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### ALLEGHENY

"Twenty-five debaters and an even greater number of student speakers have participated in the planning and carrying out of forensic activities at Allegheny this semester.

"Attending the Pennsylvania Debaters Convention at the Pennsylvania State College on March 17-19 were debaters Jeff Hopper, Barbara Bounds, Raymond McCall and Robert Blomquist. Miss Bounds was elected "Gavel Girl" of the convention following her after-dinner speech on the subject, "Woman's Emancipation: Is it a Good Thing?" The "Gavel Girl," "the young woman who makes the outstanding contribution to the convention, through a combination of intelligence, subject matter, background, and personal charm," was presented with the traditional Coal Gavel and a silver charm gavel by the convention president, Richard K. Hill of Penn State.

"Hopper served as chairman of Committee I

on Education and as floor leader for the final adoption by the assembly of his committee's bill proposing federal aid to education. At the closing session the delegates elected Hopper president of the 1950 convention.

"Debate Director Glenn W. Timmons and his assistant, Mildred Ann Ditty, accompanied the delegation and served as committee parliamentarians.

"Representatives of twenty-two colleges and universities participated in the second Annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Forensic Tournament sponsored by the Debating Association of Pennsylvania Colleges at Allegheny College on March 11-12. In the finals broadcast over station WMGW the University of Pittsburgh won the Talon debate trophy for the year by defeating the Mt. Mercy teams, which had eliminated Grove City in the semi-finals. Allegheny's affirmative and negative teams were defeated by the Pitt debaters in the semi-final round. Jean Isherwood, Patricia O'Connell, Robert Blom-

quist and Jeff Hopper were members of the Allegheny semi-finalist team.

"Winners of the oratory contests were William Sample of Westminster College in the men's division and Marian Braun of Duquesne University in the women's division. They will represent the state of Pennsylvania at the Interstate Oratorical contest at Northwestern University on April 25-26. Placing in oratory for Allegheny were Jean Isherwood, third in the women's division, and Robert McCune, second in the men's division.

"John Kerensky of Westminster won the men's division of extemporaneous speaking, while Rene Menegaz of Mt. Mercy placed first in the women's division.

"Chairman of the tournament was Professor Hubert V. Cordier of Allegheny College, with Professor Margaret C. Byrne of Mt. Mercy and Professor Melvin C. Moorhouse of Westminster as members of the committee.

"Allegheny's affirmative team of Jean Isherwood and Pat O'Connell won all five of their debates at the Washington and Jefferson Elimination tournament on March 26, but were eliminated on points from participating in the final round.

"Besides debate activities, the Philo-Franklin Speech Union has sponsored two all-college assembly programs, one on parliamentary procedure and one as a mock election campaign. It has also sponsored a series of faculty-student forums on campus and world problems. Under its sponsorship the annual men's and women's extemporaneous speaking contests and the Wakefield Oration contest were held, and the freshman speaking contest is planned for May 11.

"The Allegheny chapter of Delta Sigma Rho elected two new members, Jean Isherwood and Don Wargo. Miss Isherwood, a junior, has been a varsity debater this year and an active member of Philo-Franklin Union. As a freshman she was a member of the team which won the freshman debate tournament. She is also president of her sorority—Alpha Gamma Delta, a member of Kappa Delta Epsilon, a Junior Adviser, and Town Representative of the Associated Women Students.

"Don Wargo, a senior pre-med student, has debated since his participation in the freshman tournament and is acting president of Philo-Franklin Union. He is also a member of Phi Beta Phi and of the student-faculty Student Life Committee."

#### AMERICAN

"During March and April members of the American squad debated Howard, Navy, Virginia, Randolph-Macon, Stetson, Georgetown, LaSalle, Rutgers, Seton Hall, Gettysburg, Western Reserve, George Washington, and New York University on the campus. In addition, they participated in three tournaments: Temple University (March 25-26); Georgetown University (April 8-10); Grand National at Fredericksburg, Virginia (April 14-16). The affirmative team won five of its seven debates at Georgetown; and one of the American debaters, Jule Sugarman, won honors in Discussion at the Grand National Tournament."

#### ARIZONA

"Last fall four students were chosen by competition from a squad of twenty-four to compete in the Western Forensic Tournament at Seattle, November 22-24. The four were Oliver J. N. Nibel, Jr., Henry A. Kiker, Jr., James C. Holmes, and Vernon Myers. They competed in debate, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking.

"On March 1 and March 31, two debates were held in Tucson with The Abilene Christian College and Occidental College respectively, the University of Arizona winning all four debates.

"On April 4-9 inclusive, Forrest N. Barr, John Claborne, Carolyn D. Lewis, and Kay Rosequist from the University of Arizona competed in two tournaments in Texas. The two last named won first place in debating in the women's division, Miss Lewis won first place in women's oratory, and Mr. Claborne placed third in men's oratory.

"The debate team consisting of Kiker and Myers won first place (the only team with no defeats) in the West Point regional debate tournament held at the University of Redlands March 24-26; and, with their coach, go to the national finals of the West Point tournament held at the West Point Military Academy April 21-24.

"The Forensic Tournament and Speech Festival for the five institutions of higher learning in the State of Arizona will meet at Flagstaff, April 29 and 30. Six students and George Sparks, instructor in speech, will make the 750-mile round trip.

"Dr. W. Arthur Cable is director of forensics and has been coaching the varsity debate teams during the second semester; Lionel R. Scott has been conducting weekly training in extemporaneous speaking the entire year; and Mr. Sparks has been helping in debate, oratory, and after-dinner speaking. Dr. Cable and Mr. Scott have been directing weekly radio discussion broadcasts the present semester.

"The forensic board for the academic year has consisted of the faculty members who give forensic training, and of the following students: Student Forensic Manager—Henry A. Kiker, Jr.; Administrative Advisor—Oliver J. Nibel, Jr.; Manager of Debate—Ira S. Cohen; Manager of Oratory—Carolyn D. Lewis; Manager of Extemporaneous and Impromptu speaking—Forrest N. Barr; Manager of Discussion and Radio Speaking—John Claborne."

#### BATES

"The first semester of the year was the busiest semester in debate in the history of Bates College with more debates and more participants than in any previous semester. The second semester did not have so many debates, but produced a very successful season.

"Bates was awarded the trophy for the winning team in the National Recorded Debate Tourney conducted by Texas Christian University, in which the sixteen leading colleges in debate of 1948 were invited to participate. Bates was the only college which remained undefeated, winning all six of its debates.

"The first string debaters of the college lost only one debate during the year, and that at home in the Maine State Tourney, which was won by Bates.

"Bates was represented at the Delta Sigma Rho Congress at Chicago by Charles Radcliffe and Max Bell, who more than upheld the reputation of Maine for conservatism!

"Bates held its 95th international debate on March 22nd in a debate with Cambridge University at Lewiston. This was a return visit since Bates was at Cambridge in 1946.

"The forensic program this season included a record debate tourney, various regular debate tourneys, two Congresses, three Intercollegiate Forums, debate clinics for high schools, exhibitions before granges, teacher's clubs and schools, and radio debates and discussions."

#### BOSTON

"As the season draws to a close, Boston University has recorded the busiest year in its history. The year has been highlighted by expansion of the existing program, the addition of several new and important events, and the training of a number of talented new debaters. Over one hundred and sixty debates took place by mid-April, and the total will approach the two hundred mark by the end of the season.

"The first major event of the season was the Third Annual Invitational Tournament, in which Christopher Barreca and John Meehan represented the University. A few weeks later that same team joined by Walter Fraser and David Lyons represented the University in a tournament held at M.I.T.

"Barreca and Meehan again represented the University in a tournament for teams from New England and New York held at Wesleyan University, where they amassed the highest total of team points in the first four rounds.

"Lambert Rales, Martin Pullano, Charles Adamson, and Glendon Ditmar were chosen to represent the University at the Brooklyn College tournament.

"The delegation that attended the Model Congress at Rhode Island State College included: Shirley Stanwood, Mary Tinkham, Barbara Mason, Richard Davis, Martin Levine, Martin Pullano, Vernon Martin, and Paul Huff.

"The final tournament of the season was the Georgetown Invitational Tournament, where Malcolm Arth, Walter Fraser, Leon Wroblewski, and John Meehan represented the University. Both teams made an excellent record. The affirmative team of Wroblewski and Meehan won six of their seven debates, scoring the only victory over the Florida team, which went on to win the tournament.

"University teams took part in eight tournaments this year, traveling as far West as Purdue and as far South as Georgetown to meet teams from all parts of the country. The debating Society regrettably declined invitations to twice as many more tournaments because of conflicts in scheduling and other limitations.

"In addition to tournaments, there were many home debates. The two teams coming from the most distant points this year were the University of California from Berkeley and the Cambridge University team from England. An exhibition debate with California was on the subject; "Resolved: That Belief In a Deity Is Necessary For Morality." Francis Carlson and

Leon Wroblewski upheld the Affirmative for Boston.

"One of the most interesting debates of the season was the meeting with the Cambridge team on the topic; "Resolved: That Marshall Aid Should Cease." Using the split-team methods, George Pattison, Cambridge, and John Meehan, Boston, spoke for the Affirmative while Denzil Freeth, Cambridge, and Bruce Lane, Boston, spoke for the Negative. Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, President of Boston University, opened the debate and welcomed the Cambridge team.

"On April 30th twenty secondary schools from all parts of New England will send teams to the Boston University Invitational Inter-Scholastic Debate Tournament and Conference. Plans for this event have been greeted with enthusiasm by secondary school debate coaches, and it is hoped that the program will be an important step in further stimulating the increasing interest in debate on this level.

"This year was particularly profitable in that more students than ever before participated in debates."

#### BROWN

"With quality of performance rather than quantity of debates as a goal, the Brown Debating Union is nearing the conclusion of the third season of intercollegiate debate since its post-war revival. Most encouraging has been the steady increase in the size of audiences attending our home debates, which have all been well supported. Another indication of the Union's vitality has been the quality of debate shown by the freshman members this season. Topics for debate have included Federal Aid to Education, Outlawing the Communist Party, and the Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

"The Brown debating team has participated in home-and-home debates with Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, Amherst, Wesleyan, and Boston College and in single meetings with Princeton, Dartmouth, Connecticut, and M.I.T. Following the traditional debate with Harvard at the close of the season, the annual dinner meeting will be held, at which officers for next year will be chosen and the elections to Delta Sigma Rho announced by the Chapter Sponsor.

"On April 29th and 30th, Brown will be host to the second meeting of the Ivy League Debating Conference. The conference will meet to award the Ivy League Trophy to this year's winner and to prepare the schedule of Conference debates for 1949-50. Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Pennsylvania, and Brown will be represented in this group, which is seeking to stimulate interest in debate on the respective campuses and to improve the quality of debate."

#### COLORADO

"Over 100 participating student speakers have been active in this year's forensic program here at the University of Colorado.

"Speaker's Congress representatives began last fall with a trip over the Rockies to Logan, Utah. At this meeting of the Rocky Mountain Forensic League, Beverly Starika received first place honors in impromptu speaking.

"Cecil Jones and Bernie Shapson, meanwhile, were preparing for a demonstration debate with

the University of Nebraska. This was presented for the benefit of the Nebraska Fall Conference of high school forensic students.

"Shortly thereafter the Boulder campus was host to the University of Colorado Invitational Meet. With fifteen schools in attendance, two days were present on discussion, debate, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking.

"Bob Sievers, Art Taylor, Jim Friedlander, and Courtland Petersen next entered the speech meet at Kearney, Nebraska, where they won five of eight debates.

"One week later Anne Bail, Dick Heath, Dan Lynch, and Jim Herber traveled to Colorado Springs to debate and discuss the national question of Civil Rights and Equal Educational Opportunity. Colorado won seven of eight debates and tied for first place honors.

"The next trip was the Rocky Mountain Tournament, Denver, where debate and discussion were held on both Federal Aid to Education and Civil Liberties. Colorado won the Civil Liberties section by winning 11 of 13 debates.

"Moving out of the Rockies, Jim Herber, Dan Lynch, Jane Oeschle, Courtland Petersen, and Blanche Epstein went to the University of Nebraska meet at Lincoln. Messrs. Huber and Lynch, upholding the negative, received a Superior team rating in debate; and Courtland received a Superior in Discussion.

"Beverly Starika, Phyllis Silvio, Anne Bail, Roy Wingate, and Ed Kendig represented Colorado at the Delta Sigma Rho Congress in Chicago. While they were absent from the campus, Dick Heath and Roger Cozens met at Boulder against the debaters from Cambridge University, England. The question was resolved "That this House considers the only hope for world peace lies in the speedy development of an International Third Force."

"Within ten days Revocato Medina and Heidetono Kono of the University of Hawaii were here debating Art Taylor and Bob Sievers. The latter team supported the affirmative stand "That Extension of Communism in Asia is a Threat to American Security." These were busy days as shortly afterwards Washington State College came for debates on the national question.

"We are now preparing for the Colo-Wyo Legislative Assembly in Cheyenne. The theme "What policy should guide the behavior of the government of the United States in its relations with the nations of Western Europe?"

"In the midst of these activities, our radio division has sponsored weekly one-half hour radio panels; student speakers have held public forums on political and campus issues; radio debates have been held with four other schools; students and faculty have been busy in aiding high school speech clinics; and our Delta Sigma Rho Chapter has sponsored the DSR Extemporaneous Speaking and Klinger Oratorical Contests.

"Colorado has once again been invited to the West Point Invitational Tournament.

"Members of the chapter during the past year have been President Bill Harrison, Anne Bail, Ed Kendig, Don Davis, Bill Briscoe, Roger Cozens (President of Speaker's Congress), Bernie Shapson, Joan Willis, Virginia Kasdorf, and Steve Polkinghorn. Initiation ceremonies will

be held soon for Beverly Starika, Phyllis Silvio, Roy Wingate, Blanche Epstein, and Jim Friedlander."

#### DEPAUW

"For the second year in succession DePauw's varsity debate team has been selected as one of the 32 teams from across the nation to participate in the West Point National Intercollegiate Debate Tournament. DePauw ranked second among the twelve teams nominated from its four-state district. Howard Downs and Ray Payne will represent DePauw and will be accompanied to New York by Mr. Forrest L. Seal, director of forensics.

"In March the varsity team travelled to Madison for the University of Wisconsin's Delta Sigma Rho Tournament. DePauw's affirmative speakers, Hugh Hawkins and Reg Arvidson, and negative speakers, Howard and Ray Payne, swept through the tournament undefeated to bring home top honors and another group of eight victories. Also in March DePauw emerged victorious in the Mid-West's oldest triangular debate rivalry, that of Earlham-Wabash-DePauw. This brought the varsity record for the year to 42 wins as against 8 losses.

"The National Delta Sigma Rho Congress in Chicago proved to be both interesting and informative for the DePauw delegation of Carol Firchau, Hugh Hawkins, Jim Cobb, and Roger Ragan. Dr. Herold Ross, Speech Department head and chapter sponsor, was also in attendance.

"May 12th will witness DePauw's 19th Annual Forensic Banquet, under the sponsorship of Delta Sigma Rho. Honored guests will be the newly initiated members of Delta Sigma Rho."

#### ILLINOIS

"Illinois will conclude its forensic activity for the current year at a banquet honoring the students who have participated in our program. Dean Henning Larsen, of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will be the speaker of the evening; and Prof. Karl R. Wallace, head of the Speech Department, will present the certificates of merit to the students.

"As the readers of *Gavel* know, Illinois has undertaken the task of finding out what happens to our Delta Sigma Rho Alums. We sent out 185 questionnaires to the known living alumni and have thus far received 72 completed forms. If you are an Illini alum and have not sent back your questionnaire, please do so.

"Here are some of the typical answers that we have received:

"D. F. Fleming, Ill. 1916, now Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University, says 'I am glad to testify that my debate training and my experience were among the most valuable parts of my education. I have used the technique of searching for the main issues and developing them constantly in my teaching, in all of my books, and in my radio work and other speaking.'

"William S. Fishman, Ill. 1936, now Vice President of the Automatic Merchandising Co., states: 'My intercollegiate debating experience probably contributed more to my education than any other portion of the collegiate curriculum,

including the formalized course of study. First, the training has proved invaluable in developing my powers of analysis of problems and in broadening my understanding of both sides of an issue.

"J. Lloyd LeMaster, Ill. 1923, now Professor of Business Administration, Oregon State College, says: 'I regard my debating experience as among the most pleasant, stimulating, and valuable of all my college experience, curricular and extracurricular.'

"The above are but three answers, but they are typical of those received; and they offer excellent testimony as to the worth of a debate program.

"After the Western Conference Debate Tournament, Illinois pledged four new members to Delta Sigma Rho: Al Makulec, Paul Grabill, Gordon Mock, and Marvin Ulmer.

"Can you help us to locate: George A. Fruit, formerly of Decatur; Harry M. Thresher, formerly of Springfield; Lee C. Savage, formerly of the University of Iowa; Carolyn Kimball, formerly of Decatur; Mrs. F. C. Dickey (nee Dorothy Shuman), formerly of Roodhouse. If you know the whereabouts of these persons, will you send their addresses to Arno Hill, Department of Speech, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois."

#### IOWA

"Forensics at the State University of Iowa reached a post-war high this spring with respect to the number of students actively participating and the varieties of speech activities involved. In addition to the usual intramural program, Iowans engaged in three intercollegiate tournaments and a national student congress.

"On February 25-26, Murray Kniffen, Henry Clark, Edward Diekmann, and Charles Thodt represented Iowa at the annual University of Nebraska tournament at Lincoln. Diekmann rated "superior" in debate and discussion and "excellent" in extempore speaking; Thodt was rated a "superior" discussor and an "excellent" debater. Clark and Kniffen were "excellent" debaters and discussors. The negative debate team, composed of Thodt and Diekmann, rated "superior", and the affirmative, "excellent."

"On March 4-5, the University sponsored its second post-war, spring Intercollegiate Conference on World Problems. Representatives from the following schools participated in four rounds of debate, four periods of discussion, extempore, after-dinner and public speaking, and a parliamentary session: Augustana College (Ill.), Augustana College (S.D.), Bradley University, Coe College, Cornell College, Denver University, Drake University, Grinnell College, University of Illinois (Navy Pier Branch), Iowa State College, Iowa State Teachers College, Knox College, Simpson College, Sioux Falls College, and Temple University.

"The University of Illinois won all eight of its debates; Iowa won seven out of eight. The four "superior" debate teams were the Knox negative, Augustana, Ill., affirmative, and the Iowa affirmative and negative. Iowans who rated "superior" in discussion were: Edward Diekmann, William Minshall, Murray Kniffen, Reid Digges, Evan Hultman, Harlan Hockenberg,

John Bressler, Natalie Hennessy, Robert Jeffrey, Don Guthrie and James Peck. "Excellent" discussors were: Darrell Feay, George McBurney, Donald Nau, Melvin Donnelly, Roy Stoddard, John Becker, Wilbur Friedman, John Kohrs, Gilbert Pearlman, Sherwin Markman, Henry Clark, Georgianna Edwards, George Pappadackis and Phillip Bigelow. University of Iowa debaters who rated "superior" were: Murray Kniffen, Edward Diekmann, Evan Hultman, William Shuttleworth and George McBurney. "Excellent" debaters were: Ardis Kresensky, Ruby Scott, Dorothy Jean Myers, Louise Bekman, Sherwin Markman, Reid Digges, Harlan Hockenberg, Gilbert Pearlman, Wilbur Friedman and Henry Clark. Gilbert Pearlman was judged "superior" in after-dinner speaking, and Sherwin Markman "excellent" in extempore speaking.

"On March 18-19, Iowa debate teams, composed of George McBurney, William Shuttleworth, Sherwin Markman, Gilbert Pearlman, Harlan Hockenberg and Charles Thodt, won five out of eight debates at the University of Wisconsin debate and discussion tournament at Madison. Markman was rated a "superior" debater; Thodt and McBurney were "excellent". Hockenberg and McBurney were among the high ranking discussors. McBurney tied for second place in radio newscasting, and Markman ranked fourth in original oratory.

"On March 25-26, Iowa men's and women's teams participated in the annual Western Conference League Debate Tournament at the University of Chicago. The women's team, composed of Ardis Kresensky, Georgianna Edwards, Dorothy Jean Myers and Louise Beckman, tied for second place in their division by winning five of eight debates. Evan Hultman was designated as one of the outstanding debaters who were awarded autographed copies of President Hutchins' book *Education for Freedom*. The other Iowa men debaters were Edward Diekmann, Henry Clark and Murray Kniffen.

"On March 31, April 1-2, Harlan Hockenberg, George McBurney, William Shuttleworth and Evan Hultman were delegates to the Fourth Biennial Student Congress of Delta Sigma Rho at the Congress Hotel in Chicago. Hultman was the "right-center" party's nominee for Speaker of the Assembly. McBurney and Hultman were elected chairmen of two of the eight main committees of the Congress. Shuttleworth was appointed to the Evaluations Committee.

"The Iowa Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, for the second year, sponsored a reception in honor of the debaters and discussors at the Iowa High School Forensic League finals in Iowa City on March 31, April 1-2.

"On April 7, George W. McBurney won the annual oratory contest sponsored by President Virgil M. Hancher. This prize winning honor entitles McBurney to represent the University at the Northern Oratorical League contest at Western Reserve on May 6.

"On April 20, the following new members were initiated into the Iowa Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho: Evan Hultman, Georgianna Edwards, William Shuttleworth, Herman Cohen, Henry Clark, Harlan Hockenberg, Sherwin Markman, and George McBurney."

## IOWA STATE

"Iowa State Debaters are winding up what was probably their busiest competitive season. During the winter speakers attended eight major speech conferences from Denver, Colorado, to Evanston, Illinois; from Austin, Texas, to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to take part in 102 debates with teams from other schools. On the purely competitive side, they won 58 out of 78 decision contests.

Several outstanding performances were turned in, including Norman Cleary's winning of top rank at the Rocky Mountain Speech Conference, where Iowa State also had the best team total and at which the team of Hermann and Cleary was undefeated. Debaters Windheim and Tschantz achieved straight superiors at the University of Nebraska tournament, and Hermann and Hansen were undefeated at the Iowa State Teachers' tournament. Tschantz and Windheim took second at the University of Texas Spring Tournament, and Charles Robbins won the oratorical championship of the Missouri Valley Forensic League. The Missouri Valley Forensic League annual tournament was held on the Ames campus this spring, and the local chapter took an active part in playing host to representatives from the league.

"On April 6 Iowa State met the debaters from the University of Hawaii on our campus. At the end of the debate season we made the interesting discovery that we had used six separate propositions for debate during the winter. The local chapter, as the result of the winter's activities, will have a long list of eligible speakers from which to draw prospects for Delta Sigma Rho membership.

"The coffee forum, in inaugurating a series of discussions on lively campus issues, held one of the hottest sessions of its history on April 15, when a group of faculty members and students considered the topic 'What Can We Expect From Our Instructors?'"

## KNOX

"Student interest and participation in Knox's rejuvenated debate program have made steady progress during the current season. Sixteen debaters have participated in at least one of the seven large tournaments attended. Most active among the several freshmen debaters are Robert J. Miller, Jeneinne Anderson, Robert Hegel, Gordon Barker, Bud Nussbaum, and Frank Janes. These students will become Delta Sigma Rho pledges eligible for full membership at the end of their sophomore year.

"On the basis of this year's debating record, Knox was considered for possible participation in the Annual West Point Invitational Debate Tournament. Although not selected as one of the six schools chosen for this honor, Knox ranked eleventh in the final ratings made for the four states in this region—Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

"The best team records of the year were made by Roger Herlean and Lee Furrow and Bud Nussbaum and Frank Janes. Their major tournament record is as follows. In November these squads won four of seven debates at the Bradley Invitational Speech Tournament in Peoria. At Illinois State Normal University in January,

these debaters won seven of ten decisions. February saw Knox debating in two fine tournaments. Five wins of eight debates were recorded at DePauw University in Indiana. The season's best record was established at The Grand Western Tournament conducted by Northwestern University. Here the Siwash teams tied for second place by winning eight of 10 debates. In March the school competed in large contests at the Universities of Iowa and Wisconsin. Bud Nussbaum and Frank Janes were tied for first place in team competition by receiving superior ratings and no defeats in four debate rounds at Iowa City. The Delta Sigma Rho Tournament in Madison gave each of these two squads two wins and two losses.

"Last month Knox travelled to Fredericksburg, Virginia, to participate in the Grand National Forensic Tournament sponsored by Mary Washington College. Herlean and Furrow upheld the affirmative and Nussbaum and Janes argued the negative. Jeneinne Anderson, alternate, and coach W. E. Donnelly accompanied the teams. Although the official tournament results are yet to be tabulated and mailed, Knox is believed to have won five of seven contests. Included on the trip were short visits to Washington, D. C., and several historic places in Virginia and other states enroute.

"In contests where ratings were used, Herlean and Furrow were awarded the following ratings out of 23 debates: superior in 9 and excellent in 13. In 24 such contests, Nussbaum and Janes won superior ratings in 13 and excellent in 8.

"The Annual Intramural Debate Tournament was held in January under the sponsorship of the local chapter of Delta Sigma Rho. Lee Furrow, chapter president, served as tournament director. This event attracted about 20 student participants. The winning fraternity team was presented with a large travelling trophy provided by the sponsors.

"A large campus audience attended the Annual Colton Prize Debate Contest in April. Winner of the \$25.00 cash award for excellence in debate was Roger Herlean. Bud Nussbaum won second place. This prize fund was established by General Colton in 1876.

"Gene Schwilck and James R. Bowman, former officers of the Knox chapter of Delta Sigma Rho and members of the class of 1948, are both planning teaching careers coupled with debate coaching. Schwilck is completing his graduate study toward his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin. Bowman is making similar progress at Minnesota. These two alumni are also members of Phi Beta Kappa.

"Mr. W. E. Donnelly is chapter sponsor at Knox."

## MINNESOTA

On April 4 the University of Minnesota met the University of Hawaii debate team on the proposition, 'Resolved: That Hawaii contributes more to the welfare of the United States than does Minnesota. Jack Burnstein and James Kamisky represented Minnesota in this non-decision debate, in which the emphasis was upon humor.

"At the Northwestern University Invitational

Tournament. Don Sikkink, Jack Moody, Jim Wackerbarth, and Milton Gamelin represented Minnesota. Sikkink was the only speaker in the tournament with a perfect rating at the end of two rounds, when he became infected with a strep throat. Mary Sanderson, Priscilla Indahl, Delores Carley, and Lucy Schwartz completed the delegation.

"At the Delta Sigma Rho Debate Tournament held at the University of Wisconsin, Jack Moody and Jack Burnstein upheld the affirmative; and Jim Wackerbarth and John Wagner, the negative.

"Orrin R. Anderson and James Heid attended the Delta Sigma Rho Congress in Chicago.

"Minnesota was host to the Northwest Tournament on March 3-5, when 68 men's teams and 38 women's teams participated. John Bystrom, coach of the Minnesota freshman squad, headed the meet, in which the emphasis was on the social side, with coffee and doughnuts being served throughout the tournament.

"At the Pillsbury Oratorical Contest, held on April 19, two Delta Sigma Rho members took top honors. Don Sikkink won first place (prize of \$100), and Orrin R. Anderson won second place (prize \$50).

"All in all, the Minnesota forensic squad participated in more than 250 intercollegiate debates during the season, as well as in discussion, oratory, extempore speaking, and radio-news casting."

#### MISSOURI

"The University of Missouri will soon complete an outstanding year in Forensics. Aside from the usual fine list of opposing schools, the year has been outstanding from two angles: (1) the increase of campus interest in debating, resulting in several large crowds, of 500 to 1000 attending debates, and (2) the inauguration of a system of parliamentary debates, in which the audience argues with the debaters and among themselves. In the method used this year at Missouri, each side in a proposition presents two debaters in 9 to 10 minute opening arguments. Then, the chairman of the meeting, usually sponsored by the Athenaeum Society, opens the debate to members of Athenaeum and invited guests. After a period of debate, the formal debaters are allowed to sum up their respective sides, and a vote is taken on the resolution. This lively method of debate has often produced unusual results. In one case, in a debate on the national college question on Federal Aid to Education, an affirmative and a negative were presented, plus an amendment to the motion, an extreme affirmative move for rigid government control of education, and a strong middle group which said to all sides, "here, now, you are all both right and wrong." Debates of a parliamentary nature were held this season with Washington University, the Universities of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Hawaii; and the last major debate of the year, with the University of Minnesota, will be of a parliamentary nature, the proposition for debate being, Resolved: That the Influence of Women in America Has Increased, Is Increasing, and Ought to Be Diminished." This debate, like many others this season, will be a split-team affair.

"Missouri sent two delegates to the Delta Sigma Rho Congress, Gordon Parks and Marshall Loeb, accompanied by Professor Bower Aly, chapter sponsor. In addition, the debaters participated in a forum-debate at the University of Illinois Navy Pier Division, Chicago, on the subject of Civil Rights.

"The Athenaeum Society, re-incarnated this year, has increased from a membership of 12 to near 60. This society, an all-campus one, has been in charge of most of our debates. It has also had great support from Delta Sigma Rho, whose debaters have appeared before it many times.

"Following the debate with Minnesota, Missouri will conclude its forensic year with a picnic and a banquet which will be sponsored jointly by the Forensics Department, Delta Sigma Rho, and Athenaeum."

#### NEBRASKA

"During the 1948-49 season, Nebraska participated in an unusually active program. The first item was a debate against a British team composed of Mr. Cox and Mr. Galer. Almost immediately after this debate we held our annual high school speech and debate clinic on the United Nations. On November 19 and 20 the Nebraska delegation was one of those "snowed-in" en route to the Colorado Conference at Boulder. Our first debate conference of the year was at Iowa City, December 3rd and 4th. The next activity of the debate squad, although not officially one of our functions, was a model Unesco Conference held here on the campus in which many of the Delta Sigma Rho members actively participated. On that same week-end a Nebraska delegation went to the Rocky Mountain Conference in Denver. Our University of Nebraska Discussion and Debate Conference on February 25th and 26th was, we think, as successful as it has been in years past. Looking into the future for just a moment, the Nebraska chapter of Delta Sigma Rho is anticipating next year's conference which will be our tenth annual conference on the University of Nebraska campus.

"The Nebraska squad traveled in the first week-end of March to St. Thomas and on the 18th and 19th of March to Wisconsin. In the Missouri Valley Forensic League, held at Ames, Iowa, our Nebraska delegation lost out by one point to the University of Texas.

"The Nebraska chapter is now making plans for the annual banquet and initiation of new members. We shall, as in the past, conduct one more forensic activity here on our campus, the extemporaneous speaking contest for all organized houses on the campus."

#### NORTHWESTERN

"Four men and four women, accompanied by Messrs. Borin and McBath of the forensics staff, competed in the Northwest Debate Tournament at St. Thomas College in St. Paul on March 3-5. Dorothy Reitch, Vicki Gustafson, Robin Burns, and Peggy Dix were in the women's division. Two of them were in the semi-final round. In the men's division, Dean Olds and Richard Markus reached the quarter-finals. One of our men received the highest individual



rating in the tournament. Art Davis and Jack Brown won five of eight debates.

"Four women, accompanied by Dr. Glen E. Mills, Chapter Sponsor, entered the debate event of the University of Wisconsin tournament on March 18-19. Dorothy Reitch and Vicki Gustafson were given superior ratings. The foursome won four of their eight debates.

"On March 25-26, four men and four women debated in the annual tournament of the Western Conference on the Chicago campus. The championship trophy in the women's division was won by Northwestern. Dorothy Reitch, Vicki Gustafson, and Robin Burns earned superior ratings. In the men's division, Jack Brown and Art Davis were undefeated on the affirmative side. Dean Olds received a superior rating on the negative.

"The Northwestern delegation to the Delta Sigma Rho Congress included Robert Southern, Richard Hetland, Vicki Gustafson, and Dorothy Reitch. The women were elected committee secretaries; Vicki Gustafson nominated the winning candidate for Clerk of the Congress.

"Charles Sohner, Sander Vanocur, Gordon Linkon, and Richard Markus won the men's championship of the Grand National tournament at Fredricksburg, Virginia, April 14-16. Three firsts and two seconds in individual events were also won. Vanocur rated first in informative speaking and in address reading. Sohner received one of nine superior ratings in discussion. Linkon placed second in after-dinner speaking and in poetry reading.

"Art Davis and Dean Olds will compete in the West Point tournament April 21-23 as one of the selected representatives of Region 5.

"Northwestern will entertain the Chicago Area debate tournament on April 23. Mr. Earl Cain and his junior varsity men will represent us.

"The season will close with the initiation of eight or more men and women into Delta Sigma Rho. Several graduate members will officiate in the initiation ceremony."

## OREGON

"The University of Oregon engaged in an extensive program of forensic activities during 1948-49. The following is a list of some of the events:

1. Four of our lower division students participated in the College of Puget Sound Tournament—entered debate, extempore speaking, impromptu, and oratory contests.

2. Three students delegates from the University participated in a Town Meeting contest sponsored by Vanport College. These meetings were held before civic organizations in Portland, all of them being concerned with the subject of 'Communism in the U. S.'

3. Sixteen of our students participated in the Linfield Tournament, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. They participated in debate, oratory, extempore speaking, impromptu, and also in the Student Congress.

4. One upper division and one lower division traveled to Redlands, California and entered their tournament during the spring vacation.

5. Two delegates, Professor W. A. Dahlberg and J. K. Farris, attended the Delta Sigma Rho Congress in Chicago.

6. Two delegates attended the Pacific Forensic League meeting at Walla Walla, Washington, entering all events.

7. Two delegates entered a tournament in Missoula, Montana."

## OREGON STATE

"The first major forensic tournament of the year in which Oregon State representatives competed was that of the Western Speech Association which was held at Seattle in November. In this event William Maxwell placed first in Junior Men's Oratory and second in Junior Men's Interpretation. Ruth Ferris placed second in Women's Oratory, while William McGinn and David Swanson entered the finals in Junior Men's Debate.

"At the Northwest Junior College Tournament in Tacoma, early in February, the team composed of Norman Goetze and Delane Fry won first in Men's Debate, while two women's teams, that of June Higham and Hazel Boyd, and that of Anne Dimick and Carolyn Zimmerman, tied for second in Women's Debate. Ruth Ferris took first place in both Women's Oratory and Women's Interpretation, with Emery Hildebrandt placing first in Men's Interpretation and second in Men's Oratory.

"Shortly thereafter, at the Northwest Invitational Tournament held at Linfield College, Wallace McIntyre placed first in Senior Men's Oratory, and William Maxwell first in Junior Men's Oratory. Debate teams, one composed of Floyd Smith and Elvin Pitney, and the other of Howard Weese and Patrick Marsh, placed second in their respective sections of Junior Men's Debate. Ruth Ferris placed third in Women's Interpretation.

"Among the special events of the season was the visit to Oregon State of the English debate team composed of Anthony Cox and Reginald Galer, who were met by a home team composed of Robert Baum and William Higham.

"In the State Old Line Oratorical Contest, Bill Maxwell placed first in the Men's division and Ruth Ferris third in the Women's division. In the State Peace Oratorical Contest, Emery Hildebrandt took second. In the field of Extempore Speaking, Frank Priester took first place in the State Experimental Contest. An interesting innovation in Oregon this year was the Northwest Town Meeting Tournament, held for the first time in February, 1949. Speakers were given a problem, to which they presented their solutions in front of audiences composed of fraternal, social, and other groups, with some presentations over the air. A question period was reserved to insure audience participation.

"William Higham and William Maxwell, together with Dr. Earl W. Wells, director of oratory and sponsor of the local chapter, attended the National Student Congress of Delta Sigma Rho in Chicago.

"This year's student delegates to the Pacific Forensic League Conference at Walla Walla, Washington were Wallace McIntyre, William Fries, and William Higham, with Professor Carolyn R. Winger, director of extempore speaking, attending as faculty representative.

"The final forensic event entered by Oregon State was the tournament sponsored by the Un-

iversity of Montana, at Missoula. Five students, accompanied by Professor Paul X. Knoll, director of debate, made the trip. Elvin Pitney and Floyd Smith, winning seven debates and losing one, took second place honors in the Debate Division.

"The chapter has followed its usual policy of sponsoring the Intersectional Speech Contest for beginning speech students held each term, to the winners of which a cash prize is awarded. The chapter also promoted the annual Forensic Mix early in the fall.

"Officers for this year are William Higham, President; Elvin Asher, Vice-President; and Bob Baum, Secretary."

#### PENNSYLVANIA

"The University of Pennsylvania Chapter of Delta Sigma Rho held the final meeting of the year at Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Thursday, May 12, 1949. Judge Gerald Flood of the Common Pleas Court of Philadelphia was a guest and speaker.

"Eleven new members, active in debating during the current year, were initiated to membership. Among the new members were: Estelle Katz, Marvin Katz, Arlen Specter, Daniel Stern, Morton Jaffee, Lila Wolfman, Harvey Cox, Morris Dean, Alexander Wilson, Jr., Saul Duff Krovet, Stanford Shmuckler."

#### PENN STATE

"The Penn State women expect to close their season with sixty intercollegiate debates, seven against women's, three against mixed, and fifty against men's teams. Twenty-nine women participated in these sixty varsity debates, of which twelve were orthodox and forty-eight were cross-examination style. Although we travelled 2800 miles during the year, many of the debates were home debates and practically all of them were non-decision.

"Our opponents included Princeton, Houghton, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, St. Joseph's, LaSalle, Temple, Juniata, Pittsburgh, Duquesne, Allegheny, Westminster, Slippery Rock, Carnegie Tech, Shippensburg, Elizabethtown, Geneva, Seton Hill, Drew, Syracuse, Oswego, Cornell, American, Mt. St. Mary's Lafayette, Mulenberg, George Washington, Gettysburg, and Rutgers.

"Six of our women debaters also were delegates to the Fourteenth Annual Pennsylvania State Debaters Convention, held on our campus, serving as members of the Committee on Improvement of Education and the Committee on Maintenance of the Peace. Jean Hootman was chosen as one of the after dinner speakers for the convention banquet and as one of three contestants for "Gavel Girl," the young woman who makes the outstanding contribution to the convention, through a combination of intelligence, subject matter background, and personal charm.

"Miss Hootman also placed fourth in the State Extempore Speaking Contest, while Miss Margaret Jones placed second in the State Oratorical Contest. Our debate managership has been handled very efficiently by Miss Mary Louise Coleman.

"Thirty members of the men's debate squad

have carried on an active season. Ten tournaments were attended, as follows: University of Vermont, Old Dominion (University of Richmond), Temple Novice, University of Pittsburgh Opponent Evaluation, Mount Mercy, Pennsylvania State Tournament, Brooklyn College, Washington and Jefferson, West Point Regional, and Grand National.

"In decision events, Penn State won 58 and lost 26. Outstanding achievements were championships won at Mount Mercy and Washington and Jefferson, an undefeated affirmative at Vermont, best school record (12 wins out of 16 debates) at the Old Dominion Tournament, and placement in the Big 10 at the Grand National Tournament. At the Grand National Tournament certificates were also won by four members of the squad in individual events: John Fedako, Franklin Address Reading; David M. Barron, Charlotte Extempore Speaking; Peter M. Giesey, Blaine Response to the Occasion; Richard K. Hill, Jefferson After Dinner Speaking. Two members of the squad received high speaker placement in different Tournaments: David M. Barron in the Big 3 at the Old Dominion Tournament, and Richard C. Shultz in the Big 15 at the Brooklyn College Tournament.

"Two model student legislatures were attended, the Ohio State University Conference on Public Affairs and the Fourteenth Annual Pennsylvania State Debaters Convention. Other events included home debates or discussions with Cambridge University (England), Army, Navy, Vermont, and Mount Mercy. An extension debate was held with Lehigh University before the Temple Beth Israel Brotherhood of Hazleton, Pennsylvania."

#### STANFORD

"Stanford is continuing its most active forensic program since before the war. Both the varsity and freshmen have taken part in an unusually large number of debates.

"On February 12, Stanford participated in the U.C.L.A. Speech Tournament at Los Angeles. Township Brown, M. E. Harrison, John Hines, and Richard Kelton all placed high in their divisions.

"Art Herzog and Jack Marcum represented Stanford in the Rocky Mountain Speech Festival held at Denver on February 17-19. Herzog was selected as one of the top four impromptu speakers, while Marcum was chosen to take part in a demonstration debate. As a debate team, the Stanford men, both achieving "Superior" ratings, tied for fourth place.

"The debate team of Dow Carpenter and Carl Stover, representing Stanford in the Linfield meet at McMinnville, Oregon, February 24-26, tied for second place. Both speakers made the finals in impromptu and extemporaneous speaking.

"This year, for the first time since before the war, Stanford reinitiated the annual home and home debate with the University of Southern California. Stanford's Delta Sigma Rho chapter donated a cup which will go to the school winning two out of three debates. The proposition this year involved Governmental Aid to Education. Dow Carpenter and Carl Stover debated for Stanford at Palo Alto on February 28,

while Forden Athearn and Ronald Klein represented Stanford at Los Angeles on March 3. The University of Southern California was the winner of this year's debate.

"The Education subject was also the proposition for debate against the University of California on the evening of March 4. Thomas Brand and Richard Hill upheld the negative for Stanford. A number of other single debates have been held recently, including varsity debates with San Jose State and San Francisco State, and freshman debates with the University of California, College of Pacific, and San Jose State.

"Stanford took part in the Redlands College Invitational Tournament on March 24-26. The debate team of Richard Hill and John Kaiser tied for 2nd place in the senior men's division, while Mary Kilbourne and Sydney Morgan placed in the top six teams of women's division. Ronald Klein reached the semi-finals in impromptu speaking. In their special elimination division the Stanford team of Forden Athearn and Ronald Klein were picked as one of four teams to represent the Pacific-Southwest District in the National Intercollegiate Tournament at West Point. This team will fly to New York on April 18 for the West Point Tournament, and then take part in debates with various Eastern colleges, including Harvard and Princeton.

"Six Stanford teams, competing in five major tournaments so far this year, have already compiled a record of forty-four victories in sixty debates, for a season's record of more than 73%. In addition Stanford has continued its extensive program of non-decision debating and discussion forums."

#### SYRACUSE

"Three members of the Debate Society have been elected to membership in Delta Sigma Rho: Shirley Heckert, Leonard Glass, and Burton Citak.

"Highlights of the year's debating activities included participation in the University of Vermont Invitational Tourney, a trip into Eastern New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, and attendance at the Annual Intercollegiate Conference on Student Affairs at Albany, N. Y.

"Home-and-home debates were scheduled with Cornell, Colgate, Hamilton, Rochester, and Utica College. Teams entertained at Syracuse included Bucknell, Buffalo University, Middlebury, Rutgers, Penn State, Pennsylvania. On the road Syracuse debaters met West Point, University of Connecticut, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. At Vermont the schedule included debates against Colby, Suffolk, Amherst, Vermont, Maine, Wesleyan, Navy, and Penn State.

"Members active in the society, in addition to the three elected to Delta Sigma Rho, were Walter Bodnar, Alexander Mrozek, Lee Freedman, Warren Rudman, Ned Whaley (president), Clayton Andrews (vice president), Malcolm deVesty, Richard Silver, Doris Olson (manager), Ed Nachbar, Irwin Entel, William Spangler, Richard King, Lee Beltzer, Muriel Lippman, Charles Lipton, and Samuel Goekjian (secretary)."

#### TEXAS

"In February we had three debates here with Oklahoma University on the question 'War with Russia is Inevitable.' February 11-12 we sent eight debaters to the Mid-South Debate Tournament at Conway, Arkansas. There Delta Sigma Rho members Kleber Miller and Sam Smith were eliminated in the quarter finals after winning five straight, and our girls team of Lucita Thornton and Sara McCampbell placed first in the Junior Women's Division. March 4 we had an exhibition debate with Baylor at Alice, Texas, before a High School debate tournament. Delta Sigma Rho members Pat Baskin and Don Yarbrough were in the Baylor debate. On March 18 West Point sent two debaters to Austin for a series of three debates on the subject of 'Outlawing the Communist Party.' Texas won the three debates, with Delta Sigma Rho members Sam Smith, Aury Selig, Donald Yarbrough, and Harvey Rosenberg teaming with Ronnie Dugger and Rollie Koppel to share the honors. March 18 and 19 two teams were sent to the Blue Grass Tournament at Georgetown, Kentucky. There Warren White and Robert Blumenthal won four of six debates on the affirmative side while Tom Taylor, Delta Sigma Rho member, and Aaron Schwartz won the negative side of the tournament but were defeated by Georgetown in the finals, giving them a total of five wins and 2 losses. Taylor and White were adjudged the best speakers in the tournament, while Blumenthal and Schwartz ranked in second place.

"From March 16-31, Kleber Miller, vice-president of the chapter, Hulon Brown, past president of the chapter, Pat Baskin, secretary of the chapter, and Meredith Long, a new initiate, went on a tour of the Midwest. All four men debated Southern Methodist University; Long and Miller debated Oklahoma University; all debated Wichita; Long and Miller debated Washington of St. Louis; Baskin and Brown debated Missouri; all four debated Kansas; all four debated Notre Dame and all four entered a three-school debate at Illinois, with Illinois, Southern California, and Texas participating. This group attended the Missouri Valley Forensic League Tournament March 24-26 at Ames, Iowa, where Long and Miller won 4 of 5 and Baskin and Brown won 3 of 5. Texas placed second in the tournament, but in speaker scores placed first.

"On April 4-6, Texas sent a delegation to Waco and the Southern Speech Association Tournament. There Robert Burke placed first in After Dinner Speaking. Tom Taylor and Warren White won 5 of 6 debates to place second in Debate, and the girls' team composed of Sara McCampbell and Jean Dalby placed second in the Women's Division with four won and two lost.

"On April 7-9 we had our second annual Spring Tournament at Austin. The Wichita men won in Debate; while the Arizona women placed first in Oratory and Women's Debate.

"We ended the year at Texas with a total of 138 intercollegiate debates; we won 88, lost 37, while 16 were non-decision. We had debates with some 43 colleges and universities. We also had eleven major inter-squad debates for the public in Austin in addition to producing a weekly radio program called 'On The Spot'."

## WAYNE

"The forensic season for Wayne could be described in three words, "full and successful." In tryouts at the beginning of the year, over 90 candidates were reviewed by Director of Forensics James McMonagle, George Hinds, and Ray Beard. By the end of the season there were 36 active members on the squad.

"These students participated in 123 intercollegiate debates with 46 different colleges and universities. Of the decision debates, 93 were won, 56 were lost. Wayne teams participated in the following tournaments, the Purdue Invitational, the Delta Sigma Rho Debate Tournament at Greencastle, Indiana, an Ohio tournament at Bowling Green, the Michigan Novice Tournament, the Purdue Novice Tournament, The Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Tournament (held at Wayne), the Indiana State Tournament, the Michigan Cross Question Tournament, and the Delta Sigma Rho Tournament at Madison, Wisconsin.

"Wayne students entered two extemporaneous speaking contests, the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League contest, and the Indiana State contest. These two students both took first place.

"The year has been successful in oratory also. Seven students participated in the finals of the Annual Wayne Oratorical Contest. Two of these students entered in the Michigan State contest and won first place in the men's and women's division. The Wayne woman orator, Miss Taormina, won third place in the Interstate contest, held in April. A third Wayne orator placed fifth in the finals of the Delta Sigma Rho contest at Madison. By the middle of May, three other orators will participate in contests in the Middle-West.

"Six students attended the Ohio State Congress at Columbus this year, and four squad members attended the Delta Sigma Rho Congress in Chicago.

"On March 22, a Detroit audience of over 700 attended a debate between Wayne students and debaters from Cambridge, England.

"In addition to intercollegiate activities, the Student Speaker's bureau has been serving Detroit audiences. Perhaps the most interesting engagement was a debate on the proposed revision of the city civil service charter before an audience of city employees and members of the Civil Service Commission."

## WESLEYAN

The Wesleyan debate season will officially close this year with the Dartmouth Freshman Tournament at Hanover on April 29. The intercollegiate debate program thus far has included sixty-five debates with forty-two different schools. Forty-two of these debates were tournament debates, seven were home debates, nine were debates away, and seven were exhibition debates before the high schools of Connecticut. Wesleyan debaters participated in five tournaments: Vermont, Boston, Brooklyn, West Point Regional and Dartmouth. At Boston, Bob Buckley and Sherwin Montell qualified for the quarter-finals, and for the finals of the West Point Regional.

The activities of the Wesleyan Debate Coun-

cil have been extended in several new directions this year. A newly organized Student Speakers Bureau has filled eighteen engagements which have included intercollegiate and intrasquad debates, panel-forums and individual speakers. On March 19, a Connecticut High School Debate Meeting was held at Wesleyan. The program included three rounds of debate, a banquet, a reception for visiting debaters and coaches, and an organizational meeting at which plans were formulated for a state debate league. Arrangements for this meeting were handled by freshmen debaters under the direction of their coach, Jay Savereid. On March 24-25, Wesleyan was again host to the West Point Regional Tournament in which fourteen schools from the New York-New England area participated. In addition to a banquet and a reception, the visiting debaters and coaches were given the opportunity to hear a lecture by the poet, Robert Frost. Varsity debaters and former Delta Sigma Rho students on campus assisted Mark Ward and Professor John Crawford in managing this tournament.

A number of Wesleyan debaters participated in the newly formed Wesleyan Round Table of the Air program carried by Radio Station WMMW-FM and College Station WES. Each weekly broadcast, which has been under the direction of the Oral English staff, dealt with a different aspect of the role of the liberal arts college in education. Areas of study investigated were art, science, economics, athletics, literature religion, government and humanities. Each panel consisted of three faculty members and two students.

## WESTERN RESERVE

The 1948-49 intercollegiate forensic season was closed in April by a trip to the Georgetown University Tournament. After this tournament, American University, Navy, and Temple University were debated on their campuses.

The season has been featured by the continuing series of broadcasts under the title of "You Are the Jury." Twenty-six of these programs were presented during the winter, dramatizing current issues by using court-room procedure rather than traditional debate methods. Late in the season Pittsburgh and George Washington cooperated in intercollegiate court trials which were recorded for later broadcast.

The trial procedure was also used in a series of television programs over WEWS-TV. The Reserve Rostrum plans to continue both series of discussions during 1949-50.

## WEST VIRGINIA

"West Virginia University debate squad has had an active season. The squad started the year by holding a practice tournament on the campus in December with schools from the West Virginia-Pennsylvania area participating.

"The squad also participated in a number of extension debates for the civic clubs of the greater Morgantown area.

"Members of the team have participated in tournaments at Mount Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where they placed second, winning nine out of ten debates; and at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Penn-

sylvania, where they also placed second. The West Virginia negative lost to the Penn State affirmative in the finals.

"The squad travelled to Fredricksburg, Virginia, on April 13 to participate in the Grand National Tournament held at Mary Washington College.

"Two delegates from West Virginia attended the Delta Sigma Rho Student Congress in March."

#### WHITMAN

"Whitman College has been very active in forensics this spring. One of the most outstanding events was the twenty-fifth annual conference of the Pacific Forensic League, which was held on this campus April 12-15. Eight colleges and universities were represented by twenty-five student competitors and eight coaches for the four day tournament.

"In extemporaneous speaking, Whitman's Gordon Jaynes won first place honors. Second place went to Ben Cashman of the University of Washington. Tom Bartlett, Willamette University won third. Bonnie Yturbide, blind student from the University of Nevada, won the oratorical championship. Second place winner was Edwin Stegman, representing the University of Southern California. Ernie Miller of Whitman placed third.

"After three days of discussion, the contestants had a series of panel debates, where they presented speeches of advocacy on the topic: "By What Means Can We Best Deal with the Problem of Monopoly?" Students in the audience served as judges.

"Another speech meet which Whitman entered this spring was at the University of Montana, April 15-16. Ten Whitmanites entered the various events which consisted of debate, oral interpretation, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking.

"On April 22-23, Whitman College, Gonzaga University, and Whitworth College gathered in Spokane for a debate meet. Fifteen debaters represented Whitman, making up seven of the sixteen teams competing."

#### WOOSTER

"The College of Wooster forensic activities have been as varied as numerous during the year 1948-49. Many of these were led by members of the local chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, with others providing opportunities for underclass students subsequently to qualify.

"Debating centered in three propositions: "Equalization of Educational Opportunity," "Outlawing the Communist Party," and "The Truman Civil Rights Program." A team went to Charlottesville for the University of Virginia tournament on Civil Rights Legislation. Wooster was represented at the Georgetown, Kentucky, invitational debate tournament. Both the men and women participated with teams in the state debate tournaments sponsored by the Ohio Association of College Teachers of Speech. The men's team tied for second honors here. In addition local students participated in five Ohio invitational debate meets. One group engaged in a series of triangular debates on the Com-

munist Party proposition, using the Oregon, or cross-question, style.

"Early in the year the local chapter was host to a direct-clash tournament on the Equalization of Educational Opportunity. This type of debating was enthusiastically received by the students of the twelve colleges participating.

"Members of the squad attended three legislative assemblies. The first was the Northeast Ohio Debate Conference Assembly at Oberlin College, discussing Civil Rights. The second, on Foreign Affairs, was sponsored by Ohio State University, Columbus. The third was the Delta Sigma Rho Congress at Chicago.

"In individual events, Miss Adelaide Watson represented the college in the state extemporaneous speaking contests for women. Miss Patricia Hartley was the orator in this meet. The peace orator this year was Harry B. Stults, Jr., who was also the extemporaneous speaking representative at Charlottesville. The men's orator was Don Shawver, speaking on "Our Last Fundamental Decision." The men's extemporaneous speaker was Walter Grosjean. Mr. Shawver and Mr. Grosjean placed second in state competition, and Mr. Stults third.

"David Byers, a senior from Salina, Kansas, is the president of the local chapter for this year, serving at the same time as student assistant in forensics.

"One of the climaxing events of the closing part of the debate season was the visit of the gentlemen from Cambridge University. Before an enthusiastic audience of over 400, Mr. Byers and Mr. Stults clashed with the visitors on the International Third Force as a Hope for Peace.

"Through a student speakers' bureau many groups of students have presented speeches and panel discussions to various clubs in the vicinity on the subjects growing out of the debate propositions, using in addition the subjects of Family Relations, the Truman Health Program, and Labor-Management Cooperation. These provided one of the most popular types of programs offered to the public."

#### YALE

During March, Yale debaters defeated Brown in a home-and-home debate on "The Outlawry of the Communist Party in the United States." In addition, Yale defeated Columbia on the negative of the question of "Prepaid Medical Insurance"; the other part of the home-and-home contest was declared a tie by a consultation of the judges.

"We enjoyed a pleasant meeting with the English team from Cambridge University, with a man from each university participating on each team; the proposition was 'Resolved, That this House is Tired of Politics and Politicians.'

"Late in March we participated in the regional tournament for New England and New York, held at Wesleyan University to determine the four teams from this area which would go to the West Point National Tournament on April 21-24. The winning teams were Vermont, M. I. T., Champlain, and Yale.

"Thus far this year a squad of 35 varsity debaters has participated in 24 debates, which resulted in 19 victories and three defeats; two of the contests were non-decision."