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A partial answer to this question is that a good many have attained positions entitling them to inclusion in *Who's Who in America*.

According to our 1928 Directory, there were about 5,500 members of Delta Sigma Rho at that time. Of this number, at least 551 are included in Volume 25 of *Who's Who*. In addition, I find 57 members whose biographies appear in earlier editions but not in the latest. This list consists of those who have died and those who for a time held positions automatically entitling them to listing in *Who's Who*. The total of 608 means that about one-ninth of our membership in 1928 have achieved considerable distinction.

Of the 551 whose biographical sketches appear in Volume 25, slightly more than half (52%) are members of Phi Beta Kappa.

A complete analysis of the positions held by our 608 alumni is not yet available. I can report, however, that there are 53 college or university presidents; 25 judges, including two

justices of the United States Supreme Court; 61 business executives; 43 members of governmental boards and commissions; 45 who hold, or have held, elective office as congressmen, governors, or senators; 46 churchmen, including 5 bishops; and 32 authors, journalists, or publishers.

Of special interest, though it is not clear whether he is a member of Delta Sigma Rho, is the biographical sketch of Carl Schurz Vrooman. He represented Harvard in debate with Yale in 1893 and Oxford (England) in debate with Cambridge in 1895. He spent seven years abroad investigating social and economic conditions, reporting his findings in *McClure's*, *Review of Reviews*, *Atlantic Monthly*, etc. From 1914 to 1919 he was assistant secretary of agriculture. He is "scientifically farming 4,300 acres of land in central Illinois and Iowa."

* This is a preliminary report of a more complete study in progress at Wisconsin.

The Fourth Biennial Student Congress . . .

PLACE—Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

DATES—March 31, April 1 and 2, 1949

Plans are being completed for the Fourth Biennial Student Congress, and it is expected that this meeting will be the most successful of its kind in the history of Delta Sigma Rho. A full report of the Congress, including a photograph of the General Assembly, will be presented in the May issue of the *Gavel*.

The Faculty Committee on Arrangements has chosen as the public question for consideration: *What Federal legislation should be enacted regarding civil rights?* Committees will be organized around the four basic rights considered by the President's Committee on Civil Rights in its report, *To Secure These Rights*. The four sub-topics are:

1. The right to safety and security of the person.
2. The right to citizenship and its privileges.
3. The right to freedom of conscience and expression.
4. The right to equality of opportunity.

The Faculty Committee on Arrangements is composed of Professors J. Jeffery Auer, sponsor of the Oberlin chapter; William S. Howell, sponsor of the Minnesota chapter; John W. Keltner, sponsor of the Oklahoma chapter; and Thorel B. Fest, sponsor of the Colorado chapter, chairman. The Faculty Committee on Local Arrangements is composed of Professors William N. Birenbaum, sponsor of the Chicago chapter; Hugo E. Hellman, sponsor of the Marquette chapter; and Glen E. Mills, sponsor of the Northwestern chapter, chairman.

C A L E N D A R

Thursday, March 31

5:00-10:00	Registration Period	8:00- 8:30	Preliminary Assembly
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Friday, April 1

8:30-10:00	Opening Assembly	6:00- 8:00	Official Banquet
10:00-12:00	Main Committee Meetings	8:00-10:00	Joint Conference Committee Meetings
12:00- 1:30	Lunch	8:00-10:00	Delta Sigma Rho Business Meeting
1:30- 5:00	Main Committee Meetings		

Saturday, April 2

8:30- 1:00	General Assembly	2:00-	Evaluations Committee
2:00-	Steering Committee	2:00-	Legislative Committee