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### ALLEGHENY

"Allegheny College will again be host for the Second Annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament on March 11 and 12, with Professor Hubert V. Cordier as chairman. Forty-five member colleges of the Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges will be invited to send representatives in debate, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking. Talon, Inc., of Meadville, Pa., has presented a gold trophy for the winning debate team, although a team may gain permanent possession of the cup only after winning it three times. First winners of the cup were the Swarthmore debaters in 1948. The first place winner in oratory will represent the state at the Interstate Oratory Contest at Northwestern on April 25 and 26. Last year's men's representative was Raymond McCall, of Allegheny College.

"The annual high school debate tournament for seventeen high schools in Northwestern Pennsylvania will be sponsored also by Allegheny College.

"We have planned our year's debate activities around a group of thirty debaters, most of whom attended Westminster College's pre-season debate clinic in November. Representing Allegheny at the annual cross-examination tournament sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh in December were Louis Meyer and Richard Victor, seniors, and Frank Fitch, junior, and Robert Blomquist, freshman.

"Allegheny has also participated in a number of home-and-home debates with Thiel College, Westminster College, Waynesburg College, Slippery Rock State Teachers' College, and Duquesne University. We plan to travel to eastern Pennsylvania schools for more individual debates, as well as to participate in Pennsylvania and Ohio tournaments during the second semester.

"Directing the debate program is Glenn W. Timmons with Mildred Ann Ditty (AL) as his assistant."

### BATES

The fall season has been taken up largely by exhibition debates on the high school subject of "Federal World Government." Clinics for high school debaters were held at Lewiston, Maine, Orono, Maine; Rochester, N. H.; and Lebanon, N. H. Four hundred high school students attended these clinics.

Bates sent two varsity teams and two novice teams to the tournament at the University of Vermont on November 19 and 30. The novices won five out of eight of their debates. The varsity teams were undefeated in all their contests. Only McGill University of Canada was undefeated also. One hundred ninety-two debaters from ten states and Canada participated.

Bates has been invited to participate in the National Recorded Debate Tourney. Those schools which ranked highest in the National Tournament at West Point last year were invited to record their speeches in turn, and send the discs to their opponents until the debate

should be completed. Other Delta Sigma Rho schools taking part include: DePauw University, University of Southern California, and University of Wichita. The series has not been completed at the time of this report.

### BOSTON

With seventy-two debates, three tournaments, numerous radio broadcasts, and a series of major public discussions behind them, Boston University debaters concluded one of the busiest first semesters in their history.

Running through the entire semester was the Novice Debate Tournament, by means of which University Coach of Debate Austin J. Freeley screened the large number of candidates for the Society.

First intercollegiate tournament of the year was the National Invitational Debate Tournament and Forensic Conference at Purdue University in early November. Malcolm Arth, Christopher Barreca, Walter Fraser, and John Lynch represented Boston University in this tournament. Coach Freeley was a member of the panel which discussed "How Can We Improve Debating?" in the conference phase of the program.

Next on the tournament schedule was the University of Vermont Invitation Tournament in mid-November. Representing the University on this trip were: Leonard Kaplan, Bruce Lane, Lambert Rales, and Leon Wroblewski. Both this and the Purdue Tournament might be classified as training events as no winner was declared.

The third tournament of the semester was the Invitational Debate Tournament at Tufts early in December. Representing the University at this event were: Malcolm Arth, Christopher Barreca, Bruce Lane, John Lynch, John Meehan, and Leon Wroblewski. The negative team of Arth and Barreca defeated Vermont to win the semi-finals. Under the tournament schedule the affirmative team of Meehan and Lynch then went into the final round. John Meehan, who tied for highest individual score, was named to the mythical "All Tournament Team."

At the annual meeting of the New England Speech Association Coach Austin J. Freeley was named Chairman of the General Forensic Committee.

The Society's "On Timely Topics" series at the Boston Public Library Lecture Hall proved highly successful as large audiences attended regularly to hear debates and discussions on current topics. Guest teams at this event included: Boston College, Holy Cross, Simmons, Radcliff, Harvard, Mt. Holyoke, and Wellesley.

Among Boston's opponents thus far this season were: M.I.T., Notre Dame, DePauw, Michigan State, Chicago, University of Michigan, Wayne, Navy, Kansas, Chapel Hill, Suffolk, Dartmouth, Vermont, New York University, Wesleyan, Rensselaer, Bates, St. Lawrence, Middlebury, Wake Forest, Boston College, New Hampshire, Harvard, Rhode Island State, Mt. Holyoke, Amherst, Georgetown, and Gordon.

Plans have been made for an active second

semester. In addition to a large number of home debates which will bring teams from all parts of the United States and Canada to Boston, teams will travel to Chicago to attend the Delta Sigma Rho Congress, planning a series of debates along the way. Boston will participate in five invitational debate tournaments, attend Model Congress, and take part in a number of radio debates both in Boston and away.

The Third Annual Invitational Debate Tournament will take place Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12. This year the size of the Tournament has been increased and will include teams from all parts of the country.

In March a team of Cambridge (England) University debaters will visit Boston to renew old forensic ties.

In April the Debating Society will sponsor the Inter-Scholastic Debate Tournament and Conference. This will be open by invitation to high schools and preparatory schools in Massachusetts. Considerable interest has already been evidenced in this event, and a highly selected group of schools will participate.

#### CARLETON

The Carleton chapter assisted the Department of English, Speech, and Dramatic Arts is sponsoring a high school debate tournament at Northfield on December 17 and 18. Eighteen schools from three states (Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) participated in this tournament, which was designed to serve as a training session in both the subject matter of the debate proposition (Federal World Government) and the techniques of debating. In connection with the former, lectures on Federalism were scheduled; and in connection with the latter, the debates were so scheduled that a half-hour was provided for the critique of each contest. Members of the Delta Sigma Rho chapter served as judges and as tournament officials.

#### COLORADO

Despite the most severe storm of the fall season, over 120 speakers from 13 schools participated in the Annual Colorado Invitational Speech Meet at Boulder on November 19 and 20. Wichita University was the only school from the eastern area that was able to attend. Better weather was encountered by Bob Seivers, Bob Taylor, Courtland Peterson, and Jim Friedlander when they attended the Kearney State Teachers College meet on December 4. The two teams won four out of eight debates. The next major intercollegiate event on the Colorado schedule is a Colorado-Wyoming meet at Colorado College, January 15.

The demand for speakers has continually increased, and under the guidance of Chairman Courtland Peterson and Professor Wheater the Speakers Bureau is printing a booklet announcing programs and speakers. It is expected that this publication will go to nearly 1000 groups in the state.

Graduation will thin the ranks of the veteran speakers on the squad. Cecil Jones, Steve Polkinghorn, and William Waldeck will graduate in December. Since Steve has served as president of the local chapter, it was necessary

to fill that vacancy; and Bill Harrison was elected at a chapter meeting held November 29.

Of five Colorado students recommended to the state committee for consideration of Rhodes Scholars, three were Delta Sigma Rho members and a fourth had been active in the forensic program. Bernie Shapson, Bill Waldeck, and Steve Polkinghorn are the members. Bob Kull had been an outstanding member of the forensic group, confining his activities to off-campus work.

Those Colorado students who attended the 1947 Delta Sigma Rho Congress have been telling others what a fine event it is. Colorado expects to be represented at Chicago with a full delegation.

#### DEPAUW

DePauw's varsity debate team, winning seven out of eight debates, placed itself among the nation's top teams in tying with the University of Kansas for first place honors in the National Forensic Conference held at Purdue University on November 4 and 5.

Ray Payne and Regner Arvidson, DePauw's affirmative speakers, swept through the tournament undefeated. They gained decisions over Michigan State College, University of Chicago, Purdue, and Wisconsin. Howard Downs and Hugh Hawkins, on the negative, defeated Notre Dame, Boston University, and Western Michigan, while losing only to Wayne University.

The DePauw team and Mr. Forrest Seal, coach of debate, agreed that the tournament was outstanding in its educational value to debaters. Critique decisions were given after each debate, and seminars were arranged for coaches and debaters.

Plans are rapidly materializing for DePauw's annual Delta Sigma Rho Invitational Tournament. The tournament is to be held Saturday, February 5, and is under the joint sponsorship of the Speech Department and the local chapter of Delta Sigma Rho. Fifteen colleges and universities have already expressed a desire to participate in what will probably be one of the largest tournaments held at DePauw in recent years. Assisting Mr. Seal in managing the tourney will be Delta Sigma Rho members Carlton Hamn and Robert Zimmer, serving as student co-chairmen.

#### HAMILTON

Hamilton debaters have had an unusually busy fall season. Among the highlights were a ten-college debate tournament, held on the Hamilton campus; the annual University of Vermont Debate Tournament, attended by ten members of the Hamilton squad; and several home-and-home debates with colleges in the vicinity of Clinton.

#### IOWA

The State University of Iowa opened the 1948-1949 forensic year with her twenty-first international debate, staged before an audience of 1200 in MacBride Auditorium. Kenneth Thompson and Herman Cohen of Iowa defended the negative of the question of "Planned Economy" against Messrs. Reginald Galer of Birmingham and Anthony Cox of Bristol. At

the close of the debate the audience voted by a narrow margin in favor of the affirmative side of the proposition.

On November 19, four Iowans presented a forum debate before the student body of the University of Omaha. Harlan Hockenberry and Roy Stoddard defended a "Planned Economy for the United States," which Kenneth Thompson and Herman Cohen opposed. The audience participated in a question period following the debate proper.

On December 3-4, the University of Iowa held the seventh annual Intercollegiate Conference on World Problems. Two hundred students from seventeen schools participated in four rounds of debate on the national topic, four periods of discussion on the problem of the business cycle, extempore speaking, after-dinner speaking, public speaking and a parliamentary session. Visiting colleges and universities included the Universities of Chicago, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota; Marquette, Northwestern, Notre Dame, and Purdue Universities; Michigan State College, the Municipal University of Wichita, and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The Municipal University of Wichita and a team from the University of Iowa each won seven of eight debates. Evan Hultman, Henry Clark, Edward Diekmann, and William Shuttleworth of Iowa were among the eleven debaters receiving ratings of "superior" as individual speakers. Murray Kniffen, Sherwin Markham, and Walter Johnson of Iowa rated "excellent."

Three Iowa discussers, Harold Tulchin, James Peck, and Evan Hultman, were among the nine individuals who received ratings of "superior." "Excellent" discussers among the Iowans were Murray Kniffen, Tom Burney, Don Guthrie, William Shuttleworth, Stuart Charlton, Ben Crane, and Henry Clark.

Ben Crane of Iowa received a rating of "excellent" as a public speaker, and William Shuttleworth was the highest ranking speaker among the after-dinner finalists who performed at the Conference luncheon on Saturday noon, December 4.

#### IOWA STATE

Members of the Iowa State Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho are again playing a prominent part in the activities of Iowa State Debaters this winter. The usual four-fold program of intercollegiate forensics, extension community visits, coffee forums, and radio panels is being carried on under the direction of Dr. R. A. Micken. Membership this winter numbers seventy.

The British combined universities team upheld the proposition for "Planned Economy" before a crowd of several hundred people in November, in an evening which was perhaps chiefly notable for the way in which foreign students upon campus rose to the defense of Britain and the Commonwealth. Norman Cleary and Lee Windheim defended the cause of "Free Enterprise." On December 10 and 11, ten members traveled to Iowa State Teachers College to take part in a forensic conference.

The community visits are being built around panels on seven topics as before. Perhaps the chief point of interest is that a new kind of subject is being used, namely, "What makes a good home?" Tuesday and Saturday radio programs on WOI continue to command the attention of local speakers under the direction of Mr. W. R. Underhill. Coffee forum meets on Friday afternoons as usual, and has been experimenting with film forums.

#### MICHIGAN

Ninety-four men and women tried out for positions on the varsity debate squads this fall. So far, University debaters have appeared before some fifty different high school audiences in the state discussing and debating this year's high school debate topic. In addition, some of the high-lights of the Fall season include: A debate clinic on the campus in Ann Arbor attended by over 300 high school debaters, a debate on the merits of the *Michigan Daily* before an audience of about 750 people as part of the series of Speech Assemblies on the campus, and a television debate over station WXYZ-TV in Detroit.

Plans are under way for Michigan's annual tournament for Michigan colleges to be held on February 25, plus a series of intercollegiate debates during the Spring semester. Ray Nadeau, formerly of Jackson, Michigan, is debate coach.

#### MISSOURI

The Missouri chapter of Delta Sigma Rho plans to send a delegate or delegates to the Biennial Student Congress, March 31, April 1 and 2.

During the current year the Missouri chapter has been at work in an attempt to revive the Athenaeon Debating Society, which had declined in strength during the war years. Founded the night before the University of Missouri came into being and for many years an outstanding organization on the campus, this Society has served two purposes: a center for the handling of Missouri forensic activities; a debating society, like the Oxford Debating Union.

The president of the Athenaeon Debating Society is Wayne W. Waldo, who is also president of the Missouri chapter of Delta Sigma Rho.

The schedule of forensic for the second half of the season is as follows: Jan. 11, debate with Washington University on "Federal Aid to Education"; Feb. 8, debate with University of Texas on "Negroes should be admitted to Colleges and Universities"; Feb. 17, debate with Washington University on "Federal Aid to Education"; Feb. 22, debate with Oklahoma University on "Washington Would be Proud of His Progeny"; Mar. 1, Annual Extemporaneous Contest; Mar. 3-5, Annual Ohio State Conference on Public Affairs; Mar. 8, debate with Kansas University on "Our System of Higher Education is More Lower than Higher"; Mar. 15, The Annual Stephens Oratorical Contest; Mar. 22, debate with University of Minnesota on "This House Applauds the Establishment of the State of Israel"; Mar. 31-April 2, Delta Sigma Rho Convention, Chicago; Mar. 30, de-

bate with University of Hawaii on "America's Destiny Lies in the Orient"; April 9, High School Debate Tournament; April 26, debate with University of Illinois on "The Influence of Women in America has Increased, is Increasing, and Ought to be Diminished;" May 3, Athenaeum Society picnic; May 6-7, State Conference; May 10, Annual Forensics Banquet.

#### NEBRASKA

The annual Nebraska Debate and Discussion Conference will be held on February 25 and 26, with at least thirty schools in attendance. The Nebraska chapter is making plans to send a delegation to the 1949 Delta Sigma Rho Student Congress in Chicago on March 31, April 1 and 2.

The forensics staff at Nebraska has undergone some changes since last season. Donald Olsen, former Director of Debate, is at the University of Wisconsin, where he is working on his Ph.D. degree. The present Director is D. F. Kline, who is assisted by Bruce Kendall, who has just completed his M.A. degree at the University of Wisconsin.

#### NORTHWESTERN

Opening the intercollegiate season on November 4, the varsity men met a visiting team from the U. S. Military Academy in a public debate on campus. The visitors were entertained at a dinner party by the debaters, the coaching staff, and Dean McBurney and Assistant Dean Hance.

Eleven debates were on the varsity calendar for December. On December 1, three teams came from Northern Illinois State Teachers for practice debates. In the same week, one freshman, two sophomores, and one senior won five out of eight debates in the University of Iowa tournament. In terms of average or total team quality ratings, the N. U. men tied for first honors with two other teams.

The women's squad opened its season on November 12 in a triangular meet with Chicago and Illinois Navy Pier. On December 4, four freshmen won all six of their debates in the freshman-sophomore tournament sponsored by the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. Two of the Northwestern girls won the highest individual quality ratings among thirty-six teams from eleven colleges.

The junior varsity men opened their intercollegiate season on November 19 in the Bradley University tournament. Three freshmen and one sophomore won six of their eight debates, most of which were with upperclass teams from small colleges. On December 4, the same group won all six of their debates at Navy Pier, thus earning a tie for first place with the Northwestern women.

Other "jayvee" teams have a weekly schedule with several colleges in the Chicago area: La Grange, St. Xavier, DePaul, Mundelein, and Lake Forest have been met thus far.

#### OHIO WESLEYAN

Four Ohio Wesleyan women debaters, Joyce Bohyer, Mary Boyers, Isabel West, and Marjorie Kibler participated in the Ohio State Women's Tournament at Capital University on

Dec. 3 and 4. They tied for second place with Ohio University and Kent State University, winning eight in 12 debates. Oberlin women came in first, with nine wins. Eleven colleges were represented in the meet. Bob Huffman and John Shover took part in an interesting debate on "Planned Economy" with Reginald Galer and Anthony Cox, the British Universities team, on Nov. 18. There was an audience of nearly 500.

The Wesleyan debaters will have an active debate program, including a tournament to be held in Delaware January 15, and culminating in the Delta Sigma Rho Congress in Chicago at the end of March.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania chapter held a fall dinner meeting on Monday, November 8, at the Franklin Inn Club, Philadelphia. Mr. Harold J. Bean, Circulation Manager of Curtis Publications, and a 1926 alumnus of the Pennsylvania chapter, presided. Both undergraduates and alumni attended.

#### PENNSYLVANIA STATE

"Between 35 and 40 women were accepted for the women's varsity squad. The season opened at Penn State on December 3 with our women upholding the negative of the national question of "Federal Aid to Education" against the men from Princeton. On December 15 we had a round of four debates at Penn State, on the same question, with the Houghton men. Thirteen different debaters participated in these first five debates of the season, which is in keeping with the policy of our squad to spread participation. We plan, as usual, to run between 50 and 75 debates, with every member participating, and also with the number of participations fairly evenly distributed among the various squad members."

#### PITTSBURGH

"The University of Pittsburgh Men's Debating Association has undergone a major overhauling this past year with the result that its program has been broadened in order to offer more debating opportunities to more undergraduate men students.

"With Mr. Fred S. Robie, director of the group, spearheading its drive for members, the Association has expanded its numbers until today more than fifty men participate in its activity. Nearly all of these men have participated in at least one intercollegiate debate thus far this year.

"In November, Pitt met Western Reserve in a series of Oregon-style debates before high school audiences in the Pittsburgh and Cleveland areas. "Shift of Opinion" ballots were distributed among the listeners in order to test the ability of the two squads. On December 4th the Association sponsored its annual high school debating clinic, which was attended by thirty-five district high schools. This was followed by an Intercollegiate Invitational Tournament on December 11th for district colleges and universities. The exciting Virginia-style of debating was used in this tournament, and it met with the widespread approval of both coaches

and debaters.

"Planning and administering the events mentioned above and attending tournaments and clinics sponsored elsewhere have made the Association a veritable beehive of activity. In order that the group will function smoothly it has become necessary to redistribute the administrative tasks under five departmental heads. Bill Korasko has been selected as manager of the squad for the '48-'49 season. Franklin Blackstone has the responsibility of maintaining good high school relations in the Pittsburgh district. Bob Dickey is in charge of publicity for the organization, while Fred Wolfe and Harry Green perform the duties of treasurer and secretary, respectively."

#### STANFORD

Stanford's forensic year opened with an active program during the Fall Quarter. The large number of new members entering the Debate Society has made possible an expanded schedule of speech events. Weekly meetings of the discussion-type Stanford Forum, based on the Oxford system, were continued during the term. For the first time since before the war the debate squad was divided into both a freshman and varsity squad. Dr. William Lucas is directing the activities of the freshman squad, while Professor J. G. Emerson is devoting his time to the varsity.

During the Fall, Stanford participated in a number of home and home debates with neighboring schools. "The Taft-Hartley Bill" was the subject of debate with the University of San Francisco on Nov. 17. The subject of "Federal Aid to Education" was debated with the College of Pacific on Nov. 23, the problem of the "Relationship of Ethics to a Belief in Deity" with the University of California on Nov. 30 and Dec. 2, and the question of "Planned Economy" with San Jose State on Dec. 17.

On Oct. 22, Stanford debated the question "Resolved, that Modern Society would derive the greatest benefit from a System of Planned Economy" with the combined British university team composed of representatives from the University of Bristol and the University of Birmingham. Forden Athearn and Richard Kelton, representing Stanford, upheld the Negative. A very large audience witnessed this forensic event.

The Stanford Debate Society sponsored its traditional Pre-Election Rally on the evening of Nov. 1. John Hines and George Velliotos supported the Democratic Party, Jack Marcum and M. E. Harrison represented the Republican point of view, and Ernest Schmidt and Thomas Lupher spoke for the Independent Progressive Party. The popularity of this annual forensic event assures its continuation in the future.

On Nov. 21, a four-man Stanford squad flew to Seattle to participate in the Western Speech Association Tournament. The team of John Kaiser and Richard Hill won three of their six debates, while the team of Forden Athearn and Ronald Klein, surviving the elimination rounds, completed the tournament with a record of five wins and three defeats.

Tentative plans for the coming months in-

clude all-campus impromptu and extemporaneous speaking contests, a home and home debate with the University of Southern California, and participation in tournaments at Linfield and Denver.

#### SYRACUSE

Already the debating activities at Syracuse University have shown that the year 1948-49 will be one of the busiest in recent years. Seventy students have joined the Debating Society, which this year is headed by the following officers: Winnie Pollock, president; Clayton Andrews, vice-president; Muriel Lippman, secretary; Doris Olson, student manager; Bob Wellenstein, training chairman; Burt Citak, publicity chairman; and J. Calvin Callaghan and Ordean G. Ness, faculty directors.

With few veterans returning to the organization, most of this year's activities to date have included training debates and participation in novice tournaments and round-robin intercollegiate novice meets. Eight Syracuse teams competed against the University of Rochester, November 6. Eight other teams met Utica College at Syracuse, November 20. Two first-year teams took part in a round robin event at Colgate University December 4. Four teams entered the first Annual Invitational-Novice Debate Conference at Hamilton College, December 11.

Varsity debating to date has included the following events: November 19 and 20, participation in the Annual University of Vermont Debate Tournament, with Doris Olson, Muriel Lippman, Dan Dramer and Ned Whaley representing Syracuse; November 6, Miss Olson and Miss Lippman debated Hamilton College in a home debate; November 17, Miss Pollock and Wallenstein met a women's team from Middlebury College; and on December 10, this same team competed at Cornell University. All debates have been on the national topic of "Federal Aid to Education".

Under the leadership of Winnie Pollock, president, and members Bob Wallenstein and Clayton Andrews, the Syracuse chapter of Delta Sigma Rho has taken charge of the training program of the Debate Society as the first major project of the year.

#### TEXAS

"Our 1947-48 season was the best in many years. We had 203 intercollegiate debates; won 124, lost 62, tied one, and 16 were non-decision. These many debates were participated in by 35 debaters. Our first team participated in 80 debates; won 69 and lost 11. Of five major tournaments participated in, Texas teams placed first in four of them and placed second in four of them.

"The 1948-49 turnout is even better than last year. We have 35 men and 20 women participating. Up to December 20th, we have had 64 debates. The men have been in 44, won 29, lost 11 and had no decision in 4. The women have had 20 debates, won 13 and lost 7. October 12, a Texas team debated Texas A & M on the Trinity University Radio Forum in San Antonio; October 19, Texas met Baylor at Baylor in two debates, one on "College Fraternal-

Wm. Hollingsworth - (5yr) +  
Justine O'Neil - Law  
Earl Bettinger - (Nov 208)  
40 Osbourn - Thad. Sen.  
Frank Taal - Thaw

Stanley ?  
Dan Small ?

ties", the other on "Alliance with Western Europe". On October 19, a Texas team debated the University of Missouri at Columbia on the topic of "Truman for President", Missouri upholding their native son. October 28, Missouri returned the visit and debated three Texas teams at Austin. This time Texas upheld Truman. Missouri won two of the three debates. On November 9, two Texas teams paid a visit to Texas A & M, where three debates were held on the national question. Texas won two of the three debates. On December 10-11, Texas was host to the Eight Annual Southwest Debate Institute, where the state high school question was debated. After five rounds of College debate, three rounds of high school debate were held, with the collegians judging and criticizing the high school debaters.

"Plans for the rest of the year are somewhat indefinite. We definitely plan to attend the Missouri Valley Forensic Meet at Ames, Iowa, in March. At that time we plan an extended tour through the Middle West. We shall also send teams to the Southern Speech Association Meet at Baylor in April.

"April 7-9th., the Texas Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho will sponsor a Forensic Meet in Austin. Contests will be held in Debate, Impromptu Speech, Oratory, and After-Dinner Speaking. There will be Men's and Women's divisions in all contests. All Delta Sigma Rho schools are invited, invitations being sent to leading colleges and universities all over the United States."

**VIRGINIA**

The president of the University of Virginia chapter for this year is Brooks Monroe. Recently initiated new members are M. F. Pierce, B. C. White, C. F. Krey, and J. L. Palmer.

On October 29 Mel Pierce and Tom Wolfe represented the University of Virginia in debates upon the "Propriety of Civil Rights Legislation," meeting a Temple University team at Philadelphia, and a Princeton University team at Princeton, New Jersey.

During the fall season Virginia teams have participated in demonstration debates on the high school question of "Federal World Government" at Lynchburg College, College of William and Mary, Madison College, Randolph-Macon Women's College, and Emory and Henry College. Over three hundred students and high school teachers have attended these debates.

On December 10-11, Virginia teams participated in the Old Dominion Invitational Tourna-

ment at the University of Richmond. Other schools represented were the University of Florida, University of Richmond, Wake Forest College, United States Naval Academy, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Pennsylvania State College, and Randolph-Macon Men's College.

The annual University of Virginia Debate Tournament will be held at Charlottesville on February 4 and 5, 1949. It is tentatively planned that Virginia representatives attend the Public Affairs Conference at Ohio State University, and the Biennial Student Congress of Delta Sigma Rho at Chicago, Illinois.

**WELLS**

Interest in debate and discussion at Wells College is increasing during the current season, and a number of events have been scheduled and are in prospect. Among the highlights thus far are meetings with Cornell University and Union College; one of the major events of January will be a debate with Hamilton College on the 15th.

**WHITMAN**

About 300 students from 27 schools traveled to the University of Washington campus to compete in the Western Speech Association Conference held at Seattle November 22-24.

Of the 33 Whitman students who participated in the meet, 16 went into the finals. In entering seven debate teams in the try for top honors, Whitman was second only to Utah University which sent nine teams into the final competition.

Those who placed in the speech meet were LaRene Bushnell and Edith Loss, first; Shirley Brown and Patty Jo Johnson, tied for third; and Mary Null and Marilyn Bird, fourth places, in the junior division women's debaters. John Pennington won third place honors in one-man debate; Bettymae Speery came in second in women's interpretive reading; and Carmen Gleiser placed fourth in senior women's impromptu.

Also entering the finals were Dave Allard and Robert Gilks, who tied for third, and Phil Griffiths and Bill Strange, who tied for fourth in junior men's debates; Joy Mott and Marlyn Strange in junior women's debates; and Gordon Jaynes in senior men's extemporaneous.

While in Seattle Mr. Newcomer also met with the members of the Pacific Forensic League, who decided to hold this year's meet at Whitman April 12-15. Mr. Newcomer is secretary-treasurer of the League.

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