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Contest Judging and Phi Rho Pi

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N. B.: The writer claims no exceptions for himself nor his Phi Rho Pi group.

Faculty and student members of Phi Rho Pi:

I ask your sincere and frank consideration of a few pertinent issues. I preach no new theory of judging nor is this a scholarly evaluation of tabulated results of research. The writer has no axe to grind. I propose to discuss the status quo of contest judging in Phi Rho Pi. It may be recalled that an old negro preacher defined the status quo as "de mess we is in."

While Phi Rho Pi finds itself in no particular mess, at the same time I feel that there are a few things which need to be said concerning the judging of Phi Rho Pi contests before our inter-chapter, divisional, and national contest season opens.

I propose to discuss, first, the provisions for judging and the standards of judging Phi Rho Pi contests; secondly, the attitude of Phi Rho Pi as an organization toward judging and judging standards; third, the position and some of the duties of coaches as related to students and standards of Phi Rho Pi; and, fourth, the attitude of student participants. Since this is not propaganda, it will be assumed that absolute frankness is the one and only method.

Phi Rho Pi, as an organization, has adopted standard debate, oratorical, and extemporaneous ballots. No one has ever asserted that these ballots are perfect, that they included all of the evaluating principles of either of the phases of our speech activities, nor that they are fixed and final. No one has ever claimed that by ballot alone can contests be judged. More significant is the fact that these standards of evaluation, these rules for judgment are subject to change to meet improvement and needs. Advisable changes have been made to enable higher achievements. These standard ballots need no defense; they are the pets of no individual or group, but the results of the experiences and labor of many and are subject to change by reason of new experience and labor. Unusual is the fact that these ballots as such, and the various principles included in each, have rarely if ever, been the cause, or reason for a misunderstanding. In a final analysis, the root of all evil seems to have been, first, an absence of understanding of these principles and the uniform application of them by judges; secondly, the failure of students to understand these principles and to accept their application, correct or incorrect; finally, the failure of Phi Rho Pi as an organization and the coaches in Phi Rho Pi to correct these above-mentioned conditions.

For me to philosophize and defend either the student or the coach, or to put the blame on the shoulders of the judges, would be a repudiation of purpose. The blame is equally divided among students, judges and coaches and should be intelligently faced.

In order for Phi Rho Pi to put itself in a position for improvement as an organization and as individuals, the following humble suggestions are offered. First, that we realize that winning or losing are not explanations of judgment, nor explanations of the quality of the work of the individual or team. We should understand truly the basis of winning or losing. We should not come to the conclusion that a state of perfection has been attained because we won or that because we lost the judge was incapable or made a mistake. Winning, as such, is never an explanation of true achievement.

Secondly, there must be agreement among the instructors—coaches in Phi Rho Pi—as to the interpretation of the evaluating standards of our contests. Each of us may have our own theories, systems, methods—but

it would seem that all must agree on the measuring sticks—which we as an organization have adopted. It seems only logical and reasonable that coaches as judges must adopt a uniform interpretation of these judgment standards and then insist on the same interpretations from outside judges. In other words, each coach is certainly entitled to use his own method, system or philosophy in training, and coaching, but in our tournaments where we come together—there must be one uniform standard. An analogy might be that no two football coaches teach the same system. In fact, we have several nationally known systems. Yet all must play under uniform rules and no stone is left unturned to secure rules which will permit of only one interpretation. If anyone objects to football, he may substitute any other recognized inter-collegiate game.

Thirdly, the suggestion is made that coaches in Phi Rho Pi make as a part of speech training a careful study of judging standards. It has been found by many judges, in judging debates for instance, that students do not understand how they are being judged; they do not understand the standards of judgment; they are unable to appreciate constructive criticism to the extent that they are unsocial, even to being ill-mannered. Don't we as coaches, in our hectic periods of preparation, overlook these fundamentals or fail to properly stress them? Don't we often neglect to emphasize, along with the standards for judgment, such things as courtesy toward opponents' judges, honesty to self, opponents, and to judges, respect for self, opponents and judges, and thus minimize these all important factors? Don't students lacking or disregarding training and instructions often allow their superior command of knowledge to develop disdain and conceit? Don't students allow unfounded and even well founded confidence to become inexcusable egotism? Let us not excuse these things under the guise of so-called "unavoidable human weaknesses". This is the method of the weak, and Phi Rho Pi represents quite the opposite in personnel and purpose.

Now in regard to Phi Rho Pi as an organization, and its attitude toward judging and judging standards. As I have pointed out, our standards are subject to change for improvement. It would seem that it is Phi Rho Pi's duty to lead a crusade for the selection of better judges for all Phi Rho Pi contests. No one knows better than the writer the problems involved in getting judges for contests. On the other hand, the day of the butcher and the baker and prominent banker as judges, with no other qualifications, has passed.

Coaches spend hours and weeks and months in developing individuals and teams only to have their work destroyed by poor judging; and please remember that I have said that winning or losing is not the determining factor in judging. Many of these hours might better have been spent hunting, enlightening, and training judges. Most often people we select as judges do not understand the standards of judging debate in Phi Rho Pi; they have not been informed. Many of them would be willing to devote extra time to studying a well prepared interpretation of standards and instructions. Dozens of judges have made this statement.

Three things, then seem to be necessary: first, the selection of persons who have had training, experience or both to serve as judges; secondly, the selection of people who are willing to be enlightened through a system of instruction and interpretation; and third, the careful instruction and education, if you will, of any and all judges who serve Phi Rho Pi in the ideals, the standards, and spirit of Phi Rho Pi. It is admitted that this is not the easy method; the road of revision and improvement rarely if ever is.

May the writer pause to point out that much has already been done by members of Phi Rho Pi as individuals and as an organization; but it would seem that this is a definite problem for Phi Rho Pi, and that those in command must take it upon themselves to make definite progress along these lines if we are to continue to build up better quality, better spirit, and better organization.

Let us now turn to the fourth general proposition for discussion, that of the attitude of the student. Generally speaking, I have found that the

members of Phi Rho Pi who have competed in contests and tournaments are of as high quality and better trained than the average. However, here are a few reactions, the results of coaching in, judging for, and associating with Phi Rho Pi.

1. Students must realize that while rules are not infallible, agreed-upon rules are the rules of the game.
2. That all of the values of competition in a final analysis must be measured in terms of individual and group social growth.
3. That poor winners or losers are equal failures. Both are unwelcome and unwanted in Phi Rho Pi.

While dissatisfaction and misunderstanding arising out of our various tournaments are usually trivial and traceable to individual and group weakness, still they result in disorganization, and even defeat for the high purposes of speech in Phi Rho Pi. Our organization should leave nothing undone to prevent their repetition. These problems are not theoretical, but actual, and are the problems of Phi Rho Pi as an organization, of each coach and student as we enter another year in Phi Rho Pi.

1933 - 34 DEBATE TOPICS

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Pi Kappa Delta—Phi Rho Pi Question

"The powers of the president of the United States should be substantially increased as a settled policy."

National University Extension Association Question

"The United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation."

The N. U. E. A. question is being used in debate leagues in the following states:—Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York (Long Island League), North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Missouri Valley Debate League

"The United States government should provide for the stabilization of the value of the dollar."

Eastern League

"The essential features of the National Recovery Act should be adopted as a permanent policy of the United States government."

Midwest Debate Conference

For men: Pi Kappa Delta question.

For Women: "Substantial grants should be made by the federal government for public elementary and secondary education."

Indiana Collegiate Debate League

For men: "The policy of Japan in the Far East should be approved."

For women: "Capital punishment should be abolished."

"Besides carrying our practice debates on the national question, our chapter has sponsored the 1933-34 Community Chest drive for Los Angeles Junior College. From 40 to 50 speeches were made before different gatherings by members and pledges of our chapter. Also, at an all-college assembly on our grid field, with a body of 4,000 to 5,000 students present, Serrill Gerber, 1933 National Debate Champion, upheld the affirmative side of the question, Resolved that men are not as dumb as the Terman Intelligence tests given at this college seem to have indicated. Miss Jo Alice Pandel, president of the Theta chapter, upheld the negative".—JO ALICE PANDEL, President.

SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

WELCOME TO
KANSAS EPSILON

WILLIAM J. GRIFFIN, Sponsor



WILLIAM J. GRIFFIN

If trends mean anything (and how could debaters do without them), the Sixth National Convention of Phi Rho Pi will be the largest and most important gathering of its kind that our organization has yet sponsored. Today we hear a great deal about five-year plans. In a sense, our National meet this spring will come at the end of a five-year program in Phi Rho Pi, whose keynote was so eloquently expressed by our President last year as—"National-mindedness".

This program of growth, it may be said, was conceived and instituted at the First National Convention at Parsons when visiting chapters were the guests of Kansas Alpha under the active leadership of Miss Sylvia D. Barnes, now Mrs. Mariner, our National Secretary. Each succeeding convention has been an achievement. Each has been a milestone marking development. Each has resulted in a fuller realization of the benefits of good fellowship and cooperative interest in forensics on the part of junior colleges. Each has been a monument to the splendid efforts of National Officers and local chapters.

Kansas Epsilon feels deeply and sincerely the compliment it has been accorded in the privilege of being host to the convention this year. We feel that Phi Rho Pi has indeed become "Nationally-minded". In a way, it is altogether fitting that we should again meet together in a place so near that where the first convention was held. We realize that our fraternity is closing the experimental chapter in its history and has at length proved itself indispensable to junior college forensics. We pledge our best efforts to make this gathering a complete success.

Independence Junior College has not a long story of forensic participation; Kansas Epsilon was chartered in the fall of 1931. But our induction into Phi Rho Pi was accomplished under the best of sponsorship. It was a result of the direct influence of Mrs. Mariner that our chapter was installed at Parsons three years ago. Last April we attended our first National Tournament; but our experience so convinced us of the inestimable values of such participation that plans immediately were made to take advantage of such succeeding opportunities. Largely because of our membership in Phi Rho Pi, our forensic program has been constantly expanding.

Independence is located very near the geographic center of the

United States. It is a hospitable city of fine homes and parks. Delegates to the convention will have an opportunity to inspect features which perhaps are to be seen nowhere else in the country. Our Chamber of Commerce will be interested in having everyone see the headquarters of the largest pipe line company in the world, one of the two largest revolving door factories in the United States, our oil fields and refineries, and our park in which is located a unique "Monkey Island".

Plans are also in process for a program of entertainment which will include a banquet on the night of March 30. The banquet will be followed by a Phi Rho Pi dance. We believe that every person in attendance will enjoy the fellowship to be provided.

Attention should be called to new features in our tournament this year. For the first time we will have separate contests for women in debate, extempore speaking, and oratory. A preliminary questionnaire sent out through the Southwest indicates an enthusiastic response to the innovation. In arranging women's contests we are following a program similar to that of Pi Kappa Delta.

The Southwest Division dramatic reading contest will also be held in connection with the National Convention. This is a contest we have always enjoyed and we believe it will be interesting to our guests.

Indications at this time are that representation at the Convention from chapters in this division will be very nearly 100%. Both Kansas Epsilon and the Southwest Division join the National Officers in enthusiastically inviting every chapter of Phi Rho Pi to the Convention and tournament at Independence on March 29.

KANSAS ALPHA

BERNARD A. DONNELLY, Student Debate Manager
Parsons Junior College

Our debate squad consists mainly of freshmen, not enough of whom are members to provide officers. We intend, however, to push ahead with Phi Rho Pi work and have elected temporary officers. They are: Kiehl Kanaga, president pro tempore; Dorothy Alexander, secretary, pro tempore; and a program committee consisting of Clark Millikan and Herman Smith, Jr. Later in the year these or others will be elected to office.

We are planning to hold Phi Rho Pi meetings once a month besides squad meetings every week. We have a dozen out for debate, four of them champion high school debaters.

Quite a number of the debaters are working on oratory and interpretative readings. We are planning to attend four or five out of town tournaments. I am now scheduling a program of local debates with civic organizations and clubs. I believe we are going to have a very successful year in debate.

"The Independence Student", newspaper of Independence Junior College, carried a big story about the announcements of the national convention, which is to be held at Independence, March 29-31.

Robert Tannenbaum, president of California Zeta, writes: "We are sponsoring two projects this semester. A student forum meets every two weeks under the direction of Phi Rho Pi in which subjects of current interest are discussed. These discussions are very popular. We are also contacting the service clubs of the city, making arrangements to speak for them whenever speakers are needed. . . . Our new coach this year is John W. McCoy."

TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Thursday, March 29:

9:00 to 12:00 a. m. Registration
11:00 Southwest Divisional Dramatic Reading Contest
1:00 p. m. National Oratory Contest
 (Men and Women at the same time)
3:30 p. m. Drive around the city and surrounding country
7:00 p. m. First Round of Debates
8:00 p. m. Second Round of Debates

Friday, March 30:

9:00 a. m. Third Round of Debates
10:00 a. m. Fourth Round of Debates
11:00 a. m. Business Session
12:00 Luncheon
 (Perhaps a speaker from among the judges)
1:30 p. m. First Round of Elimination
2:30 p. m. Second Round of Elimination
3:30 p. m. Third Round of Elimination
6:00 p. m. Banquet and Dance
 (Features of program to be announced later)

Saturday, March 31:

9:00 a. m. Extempore Speaking
11:00 a. m. Final Rounds of Debate
12:00 Presentation of Awards

This is only a tentative outline. Please report suggestions so that we may have program complete in every detail for the March number of "The Persuader".

"Making eligible eleven members for Phi Rho Pi by participation in four inter-school debates was the first forensic step taken by California Beta this year. A new policy of initiation wherein pledges are required to fill out debate attitude information blanks and pass a test on the Phi Rho Pi constitution is being used. Besides the regular conference and scheduled tournament debates, the debaters plan to sponsor an annual intra-class tournament open to any one. Another activity of Beta chapter has been to persuade Sacramento Junior College to petition for a chapter of Phi Rho Pi and Reedley Junior College to resume active membership."—ELINOR CHAMPION, Secretary.

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Claude Simmons, Jr., National Student Representative, is getting encouraging results in his campaign to enlist new members for Phi Rho Pi among the strong junior colleges of the country. He reports that several prospects look promising. Incidentally, Mr. Simmons is showing what possibilities the office of student representative holds, when an active and energetic person holds the office. His new page of student opinion, "The Phirhopian", should turn out to be one of the liveliest features of "THE PERSUADER", if the chapters will just respond.

PHI RHO PI AT LE MASTER INSTITUTE

New Jersey Alpha

New Jersey Alpha is the outgrowth of what was formerly known as the Ciceronian Literary Society, organized in Le Master Institute in September, 1926. Alpha Chapter was instituted on May 30, 1929. Since its inception it has undoubtedly done more to stimulate forensics, as well as college spirit, than any other organization in the Institute. Its splendid influence is reaching into the hearts of the entire student body. No other activity inspires students and stirs ambition as does the prospect of becoming members of Phi Rho Pi. The fraternity has the full co-operation of the Administration and bids fair to become one of the strongest societies in the local Inter-Fraternity Council.

Among the concrete achievements accomplished may be mentioned the following: A representative on the Student Senate; sponsoring the organization of the Inter-Fraternity Council consisting of Phi Rho Pi, Alpha Delta Tau, Lambda Tau Sorority, and Sigma Tau Epsilon; an annual dinner during Commencement week; a Mid-Year Dance; has monitors in day study hall; and has two representatives on the Annual staff.

A number of members have won prizes in essay contests fostered by the National Student Forum on the Paris Peace Pact, George Washington Bicentennial Celebration, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America Good Citizen-ship Oratorical Tournament.

Last year the Chapter sponsored a trip to New York City to points of interest, winding up with a theatre party and dinner at the Palise D'Oer. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

A number of inter-class as well as inter-collegiate debates and oratorical tournaments were held. A number of such events are scheduled for the second semester.

A selected team is now rehearsing the initiatory work. It has been suggested that the National President of Phi Rho Pi be importuned to advocate the holding of an initiatory contest to be featured at the next meeting of the National Convention. This would tend to create greater interest in the work as well as offer suggestions to chapters participating.

The Chapter held an annual home-coming breakfast last year, an idea which they originated on the campus. It has grown until now every organization follows the custom.

Last November the Chapter sponsored the observance of National Book-Week, culminating in the presentation of an assembly program in co-operation with the other fraternities.

At this time preparations are under way for a visit from some outstanding speaker. Several distinguished speakers have already been guests of the Chapter during its history, such as Henry W. Elson, Ph. D., LL. D., the eminent American Historian, of Plainfield, N. J., former head of the



DR. WALTER P. STEINHAUSER
President, Le Master Institute
Sponsor, New Jersey Alpha

History Department of Ohio University, and for seven years President of Thiel College; John A. Morehead, D. D., LL. D., of New York City, former President of Roanoke College in Salem, Va.; and William James Heaps, Ph. D., LL. D., the well-known lecturer and reciter of Baltimore, Md., and President of Milton University. The Chapter has always shared its good fortune by allowing the entire student body to enjoy these outstanding speakers.

Once every three months the chapter holds a social meeting with addresses by members and faculty. Refreshments are served by specially appointed committees. These events have added zest to the work of the fraternity.

Our meetings are very informal. Roll-Call is answered by something of a literary nature. At our September meeting members responded with reports on modern authors; at the October meetings several members delivered recitations; at the December meeting one of the members will recite Dr. Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man". Frequently letters are read from other Chapters or from old members who now reside in various parts of the United States. This has been a welcome feature as the members are always glad to hear from their Fraters.

The financial stress has been felt here more than in inland towns, and hence there has not been an increase in membership during the past year. There are, however, several pledges who will be initiated early during the second semester.

Our Sponsor, Dr. Steinhäuser, has been appointed State Chairman of the National Student Forum on the Paris Peace Pact, and has been honored by having one of his poems, "The Gardener", with biographical sketch of his literary career accepted for inclusion in "The Principal Poets of The World", to be published by The Mitre Press, London, England, early in 1934.

The Chapter is now composed of fourteen members. The officers are: James R. McCoach, President; Russell A. Kumpf, Secretary-Treasurer Sponsor, Dr. Walter P. Steinhäuser.

Earle F. Gasar of Michigan Gamma and M. H. Alexander of Illinois Gamma have been appointed president and secretary, pro tempore, respectively, of the North Central Division. The energy with which they are taking hold of things indicates that they will lead the division to some notable accomplishments this season. The bank holidays so handicapped the division chapters last year that they were unable to do their wonted good work; they are now working to make up lost time, however. The pro tempore officers will function until permanent ones are elected at the division convention.

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Oklahoma Beta comes back into the active list of Phi Rho Pi chapters this year. Miss Ima Fuchs is the new sponsor. Donald Thrasher is president and Ben Hill secretary-treasurer.

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Three new pledges were qualified for membership at Virginia Alpha through participation in the Division Oratorical Tournament held at North Carolina Alpha. Martha Flint won the division championship in oratory in her debut in Phi Rho Pi contests. Betty Hindman and Mary Frances Mougey won second place, each, in the humorous and dramatic reading contests, in which they were qualified for membership.

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That modern woman is a failure morally, socially, politically, in business, and in the home was proved by Wesley Black and Frank Miller of the Wednesday Evening Debating Club of Ferris Institute, according to an audience decision. Arthur Schmunk and Walter Culver defended the modern woman. The debate drew the club's largest audience of the year.

DULUTH-CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY DEBATE

Reported by GEORGE A. BANGS, President
Minnesota Gamma



GEORGE A. BANGS

On December fourth, Kaplan and I, of Duluth Gamma, had the pleasure of debating against Michael Barkway and Alastair Sharp of Cambridge University. I can say truthfully that I enjoyed the contest, if it may be called such, more than any other debate in which I have participated.

To those who are familiar with the English style of debating, it will be no news that the affair was the very acme of humor and informality. Had it been an American debate, I certainly should have been highly insulted at some of the extremely personal remarks which were made. Needless to say, I am not in the habit of being told before an audience of a thousand people that I should put less fire in my speech and more of my speech in the fire. Such an onslaught is disconcerting not to say downright annoying.

However, there was nothing to do but to enter into the spirit of the affair; so Kaplan and I punned along as best we could, even to the point of criticizing the nasal appendage of one of the Englishmen. I give you my word that, due largely to the efforts of the Cambridge speakers, the audience was fairly rolling in the aisles during most of the evening.

There was to be an audience vote after the debate on the question of whether they preferred the English or the American system of radio broadcasting. Mr. Sharp, the last speaker of the evening, went to some length to explain that they were accustomed to debate purely for the fun of it, and then concluded by snapping his fingers at the audience and saying: "And as for your decision—a fig for it!"

I have been unable to decide whether it was the pooriness of our efforts, the excellence of the British speakers, prejudice against American broadcasting, or the sportsmanship of the audience which prompted them, after the above-mentioned conclusion, to award the decision to the British cause by a margin of ninety votes! I can say, however, that we had enjoyed the evening so thoroughly that the decision mattered not at all. And I believe firmly that I am saying that without any trace of a "sour-grapes" attitude.

I believe that we American debaters have a good deal to learn from the English style of discussion. The two types are as widely different as the American and Russian systems of economic distribution; likewise, the millenium probably lies somewhere between the two extremes.

The British debate is staged largely for the benefit of the audience. About the only competitive aim seems to be thinking up newer and less polite methods of calling one's opponents blithering idiots and silly asses. The lack of the competitive spirit as we know it gives rise to a good deal

of humor, but unfortunately, seems to produce a noticeable dearth of both fact and logic.

I believe that we are inclined to go to the other extreme by devoting too much time to factual material, and by shunning any levity unbecoming of our dignity. Although I cannot endorse wholeheartedly the cutting sarcasm so prevalent on both sides during our debate against Sharp and Barkway, I know for a fact that the informality and the more impersonal humor of the occasion were thoroughly enjoyable to both the audience and the debaters.

We must, of course, be very cautious in our ventures in this comparatively strange field, for there is nothing quite as tragic as a joke too stale or too crude to draw a good laugh. Incidentally, I am convinced that American audiences consider personal invective and sarcasm to be a very poor substitute for humor of a more refined type.

Since our great problem in America is the one of audiences, the example of the Britishers may be a very good one to follow, at least partially, for they certainly please their audiences. Especially in the early discussions, unimportant from the standpoint of competition, is there ample opportunity for playing to the audience. This change in attitude might do a great deal for the audience status of American inter-collegiate debates.



A. KAPLAN

Let us therefore push Phi Rho Pi forward, via more humor and less formality, towards greater audience interest: but let us do it without sacrificing any appreciable amount of the logic and informative quality which is the lifeblood and the value of our debating.

Nathan Jerald is the new coach of forensics at Illinois Gamma, Blackburn College. He is taking over the work with real enthusiasm, and the prospects for his teams this year appear more than usually bright. His chapter has a live leader in John Goldsborough, the president.

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The local theatres of Bakersfield, California, rang out with patriotic appeals early this fall as students representing the Beta chapter of Phi Rho Pi assisted in the "buy now" movement of the NRA. Four-minute emergency speakers from the chapter "did their part" in urging the citizens to "Give the New Deal a Square Deal".—RENEGADE RIP.

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Dean Frank Mauzy, sponsor of West Virginia Alpha, writes that a special effort is being made to reorganize the chapter and get it lined up with the Phi Rho Pi program.

LAMAR JUNIOR COLLEGE

Texas Alpha



Debaters of Last Season

Left to right: WILL L. SMITH, DOROTHY MARSHALL,

EDWARD BAYLESS, and NELLIE BLOCK

The officers of the Debate Club of Lamar Junior College are as follows:

NELLIE BLOCK.....	President
ELLIS NELSON.....	Vice-President
GRACE JOHNSON.....	Secretary and Treasurer
RUTH HUDGEONS.....	Corresponding Secretary
JOYCE JOHNSON.....	Reporter

There are twenty members in the club, making it the largest Debate Club in the history of Lamar Junior College. We are anticipating a very successful season this year. We are now members of the Texas Junior College Public Speaking Association and through our association with these other Texas junior colleges we hope to win some of them to the Phi Rho Pi. The Texas Alpha of Lamar College won 9 debates out of 12 which they debated last year. Their President, Edward Bayless, is now attending Austin College at Sherman, Texas.

During the last year our Debate Club gave debate programs to the Kiwanis Club, American Legion, and the Rotary Club. We hope to follow this program again this year and also make other opportunities for the speakers in the Debate Club. Our meetings are held regularly from eleven speakers in the Debate Club. Our meetings are held regularly from eleven to twelve o'clock on Tuesday. We have already started the study of our question—"THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED AS A SELECTED POLICY".

Senator Cousins, of our city, will speak at our next meeting. We

SOUTHERN STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AWARDED South Dakota Alpha



HOWARD O. ASHTON, Sponsor
South Dakota Alpha

secretary-treasurer. To this promising new chapter we extend the most cordial welcome and good wishes.



LL Phi Rho Pi will find joy in the announcement that South Dakota has broken into the ranks of states having chapters of Phi Rho Pi. To the Southern State Normal School at Springfield goes the honor of securing the Alpha chapter.

The new chapter comes into our fellowship with a formidable record in forensics. Last season the school sponsored 47 debates, 3 contests in oratory and 1 in extempore speech. It now has 5 members eligible for initiation and will have 9 or 10 additional pledges at the close of the current season.

Howard O. Ashton, coach of debate and public speaking, is sponsor of the Alpha chapter. Vitalis Cole has been chosen president and Lillian King,

are planning to have other men of experience and knowledge speak to our club.

In the past our program has been made up of debates with four-year colleges. We have standing debates with the following:

South West Louisiana Institute.....	Louisiana
Louisiana College.....	Pineville
Stephen F. Austin, State Teachers College.....	Nacogdoches
South West State Teachers College.....	San Marous
Austin College.....	Sherman
East Texas State Teachers College.....	Commerce
S. E. Oklahoma State Teachers College.....	Durant
Weber College.....	Ogden, Utah
Westmoorland Junior College.....	San Antonio
San Antonio Junior College.....	San Antonio

As we have said before, we have many more debates with the Texas Junior Colleges since joining the Texas Junior College Public Speaking Association.

Mrs. Billie Fonville, who attended Iowa University last summer where she registered for courses in the Speech department, is again Sponsor of our Club and her address is 599 Campus Street.

WE GO NATIONAL CONVENTIONING

HELEN GIBBERSON, President
Virginia Alpha Chapter

It's a delightfully long and rambling way from Virginia to Minnesota. Anyhow, that's the way it seemed last spring when Elizabeth Goetchius, my team mate, Tamsie Knight, our orator, Mr. Roy C. Brown, our sometimes beloved sponsor, Mrs. Brown, Ann Coles Brown, chapter mascot, and I started rambling through seven states, ten large cities, and around two of the Great Lakes Duluth-ward. Perhaps neither we nor our "Chevy" had a better sense of direction than the proverbial bear that went over the mountain. But what matter! Weren't we out to see what we could see?

The first day of the trip landed us in Cincinnati—in spite of the rain! Our chief diversions there, besides looking for souvenir post-cards, consisted in backing up the middle of main thoroughfares, passing obscure signal lights, turning no-turn corners, and holding up traffic while looking for route markers pointing toward Duluth.

Having made Cincinnati without mishap, we felt that we were ready for Chicago. But three million people make a large crowd, when half of them are on one street corner and the other half have their cars slashing through the street. In the four hours we stopped in Chicago at least half of the three million people stepped on my—I mean OUR—feet.

After Chicago, Milwaukee was sort o' tame.—beer lacked two days of being legal as we passed through. But when we got into that memorable blizzard in northern Wisconsin, we found excitement a-plenty. You ought to have seen poor Mr. Brown, clad only in his thin spring-time best, trudging through knee-deep snow to get our car pulled out of the snowdrift!

Duluth was literally snowed under when we found her. What relief it was, though, to get there. Holding our breath because of the bitter lake winds and digging through five feet of snow, we soon located the—NATIONAL CONVENTION. And then our little lives suddenly became worth living. Boy, oh boy, didn't we have fun! Here came the boys from California, as genial as the Sierra breezes. Here came the thumping cowboys from the mid-west—only they didn't have their cows. Here came everybody—coaches, sponsors, members, all! The fun of knowing them all is indescribable.

Oh, yes, we had some speaking, too. Mr. Brown thought that was what we went for; he's somewhat funny like that. The tournaments were grand. The debating was marvelous. All kinds! You ought to have heard it. The orating and the extemporizing, too, were just as fine. Gee, you could learn more in one tournament like that than you can learn in two years of ordinary home-town stuff. With our so-called Southern accent, we soon were regarded as curiosities (probably monstrosities); but all was in our favor, for not a single judge could tell whether we were talking about war debts or Easter bonnets.

Several words must be thought and a few said about the joyous



HELEN GIBBERSON

entertainment Miss Ramm and her great chapter had prepared for us all. Between the contests we lunched, we dined, we banqueted, we danced—even our sleeping was a jig or a fox-trot. Cute crooners, ugly warblers, and funny faces abounded for our amusement.

I mustn't forget to mention the Northern "lines" and Paul Bunyan stories. Don't you remember them? I'd better not tell any, lest perchance the boys might want to use them next convention. However, I can tell one of Paul Bunyan's favorite stories. As nearly as I could find out, Paul is the patron saint of Minnesota; at least, he is of the "line slingers".

Here's the way Paul told it. "Two of my friends," said he, "were out roaming one day. They happened on Duluth."

"The Scotchman said, 'It's Duluth!'"

The Irishman, he said, 'Nay.'

Paul Bunyan said, 'It's the end of the earth,

Let's go back the other way!'"

Well, all I have time left to say is this. If you want the thrill of your life; if you want really to enjoy forensics at its best; and if you want to make some of the finest and dearest friends of a life time, GO NATIONAL CONVENTIONING!!!

Elizabeth and I will see you at Independence.

OHIO ALPHA CHAPTER OF PHI RHO PI

M. L. JORDAN, Sponsor
Nash Junior College

Upon the inception of Nash Junior College one year ago a number of the students expressed their interest in debating. At the instigation of the students a forensic club was organized, the purpose of which was primarily to gain a knowledge of the principles of reasoning and clarity and force in speaking. Secondly, certain social values would accrue from contacts made.

During the debating season the club would meet regularly twice a month and at other times (when occasion arose) at the call of the president. Once a month a meeting of the club is held in the evening, generally at the home of one of the students. (Many of our students live in the city). The early portion of the evening is spent in discussing arrangements for possible future debates and other matters of business which have arisen. The latter portion of the evening is spent in a social way. Games or dancing furnish the entertainment after which a light lunch is served. We have found these monthly meetings to be very helpful in keeping up the interest in this work.

The meetings held at school are nearly always addressed by a good debater who is willing to answer questions students may raise.

At special or called meetings some immediate problems may be discussed such as source of material for a certain problem, arrangement of material or presentation of argument. These meetings are generally only attended by those primarily concerned.

Since we have no scheduled class work in argumentation, the members of debating teams and others interested meet either with or without the faculty adviser to discuss the preparation for a particular debate. Since all of our debating is on a voluntary basis we have found this plan, if such it could be called, fairly satisfactory.

Last year we held debates with Western Reserve University, Miami, Wittenberg, Hiram and Fenn. The questions were "Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance", "Independence of the Philippines", "Recognition of Soviet Russia" and "Cancellation of War Debts".

Thus far we have arranged to meet teams from Hiram, John Carroll, Western Reserve, Wittenberg and Ashland this year. Questions to be debated are: "That the Powers of the President Should Be Increased" and "The N. R. A."

In this section there seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether

a decision should be rendered following the debate. As yet, we have not decided which we prefer. Then too, the Oregon plan of debating we used on one or two occasions last year seemed to work well.

Another source of inspiration has been the realization of the fact that we were members of an organization, national in scope, Phi Rho Pi.

The awards for participation in a debate are a sufficient challenge to add much to the zest of the work.

As a result of our experience, though limited, the students have gained confidence in themselves and an appreciation of reasoning expressed through the spoken or written word.

"THE BEST YEAR EVER"

CLAUDE A. SIMMONS, JR.
Kansas Epsilon

Mr. Larson of Kansas Delta has defined the goal toward which every effort I shall expend this year in Phi Rho Pi will be directed. This must be the best year ever. And if it is to be, there are certain definite steps which must be taken.

During five years of existence Phi Rho Pi has grown continuously. First, then, we must secure more new chapters than in any previous year. By this is not meant that we want any sort of chapter from any sort of school. Rather, we desire chapters of quality which are certain to be progressive. The many junior colleges in the nation not having membership in our society furnish a fertile field and make easily possible the realization of this goal. May every member and every chapter, divisional, and national officer join in this campaign.



CLAUDE A. SIMMONS, JR.
National Student Representative

During five years of existence our national conventions have been reasonably well attended. Still there remains the opportunity for more nearly approaching 100%. With lowered transportation rates, a definite upturn in economic conditions, entry rates at a minimum, and central location the national convention this year should have an unsurpassed attendance. In this connection a suggestion might be gathered from the foreword to Volume XIV of the Year Book of College Debating, edited by Professor Egbert Ray Nichols, University of Redlands, California. A far-western team made a tour by what they called "official hitch-hiking". They completed scheduled debates by making arrangements with trucking companies for their transportation. This might solve the problem for some chapters, and not necessarily as a last resort.

During five years of existence student spirit or, perhaps, student voice in Phi Rho Pi has been almost negligible. Here is an opportunity for genuine improvement over previous years. To this end has been begun in this issue—The Phirhopian—The Voice of Student Opinion. And it is sincerely hoped that student members will build this page to serve its purpose. Let every division officer and every chapter officer lead in fostering a greater spirit.

If we enlist more new chapters than ever before—if more attend our national convention than ever before—if we have a greater spirit than ever before—how can this help being the "Best Year Ever"?

FIRST ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE INSTITUTE

Sponsored by Oklahoma Gamma
Murray State School of Agriculture

Under the energetic direction of Miss Hal Wickham, sponsor, the Oklahoma Alpha chapter promoted the first high school debate institute in the history of the college, November 2-3. A program of instruction and stimulating fellowship rounded out the finest sort of session. Mrs. C. E. Mariner, past president and now secretary-treasurer, ably represented the national council of Phi Rho Pi, giving two addresses and making contacts that will be of great use to our organization.

The University of Oklahoma's speech and public relations departments were splendidly represented on the program in the addresses and debate analyses of Professors Walter Emery, Josh Lee, H. H. Scott, and T. M. Beaird. Open forum discussions and a model debate by Sulphur and Altus high schools proved of unusual interest. The sessions were kept lively by music furnished by the Murray Band. For the foresight in planning such a valuable forensic event and for the successful carrying out of the program, Miss Wickham and her wide-awake chapter deserve lavish praise.

THE PROGRAM

First General Session:

GEORGE MAY, Secretary-Treasurer, Gamma Chapter, Chairman

- 1:00—1:15—MUSIC: Murray Orchestra, directed by Homer Courtright, Director of Band and Orchestra
WELCOME: President Clive E. Murray, Murray State School of Agriculture
RESPONSE: Professor James Robinson, Debate Coach, Sulphur High School
Introduction of guests
1:45—2:00—ADDRESS: "Significant Facts about Phi Rho Pi, National Junior College Forensic Society", Mrs. C. E. Mariner, National Secretary-Treasurer
2:00—2:30—ADDRESS: "Are We Keeping Step?", Professor T. M. Beaird, In Charge of Educational Service, University of Oklahoma
2:30—3:45—MODEL DEBATE: Resolved, That the United States adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation
Affirmative: Sulphur High School
Negative: Altus High School
3:45—4:15—Critical analysis of the debate by Professor Walter Emery, Debate Coach, University of Oklahoma
4:15—Practice debates
7:30—10:00—General mixer of all delegates and visitors at the Murray gymnasium, Jack Miller, chairman

Second General Session, November 3

SAMUEL CLEMENTS, President, Gamma Chapter, Chairman

- 8:30—MUSIC: Murray Band
8:40—9:10—ADDRESS: "Debate in the Junior College", Mrs. C. E. Mariner
9:10—9:30—TALK: "How It Feels To Be on the Inside Looking Out", Roy Henry, member National High School (Altus,

- Oklahoma) debate team, 1933
9:40—GENERAL ASSEMBLY, auditorium; open to the public
MUSIC: Male Quartette under direction of Miss Louise Williams, Director of Music
9:50—10:40—ADDRESS: Hon. Josh Lee, Head of the Public Speaking Department, University of Oklahoma
11:00—12:00—ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: Coaches' and Debaters' Problems and Their Solutions; conducted by Professors H. H. Scott and T. M. Beaird, Public Relations Department, University of Oklahoma

Third General Session: GRIFFIN BILES, Chairman

- 1:00—1:30—Open Forum
1:30—2:45—Practice debates
2:45—Adjournment for Murray-Connor Football Game, Murray Field

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION ORATORICAL CONVENTION

Held With
North Carolina Alpha

The extraordinarily good meeting in the nature of the Southeastern Division Oratorical Tournament, held December 8-9 with North Carolina Alpha chapter at Campbell College, certainly proves that it does not require large numbers to make a success of a Phi Rho Pi tournament. Five chapters were slated to attend, but at the last minute three of them dropped out. That left two: Virginia Inter-mont and Campbell College. Representatives from North Carolina State College, however, came in a fine delegation to participate in the program. So there were just enough to have the finest kind of time imaginable in both social and forensic ways.

The program of the convention proper consisted of five classes of forensic events: oratory, extempore, after-dinner speaking, humorous and dramatic reading. By far the best talent and the best preparation yet exhibited at the Southeastern conventions appeared on the programs. Then, too, there has never been a more charming or entertaining chapter for hosts. So, what with the full rounds of social pleasures and the friendly rivalries of the contests, a heaped-over Big Time was really had by all.



LESLIE H. CAMPBELL, Sponsor
North Carolina Alpha

Campbell College captured the lion's share of the honors, winning first place, respectively, in extempore and humorous and dramatic readings. The winners were Hugh Archie Matthews, extempore; Margaret Wallace, dramatic reading; and Doris Downing, humorous reading. Elizabeth Goetchius of Virginia Inter-mont College won first place in after-dinner

speaking and second in extempore. Martha Flint, also of Virginia Intermont, won first in oratory, speaking on "Modern Youth and War".

The thrilling feature of the session was easily the demonstration of the "direct-clash" type of debate. It was put on by teams of North Carolina State College boys, under the direction of Professor E. H. Paget, the originator of the plan. Both the novelty and the intense interest developed through the direct clashes compelled by the plan made the debate one of the great treats of the convention. Professor Paget, who conducted the debate, explained the new method of debating in the course of the demonstration.

Roy C. Brown, of Virginia Alpha and National President, attended the meeting. At one of the sessions he made an interesting and informative address, in which he explained the meaning of Phi Rho Pi, told of its scope of activity, and made an appeal for a more serious and better organized study of speech in the colleges of the Southeast. He lamented the paucity of speech courses in the South and East and stated that he is anxious to see our sections show the same interest as is found in the schools of the West and Middle-West.

A delightful banquet featured the Friday evening program. After courses of the best "good things", the after-dinner speech contest was held. A reception was given after the reading contests the same evening, affording everybody an opportunity to become better acquainted and to enjoy the usual bits of chit-chat over the punch cups.

Miss Virginia Wood of Virginia Alpha was elected secretart-treasurer of the division to take the place of Clarence Boggs of Virginia Beta, who is no longer connected with the Beta chapter. The only other item of business was to recommend a central place for the debate tournament to be held in the spring. The place will be announced later.

"THE PHIRHOPIAN"

Voice of Student Opinion

(Conducted by CLAUD SIMMONS, JR.,
National Student Representative)

A lady asked a Phi Rho Pi member to suggest a name for her newborn Fox Terrier pup. As the lady was greatly interested in our society, the member suggested Phirhopi, adding that it could be reduced to "Phiri" (fiery) for convenience. The pup died. Nevertheless, this was the origination of the idea which resulted in naming this page "The Phirhopian".

Homer H. Bell, national champion in oratory in '32 and national debate champion in '33, formerly a member of California Theta, Los Angeles Junior College, now attending the University of Southern California, has contributed to the initial appearance of this page the following:

"Phi Rho Pi has meant a great deal to me. It has contributed something to my junior college career that ordinary debating could never have given me. The sense of unity, of national perspective, of nation-wide fellowship with others of the same interests and activities inevitably tends to expand one's mental horizon, and to inspire the ambitious forensor to greater and greater efforts. I sincerely hope that I may soon see the time when all the leading junior colleges in the United States will be united in their oratorical efforts through Phi Rho Pi."

A suggestion has been made that the finals in the extemporaneous speaking contest be recorded by shorthand. This should be welcome as a feature of the national convention.

Professor Barnes of Park College, Parkville, Mo., said recently before a meeting in Kansas City of the debate coaches of Kansas and Missouri

that the ambitious orator must keep constantly in mind the necessity of practicing strictly the following principle: "Get thee behind me, Susan!"

Present prospects point toward a "substantial increase" in chapters and in attendance at the national convention next spring.

Mildred Cline, for two years a member of Virginia Alpha's debate teams, has won a place on the varsity squad at Bridgewater College. She sends back an appreciative word of the start Phi Rho Pi gave her: "My Fraters," she writes, "prize the opportunity that is yours in Phi Rho Pi. You can't know now just how much the Phi Rho Pi training and spirit may mean to you later on!"

This page is begun with the hope of increasing student interest by an opportunity for expression of student opinion. It is hoped that during the year every member will send in his opinion, favorable or unfavorable, on Phi Rho Pi or any phase of speech work. By building this page into a sort of forum much of value may be accomplished. Send in contributions in time to place in the next issue of "The Persuader" a real "Phirhopian".

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George Bangs, president of Minnesota Gamma and convocation president, was elected president of the Junior college cabinet at its initial meeting of the year. Margery Humphreys, another member of Gamma chapter, was chosen secretary. Presidents and heads of the college organizations make up the cabinet.—ZENITH CITY COLLEGIAN.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Hearty co-operation from sponsors and chapter officers is responsible for what the editors believe to be an interesting variety in the contents of this number. It seems to us that cross-section reports of what our chapters are doing should carry stimulation to us all. Unless there is a voice of dissent, our policy will continue to be that of magnifying the interests and activities of the local chapters. But, we remind you, we must have a steady stream of correspondence, fresh from the chapter sources, if we are to keep the pages of your magazine truly representative. We again urge you to send us your school paper by all means. Very few chapters are meeting this constitutional requirement.

BECOMING CONVENTION--MINDED

Unless all signs fail, the 1934 convention is going to exceed by far all previous conventions in attendance. And let us voice the hope that the same prediction will also apply to all other aspects of the convention, particularly the general spirit and the quality of work to be done. Inquiries and words of encouraging interest come from all the divisions.

In this number we have an enthusiastic letter of welcome from Wm. J. Griffin, sponsor of Kansas Epsilon, the chapter to entertain the convention. It is assured that nothing is being left undone in the matter of local preparations. There is, however, another aspect of preparation highly essential to the success of the convention. The local chapters must become convention-minded. Particularly must the sponsors sense the supreme values of the convention trip, the convention fellowship, and the convention programs. And the sponsors and officers must lead the way within the chapter in creating a desire for convention experiences that cannot be satisfied by any sort of substitute.

To the convention-minded chapter the problem of financing the trip, formidable as it admittedly is, proves by no means insolvable. In truth, many chapters are finding real fun in devising ingenious ways to solve the financial problem. Some are finding profit in promotion schemes of all kinds, like, for example, promoting school-dances, plays, forensic contests, minstrels, and so on. Others are acquiring funds by selling confectioneries, candies, etc. Others still are getting funds, and incidentally, good training in practical politics, by wheeling the where-with-all out of the school boards. Not a few chapters plan to attend via the "official" hitch-hiking mode. In brief, we believe that where there is a will to attend the way will be provided.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

In the October "Persuader" we announced that a committee would be appointed to have the responsibility of arranging for and conducting the convention. The growing feeling is that the business of a convention

is too large and complicated for the burden to be placed on one person, usually the sponsor of the host chapter. Miss Ramm, who did such an admirable job of running the Duluth convention, has strongly endorsed the committee plan. Mr. Griffin has practically demanded the aid of a committee. Accordingly, the following committee has been appointed:

Mrs. C. E. Mariner, Director of Forensics
Wm. J. Griffin
James P. Beasom, Jr.

Note this word about the division of duties within the committee. The Director of Forensics will have charge of matching the teams prior to the convention, the assignment of judges for the contests, and supervising generally the activities of the convention. It must be noted that Number 5 of the convention rules requires that all entries be sent to the Director at least eight days prior to the opening date. Mr. Griffin will have his hands full supervising the arrangements for accomodation and entertainment and helping keep the program in smooth running order. Mr. Beasom, whose broad experience in convention matters will be most useful, will be invaluable, as he was last year, in helping handle the countless details a convention schedule presents. We are sure the committee will welcome inquiries and suggestions from all the chapters.

TOURNAMENTS FOR WOMEN

Number 6 of the convention rules states that separate contests will be held for women's teams, provided a sufficient number of women's teams are entered. We are happy to announce that more than enough entries have been promised to assure the tournaments for women in every branch of forensics. The contests will be held simultaneously with those for the men.

OFFICIAL INSIGNIA

We take this occasion to suggest again to our membership the intrinsic value of official Phi Rho Pi insignia. Possession of the emblem prompts a feeling of pride and dignity that nothing else can give. It gives concrete evidence of hard-earned achievement. Too, wearing the key or pin is a worthy way to give publicity to our organization, with which, we are sorry to remark, too few of the students on the campus have any acquaintance at all. It is appropriate to state that now is the time to purchase insignia. Prices are the lowest in Phi Rho Pi history, and it is almost certain that prices will advance under next year's contract.

The present price scale is:

Standard Key or Pin.....	\$2.25
With any Jewel except Diamond	
Additional for Diamond.....	2.50
Changing Jewels.....	.50
A surcharge of 10% must be added to above prices because of a ruling of the new jewelers' code.	

CHAPTER AND PERSONAL NEWS

"The Wednesday Night Debating Club, organized by the late Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris, and the oldest extra-curricular activity on the campus (Michigan Beta), will resume its regular weekly meetings in the biology lecture room tomorrow evening. Membership in the club is open to any one".—FERRIS WEEKLY, October 17.

"The Southwestern", organ of the Southwest Division, published by P. Merville Larson of Kansas Delta, has added to its reputation by the varied and stimulating contents carried in recent numbers. Write Mr. Larson for sample copies for yourself and chapter and see how many interesting phases Phi Rho Pi presents to the chapter that wishes to do things. It would be profitable for the other divisions to promote a similar news organ.

Clark Harshfield, Claud Simmons, Cyrus Wade, Homer Evans, and Carl Weiner of Kansas Epsilon met a team from the teachers' college at Pittsburg, Kansas, November 28, in a congressional style debate on the presidential powers query. Clark Harshfield was the floor leader for Kansas Epsilon. Over a hundred persons heard the debate.

Glendale and Long Beach locked horns forensically the last of October in a series of split-team debates on the query that the United States should adopt a policy of controlled inflation. A split-team is one composed of a speaker from each of two different schools. Out of a total of ten debates the negative won seven and the affirmative three.—THE GALEON.

California Gamma at Taft Junior College opened its forensic season October 26 with a series of practice debates with teams from California Beta. The query, Resolved that the best interests of the United States may best be served by a dictatorship, was debated.

Roy Heath, president of Michigan Gamma, Muskegon, has sent in a good letter about the activities of his chapter. In addition to the regular schedule with junior colleges, Gamma teams will meet a number of four-year schools this season. The letter closes with the hope "that we will see you at the national convention".

The North Carolina Alpha chapter recently staged a series of practice debates with the North Carolina State College at Raleigh, using the direct-clash plan of debate. The NRA topic was discussed.

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