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SPEAKER OF THE YEAR: THEODORE M. HESBURGH



THEODORE M. HESBURGH

Each year Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha presents its Speaker of the Year Award to a person whose individual rhetoric has contributed to the highest standards of our collective public address. This award is not given for a single public statement or speech on a single public issue, but rather it is given to an individual who, over some time, has exemplified those standards of intelligent, effective, responsible public discourse that our organization hopes to maintain. This year is no exception to that rule, for in Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, we recognize a speaker of the highest merit.

President Hesburgh has been an ardent advocate of a number of causes. In his work for education, civil rights, and, recently, the distressing problem of world hunger, he has maintained the standards which DSR-TKA desires to promote. Because he has supported his positions with reason and compassion and has avoided the snare of overstatement and exaggeration, DSR-TKA with pleasure announces the selection of Theodore M. Hesburgh as 1975 Speaker of the Year.

DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



GIFFORD BLYTON

In 1958 Gifford Blyton and the University of Kentucky served as host for the National Golden Anniversary Conference of TKA. It is fitting that Professor Blyton be honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of DSR-TKA on the occasion of the society's return to Lexington.

Gifford Blyton, a native of Washington state, received his A.B. from the University of Washington in 1935 and his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1941. After seven years at Western Michigan, he accepted an appointment to the University of Kentucky, where his name became synonymous with debate in the Bluegrass state.

Dr. Blyton will be remembered for distinguished contributions to his profession. He is a past president of the American Forensic Association and presently serves as secretary-treasurer of the Council of Communication Societies and president of the Kentucky Speech Association. Moreover, he has never allowed his professional responsibilities to obscure the fundamental concerns of the teacher. In 1970, he received the University's Great Teacher of the Year Award.

The Society is pleased to honor a distinguished professional, a great teacher, and a good friend, Gifford Blyton.

DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



NICHOLAS M. CRIPE

Nicholas "Mac" Cripe won an Indiana high school state debate championship in 1930 and forty-five years later concludes a three-year presidency of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha. The intervening years have been marked by distinguished service to his university, his community, and his profession.

Mac Cripe received his A.B. degree from Goshen College and his Ph.D. from Northwestern University. His first teaching position was at the University of Vermont, helping Bob Huber on the way to a National Debate Championship in 1950.

For the past twenty-two years, Mac has left his mark on the students and faculty at Butler University. In 1954 he received the Baxter Award for distinguished teaching and in 1962 he was named an Outstanding Professor. He has many publications and professional speeches to his credit. While teaching at Butler he has also found time to serve a large community interest by getting involved in politics. Like others he felt the nation could do better, so he organized Indianapolis for the young senator, John F. Kennedy.

Mac Cripe is preeminently a man of forensics. He is a past president of the Indiana Speech Association and a past vice-president and president of the American Forensic Association. His term as president of the AFA included significant contributions to the stature of the journal of that organization.

Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha is honored to name its president a Distinguished Alumnus.

DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



VICTOR MORGAN POWELL

Victor Morgan Powell was the unanimous choice of the faculty, administration, and trustees to become Dean of Wabash College. Such unanimity is an index of the respect Dr. Powell gained through twenty-seven years of teaching speech and directing forensics.

Dean Powell, a native of Moorhead, Minnesota, graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1941 and received his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri in 1954. After a year at Dartmouth, Powell was appointed to the speech faculty of Wabash in 1947 and became chairman and full professor in 1960.

Vic Powell is co-author of the popular high school text, *The New American Speech*, and is a respected teacher. As one friend put it, "Teachers of speech in the state of Indiana look to him as a model of what a good teacher should be." In addition, Powell has served as vice-president of the American Forensic Association and editor of *The Speaker*.

When Dean Powell said, "A liberal education is preeminently education for a life of freedom, and a life of freedom is necessarily a life of responsibility," he was reflecting the principles of our Society. By acting on those principles, he has become a Distinguished Alumnus.

NATIONAL OFFICERS OF DSR-TKA

George W. Ziegelmueller, Wayne State University, has been elected to the position of National President of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha and will assume his duties on July 1, 1975. Ziegelmueller is completing a term as vice-president of the society.

Under the recently-adopted constitution, the officers and members-at-large of the National Council are elected by means of a mail ballot, each chapter casting one vote. They will serve for two-year terms. The editor, trustee, and historian will be appointed by the National President and will serve three-year terms. Announcement of the election of the following officers was made at the 1975 National Conference:

President

George Ziegelmueller, Wayne State University

Vice-President

Norma Cook, University of Tennessee

Secretary

Bertram Gross, University of Georgia

Treasurer

Jack Howe, California State University, Long Beach

Members-at-Large, National Council

Bettie Hudgens, Spring Hill College

Ronald Matlon, University of Massachusetts

Correspondence for the National Secretary after July 1, 1975, should be addressed to: Bertram Gross, National Secretary of DSR-TKA, Department of Speech Communication, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30601.

1975-76 STUDENT OFFICERS

Howard Steinberg, University of Massachusetts, was elected as student president of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha at the meeting of the Student Council on April 6. Steinberg served as vice-president last year. The other student officers chosen for 1975-76 included Peter Quist, University of Georgia, first vice-president; Chris Farrell, St. Anselm's College, second vice-president; and Mary Urtczek, Wayne State University, secretary.

Each officer has assumed a special responsibility within the national organization of DSR-TKA. President Steinberg will serve as a member of the National Conference committee. Quist will be in charge of the selection of the Student Speaker of the Year. As second vice-president, Farrell becomes an associate editor of *Speaker and Gavel*. Finally, secretary Urtczek will be a member of the Speaker of the Year Committee.

The Student Council, which meets annually, is made up of delegates from chapters in attendance at the National Conference.

STUDENT SPEAKER OF THE YEAR

COLE C. CAMPBELL

Cole C. Campbell, University of North Carolina, has been named as the Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha Student Speaker of the Year for the current year. Campbell was a member of the winning team in two-man debate at the DSR-TKA National Conference in 1974 and has served as an associate editor of *Speaker and Gavel*.

In recommending him for the honor, J. Robert Cox, director of debate at North Carolina declared, "Cole has contributed to the vigor and growth of forensics at North Carolina" and is "committed to the liberal arts rationale of undergraduate forensics." Cox went on to say that though Cole has been extremely successful in intercollegiate debate, he is aware of and has criticized many of the activity's abuses. (See his article, "The Professional Student Competitor: A Challenge to Academic Forensics," in the Spring, 1975, issue of *Speaker and Gavel*.) His personal commitment to debate—even in its "competitive" moments—reflects a strong background in argumentation and communication theory.

The Student Speaker of the Year selection committee, under the chairmanship of Howard Steinberg, University of Massachusetts, first vice-president of the DSR-TKA Student Council, made special note of the exceptional qualifications of all of the students they considered for this award, and they wish to give special recognition to the following student speakers, each of whom was nominated by his or her own chapter for the Student Speaker of the Year Award.

Richard Bethea, University of Georgia
 Erwin Chemerinsky, Northwestern University
 Michael Gibbons, Butler University
 Mae Jean Go, University of Tennessee
 Mac Haddow, Brigham Young University
 David Keenan, Mankato State College
 James Mays, Bridgewater College
 Eileen Redden, St. John's University, Jamaica

The committee was appreciative of the helpfulness of chapter sponsors and others who provided letters of recommendation for these individuals.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MELVIN P. MOORHOUSE

Professor Melvin P. Moorhouse, Wichita State University, was presented with a Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha Distinguished Service Award at the National Conference in recognition of his substantial roles within the organization.

Sponsor of the Wichita chapter since 1957, Mel became a vice-president of Delta Sigma Rho in 1961 and since the merger has been Regional Governor of Region 7 of DSR-TKA. His congenial wit and consistent good judgment have been of inestimable value to the society. He was nominated for this award by Nicholas M. Cripe and Annabel D. Hagood.

1975 DSR-TKA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Lexington, Kentucky, was the scene of the National Conference of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha, April 4-7, 1975. Featuring the introduction of oral interpretation as a competitive event and the maturation of contemporary issues debating, the exceptionally congenial hosting of J. W. Patterson and the University of Kentucky, and participation by representatives of more than 60 chapters of the society, the conference provided good forensic competition and excellent fellowship.

Kenneth E. Andersen, efficient chairman of the National Conference committee, laid the plans for the successful operation of the conference. Event directors this year were David Zarefsky, Kassian Kovalcheck, Robert Cox, Royce Flood, and Kenneth Andersen.

Culminating the mail vote by chapters for national officers mandated by the new constitution, George W. Ziegelmueller was announced as the new president of the society. (Other officers are named elsewhere in this is-

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Outgoing Student President Mae Jean Go, University of Tennessee, congratulates her newly-elected successor for 1974-75, Howard Steinberg, University of Massachusetts.



SEMIFINALISTS IN TWO-MAN DEBATE

Jim Boomgard and Doug Donnell, Miami University; Timothy Zeiger and Mike McKinley, Samford University.



SECOND PLACE, CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Vanderbilt University: James Sebenius, Wendall Bird, David Saphier, and Bert Haas.

TWO-MAN DEBATE RESULTS

Final Round

Georgia B defeated Kentucky A

Semifinal Round

Kentucky A defeated Samford A Georgia B defeated Miami

Quarterfinal Round

Kentucky A advanced Georgia B defeated Samford B
Samford A defeated Wake Forest Miami defeated Pittsburgh

Octafinal Round

Kentucky A defeated S. California B Georgia B defeated Kansas B
Kentucky B defeated Georgia A Samford B defeated Florida State A
Samford A defeated Redlands Miami U. defeated Florida State B
Wake Forest defeated Florida B Pittsburgh defeated Wooster

Top Ten Speakers

1. Gil Skillman, Kentucky
2. Greg Ballard, Redlands
3. Richard Bethea, Georgia
4. Roger Solt, Wake Forest
5. Earl Kreps, Pittsburgh
6. Jim Boomgard, Miami U.
7. Mary Thompson, Kentucky
8. Tim Zeiger, Samford
9. Peter Quist, Georgia
10. Bill Smelko, Redlands



FINALISTS IN TWO-MAN DEBATE

Mary Thompson and Gil Skillman, Kentucky; Don Lively and Richard Bethea, Georgia.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES DEBATE RESULTS

First Place: Northwestern University (13-3)

Second Place: Vanderbilt University (13-3)

Third Place: Butler University (12-4)

Fourth Place: Spring Hill College (10-6)

Certificates of Achievement

Affirmative

1. James Sebenius, Vanderbilt
2. Frank Harshey, Butler
3. Robert Quinn, Butler
4. Julie Boggan, Spring Hill

Negative

1. Alan Loewinsohn, Northwestern
2. Erwin Chemerinsky, Northwestern
3. Mary E. Ackles, Spring Hill
4. John Lockett, Spring Hill



FIRST PLACE, CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Northwestern University: Erwin Chemerinsky, Stuart Singer, Louis Kaplow, and Alan Loewinsohn.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING RESULTS

Certificates of Achievement—Superior

1. Scott Michel, Northwestern University
2. John Davidson, University of Illinois
3. Matthew Brandstetter, Brigham Young University
4. David Bow, Northwestern University

Certificates of Achievement—Excellent

Steven Lakes, DePauw University
Eileen Redden, St. John's University, Jamaica
Jeanette Seybold, Temple University
John Sheldon, George Washington University



SUPERIOR IN EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

David Bow, Northwestern; John P. Davidson III, Illinois; and Scott Michel, Northwestern. (Not pictured: Matthew Brandstetter, Brigham Young.)

ORAL INTERPRETATION RESULTS

Certificates of Achievement—Superior

1. Gar Dennett, Brigham Young University
2. Dee Dee Longworth, Mankato State College
3. Cindy Proctor, Butler University
4. David Faris, Mankato State College

Certificates of Achievement—Excellent

- Rebecca Lee, Capital University
Darla Schmidt, Wichita State University



SUPERIOR IN ORAL INTERPRETATION

Cindy Proctor, Butler; David Faris, Mankato State; Deadra Longworth, Mankato State; Garland Dennett, Brigham Young.

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING RESULTS

Certificates of Achievement—Superior

1. Gar Dennett, Brigham Young University
2. Thurman Radford, George Washington University
3. Diane Henson, Iowa State University
4. Pam Benoit, Ball State University

Certificates of Achievement—Excellent

Cole Campbell, University of North Carolina
Donna Harlow, Brigham Young University
Karen Jones, University of Kentucky
Dee Dee Longworth, Mankato State College



SUPERIOR IN PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

Pam Benoit, Ball State; Thurmon Radford, George Washington; Diane Henson, Iowa State; and Garland Dennett, Brigham Young.

1975 DSR-TKA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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sue.) At the banquet on Sunday evening, Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, was acclaimed as 1975 Speaker of the Year, and Cole C. Campbell, University of North Carolina, accepted the award for Student Speaker of the Year. Other events at the conference included National Council meetings, the student council meeting, and a model initiation ceremony for new members.

The following pages provide a summary of the results of the forensic competition at the tournament. Photographs are by Ken Goad for the University of Kentucky Information Services.

STUDENT CONGRESS RESULTS

Certificates of Achievement—Superior

Chris Farrell, St. Anselm's College
Curtis LeMay, George Washington University
Fred Niemann, Mercer University
John Sheldon, George Washington University

Certificates of Achievement—Excellent

Mae Jean Go, University of Tennessee
Matthew Hamlin, Ohio Wesleyan University
David Keenan, Mankato State College
Edward Wiley, University of Illinois

STUDENT CONGRESS LEGISLATION, 1975

Forty-five delegates from 19 colleges participated in the Student Congress activity at the National Conference. The Speaker of the Assembly was Fred Niemann, Mercer University, and the Clerk was Pam Benoit, Ball State University. The following constitutes a record of the bills passed by this assembly.

CONGRESS BILL #1

Bi-Partisan Bill by the Conference Committee on Cost and Scarcity of Food and Resources by John Sheldon, George Washington; Pam Benoit, Ball State; Billy Sams, Tennessee; Margy Layton, Iowa State; Jeff Miller, Wabash College.

AN ACT to stimulate research, development and production of energy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS OF DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA:

Section 1. That the Federal government commit itself to the goal of energy self-sufficiency.

Section 2. That the Federal government be committed to increased research in the area of energy development.

Section 3. That said research area shall be concentrated in and coordinated by an interdepartmental agency under the Department of Interior. This agency shall be called Energy Development Agency (EDA).

Section 4. Operation of this agency shall begin no later than September 1, 1976.

Section 5. This operation shall be responsible for the collection and the dissemination of non-classified energy information gained via federally sponsored research.

Section 6. That the Federal government shall provide incentives for the implementation of research techniques.

- a) Short-term stimulants shall include risk-sharing measures such as subsidies, grants, and waiver of patent restrictions on research techniques resulting from Federal research efforts or other approved methods deemed legal and desirable.
- b) Long-term stimulants shall consist of low-interest loans and temporary tax exemptions as well as other desirable methods.

c) That any developer of a new research technique shall be compensated for the use of said technique.

Section 7. That the EDA shall be required to prepare an annual report on developments in both research on and production of energy.

Section 8. That the GAO shall conduct a cost-benefit analysis annually.

Section 9. That the EDA shall have authority to reallocate funds in the manner it deems beneficial.

CONGRESS BILL #3

A Majority Bill by the Conference Committee on Taxation and Monetary Policies by Michael Jordan, Ohio Wesleyan; Leslie Morris, Northwestern; and Brian Pekety, Mercer.

AN ACT to remove the zero interest rate ceiling on checking accounts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS OF DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA:

That regulations prohibiting banks from offering interest rates upon demand deposits shall be terminated.

CONGRESS BILL #4

A Majority Bill by the Conference Committee on Taxation and Monetary Policies by: Michael Jordan, Ohio Wesleyan; Ed Wiley, Illinois; and Brian Pekety, Mercer.

AN ACT to promote competition among commercial banks and savings and loan associations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS OF DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA:

That federal regulations which establish legal maximum interest rates on private savings be removed.

CONGRESS BILL #11

Minority Bill by the Committee on Efforts of the Private Sector: Joe Briski, Xavier; Edwin Leonard, St. Anselm's; Katie Newsham, Loyola; and Nancy Matchus, Northwestern.

AN ACT to deregulate the trucking and railroad industry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS OF DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA:

Section. 1. That all regulations on railroad cargo rates be abolished. That all regulations on railroad routes by the ICC be abolished in order to allow the railroads to benefit from profitable routes except where rail lines are the primary mode of transportation.

Section 2. That regulations dealing with one-way limited cargo certificates be abolished in the trucking industry.

Section 3. That gateway regulations which stipulate particular cities the truck must be routed through will be abolished. Routes will now be determined by the truckers according to efficiency of the route.

CONGRESS BILL #14

Minority Bill by the Committee on Governmental Programs of Direct Intervention by: Matthew Hamlin, Ohio Wesleyan; Chris Farrell, St. Anselm's; Mae Jean Go, Tennessee; and Steve Lakes, DePauw.

AN ACT to provide for the implementation of a national gasoline rationing program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS OF DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA:

Section 1. That a nationwide gas rationing program shall be fully implemented within forty-five days.

Section 2. That this program will be under the direct jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Administration (FEA).

Section 3. That gasoline will be rationed strictly according to need rather than one's ability to pay. As determined by the agency, subject to review, all motorists will be guaranteed at least ten gallons per week.

Section 4. That the rationing program will be developed along the same lines as the rationing program during World War II.

(a) All motorists will be given "A" coupons equivalent to at least ten gallons per week.

(b) "B" coupons will be given to those whose needs are such that they are allocated gas not to exceed 24 gallons per week.

(c) "C" coupons will be distributed to those whose needs are such that they are allocated gas not to exceed 30 gallons per week.

(d) Other coupons with special designations shall be distributed to those who have established that they require unlimited amounts of gasoline, since their livelihood depends on their use of their automobile.

Section 5. That the Agency will establish penalties not to be less than \$10,000 per individual and will require prosecution of any individual found to be engaged in counterfeiting of coupons or in illegal distribution of coupons.

Section 6. That coupons are to be transferable and persons may legally sell them to the Agency at the same rate per gallon as is the established average price, to be calculated by the Agency.

(a) Violations of any part of this section will be subject to severe penalties as determined by the Agency.

(b) Such coupons which are sold back to the Agency shall be made available for public resale at the average price per gallon calculated by the Agency.

Section 7. That this program, within 90 days following enactment, shall be subject to Congressional review of the program's budget and implementation procedures to ensure that operations are carried out in the most efficient and equitable manner, consistent with our traditions.

REFLECTIONS ON THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

LARRY SCHNOOR

(Editor's note: In order to provide a perceptive overview of the National Conference, we asked Larry Schnoor, sponsor of the Mankato State College chapter and Governor of Region VIII, to give an account of his reflections following the event. Mankato State College had entrants in almost every division of the tournament.)

It is not often that one receives an invitation to comment, without restrictions, upon a national conference. I shall attempt to honor this opportunity by keeping my observations brief but hopefully helpful.

The overall conference was indicative of DSR-TKA. The high spots shall be remembered vividly. The tournament banquet was one of the best in recent memory. The hospitality of the University of Kentucky was abundant and clearly supported the concepts of Southern hospitality. And among the coaches, no one will ever forget the evening at Spindletop Hall. The conference will be remembered by all who attended as being successful.

However, even successful ventures have problems and I feel there were two worthy of comment.

The facilities provided by the University of Kentucky were pleasant and accommodated the various conference events with ease. There was some problem with the motel being a considerable distance from the campus, thus making it impossible for those students or judges having time breaks to return to their rooms for brief periods of rest. Associated with this minor inconvenience was the problem of scheduling, both for students in individual events and some judges. It seems to me that at previous conferences, the individual events were scheduled in such a manner that if a student were only entered in that area, the student would not have to spend the entire day at the campus. Judges were also kept at the campus, not knowing from round to round whether or not they were going to be used. Perhaps in future conferences, this small inconvenience could be handled in such a manner to make it even smaller.

The area of individual events also deserves comment. As in the past, the standard events of persuasive speaking and extemp speaking were held, but this past year, oral interpretation was added. While the number of students entering the division was small, comments of students in the event as well as by persons judging in it indicated that the competition was of superior quality and the event should be continued in the future. Persuasive speaking and extemp speaking were of equally high quality and again demonstrated the superior talents of students in DSR-TKA. However, the students participating in the area of individual events were short-changed in comparison to the other tournament events.

Through some administrative oversight, judges for the final rounds of oral interpretation and persuasive speaking were scheduled to judge debate rounds at the same time they should have been judging the individual events. This caused the final rounds to begin almost an hour and a half late. This undoubtedly caused those contestants waiting some tension and nervousness. This oversight was not the fault of the individual handling individual events, but rather some other conference officials. The result of this delay robbed the students in the events from having their achievements

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MORE REFLECTIONS ON THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

COLE C. CAMPBELL

(Editor's note: We also asked Cole Campbell, an associate editor of *Speaker and Gavel* and, as it happens, the new student speaker of the year, to provide us with reactions to the National Conference from his perspective as a participant.)

The 1975 National Conference of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha offered an atmosphere of relaxed competition and a pleasant opportunity for interaction among forensic participants from across the country and from across traditional "circuit" lines. Thus the conference was truly a national convocation.

Perhaps because the conference usually comes near the end of a wearing forensic season, or because of the easy mixing of individual events participants and debaters, or because of the community spirit lurking in DSR-TKA, the national conference lacks the uneasiness and tension of many other large tournaments. The scheduling of events and rounds permits more social interaction among students and coaches, helping to reduce competitive anxieties further. The 1975 conference was also enhanced by the Kentucky hospitality and conviviality of host Prof. J. W. Patterson of the University of Kentucky.

Because Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha encompasses schools both large and small and from all sections of the country, the national conference encourages interaction among participants from different parts of the forensic world. Regional powers and national powers, debate powers and individual events powers mingled at the University of Kentucky. Perspectives of various groups were exchanged and new acquaintances established.

Because of its joint faculty-student membership, DSR-TKA provides a special opportunity for students to voice their interest in both the management of the honorary and the planning and direction of the national conference. While the National Student President is involved in both areas, students as a whole are not. The annual caucus of students provides an opportunity for students as a body to express concerns and present recommendations regarding the society and the tournament. That kind of participation would strengthen the student presidency (because the president would represent a true constituency) and would heighten student interest in Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha. At present, the student president can only represent what he or she *thinks* the students as a whole desire. The newly-elected student officers and the faculty officers ought to address the question of greater student input to and through the 1976 National Conference and subsequent conventions.

The 1975 conference was enjoyable, competitive without excess, and a pleasurable forensic experience. With greater student input, future conferences can experience greater success as meaningful gatherings for all participants.

AN APPRECIATION OF EARL E. BRADLEY

"Tex" Eubank

Earl E. Bradley of Carbondale, Illinois, died August 12, 1974. Earl had retired as Professor Emeritus of the Speech Communication Department of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1973.

He was graduated from Marshall High School, Marshall, Arkansas, in 1926. He completed his Bachelor's degree at Central Oklahoma State College in 1930. He received his Master's degree in 1939 at the University of Oklahoma and his Doctorate at Northwestern University in 1950.

Earl was honored by many professional organizations during his career. He was President of the Oklahoma Speech Association, a member of the Executive Council of the Central States Speech Association, Public Address Counselor of the Western Speech Association, a member of the Legislative Assembly of the National Speech Communication Association, and National President of Tau Kappa Alpha. He was presented the Outstanding Teacher Award from Southern Illinois University and the President's Award from Pi Kappa Delta.

Earl's writings were published widely in professional journals and books as well as sports magazines. Because of his vital interest in field sports and hunting, Earl received several special recognitions. He was named a Kentucky Colonel, an Oklahoma Admiral, and a West Virginia Mountaineer.

Those who knew Earl professionally were moved deeply by his dedication to the highest ideals of our profession—his complete devotion to the search for knowledge, to the classroom, and to his students. To him, learning was the Great Challenge. Of his students he asked total commitment to this Great Adventure. In his own quest for knowledge, he never compromised with excellence. He expected no less of those who sought his counsel.

There was a part of Earl that many of you may not have been aware of—his passionate love for nature and the things in nature. For a quarter of a century we hunted together—the Rockies of Colorado and New Mexico, the lakes of Oklahoma and Texas, the cornfields of Kansas and South Dakota. In October, 1973, we spent a week together in Brookings, South Dakota, pheasant hunting, one of Earl's favorite sports. We had planned to return to Brookings in October, 1974. I have watched Earl smile knowingly at the sound of whistling wings, and duck as a wedge of mallards veered over decoys. I have seen him almost tremble to the bugle notes of elk upon the hills.

He believed that nature holds much of whatever in life is touched with beauty and meaning. For him, she held many of the moments in his lifetime most worth remembering.

RESULTS OF DSR-TKA REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

REGION II

The Region II Tournament was held in conjunction with Susquehanna University's annual "Dutchman" Forensic Classic Tournament. The following awards were given to DSR-TKA speakers.

Individual Events

- Best School—Dickinson College
- 1st Place, Interpretation—Marian Hogan, Temple
- 1st Place, Extemp—Alan Cohen, Dickinson

Debate

- Best Novice Affirmative—Delaware
- Best Novice Negative—Temple
- Best Varsity Affirmative—St. John's
- Best Varsity Negative—St. John's

REGION III

Washington and Lee University was the scene of the Region III DSR-TKA Tournament November 8-9, 1974. Awards were as follows:

Debate Team Awards

- First Place—Bridgewater College (6-0)
- Second Place—Washington and Lee (6-0)
- Third Place—The Naval Academy (5-1)

Debate Speaker Awards

- First—Mays, Bridgewater
- Second—Kolodziejchuk, Navy
- Third—Levin, Washington and Lee

Impromptu Speaking

- First—Sheldon, George Washington
- Second—Gonch, Washington and Lee

Extemporaneous Speaking

- First—Lacivita, Virginia
- Second—Poston, Richmond

W. W. Chaffin Traveling Trophy

- Washington and Lee University

The following students were elected to Regional offices: president, Thurmon Radford, George Washington; vice president, John Tredinenny, Virginia; secretary-treasurer, Cathy Simmons, Bridgewater; parliamentarian, Jon Poston, Richmond; honorary sgt. at arms, Jim Childress, Navy.

The next Region III tournament will be held at the University of Virginia on November 7-8, 1975.



REGION IV AWARD

Regional Governor Joseph Wetherby presents the Governor's Trophy to Vanderbilt University Debate Director Kass Kovalcheck.

REGION V

The Region V Tournament was held in conjunction with the Miami University tournament in January. Awards were given to DSR-TKA schools on the basis of four-man records (the host school disqualifying itself).

First Place—Capital University
 Second Place—Butler University
 Third Place—DePauw University

REGION IV

At the Region IV DSR-TKA Tournament at the University of Alabama in January, Vanderbilt University received the Governor's Trophy for the best overall record by two teams. The winners of two-person debate were the University of Georgia team of Richard Bethea and Don Lively. The new student president of Region IV is David Bond.

REGION VII

DSR-TKA Awards were presented at the Wichita State University "Shocker" Forensic Tournament.

Top DSR-TKA School—Kansas State University
 First, Senior Debate—Kansas State University (6-2)
 Second, Senior Debate—Colorado College (5-3)
 First, Junior Debate—University of Utah (7-1)
 Second, Junior Debate—Temple University (6-2)

DELTA SIGMA RHO-TAU KAPPA ALPHA HISTORY 1972-1975

HEROLD T. ROSS, HISTORIAN

Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha, in 1972, had survived the often virulent campus criticism of honor societies in the 60's and continued to carry on most of its traditional programs. It was becoming apparent, however, that the society had passed through its transitional period of merger and was entering a new era. The refusal of the National Council to conduct the election of new officers under procedures and understandings agreed upon at the time of the merger clearly indicated that things were going to be changed. The students were also agitating for committee memberships and more active participation in the conduct of the Council.

President Nicholas M. Cripe, upon taking office, immediately recognized that positive action was necessary to meet the changing needs of the society. He announced the formation of a committee to carefully review the Constitution and to recommend changes. In particular, he wished the committee to explore ways which would provide for the nomination and election of national officers by the chapters. He also wished to have students integrated into the committee structure. Professor Gifford Blyton of the University of Kentucky was named the chairman of this important committee.

Another immediate undertaking was that of determining the exact status of each campus chapter and confirming chapter sponsors and officers. Vice President George Ziegelmüller accepted this task. Within a year he had compiled a comprehensive report on all of the chapters and had made the information available for the consideration of the National Council.

A third problem facing the society was the condition of the treasury. At the time of the merger, Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha had been an affluent organization with a handsome capital structure and with annual royalties from a widely-used textbook in argumentation and debate. Income from these sources had remained fairly stable despite the changing economic conditions in the country. Income from initiations of new members and from chapter fees, however, proved disappointing. At the same time, inflation had increased the cost of publishing *Speaker and Gavel* and made administrative costs heavier year by year. A plan to have the chapters assume responsibility for twenty or twenty-five dollars a year in initiation fees was only partially successful. Realizing that an austerity budget, based upon a very conservative estimate of income and with expenditures cut to the absolute minimum, was the only way to give the society financial solvency, Dr. Robert Huber, treasurer, drew up such a budget and presented it to the National Council in 1973. A measure of its severity was the recommendation that the *Speaker and Gavel* be published only three times a year. The National Council approved the budget, though later authorizing that accumulated subscription money be used to print the fourth issue of *Speaker and Gavel*, as recommended by Editor Robert O. Weiss. Living within its realistic budget, the society has maintained its financial stability and still carried on its program of activities.

The committee charged with a revision of the Constitution found its task long and difficult. The problem was to incorporate changes within the tight fabric of the original document. Finally, the committee decided to draft a completely new constitution to replace the old one. With the help

of Vice-President Ziegelmueller, the document was presented to the National Council at its meeting of March 29, 1974. After considering it as a committee of the whole, the Council ordered National Secretary Theodore Walwik to submit it to the chapters for ratification. Forty-six chapters voted for its adoption, one against. The National Council declared the new Constitution duly adopted.

Under its provisions, several important changes were effected. The term of office for elected officers was reduced to two from the former three years; appointed officers were provided with three-year staggered terms. The election procedure was also changed. A nominating committee will solicit the names of candidates from chapters and then prepare a slate with two nominees for each office. This ballot will be sent to all of the chapters and winning candidates must receive a majority vote of the chapters voting. The Constitution also provided for a general membership meeting to be held annually during the National Conference. This body has advisory powers only. A modification of the membership requirements somewhat broadened the possible qualifications for election to the society. The other important change was the designation of the Vice President as chairperson for the Standards Committee.

An interesting change came about in 1974. In response to a request by the Utah chapter that it be permitted to take the name George and Lucile Adamson chapter, the National Council authorized chapters to take individual names, but ordered that present college and university designations be used in the society's published lists and records.

Throughout the years following 1972, the ritual of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha continued to be a matter of dissatisfaction, as it had been almost from the time of the merger. Some chapters and their sponsors saw rituals as anachronisms which should be discarded; other chapters experimented with the 1967 ritual in an informal fashion. The National Conference initiations were changed year after year in an attempt to find something which would be generally approved. In 1975 the National Council decided that new initiates into the society needed to have a knowledge of the history of the society together with a concise statement of the ideals and purposes of Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha, so it ordered that a small brochure be prepared incorporating these ideas and that it be printed and distributed to the chapters so that all initiates could be given copies. The Council took no action as to the form the induction of members was to take.

Three national conferences have brought together sizeable numbers of chapters each year. The 1973 Conference was held on the campus of the University of Illinois in Urbana; the 1974 Conference was on the campus of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst; the 1975 event was on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Dr. Kenneth E. Andersen served as the director of these meetings. Debates, persuasive and extemporaneous speaking, and a congress formed the general program of events, but significant changes also occurred. In 1973 contemporary issues debating was tried out, providing schools an opportunity to debate issues other than those of the national proposition. This innovation was so successful that in 1975 this type of debating had supplanted the four-man debates of former years. In 1975, sections of interpretation were listed, a marked departure from the former insistence that all speaking be original. The conference committee will determine the success of this change.

Each Conference was highlighted by the announcement of the Speaker of the Year Awards: Representative Shirley Chisholm was named for 1972; Senator Sam Ervin for 1973; and Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, was named for 1974. Distinguished Alumni Awards were made to Thomas S. Ludlum, James J. Noone, and John A. Koskinen in 1973, and to J. Garber Drushal, Helen D. Wise, George Ziegelmueller and Harlee M. Branch in 1974. In the latter year Professor Lillian Wagner of Northern Iowa University received a Distinguished Service Award. Distinguished Alumni Awards in 1975 were given to Nicholas Cripe, Victor Powell, and Gifford Blyton. A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Professor Mel Moorhouse, of Wichita State University.

Throughout these conferences, the students have exercised positions of leadership. John Bertelotti of Alabama served as president of the Student Council in 1972 and was elected as Student Speaker of the Year in 1973. Steven McDonald, of Samford, was president the following year, being succeeded by Mae Jean Go of Tennessee for 1974. She revitalized student activities and reinstated the Student Speaker of the Year Award, which was made to Cole C. Campbell, University of North Carolina. Elected to the student presidency in 1975 was Howard Steinberg, of Massachusetts.

At the conclusion of the National Conference in 1975, on the basis of a mail vote of the chapters, George Ziegelmueller was announced as the new president for the years 1975 to 1977. Other officers elected included Norma Cook, vice president; Bertram Gross, secretary; Jack Howe, treasurer, and Ronald Matlon and Bettie Hudgens, councilpersons-at-large.

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announced at the awards ceremony with a full audience, but rather, they had their honors announced to a room that was, for the record, populated only with themselves. If the events are worth having, and if the events are scheduled, then they should be respected and receive the treatment due any event held at the national conference rather than being handled as "something extra."

There was one activity of the conference that I observed for the first time this year.

Having never judged off-topic four man debate in previous conferences, I wondered just what type of experience I was to endure when I received my assignments on Monday morning. The experience proved to be the most enjoyable and revealing I have had the honor of participating in. It restored my faith in academic debate. I was able to observe communication in practice. It was not an hour of shot-gun spreading, nor an hour of machine-gun speaking, nor an hour of cannon-roar delivery. The debaters were honestly having fun using a minimum of evidence but using a maximum of logic and reasoning. It made me realize that debate could be "educational" rather than professional. It is a division that should be continued at future conferences and should be entered by more of the schools attending. I know that in future conferences, we shall.

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