meeting, College of Pacific, Linfield College, DSR in Reno, Pacific Forensic League, San Fran. State, U. of Hawaii. Stanford teams placed 1st in debate in 7 of these tournaments, 2nd in 4, and 3rd in 4. The total number of debates was 296 of which 225 were intercollegiate decision debates against 61 other colleges or universities.

Additionally, Stanford students participated in a W.C.T.U. speaking contest, spoke before high school groups, debated the University of London, toured the Eastern States, and won the 65th annual Medaille Joffre debate against the University of California.

TEXAS TECH

CHAPTER—There are three student members and five associate members on campus at the present time. The chapter sponsored a College Forensic Festival and a High School Forensic Festival. Tom Reagor served on the student council and received a scholarship to the law school at SMU.

INSTITUTIONAL—There were one hundred and fifty students in the complete program with twenty-five taking part in eight off-campus tournaments. In addition, an international debate was held with the team from Oxford.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES—Waggoner Carr was elected Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives and Clay Thompson is serving as Air Force Attache in the U.S. Embassy, Paris, France.

GENERAL REPORT—Our team was second high ranking among the Western Division Teams at the National Delta Sigma Rho Congress. Our students participated in

about 150 rounds of debates, 50 rounds of discussion, and about 50 rounds of individual events in 8 Meets. We also had an On-Campus public debate with a team from Oxford, and conducted several demonstration debates for High Schools.

VIRGINIA

GENERAL REPORT—Being handicapped by a small membership this year, the Delta Sigma Rho chapter at the University of Virginia is virtually inactive. However, the members of the chapter are planning to attend the National Conference in March at the University of Indiana and if possible to sponsor a banquet at the end of the debating year. Such a banquet was held last year with very gratifying results. The officers hope that as more and more members of the debating team qualify for membership in Delta Sigma Rho, our chapter will become increasingly active.

WASHINGTON

CHAPTER—Three new members were initiated last year, and the chapter now has two student members and four faculty members. Doris Holte elected to Zeta Phi Eta.

INSTITUTIONAL—Nineteen of the twenty students in the program took part in nine tournaments. Also, the University sponsored a High School Speech Festival.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES—Carol Ann Neissess is on a scholarship to the University of California to do graduate work in public health.

GENERAL REPORT—The forensic season is over for the 1958-1959 school year. It was a busy year and, more important, it was a year in which the forensic staff sought to build membership around sound educational principles—the development of sensitive observers, objective critics, and persuasive advocates.

Unfortunately, the activities of the year were not without their shortcomings. It may be impressive to relate that students travelled over 8,000 miles to engage in 448 individual participations, on five different topics, with students from 38 colleges and universities, but it is far from impressive to report that the number of public discussions has probably reached a new low.

With disappointment, however, is the hope that next year the number and quality of public discussions will sweep upward. As more students engage in intercollegiate competition, more of them will begin to qualify for participation in the more demanding and more rigorous phases of the program—those involving audiences. And once students have completed all phases of the forensic program, we trust that we have lived up to our educational objectives.

WESTERN RESERVE

CHAPTER—There are six student and three faculty members in the chapter at present. Delta Sigma Rho also played host to the NEODC Legislative Assembly this past year, as well as sponsoring the Woodward Oratory Contest.

INSTITUTIONAL—Fourteen tournaments were attended, and twenty-one out of twenty-nine students in the program took part in intercollegiate activities.

GENERAL REPORT—First Place Unit, Pittsburgh Novice Tournament (trophy).

First Place Affirm. Team, Pittsburgh Novice Tournament (trophy).

First Place, Edward Everett Oratory Contest, Harvard Univ. (trophy).

WEST VIRGINIA

CHAPTER—There are five student members and three faculty members at present. Five new members were initiated last year. The chapter sponsored the North-South Debate Banquet and an audience debate with John Carroll.

INSTITUTIONAL—Twelve students took part in nine debate tournaments. Also, the University sponsored the North-South Debate Tournament.

GENERAL REPORT—W. V. A. Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho and the Speech of West Virginia University, in addition to being host to many forensic events, sent participants to several debate tournaments, held throughout the country in 1958-59.

Local events included a demonstration debate between two students at a meeting of the Morgantown Rotary Club, practice debates with Fairmont State College, and a public decision debate—sponsored by The International Awareness Weekend Commission and W. V. A. Chapter—between debaters from John Carroll University and West Virginia University.

The highlight of our forensic activities was the Sixth Annual West Virginia University North-South Debate Tournament. This consisted of five rounds of debate with northern schools meeting southern schools. Sixteen schools participated with the United States Military Academy and Marietta College receiving the coveted Browning trophies, in the Northern and Southern divisions respectively. An After-Dinner Speaking Contest was held following the banquet, at which our guests were welcomed by our new President Elvis J. Stahr, Jr.

Four University debaters participated in the Northwestern Cross-Examination Tournament in Evanston, Illinois and the University of Pittsburgh's Eleventh Annual Cross-Examination Tournament sponsored by the William Pitt Debating Union.

Four University debaters met eight schools at the Northwestern University Owen L. Coon Memorial Debate Tournament. Two

other debaters participated in the University of Florida Invitational Tournament in May and the First Biennial National Delta Sigma Rho Forensic Tournament at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio.

WISCONSIN

CHAPTER—Two new members were initiated last year, to bring to fourteen the number of student members on campus. In addition there are ten associate members. The chapter sponsors the annual DSR Forensic Conference and a Spring Forensic Banquet. Jack Davis is President of the Wisconsin Student Union and Jerrold Rodesch was elected to Phi Kappa Phi.

INSTITUTIONAL—All thirty students in the program took part in the fifteen tournaments which were attended. The University also sponsored the William J. Hagenah Varsity Championship Debate and the Almere Scott Freshman Championship Debate plus the annual Freshman Debate tournament.

GENERAL REPORT—During the past year members of the Wisconsin Forensic Union participated in approximately 150 debates and won two-thirds of their decision debates. They also took part in approximately 60 discussions winning excellent and superior ratings in a number of these. Barbara Bigger received the only superior given in discussion at last year's National Delta Sigma Rho Conference at Cleveland. At the same meet Lee Raymond received a superior in debate and along with his colleague, Jerrold Rodesch, ranked third in the debate event.

Stephen Cohen, a DSR member, won last year's William J. Hagenah Championship Debate of individual honors.

In addition to the regular tournament debates, Wisconsin's forensic people carried on a program of public debates before campus and high school audiences.

This year the members of the Wisconsin Forensic Union are continuing their participation in the television series—"Quiz the Professor" telecast over the university station—WHA-TV.

WOOSTER

CHAPTER—There are five student members and fifteen faculty and community individuals now in the chapter. Four new members were initiated last year.

INSTITUTIONAL—Twenty of the twenty five persons in the forensic program took part in eleven tournaments.

WYOMING

CHAPTER—There is only one active member on the campus at the present time. The chapter did sponsor the International Debate on campus and the Wyoming Intercollegiate Debate Tournament.

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A Survey of Practices and Problems Relevant To Novice Debating In Eighty-five D.S.R. and T.K.A. Affiliated Colleges and Universities

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The recruiting and educating of novice debaters has generally been a major task for debate coaches. This survey is an attempt to obtain a broad view of the problems and procedures in this area. Toward this end, the forensic coaches of the 165 colleges and universities affiliated with either Delta Sigma Rho or Tau Kappa Alpha were sent a five-page questionnaire concerning their practices and procedures with regard to novice debate. Eighty-five, or slightly better than half, completed the questionnaire. It is hoped that the results may suggest improvements in existing programs, point out general inadequacies, and perhaps console the downhearted.

As in debating, it is best to begin by defining terms. The respondents were asked to define a novice debater. Seventy-one of the eighty-five did so, with the following results: sixty-three defined a novice debater as one in his first year of collegiate debate; six simply stated that he was a "beginning debater;" one considered anyone with less than two years of collegiate experience a novice; and one stated that a novice lacked high school or collegiate experience. Thus, there was considerable agreement regarding the definition.

The next questions were concerned with the administrative details of the debate program. It was found that thirty-one institutions claimed to have a novice debate program separate from the varsity program; three stated that they had a partially separate program; and fifty-one schools did not separate novice and varsity debaters at all.

The staffs of the schools surveyed ranged in size from one to eight. A breakdown re-

vealed that thirty-seven institutions had a total forensic staff of one, twenty-two employed two, seventeen had three, four had a staff of four, and five had staffs larger than four. At no school was a program run without the direction of at least one full-time staff member. While fifty-five schools used one full-time staff member to head up the program, twenty-one used two, eight used three, and one school used a total of four regular members in forensics. Graduate assistants were liberally used. Fourteen institutions used one each in their forensic program, eleven used two, one used three, eleven used four, and one fortunate university used a total of five. This was the same institution which had a total forensic staff of eight. Twelve of the institutions had personnel whose main forensic assignment was working with novice debaters. Of these schools, seven had one person responsible for novice debating, four had two, and one employed three whose main forensic duties were concerned with the novice program. Nine of these twelve schools admitted, however, that the novice personnel had other forensic duties in addition to those connected with novice debaters.

The total forensic budgets of the eighty-five schools ranged from a top of \$10,000 to a bottom figure of \$160.00. The median total budget figure was \$1,500. Of the institutions claiming to have a separate novice program, the top figure spent on novice debating was \$2,500, while the low figure was \$100.00. The median budget figure for novice debate was \$400.00. These figures are based on the twenty-four of the thirty-one respondents claiming a separate novice program who gave a definite answer. Seven stated that their novice budget was undetermined. It is interesting to compare the figure spent on novice debates with the total debate budgets in the twenty-four institutions where this comparison is possible.

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Only one spent as much as half of its total budget on novice debate. Eight spent between forty-nine and twenty-five percent of their total budgets on novice debate, while fifteen spent less than twenty-five per cent on their novice programs. It is apparent that where separate novice programs do exist, they generally exist on rather short finances.

The next section of the survey was concerned with recruitment practices and policies. The respondents were asked if they sent circulars, pamphlets, or other types of written materials to high schools in an effort to attract debaters. Twenty-nine of the eighty-five said that they did. Presenting debates before high school groups is another common method of calling attention to your debate program, and sixty of the respondents stated that they scheduled such debates for their people. Thirty-seven coaches made an effort to check on prominent high school debaters as prospects for their college team, but seven did their checking only after the debaters had enrolled at their institution. Only ten schools had summer forensic workshops to attract high school students. Six institutions granted scholarships to high school students who were good debate prospects. Five of the six granted several small tuition scholarships, but one school had a single scholarship worth \$1,200.00, though its tuition was but \$300.00. It is interesting to note that five of the six schools who granted scholarships to incoming freshmen for debate also gave scholarships to varsity debaters. It may be concluded that there does not appear to be a great deal of effort expended in the recruiting of high school debaters on the part of the institutions involved in this survey. Most of the respondents, however, believed that high school debate experience was valuable. Seventy-four stated that they believed it to be beneficial or desirable, although twenty-five of the seventy-four admitted that it created some "problems." The remaining eleven of the eighty-five simply believed it created problems. The most frequently mentioned problems were that it developed a stilted, mechanical style of presentation, an over-emphasis in the debater's mind with regard to winning, and habitual dependence by the debater upon the coach to do the debater's work. The schools varied greatly in the number of their novices who

had high school experience—some stating that all their novices had been high school debaters, others stating that few, if any, had had such experience.

There remains the problem of recruiting from among the institutional student body. In order to bring the attention of their students to the debate program, all eighty-five of the respondents utilized the school paper; forty-five used posters; forty-four communicated messages through classroom teachers; forty-four had notices placed in the town paper; thirty-eight had announcements made over the campus radio station; twenty threw open houses for prospective debaters; nineteen had an announcement made over the town radio station; nine made personal contacts with prospects; five had their debaters present convocation debates; five wrote letters to prospects; and one had his debaters present a televised debate. All respondents used several of these methods. It is interesting to note that several of the larger schools with extremely active, nationally known programs used few of them. They probably are in a position of such prestige on their campuses that they needn't bother!

Having considered the recruitment practices of these institutions, the next questions concerned their novice training programs. Eighty-three of the reporting coaches began working with novice debaters either in September or in October. The remaining two did not begin till November. Most of the schools had a reasonably lengthy debate season for their novice debaters. All but five debated into April, at least, and several went on into June. One program, however, stopped in December, one in January, two in February, and one in March. With these exceptions, it can be seen that there is no great difference between the length of season for novices and for experienced varsity debaters.

Forty-four of the eighty-five respondents had their novices meet four times a month, whether they met separately or with the varsity. Fifteen had meetings eight times monthly. The rest were scattered between a meagre four-to-eight times a year and a phenomenal forty-eight a month. Seventy institutions limited the meetings attended by novices to between one and two hours' dur-

ation. Seven had meetings of a maximum three hours' duration, while two had meetings of less than an hour. Of these two, one had meetings four times a month, and one eight. Six did not reply, or had no set pattern for meetings. Forty-five institutions had meetings in the afternoon hours, while twenty-six had their meetings in the evening. Nine met at odd hours during the morning or whenever it could be arranged, and five did not answer.

The number of novices who attended the initial debate meeting varied greatly among the eighty-five institutions, as might be expected in a group which reported enrollments ranging from more than 22,000 to less than 1,000. Twenty-eight schools reported from eleven to twenty novices at their first meeting; twenty-three reported ten or fewer new faces at the initial meeting; fourteen reported twenty-one to thirty; nine reported thirty-one to forty; three reported forty-one to fifty; and a fortunate three reported over fifty. One institution reported 150-200 newcomers at the first meeting, but this turned out to be the figure for an intramural program, so it is somewhat atypical. There appeared to be a rather constant relationship between the size of the school and the size of the initial turnout of novices.

Most respondents reported a considerable disparity between the number of novices who attended the first meeting, and the number who stayed active for the remainder of the year. Thirty-four retained between fifty and seventy-four per cent, twenty-seven retained less than fifty per cent, while nine retained at least three-quarters of their initial turnout. It should be noted that these nine institutions all had small initial turnouts—none having more than twenty novices at their first meeting. One school reported a gain in novices as the year went on. However, this school had reported a very small initial turnout, so such a gain is not too surprising. Fourteen answers could not be classified.

The survey showed that if the novice debater could be retained for a year, the chances were good that he would remain and participate in succeeding years. Forty-six institutions retained at least three-quarters of the novices who finished their first year. Twenty-one retained from fifty to

seventy-four per cent, and only five retained less than fifty per cent. Thirteen answers could not be classified. The per cent thus retained tended to be high in both large and small schools. It would appear, therefore, that the secret of building up a varsity squad of considerable size lies in preventing, where possible, the large dropout during the first year. By the end of the first year of debate, the beginners are likely to be confirmed addicts.

The instructional patterns of the training programs varied a good deal. Twenty-six respondents stated that novices were worked with entirely in the regular debate program, experienced and inexperienced debaters alike participating in the same sessions. Another twenty-six said that they worked with the novices separately at times, and in combination with the experienced debaters at other times. Eleven always kept the novices in a separate group. One trained his novices in a class, four combined classroom training with participation in the regular debate group, and fifteen used a triple combination of classroom training, separate novice groups, and combined novice-varsity groups. Two did not reply.

When asked to estimate the relative amounts of time devoted to "theory" and to "practice" when dealing with novice debaters, fifty-three replied that they spent more time on practice, twenty-three believed that their theory-practice ratio was equal, and two thought they spent more time on theory. Those who spent more time on practice did so rather dramatically in certain cases, almost as though they were ashamed of being "theoretical." Estimated ratios of "95-5" and "90-10" were common. One respondent claimed that he spent no time on theory at all, a procedure which would appear to be regrettable when working with beginners. Of course, it is likely that the theory may have been inculcated through the criticism of practice debates in many of these cases. Seven answers couldn't be classified.

Respondents were then asked what sort of debating their novices did. Twenty-two replied that they used only the traditional form of debate; twenty-eight stated that they used the traditional plus the cross-examination type; one school limited its novices to cross-

examination debating entirely; seventeen used traditional debate, cross-examination debate, and other varieties; finally, ten stated that they used the traditional form plus some variety *excluding* the cross-examination type. The varieties other than the traditional and cross-examination types most frequently mentioned were the parliamentary, direct clash, conference, and heckling types of debate. Seven did not answer the question.

The next questions concerned the types of activities that novice debaters entered in competition with debaters from other schools. Fifty-seven respondents stated that their novices participated in both novice and regular tournaments. Eleven limited their novices to regular tournaments only, while eight had them enter only novice tournaments. Eleven did not answer the question. It is noteworthy that thirty-nine allowed their novices to present audience debates on occasion, and that twenty-four institutions were willing to grant the novice debater academic credit for all this work. (Thirty-seven of the schools gave their varsity debaters academic credit.)

In answer to a final question, fifty-five of the eighty-five respondents stated that recruiting and retaining novice debaters was a problem area in their program. A check showed that only three of the respondents from the top-budget schools thought there was a problem in this area. However, there appeared to be no pattern for dissatisfaction below this level. Two schools whose coaches claimed they retained all novices who turned out were dissatisfied, perhaps because of

small initial turnouts. The coach of the one school who lost every one of the three novices he initially attracted to his program thought he had a problem. Some coaches with large squads at all levels were concerned. Others with relatively inactive programs felt no problem, perhaps because they just weren't concerned. Thus, the extent to which a coach believed himself to have a problem often appeared directly related to the extent of his ambitions.

To close the survey, respondents were asked to make any comments they thought might be helpful or enlightening. The following, selected as typical from the entire group of comments, may offer solace or encouragement.

1. "I can't get women to come out for debate."
2. "We have an inadequate coaching staff for the size of our program."
3. "The beginners drop fast when they see the work involved."
4. "Why don't more high school debaters debate in college?"
5. "Our recruiting is successful, but retaining them is hard."
6. "We are hurt by the weak high school program in our state."
7. "It is difficult to hold the interest of beginners because there are so few novice tournaments."
8. "Debate just isn't a prestige activity here."

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INSTITUTIONAL—There were twelve people in the program and seven of these took part in intercollegiate competition. In all, the school attended six tournaments. They also sponsored the Annual Wyoming High School Speech Conference.

GENERAL REPORT—Activity in this chapter was revived during the attendance of the last Congress. At that time one member was initiated. Due to the fact that students participating in the program were not upperclassmen, none could be initiated last year. Applicants for initiation of new members are being sent in now and every effort is being made to encourage the growth of Delta Sigma Rho at the University of Wyoming campus.

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1. Rule of Congress.
2. Schedule of Congress.
3. Articles by Tuckers, Smith, Mader and Akers.

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Code	Chapter Name	Date Founded	Faculty Sponsor	Address
A	Albion	1911	J. V. Garland	Albion, Mich.
AL	Allegheny	1913	Neils Juleus	Meadville, Penn.
AM	Amherst	1913	S. L. Garrison	Amherst, Mass.
AMER	American	1932	Dale E. Wolgamuth	Washington, D.C.
AR	Arizona	1922	G. F. Sparks	Tucson, Ariz.
B	Bates	1915	Brooks Quimby	Lewiston, Maine
BE	Beloit	1909	Carl G. Balson	Beloit, Wisc.
BK	Brooklyn	1940	Charles Parkhurst	Brooklyn, N.Y.
BR	Brown	1909	Anthony C. Gosse	Providence, R.I.
BU	Boston	1935	Wayne D. Johnson	Boston, Mass.
CA	Carleton	1911	Ada M. Harrison	Northfield, Minn.
CH	Chicago	1906	Marvin Phillips	Chicago, Ill.
CLR	Colorado	1910	Thorrel B. Fest	Boulder, Colo.
COL	Colgate	1910	Stan Kinney	Hamilton, N.Y.
CON	Connecticut	1952	Charles McNames	Storrs, Conn.
COR	Cornell	1911	H. A. Wichelns	Ithaca, N.Y.
CR	Creighton	1934	Rev. Robert F. Purcell, S. J.	Omaha, Nebraska
D	Dartmouth	1910	Herbert L. James	Hanover, N.H.
DP	DePauw	1915	Robert O. Weiss	Greencastle, Ind.
EL	Elmira	1931	Geraldine Quinlan	Elmira, N.Y.
GR	Grinnell	1951	Wm. Vanderpool	Grinnell, Iowa
GW	George Washington	1908	George F. Henigan, Jr.	Washington, D.C.
H	Hamilton	1922	Willard B. Marsh	Clinton, N.Y.
HR	Harvard	1909		Cambridge, Mass.
HW	Hawaii	1947	Orland S. Lefforge	Honolulu, Hawaii
I	Idaho	1926	A. E. Whitehead	Moscow, Idaho
ILL	Illinois	1906	King Broadrick	Urbana, Ill.
IN	Indiana	1951	E. C. Chenoweth	Bloomington, Ind.
ISC	Iowa State	1909	R. W. Wilkie	Ames, Iowa
IT	Iowa State Teachers	1913	Lillian Wagner	Cedar Falls, Iowa
IU	Iowa	1906	Orville Hitchcock	Iowa City, Iowa
JCU	John Carroll	1958	Austin J. Freeley	Cleveland, Ohio
K	Kansas	1910	E. C. Buehler	Lawrence, Kansas
KA	Kansas State	1951		Manhattan, Kansas
KX	Knox	1911	Donald L. Torrence	Galesburg, Ill.
MQ	Marquette	1930	Joseph B. Laine	Milwaukee, Wisc.
M	Michigan	1906	N. Edd Miller	Ann Arbor, Mich.
MSU	Michigan State	1958	Huber Ellingsworth	East Lansing, Mich.
MN	Minnesota	1906	Robert Scott	Minneapolis, Minn.
MO	Missouri	1909	Robert Friedman	Columbia, Mo.
MM	Mount Mercy	1954	Thomas A. Hopkins	Pittsburgh, Penn.
MR	Morehouse	1959	A. Russell Brooks	Atlanta, Ga.
MU	Mundelein	1949	Sister Mary Irene, B.V.M.	Chicago, Ill.
N	Nebraska	1906	Don Olson	Lincoln, Nebraska
NEV	Nevada	1948	Robert S. Griffin	Reno, Nevada
ND	North Dakota	1911	John S. Penn	Grand Forks, N.D.
NO	Northwestern	1906	Russel Windes	Evanston, Ill.
O	Ohio State	1910	Paul A. Carmack	Columbus, Ohio
OB	Oberlin	1936	Paul Boase	Oberlin, Ohio
OK	Oklahoma	1913	Roger E. Nebergall	Norman, Okla.
OR	Oregon	1926	W. Scott Nobles	Eugene, Oregon
ORS	Oregon State	1922	Earl W. Wells	Corvallis, Oregon
OW	Ohio Wesleyan	1907	Ed Robinson	Delaware, Ohio
P	Pennsylvania	1909	G. W. Thumm	Philadelphia, Pa.
PO	Pomona	1928	Howard Martin	Claremont, Calif.
PS	Pennsylvania State	1917	Clayton H. Schug	University Park, Pa.
PT	Pittsburgh	1920	Bob Newnan	Pittsburgh, Pa.
R	Rockford	1933	Mildred F. Berry	Rockford, Ill.
SC	Southern California	1915	James H. McBeth	Los Angeles, Calif.
ST	Stanford	1911	Leland Chapin	Stanford, Calif.
SW	Swarthmore	1911	E. L. Hunt	Swarthmore, Penn.
SY	Syracuse	1910	J. Edward McEvoy	Syracuse, N.Y.
TE	Temple	1950	Amelia Hoover	Philadelphia, Pa.
T	Texas	1909	Martin Todaro	Austin, Texas
TT	Texas Tech	1953	James E. Brennan	Lubbock, Texas
VA	Virginia	1908	Robert Jeffrey	Charlottesville, Va.
W	Washington	1922		St. Louis, Mo.
WA	University of Washington	1954	Laura Crowell	Seattle, Wash.
WAY	Wayne	1937	Rupert L. Cortright	Detroit, Mich.
WES	Wesleyan	1910		Middletown, Conn.
WICH	Wichita	1941	Mel Moorhouse	Wichita, Kansas
WIS	Wisconsin	1906	Winston L. Brembeck	Madison, Wisc.
WJ	Washington and Jefferson	1917	Frederick Hellegers	Washington, Penn.
WM	Williams	1910	George R. Connelly	Williamstown, Mass.
WO	Wooster	1922	J. Garber Drushal	Wooster, Ohio
WR	Western Reserve	1911	R. A. Lang	Cleveland, Ohio
WVA	West Virginia	1923	F. A. Neyhart	Morgantown, West Va.
WYO	Wyoming	1917	Patrick Marsh	Laramie, Wyoming
Y	Yale	1909	Rollin G. Osterweis	New Haven, Conn.
L	At Large	1909		

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