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FIRST ANNUAL U.OF M. DEBATE TOURNEY

On November 7, 1964, the University of Massachusetts witnessed the successful finale of the first Annual University of Massachusetts Debate Tournament. This tournament, instigated by David Arlen, a brother of Alpha Phi Omega at the University, was attended by over 200 debaters from many of the high schools throughout the State of Massachusetts. Dave said, "The purpose for the tournament is two fold, it fosters the art of debate within the high schools, and it acquaints prominent high school debaters with the physical and academic facilities of the University."

The National Forensic Society of Boston chose the subject for the debate and will choose the subjects for future debates to be held by the high schools. This year, "There should be an international organization for disarmament", was the topic debated. This, being the first tournament, and, being rather early in the year, gave the debaters a chance to "whet their whistles" for upcoming debates.

There were four rounds of debating held. Each round lasted an hour and consisted of four ten minute affirmative speeches and four five minute rebutals, with each round beginning and ending with an affirmative speech. Three of the newer buildings on campus were used for the debates: Classrooms in Bartlett Hall, the Hasbrouck Laboratory, and the newly constructed School of Business Administration. This gave the high schools a look at our "best foot."

As respite from the toils of debate, a banquet was held during the noon hours in the grand ballroom of the Student Union. After a short welcoming speech by Dave Arlen, and an introduction by Gerald Goldhaber, a member of the University Forensic Society, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, I. Moyer Hunsberger delivered a short dissertation on "Rhetoric". In this informative speech, Dean Hunsberger stressed the power of rhetoric to convince.

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Awards in the form of trophies were given under novice and varsity categories. These included: Best Novice team, Best Novice Negative, Best Novice Affirmative, Best Novice Speaker, Best Varsity Team, Best Varsity Negative, Best Varsity Affirmative, and Best Varsity Speaker.

This, the first of the debates to be held here, was such a success that we hope to look forward to many years of successful debating at the University. We would like to extend thanks for the help rendered by the University of Massachusetts Forensic Society under the chairmanship of Gerald Goldhaber and Mr. Biddle, advisor to the Society. The tabulation of results of the debates was handled by Mr. Price, a member of the Speech Department.

Joseph Mazurkiewicz

PLEDGE PROJECT

The members of the John F. Kennedy Pledge Class have voted to renovate a recreation room at The Belchertown State School for the mentally retarded. This will be their pledge project.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

As we go to press it has been noted that several alumni have contacted the Chapter with regard to the purchase of Alpha Phi Omega pins, insignia and so forth. Interested persons are advised to contact Roger Crouse '66, Treasurer.

Donald A. Abt VMD

Formerly of 2 Ridley Ave. Alden, Pa. wishes to inform the brotherhood that he now resides at 24 Beech Ave. Alden, Pa.

Lorin Johnson '64

Is now engaged in grad work at the University of Mich. He is concentrating on two major fields of study, construction design and public administration. Although separated from his Alma Mater by thousands of miles, with the Michigan football team to distract him, he keeps faithful track of the Redmen's progress on the gridiron. Lorin hopes to make it back to see many of his undergrad friends here at U. Mass before the Christmas recess.

Ralph W. Lawton '59

Formerly of 7 Castle Ave. Medfield, Mass. has recently moved and his latest address is 1 Ader Road, Medfield, Mass. Ralph has been commissioned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a certified public accountant. He is now engaged in this capacity by the Arthur Anderson & Co. of Boston.

W. James Wixon '58

Has moved to 156 Thurston St. Wrentham, Mass. 02093 Jim has expressed interest in this publication as a means of preserving the bonds of brotherhood through the post-graduate years. He is currently working as shipping manager for Crandell Hicks Inc. of Wellseley Hills, Mass., a distributor for both the British Motor Corporation Ltd. and The Johnson Outboard Motor Company.

J. Kevin Downes





FROM THE TREASURER

As we are rapidly approaching the National Convention of A.P.O. to be held in Denver Colorado in December, the problem of financial aid arises. It should be noted that with \$20.78 in our treasury as a working balance, the brotherhood has approved an expenditure of upwards of \$400.00 to support all brothers who desire to attend. As treasurer, I am concerned; but it is only my duty to keep records and not give opinions.

We did have a very successful Homecoming Concert as has been noted elsewhere. We realized a profit of about \$900.00 which will soon be turned over to the JFK Memorial Reading Room Fund.

The Alumni Fund, initiated in the winter of 1963, shows a balance of \$10.00. Any contributions will be gladly accepted. Mail contributions to Alumni Secretary, care of RSO.

Any comments concerning the fate of this Chapter's treasury may be sent to me in care of RSO. (I love to get mail)

Fraternally yours,

Roger L. Crouse
Treasurer

ABOUT HOMECCMING

Homecoming weekend was a success for Kappa Omicron. The parade, which was coordinated by the chapter, was effective and contained sixty floats. Several of the entries were very elaborate displays of gaudy color and showed a great deal of imagination.

The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem were well received by the large audience of over 2400 at the Homecoming Concert. The concert realized a rather large profit for the Chapter.

R. E. Rider

KAPPA OMICRON SPONSORS MOCK ELECTION

On election night all America sat anxiously in front of innumerable television sets waiting for the vote to come in and for trends to develop.

Each major network boasted of its own computer which would analyze key wards and give the decision of the electorate long before the ballots had been tabulated.

Due to the imagination of several Alpha Phi Omega brothers, our chapter was able to provide the press and, most importantly the broadcasters, with an accurate indication of the people's mandate a full two hours before the polls had even closed in most communities.

On November 2nd the American Voting Machine Co. had installed a voting machine in the lobby of the Student Union at the request of the Town of Amherst Election Commission. This was intended as a demonstration to acquaint local citizens with the machines which were in use here for the first time. At a meeting of the brotherhood on Election Eve it was suggested that a mock election be sponsored on Election Day, allowing University students to vote on all national and state wide offices as well as on the numerous referenda. Once this motion was passed, brothers and pledges set to work setting up the election on a mere twelve hours notice.

At 11 AM our polls opened and a steady stream of voters expressed their preferences until the voting was closed at 5:30PM. The early closing was to allow an indication of trends for news media.

Students correctly predicted a landslide victory for LBJ and Senator Edward Kennedy. Former Governor Volpe was chosen for a new term as Governor, Eliot Richardson for lieutenant governor, Edward Brooke, Attorney General, and Kevin H. White, Secretary of State.

In a field of 15 choices, students differed from the actual electorate on only two points. They narrowly elected Ewynn Miller, candidate for auditor, who was narrowly defeated in the state wide contest. They also liberally approved a pay raise for state legislation which the voters rejected.

J. Kevin Downes

TO OUR CHAPTER ALUMNI

I realized that the quality of printing of the first newsletter left much to be desired. Upon investigation of other printing methods, I came upon the multilith process. I am sure you can see the difference in readability. You may also notice our new masthead. We can thank Pledge Roy Rider for this bit of art work. Again, please write to the chapter in care of Box #315, Student Union, U. of Mass., Amherst, Mass.

Fraternally yours,

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Alumni Secretary

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