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## The Editor's Notebook

Resolutions for a debater:

- 1. Read a good newspaper each day (at least the first page).
- 2. Listen to a news broadcast each day.
- 3. Take part in a practice debate each week.
  - 4. Practice extemp each week.
- Read all new material on foreign aid and add to my evidence file each week.
- 6. Consider and profit by all criticisms given by judges.
- Go over my case after each tournament to repair weak points.
- 8. Not go to any parties the night before tournaments.

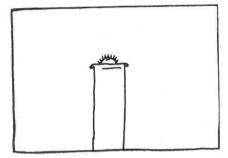
In the article by Brooks Quimby, "How to Meet a Negative Case of Pure Refutation," in the December issue, a typographical error has proved rather confusing.

In the first sentence of the third paragraph, the word

"not" should not appear. The point being made, of course, is that the negative DO have a case, and therefore a policy to defend.

Our apologies to Mr. Quimby and to the many readers who have been confused by this one word which reverses the meaning of the preceding paragraphs. But as Mr. Quimby himself very philosophically observed, "Ah, well, such are the woes of publication!"

#### DEBATER'S DROODLE



A short debater behind a tall Rostrum.

And this applies so well to debating, too!

"Politics has always been a rough game, but there are certain rules . . . and the first of these is to utter no falsehood that can be refuted easily."

-CHARLES MICHELSON

THE COVER: These two debaters seem to be enjoying the cross examination very much, as one searches for that little bit of evidence which will answer the tricky question being put to him by his opponent.

## Nationals at Sioux Falls in June



Washington High School, Sioux Falls — Largest in South Dakota

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has been chosen by the Executive Council as the site for the 1958 National Speech Tournament and Student Congress. The selection Washington High fitting. School has a long and enviable record of achievement in speech, topped by national championships in Extemp and Debate and the winning of the Tau Kappa Alpha trophy. Winning state and NFL tournaments has become a habit for this school with a dedicated speech faculty and strong administrative support. Sioux Falls is a city of 50,000 - large enough to provide ample facilities, small enough to make the tournament a community project.

The dates are one day earlier than usual — Monday, June 23, through Thursday, June 26.

The regular events will again be Debate, Boys' Extemp, Girls' Extemp, Original Oratory, and Dramatic Interpretation. NFL members who win a state championship in these events or first

place in all but the smallest NFL tournaments may register for the nationals.

A student will be ineligible if his speech participation, exclusive of the NFL and state tournament, since Sept. 1, 1957, exceeds both of the following: (a) Five tournaments; (b) 40 decision debates or contests. All interscholastic speech events must be counted, not just the event in which the student wishes to enter the national tournament.

The Student Congress will again consist of one Senator from each NFL district and one Representative for each 400 degrees on record in the district on May 1.

Augustana College will make available new dormitories for men and women to accommodate both students and coaches.

The tournament has been sanctioned by the Contest and Activities Committee of the Principals' Association, but is limited to 250 students from states other than South Dakota.

# Debate Propositions Chosen

"Resolved: That United States foreign aid should be substantially increased" is the proposition selected for debate for the remainder of this year at the meeting of the state league representatives under the sponsorship of the National University Extension Association Committee on Disccussion and Debate Materials.

Problem Areas for 1957-58

The three problem areas selected for consideration for use during the 1958-59 school year are as follows:

I. How Should the Problems of Labor Unions Be Solved?

Discussion Questions

How should government deal with the problems of labor unions?

How should labor unions deal with

their own problems?

How should management deal with the problems of labor unions?

Debate Propositions

Resolved: That the open shop best serves the interests of the people of the United States.

Resolved: That the union shop best serves the interests of the people of the

United States.

Resolved: That the closed shop best serves the interests of the people of the United States.

II. How Should the Use and Development of the Water Resources of the United States Be Controlled?

#### **Discussion Questions**

To what extent should the Federal Government control the use and development of the water resources of the United States?

To what extent should the several states control the use and development of the water resources of the United States?

To what extent should private agencies control the use and development of the water resources of the United States?

#### Debate Propositions

Resolved: That the Federal Government should control the use and development of the water resources of the United

Resolved: That the several states should control the use and development of the water resources of the United States.

Resolved: That Regional Valley Authorities should control the use and development of the water resources of the United States.

III. What System of Education Would Best Serve the Interests of the People of the United States?

#### Discussion Questions

What features of British education would best serve the interests of the people of the United States?

What features of French education would best serve the interests of the peo-

ple of the United States?

What features of Russian education would best serve the interests of the people of the United States?

#### Debate Propositions

Resolved: That the British system of education is preferable to that of the United States.

Resolved: That the French system of education is preferable to that of the

United States.

Resolved: That the Russian system of education is preferable to that of the United States.

Post card ballots have been sent to all NFL chapters to determine how the NFL vote shall be cast in determining the Problem Area for discussion and debate next year. However, this year in addition to distributing three votes among the three areas (all three to one area if you have a strong preference) we also need to know the wording within each area that you prefer. Be sure to indicate this on your ballot.

The wordings as submitted by the Wording Committee this year are only tentative and may be changed before the Discussion and Debate Manual goes to press.

# St. Basil's Has Top Scorer

Topping the list of the nation's point leaders is Fred Meyers, busy senior debater from St. Basil's High in Pittsburgh. He has accumulated a total of 642 points in the past three years.

Fred has been a member of the NFL for four years. As a sophomore, he traveled to Oklahoma to attend the National Tournament there and in his junior year he was again selected to represent his district in Kentucky. times he served in the House of Representatives of the National Student Congress. In the Pittsburgh NFL Student Congresses, he has been elected to the offices of Speaker of the House and President of the Senate four times and has been chosen first and second outstanding speaker.

Also a member of the CFL (Catholic Forensic League) for four years, he has attended two of that group's national conventions. These were held in Pittsburgh in 1956 and in Philadelphia in 1957. He and his colleague placed third in debate at the National CFL Tournament.

Last year Fred was named winner in the American Legion Oratorical Contest for his district.

Fred, whose interests and talents are quite varied, is a member of the Radio and Television School and the Radio-Television Honor Society. He is also very interested in the field of aeronautics. Another recent honor was his election as a member of the Executive Board of the Federation of Catholic High Schools, an organization which consists of fifteen



Fred Meyers
Student Congressman

thousand members from fiftyfour Catholic high schools. In his rare moments of relaxation, he enjoys what he terms as "good music."

Another of his extra-curricular activities is his participation in the Junior Achievement program, in which he has served as president of the Aqua Products Company for the past two years.

His future hopes lie in two very divergent fields — either the Air Force Academy, or a pre-law course at Duquesne University.

Fred shares the credit for his success in speech as he states: "If you call being first in the nation successful, this success and honor does not belong to me alone, but to the faculty of St. Basil's High School whose initative and effort have enabled me to participate in speech and debate."

# A Second Diamond to Kolberg



O. W. Kolberg

Former ROSTRUM Editor

A second diamond was awarded to O. W. Kolberg of Lead, South Dakota, exactly seven years after he received his first. An expanded speech program made this possible. The Black Hills Speech conference which sponsors four or five tournaments each season in which each school enters from ten to sixteen teams per tournament, is one part of that expanded program. These tournaments also include extemporaneous speaking for ten contestants from each school and as many entries in original oratory as a school may Another expansion came wish. when two tournaments for freshmen and sophomores were added to the "conference" schedule after Lead had pioneered with invitational beginners' tournaments. Last season these attracted 32 freshmen from Lead out of a class of 115.

Another aid in implementing expanded speech efforts is increase in NFL chapters in this area. For many years Lead's was the only chapter in the west end of the state; now there are six. Lead pioneered and other schools saw the value of NFL.

The Student Congress idea received a real boost through Lead's leadership. Mr. Kolberg was one of the promoters of the first state wide NFL congress held in the capital city, Pierre, last spring.

capital city, Pierre, last spring. Lead had conducted the Black Hills Invitational congress for 13 years. These added activities help to boost speech and, incidentally, to boost the coach's point total.

Emphasis on Better Spech for More Students has not prevented the Lead chapter from winning contests. Since 1950, Lead debate teams have won their way to the state tournament every year. Rating second in the state debate tournament and winning in boys extemp at two state tournaments plus three firsts in oratorical declamation are achievements of Kolberg coached speakers at the state level since 1950. Also during that period, a first in extemp and a third in debate have been earned at the NFL district meet.

Mr. Kolberg has been speech coach at Lead since 1930. During those years he has served as a leader for speech activities in the Black Hills area. Coaches in other schools have come and gone, but Lead's program of speech has been continuous. It has served as a pattern for other schools to adopt. Thus, not only have Lead

## Lead Leads District



speakers benefited by his leadership, but speech activity in Western South Dakota is a reflection of his influence.

South Dakota NFL was pleased that the first diamond in the district went to Kolberg and he was delighted that he was the first in the state to earn the second. The Lead Chapter is quite certain that its school is the smallest at which a coach has earned a second diamond. Members say that this indicates the school's loyalty to their coach.

Ten years ago the Lead (pronounced Leed), South Dakota, Chapter of NFL received the Leading Chapter award with 255 members and degrees. Since that time 444 members and degrees have been enrolled. As closely as can be calculated, Lead has enrolled more members and degrees than any other chapter in the state and ranked 25th in the nation on that score. Among the schools receiving the Leading Chapter award this year, Lead's

total of members and degrees is the second largest in NFL.

"Speech for Many" is the motto of the Lead chapter. One semester of speech is required of all
students. Elective courses in advanced speech, extmporaneous
speech and debate are offered to
sophomores, juniors and seniors.
Fifty to sixty students participate
in competitive speech each year.
Last year set a new record with
64 students engaged in interscholastic debate.

The Lead chapter for the past 14 years has been host to the Black Hills Student Congress each November. This year a senior and a sophomore congress were held simultaneously with two houses in each congress. More than 160 students from seven schools participated, including 45 from Lead.

O. W. Kolberg, former editor of *The Rostrum*, has sponsored the chapter since it was organized in 1933.

#### Oklahoman Places High

In his third year of participation in speech activity, Rennard Strickland of Muskogee, Ok a., is



R. Strickland

now one of the highest scoring NFLers in the During nation. sophomore year he won the Univer-Baylor sity-Waco High Debate Championship, a highly coveted honor in the area. He was also chosen

to represent his Future Coach district in the House of Representatives of the National Student Congress held in his home town. He also enjoyed his work as a student assistant to the National Tournament staff. He was also a Student Director of "Little Nationals" - the world's largest debate tourney, also held in Muskogee.

Rennard's most recent success is first place in the state Junior Chamber of Commerce Oratorical Contest - "The Voice of Democracy.'

Speech is not his only interest, for he is a member of National Thespians and National Scholas-Press Association. As Eagle Boy Scout, he attended the

National Jamboree in California. He hopes to be a teacher of either history or speech.

## Peggy Rooney Is Top Girl

Peggy Rooney, the only girl in the top fifteen NFLers, is holding her own in fourth place." A senior at Elizabeth Seton High School, she is active in student government as student council president. Her first love in forensic activities is extemporaneous speaking,

although she also enjoys Student Congresses. her sophomore year she placed second in her district and last year she was iudaed winner. Peggy then rep-Pittsresented burgh in the Nationals at Lexington.



Peggy Rooney Loves Extemping

In CFL participation, she placed second in her district and second in the national tournament last spring.

As a legislator, she has served as Speaker of the House and has been chosen first and second

speaker.

She plans to go to college, where she will major in philosophy. What of her other interests? Of these Peggy says: happy, healthy person should have a hobby, but I don't (unless you could call reading a hobby - I doubt it.) Reason - no time.'

#### Hap Scores High

Harold (Hap) LeVander, a senior at South St. Paul, is one of



H. LeVander Athlete, Orator,

the highest ranking speakers in the nation. His success began early, for as a sophomore he participated in the Nationals. In Oratory he placed first in sever-

Traveler tournaments and won the regional debate tournament.

Last spring, he was the Alexander Hamilton Scholar, which entitled him to attend the Bicentennial Convention in Philadel-

phia.

Aside from speech activities, Hap enjoys sports and has been on the basketball, track and tennis teams for the past three years. Because of his success in the latter, he participated in the state tournament in his sophomore and junior years. As a student council member, NFL president, actor in his class play, and participant in numerous clubs and committee activities, he is kept quite active.

Currently he is giving speeches to many clubs on his recent trip to Europe on the American Field Service Scholarship Organization, where he says he "had a wonder-

ful time!'

#### Can You Top This?

South St. Paul High School received nine invitations to tournaments for the weekend of December 7th. Of course, they couldn't accept all of them, but they did send twelve four man teams to five tournaments—and there were still sixteen debaters left at home!

What did the forty-eight do at the five tournaments? They debated in eight-two rounds of competion and came home with sixty-six

wins and sixteen losses.

Not only that, but they participated in thirteen rounds of oratory and extemp and debated in three audience debates.

South St. Paul has achieved another distinction which most chapters will find difficult to top. It now has 249 active members and degrees, surpassing the 248 held by Johnstown-Catholic, Pa., the leader until this month.

## Your NFL Key



In a recently received letter from Jay Holveck of Pittsburgh, Pa., the following question was asked: What is the significance of the eye and the lamp on the NFL pin? Mr. Holveck, having asked several people associated with NFL, none of whom knew the answer, in turn wrote to this magazine in search of a solution.

Perhaps only a few members wonder as they wear the insignia of the society, the significance of the pin. But for those who have wondered, here is the answer:

The emblem of the organization is shaped like a key, symbolizing the unlocking and the feeling of the powers of expression and personality. The shape of the main part of the emblem is octagonal, which symbolizes the many angles from which a question may be studied. The eye is symbolic of the search for truth. The lamp symbolizes the light which study will throw upon all questions. The letters, of course, stand for National Forensic League.

The emblem is made of sterling silver plated with platinum in order to preserve the beautiful metalic luster. Silver is used for the member's pin, instead of gold, to disintquish it from the collegiate

honor keys.

Unlike a school pin which has only local significance, the NFL pin carries prestige even after graduation, for the wearer will be recognized anywhere as an outstanding speaker.

Whoever said, "It's a man's world," must certainly have been referring to the world of debating; for if there is one thing lower in most male debaters' opinions than a female debater, it hasn't been invented yet. Last year, when there was so much controversy over recognition of Red China, I heard one male debater say, "We ought to debate whether or not to recognize women debaters!" To which his partner replied, "What! Give them all that prestige?"

Prejudice against women debaters is carried so far that in some schools there are two different societies, one for men and one for women. And never the twain shall meet. These two organizations never get together to hear evidence, work on cases, or even for practice debates. Last year, however, there was a near catastrophe in one of these schools, for one of the male debaters started to date one of the female debaters. an occurrence unheard of in the history of either society. However, this tragedy proved to be a blessing in disguise, for at the next tournament attended by these teams, the women defeated the men. Of course the men had the excuse that a traitor in their ranks had given their case to the women's team.

This was one thing that all women debaters have to accept early in their debating careers. That is, they never win a debate because they are logical, because they have a good case, or because they are better than the male opposition. According to the male

debaters, there are four reasons for losing to a female:

(1) The females refused to argue on the male's grounds, and the judge didn't realize this.

(2) The females beguiled the males with their charm, perfume, smiles and sweaters.

(3) The females flirted with

the judge.

(4) The females had such a bad case that the judge telt sorry for them and gave them the decision.

If by chance you are a female debater with a male partner, then he is the object of sincere sympathy from all other male debaters. If by any chance you and your partner do well together, then the comments go something like this: "My, he must be good, since he won all these debates with her as a partner!" The idea seems to be that not only has your partner defeated the opposition, but he has also overcome the handicap of having you as a partner.

To be a woman debater is bad enough, but to be the only woman debater with three male debaters on a trip without a chaperone is even worse. These three boys appeared to be normal enough in your contacts with them socially and at debate meetings, but they certainly change when they are alone with you on a trip. They treat you as if you are eight and can't speak the language. If you can manage to survive the hazards of having three males open car windows so that you won't be

door, there are still more obstacles

to be overcome.

The men feel that you are totally unable to decide what is good for you to eat, so they order all your meals for you. The meals are always the same, plenty of vegetables and milk. These are the same boys who are only too glad to buy you a beer at school, but now they are horrified at the thought of your drinking anything stronger than milk. You are enough trouble as it is, but they aren't going to have you feeling ill.

Some people think that it is an advantage to be the only woman with three males: but women debaters soon learn that when the ratio is 3-1, they might as well take Mickey Spillane along for company, for the male debaters aren't going to provide any entertainment. They escort you to your hotel room, very early in the evening, and tell you that you need your sleep. If you happen to mention that you have a date with a debater from another school, you are sure to be locked in; for they are sure - and this is the lowest blow of all - that the other debater is only taking you out to learn the case that you expect to use the next day. After they leave you in your room, they go out and do the town with female debaters from other schools. And you know who finds out whose cases from whom.

However, in spite of all this, there is that certain something that keeps all women debating. There is always the chance that This article is reprinted by permission from THE GAVEL, magazine of the Delta Sigma Rho, National Honorary Forensic Society, Vol. 39, No. 3, March 1957. The author, Miss Nancy Cole, is a graduate research assistant at Ohio State. She did her undergraduate work at Bucknell University.

man.

Although the experiences related here are college ones, the same problems, with very few exceptions face women debaters in high school. These may prove amusing to the girls, who have doubtless had similar experiences, however painful (as the truth usually is to their male associates.

Comments, anyone?

#### No More Tapes

Some of the NFL schools which have used the tapes of the 1957 National Speech Tournament finals in Debate, Boys' Extemp, and Original Oratory have been completely uncooperative in facilitating the distribution of the tapes. We cannot accept any additional requests for the tapes and it is extremely doubtful if we will be able to meet the requests presently on hand. We will continue to send the tapes as they are available in the order that the requests were received in the national office. If you get tired waiting just send us a note and your money will be refunded.

## **Chapters Increase Interest**

Several chapter sponsors have replied to our question on increasing membership in NFL chapter activities. The general opinion seems to be that the earlier the students become acquainted with the program, the more interested they are and the more likely they are to become members.

Pauline A. Keith, coach of the Jonathan Dayton Chapter in

Springfield, N. J., reports:

Jonathan Dayton Regional High School accommodates students from four districts. Each year our NFL chapter presents an assembly concerned with various types of speech work to each of the four elementary schools.

The elementary students are enthusiastic about our programs. Consequently, teachers have organized groups in the elementary schools in order to promote interest in forensics.

David Kanellis, chapter sponsor at Spirit Lake, Iowa, tells us:

We have three or four debate tournaments a year, in addition to many practice tournaments . . . the largest is the IOWA-GREAT LÄKES DE-BATE TOURNAMENT, which always takes place in the first week in January. We get teams from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska. We have only 43 rooms in our school, so we use the Court House, the Public Library and two churches to debate in. We use junior high students and sixth graders for timers. This way, if a student is interested in debate, he will find it out early. I believe this system works since we have four complete four-man teams of freshman debaters. They all timed last year, and they are all NFL members now, with three tournaments under their belts.

Our school enrollment is relatively small — 265 students in high school, but last year we had fifty new members and degrees, having had our charter granted in November of 1956. Those fifty members and degrees topped all other schools in Iowa. Right now our chapter is still growing and we have thirty-two members (not members and degrees), so one student in every eight in high school is a member of NFL.

#### One School Wins Six Congress Awards

Six Alamo Heights students of San Antonio, Texas, won the sweepstakes award, which is presented by the Bexar County Student Congress in cooperation with the St. Mary's University Law School. The Student Congress was held on November 15-16.

Alamo Heights was well represented by the following ten members who served as delegates: Earl Hall, Joe Westheimer, Jeffrey Wentworth, Nancy Farrelly, Yale Hicks, Jim Cutter, Dan Hanks, Dorothy Amols, Elizabeth Erickson and Andrea Farrow.

For the second year, the Speaker of the House was a delegate from Alamo Heights. Jeffrey Wentworth was chosen for this office, where he received a superior rating.

Others receiving awards were Earl Hall and Joe Westheimer, superior in floor debating and also superior in participation in committee meetings. Jim Cutter and Nancy Farrelly also received excellent ratings in floor debating.

#### There's One At Every Tourney

The unhappy speaker below is the Nervous Novice, trying in vain to hide behind his debate cards and the rostrum. His hesitations and shaky manner of speech are due to the fact that his notes are shaking so much that their legibility is impaired.

Luckily, this condition usually lasts only through the first round or two, for after that his nervousness is forgotten as he warms to

the subject.



#### A Record Year?

To date this year, NFL has enrolled more members and granted more advanced degrees than in any similar period in the previous 33 years of NFL. At the present rate of enrollment, we should add 9,000 new members this year, 1,000 more than ever before.

#### Need a Speech Textbook?

Are you looking for a short, simple, but interesting textbook to use in your beginning class or even for the six-weeks unit of oral English which is all that your school offers? Get a copy of "How to Make a Speech and Like It," published by Pacific Books, Palo Alto, California. Its authors are Dr. L. H. Mouat, host chairman of our 1955 national tournament at San Jose State College, and Celia Denues of San Jose Junior College.

Profusely illustrated with appropriate and intriguing cartoons the book cannot fail to attract the interest of even the most indifferent students. They will look at the pictures at least and then go on to read the simple text printed in short paragraphs and large type.

Brevity without omitting essential steps in speech-making characterizes the small volume. Everything the student needs to know and do to prepare an assigned speech is there, but excess wordage is missing. It is almost syllabus in form, but packed with solid and useful information that makes speech preparation easy for the beginner and serves as a refresher for the exprienced speaker.

For the six-weeks course the 100 pages seem ample; for the semester course the carefully selected references to other and more extended texts supplement the basic plan of this simple but patently functional little book.

Get a copy; I think you will be impressed with the new approach to speech-making for beginners.

-Bruno E. Jacob

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## **Degrees of Distinction**

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# The District Standing

Rank Change District	Ave. Deg	. Largest	t Chapter		Degrees	
1. 0 Western Penna.	51.5	5 Johns	stown-Ca	tholic	248	
2. 0 Pittsburgh			Sacred Heart			
3. 0 Southern Texas		3 Hous	Houston-Lamar			
4. +1 Northern Ohio	38.3	3 Youn	Youngstown-Rayen			
5. +1 Indiana			Howe Military & Peru			
6. —2 Los Angeles		7 Excel	Excelsior			
7. 0 Eastern Ohio	37.4	4 Mass	illon	87		
8. +2 So. Minnesota			South St. Paul			
9. +4 Central Calif				136		
10. —2 Illinois		Loyo	Loyola Academy			
112 Western Ohio		6 Dayt	Dayton-Fairmont			
12. 0 Florida	28.6	6 North	North Miami			
13. +2 Rocky Mountain	28.2	2 Denv	Denver-St. Francis			
14. 0 So. Wisconsin,	28.	1 West	West Bend			
15. +1 New Jersey			Bank-Cat	holic	104	
16. +2 So. California			twater			
17. —6 New York State			Saugerties			
18. —1 Kansas	25.		Pittsburg			
19. +4 Oklahoma	25.	1 Musl	Muskogee 1			
20. 0 Missouri	24.	5 Sikes	ton		140	
21. —2 San Francisco Ba			ont (Sun	nyvale).	67	
22. +2 Kentucky	23.	4 Wind	chester		58	
23. +2 Iowa		3 Spirit	t Lake			
24. —3 New York City			er			
25. —3 South Dakota			d City	***************************************	115	
26 1 Tennessee			ville-Cen			
27. +3 Washington			ipia		47	
28. —2 No. Minnesota					104	
29. —1 Northern Texas.			s-Sunset			
30. —1 New England	10.	Laco	nia, N. H		54	
31. +1 Carolina			nville, N.			
32. —1 Western			t Falls &	Logan		
33. 0 Nebraska		1 Marra	ha-Cathe	drai	75	
34. 0 No. Wisconsin	13.	1 New	London	**********	31	
	This M	onth	This	Year	Grand	
F F	1956	1957	1956	1957	Total	
Chapters	7	4	30	38	758	
Members		1067	1523	2228	109,494	
Keys		237	441	644	49,828	
Degrees of Honor		389	345	810	57,935	
Degrees of Excellence		192	189	417	34,077	
Degrees of Distinction	65	94	128	202	16,994	