

NU debaters come to front via argumentation

They go to bat for Nebraska too, not on the gridiron or the track, but over a table top. They spend hours poring over research, assembling material and then pitting their arguments against those of students from other schools. They are the university debaters.

Some call them intellectual athletes who wrangle with grownup bull sessions. Their material does not consist of arguments over which girl is the best dating on the campus or who will be the next president of Innocents, but rather that which has a good sound foundation; the problems which confront the nation and the world today.

Grew up together

The first team is composed of youths who live in Lincoln and who were Lincoln high school debaters. Harold Turkel is a junior in arts and science and a pre-law student. Otto Woerner is a senior in arts and science with a major in economics and political science. Jack Stewart, sophomore in the business administration college, plans to enter law college. Howard Bessire, also a sophomore in bizad, likewise plans to add to the ranks of the lawyers at a future date. They are all prominent in university activities.

Ben Novicoff, Lincoln, and Lloyd Shubert, Ulysses, compose the second team. The former, a sophomore in the bizad college, belonged to the one time Lincoln high debating group; the latter, teachers' college senior, carries on ministerial duties with his college course.

Not an easy job

One just doesn't decide to become a college debater. The competition for places on the teams is stiff, and a large number of students take part in the tryouts. Students of sophomore rank or above and graduate students in the law college are eligible to see what they can do. Women students are not allowed to participate in varsity debate.

Because the tryouts brought out more students than could be used on the available places, a special group was selected to make the trip to the University of Missouri April 3 and 4. The regular debaters were barred from using their forensics here, so that a greater number of students could compete. On this special team are Wendell Basye, Lincoln arts and sciences junior; Sam Kirshenbaum, Lincoln law college student; Sidney Kalin, Sioux City bizad junior; and David Curtiss, law college senior from Bassett.

Full schedule

The regular teams went to Kansas to meet the University of Wichita and the University of Kansas, and they debated in Iowa with Ameer, Simpson, and Drake in February. Teams from the University of California, North Park college of Chicago, Kansas State, Kansas Wesleyan, and Creighton have come to Lincoln for debates and the university men have met Nebraska Wesleyan.

The question for debate this year is, "Resolved: The several states should adopt a complete system of isolation toward all nations outside of the western hemisphere engaged in armed international or civil conflict."

Non-decision debates

Non-decision debates have been the practice for the last two decades. The men draw lots on affirmative and negative sides and can do well on either side. The authorities decided non-decision debating promoted interest in the debate itself, turned the point of

Men's musical honor society elects Anderson

Don Anderson was elected this week as president of Sinfonia, men's honorary musical fraternity, for next year.

Other officers elected are: Vice president, Guy Scott; secretary, Phil Heller; treasurer, Frank Waters; supreme councilman, Edward Editon.



These N. U. students represent the college on 1st and 2nd teams. They include left to right C. Lloyd Shubert, Ben Novicoff, Howard Bessire, Jack Stewart, Otto Woerner, Harold Turkel.

view from the decision to the actual debate itself and avoided differences over decisions.

H. A. White, professor of English, has coached the debaters for 14 years. He succeeded the first debate coach, Prof. M. M. Fogg, who had joined the university faculty in 1905. Current debaters get two hours credit in English for their work.

During the year, the debate teams have appeared against each other before the Hiram, Knife and Fork, and Optimist clubs, among others.

Freshmen not eligible

Since freshmen are not eligible for intercollegiate debating, a special debate award has been established for the purpose of encouraging them in the debate field. Tryouts similar to those for the college teams are held each fall. The winner of this competition becomes "best freshman debater" and is allowed to retain the "Long trophy" his name inscribed on it, for a year. It was offered for freshman debate by E. H. Long. Holder of second place is given honorable mention.

Time limit for \$25 WAA scholarship extended

The time limit for the WAA \$25.00 scholarship applications has been extended until Friday at 5 o'clock. Qualifications for applicants require that the university woman student have but average scholarship and be worthy of assistance.

All applications must positively be handed in at the WAA office in Grant Memorial by 5, Friday.

Reporter —

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tually. In some phases of the war situation I don't think Germany is any more to blame than England. The U. S. should not enter as we look at the affair now, but some things may come up which we are unable to see now that would warrant our entry.

Dorothy Wind, sophomore, bizad.

Feeding us propaganda about saving democracy may get the U. S. into the war since we will be gullible enough to take it in and thus become involved. The Norway incident may be the thing that will provide the Allies with the excuse to get us in. I think the Allies will win.

Gordon Milligan, arts and science junior.

Germany may win the war since she has gone this far and nobody has stopped her yet. I think the U. S. will get in if they don't stop meddling in foreign affairs by such things as cash and carry armaments and the Welles trip to Europe.

Betty Jackson, teachers junior.

It may be hot stuff to would-be heroes on this campus but war talk is a pain in the neck to me. You never can tell about Hitler. Anyhow, why worry about the presidential election with war talk since if Roosevelt is as hungry for power as he appears to be we will be in war before November.

Willard Sharkey, senior in teachers college.

If the war lasts 20 years the allies undoubtedly have a chance to win. However, as long as it is

a power politics game the U. S. should not enter. I haven't been able to decide what the Norway incident means yet but I think it may have a definite result on the final outcome.

Bob Holland, graduate college

With an evident allied victory, they will get favorable results

from the war and retain their predominance in Europe. At the present time the war is only one strategic move after another and no issue has been involved that might get the U. S. in the mess. Our entrance in the war depends on how closely the war becomes connected with the vital interests of the U. S.

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