

P. B. K. DEBATE EXCITING

ANNUAL CONTEST FOR INTER-CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP IS WARM.

UNANIMOUS FOR SENIORS

Decision of Judges Fogg, Fling, Aylesworth, Favor Negative Although Freshmen Fight Till Death.

At convocation Thursday before a large audience, the ceremonies of Phi Beta Kappa day were amplified by the championship contest of the fifth annual interclass debate. The seniors who defeated the juniors and the freshmen who defeated the sophomores competed with each other for first place. The question debated was, "Resolved, That all American Coastwise Vessels Should be Allowed to Pass Through the Panama Canal Toll Free." The freshmen took the affirmative, the seniors the negative, and with A. R. Raymond presiding the contest waged warmly and closely on.

For the affirmative, A. W. Ackerman of Lincoln showed that free toll for our coastwise vessels was right in principle.

E. L. Stancliffe of Lincoln began the debate for the negative. The burden of his speech recited that the benefits of free tolls would not go to the consumer. He had the shipping interests, railroad interests and other special interests lined up for all the material advantages that any Americans would ever get out of letting coastwise trade go through the canal toll free. The consuming public, who bought the canal and contributed to its improvement, would receive none of the benefits of this virtual subsidy.

The affirmative side of the question was again ardently championed by H. T. Schwab of McCook. He contended that the Americans did not need to pay tolls to support their canal; the foreigners would pay the tolls and furnish more than enough to pay the expense of the canal. He pointed out that free tolls would help the transportation business both on land and sea. He said that the object of all subsidy legislation was to build up a merchant marine, and that to let our coastwise vessels through the canal free of toll was only another way of doing for our merchant vessels what foreign countries have done for theirs—grant them a subsidy.

H. Kyle began the second attack for the negative by showing that free tolls were only a disguised form of ship subsidy against which the unconscious bias of American economic policy has long been pitted. He figured out that every American owned a four-dollar shade in the Panama canal which he should hesitate to dispose of free of charge to the big shipping interests. He concluded his argument with the contention that a policy of free tolls subsidizes an opulent coastwise traffic, but extends no relief to our impoverished foreign trade.

The affirmative's constructive case

concluded with the speech of H. D. Oppenheimer of St. Joseph, Mo. He argued that free tolls harmonizes well with our domestic policy of internal improvements—the improvement of waterways, the dredging of harbors, and so forth. He also contended free tolls would lower steamship and railroad rates, and that the reduction in the cost of transportation would lessen the cost of commodities to the consumer.

L. A. Bechter of Pierce struck the final blow for the negative in direct argument. His main point was that free tolls violated the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. He showed that the treaty in express terms denied us the right to favor any American vessels, and that the ships of all nations in strict conformance with the treaty, must go through the canal on a basis of substantial equality. History and custom, he said, forbade the violation of the treaty. And he concluded his argument by showing that the inherent injustice of repudiating our international obligations has been repeatedly assailed by authorities.

The crucial points of the debate were further refined and elaborated in the rebuttal speeches. The argument that free tolls would benefit the special interests was variously exploited. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty as interpreted by Mr. Bechter was turned around in refutation by the affirmative.

The benefit of free tolls to the consumer was forcibly assailed by the negative. And the affirmative almost as emphatically sought to demolish the argument that free tolls discriminate. The two sides quickly clashed on each important issue and both sides marched to the finish line apparently abreast.

The interest shown by the crowd was intense. It was abated only when the decision of the judges, Professors Fogg, Fling and Aylesworth was announced as unanimously in favor of the negative.

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We cannot concur in the opinion of those who insist that high grades are nothing and that the Phi Beta Kappa distinction is worthless. We admit the possibility of getting a Phi Beta Kappa without having real brains. We concede that poor grades often represent harder work than good grades. We acknowledge that a man's Phi Beta Kappa key is no evidence of his capacity to render the world an efficient service. But despite all these alleged exceptions to the worth of the Phi Beta Kappa ornament, we submit that the laborer at his books is worthy of his hire. The University has as good a right to create distinctions for high marks as for strong legs and good argument. The man who delivers the goods in his school work,—and his Phi Beta Kappa key usually shows that he has—gives evidence of as complete an adjustment of acts to ends as a wearer of the letter "N." And besides, success in school work has the advantage over success on the gridiron in being strictly in harmony with the main purpose for which we are here—STUDY.

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