SUCCESSFUL SEASON ENJOYED BY KENT DEBATING TEAM

The debating team of the Chicago-Kent College of Law had a very successful season this past college year. They engaged in seven intercollegiate debates and were victorious in four of those. Two of the engagements which happened to be platform debates were held under circumstances that were to the disadvantage of the Kent team which, coupled with the fact that they had the unpopular side of the question, resulted in their losing both contests. The other defeat was the first debate of the season held against the University of Oklahoma. The remaining contests were all radio debates which resulted on each occasion in a victory for the Kent team.

The season's schedule showing the colleges debated with, the winners of each contest and the score was as follows:

Opponents Won by Score
U. of Oklahoma.......Oklahoma ..69-62
College of St. Thomas..St. Thomas.88-38
Crane College ..........Crane.......2-1
U. of Montana.........Kent ......82-37
U. of Wyoming.........Kent ......98-33
U. of Oregon..........Kent ......40-17
So. Dak. State College..Kent ......43-16

All of the radio debates were held in the studio of the Chicago Daily News broadcasting station and were broadcasted over WMAQ and WQJ. The decision was left to the public and radio listeners as to the relative merits of the debating teams in all of these debates. Based upon the many favorable letters that were received from people who had listened in to these radio debates and also upon the number of those who manifested an interest in the results of these contests, it seems as though radio debating has been very popularly received.

The first platform debate against the College of St. Thomas was held on the eve of Lincoln's birthday at Wilmette, Illinois, under the auspices of the Wilmette Post of the American Legion as part of a patriotic program staged at the Howard School in Wilmette in commemorating Lincoln's birthday. The result of this debate was the decision of the audience. Everybody present was asked to cast a vote indicating their choice of the winner. The result was in favor of the opposition.

The second platform debate was also held on foreign ground and was left to a decision of three judges to decide against Kent 2 to 1. It was unfortunate that the Kent team was not victorious in at least one of the two platform debates, but circumstances were unfavorable for their side. It is hoped, however, that the schedule of intercollegiate debates arranged for future seasons will include more of these platform debates.

The intercollegiate debating was done by eight members selected from the Freshman, Junior and Senior classes at Kent. In preparation therefore, oratorical try-outs were held for which prizes were awarded from the income of the Edmund W. Burke Memorial Fund. The winners of these class try-outs constituted the debating teams for their respective classes. Then followed a round-robin series of inter-class debates resulting in a clean sweep for the Freshman team. The victory of the Freshman established a precedent in the history of forensics at Kent.

The intercollegiate debaters for Kent were Burke, Patterson and Bloch for the Senior class, Edwards, Weaver and Schwantes for the Junior class, and McCaffrey and Sigler for the Freshman class. The efforts of the debaters were guided, as in the past few years, by William M. James as coach. Charles Edwards was elected captain of the team.

ROUND TABLE NOTES

The final meeting of the Round Table for the year was held at the St. Clair Hotel on Saturday, May 5th. No formal discussion was scheduled but the informal discussion which took place on organization affairs was the most spirited we have
had in some time. It was a convincing
demonstration of the ability of the mem-
ers to talk "on their feet".

The Executive Committee for the ensu-
ing year was selected so that there would
be no delay in getting under way in the
fall. Judge Pickett announced that he had
the promise of Senatorial Nominee Otis
F. Glenn to address us at one of our meet-
ings and that we would have the pleasure
of listening to Federal Judge Lindley at
another. Such programs ought to lure
quite a few of the graduating members
back to their old haunts.

The feature of the meeting was the
presentation to Judge Pickett of a 23-jewel
Waltham watch, (as thin as the distinc-
tion between Co-ownership and Tenancy
in Common,) together with a chain and
diamond-set knife. When he recovered
his composure, his response was worthy
of Chauncey Depew.

After the excitement had subsided the
meeting adjourned to the first Saturday
in October.

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