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Speech Contests In
State Schools Is
Winter Activity

Annual Competition In Arts
of Platform Will Open
In January

Contest in speech activities, a state-wide forensic interest in high schools, will begin in January, leading to state finals at Madison in the spring, according to a schedule announced in the November "News-Letter," organ of the Wisconsin High School Forensic association. The contests are held in cooperation with the department of debating and public discussion of the University of Wisconsin extension division.

Final date for registration for all contests was set for Dec. 15. Latest dates for all contests follows:

Debate, first round, Jan. 16; second round, Jan. 23; semi-sectional, Feb. 6; sectional, Feb. 20; state debate, March 6.

Dramatics, first round, Jan. 30; second round, Feb. 13; sectional, Feb. 27; state contest, March 13.

Others: League contests, April 10; district contests, April 24; state contests, May 6-7.

Announce Officers

Supt. M. A. Fischer, Dodgeville, was re-elected chairman of the forensic association at its recent annual meeting. Board members elected or re-elected were the following: Eau Claire district, Howard M. Lyon, Chippewa Falls; Oshkosh district, T. J. McGlynn, DePere; Superior district, George E. VanHeukdom, Melton; Whitewater district, C. H. Dorr, Milton.

Other board members are: La Crosse district, E. J. McKean, Tomah; Milwaukee district, G. J. Balzer, Milwaukee; River Falls district, H. C. Mason, River Falls; Stevens Point district, Harry Bender, Colby; Supt. Fisher, chairman; Almere Scott, University Extension division, secretary; O. H. Plenzke, Wisconsin Education association, treasurer; Prof. A. T. Weaver, adviser in speech; Prof. Ethel T. Rockwell, adviser in dramatics.

Changes in Rules

By vote of the board, dramatic contests, beginning next year, must be completed in all districts before Dec. 15. In extemporaneous speaking, according to other action taken, each contestant hereafter will be asked one or two questions on his speech by a judge. It was also voted to limit the reading contest this year to the essay, with each contestant limited to the same type of essay. Students were directed in their choice of essays by an explanatory statement furnished by Prof. A. T. Weaver, chairman of the State University department of speech, and published in the current "News-Letter."

A proposed amendment to the rules permits qualified students in the state school for the blind to participate in the association's speech contests.

Speech institutes were held in November jointly by the University department of speech, the extension department debating and public discussion, and Lawrence college, at Shawano and Antigo. A third will be held at Madison on Dec. 11-12.

U. W. Women Students
in Journalism Make
Jobs for Themselves

Women journalists at the Wisconsin School of Journalism are continuing the record of the past three years in making jobs for themselves.

Among the senior women enrolled in the course, "Women's Departments in Newspapers and Magazines," under the direction of Prof. Helen M. Patterson and Henry L. Smith, the class works out a "project" by which the students hope to make positions for themselves in various journalistic fields as the result of the required class project. Last year 85 per cent of the senior girls enrolled found jobs by means of their plans and two years ago 75 per cent were successful in doing so.

Each senior girl made a survey of the community and the publication or firm where she thought she might be able "to make a job for herself," and a study of the opportunities for applying her journalistic ability to convince the future employer that she could bring in enough new business, either in advertising, circulation, reader interest, or increased patronage to at least pay her salary.

The positions which the girls planned and "sold" to employers included resort hotel publicity, hospital publicity, educational and social welfare publication, shopping columns on daily newspapers, specialized department store promotion, broadcast of a woman's page on the radio, including an advertising tie-up, developing a trade publication, and a specialized fashion-advertising service on a newspaper.

SPEAKS AT ENGINEERS' MEET

Prof. L. H. Kessler, acting chairman of the department of hydraulic and sanitary engineering of the University of Wisconsin, read a paper on "The Results of Experiments on Hydraulics of Drop Inlets and Other Erosion Control Structures" before the recent meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers held in Chicago. The paper summarized the useful information obtained

Boys Trade Farm Products for Rooms
To Help Earn Education at State U.

Three years ago Mrs. Pauline Stickler, 420 N. Murray street, Madison, started a cooperative movement of accepting foodstuffs, furniture, and other household commodities from University of Wisconsin students in exchange for room or board or both. Now she owns one house, operates another, and plans to purchase a third next fall.

News of her success has been circulated to other university towns and she is now receiving letters from persons inquiring how such a plan can be carried out. She also receives many letters from farm folks each year asking if they can give canned goods in order that their son may enter the University of Wisconsin. To all these questions Mrs. Stickler replies promptly.

She Helps All

To each student who rings her doorbell and asks if there is some way in which he could pay for room or board other than with money, she asks, "What have you that you could trade for a room?"

There are many answers. Some have plenty of tomatoes, others potatoes; some have meat, poultry, canned fruit—there really is no limit to the variety of products that different students offer. Mrs. Stickler learns what product a family can give without depriving themselves of a need and asks for that particular material.

If a boy is willing to work, Mrs. Stickler will try very hard to find something for him to do, as this interesting case illustrates. One day a boy came to Mrs. Stickler's home and

asked if there was anything he could do for a room.

"Anything?" repeated Mrs. Stickler.

"Anything," the boy emphasized. "I have lots of wool on hand," she answered, "and I want to have comforters made of them. Will you make them?"

"I don't know how to sew," the boy said.

"I'll teach you," was the reply.

And the boy who did not know how to use a needle has made 21 beautiful comforters—which any woman would be proud to possess. Another lad picks up cloth samples at tailor shops, patches them together, and the result is comforters. This year many of the boys are occupied in painting and repairing Mrs. Stickler's house.

Boys Earn Way

All the boys have their special duties to perform. One boy makes all the beds in each house, another cleans the bathroom, still another scrubs and mops the floors. Some of the boys help in the kitchen, others wash dishes, set tables, and do all kinds of odd jobs around the house.

Realizing that boys need a certain amount of recreation, Mrs. Stickler delays having her own work done if a boy can earn some cash money elsewhere.

Though she herself only had a ninth grade education, Mrs. Stickler wants to do all she can to help deserving students get an education at their State University.

Coed Invades "Man's
Field" at U. W. and
Makes Good in Big Way

A young girl student is invading what is ordinarily considered to be a "man's profession" at the University of Wisconsin, and she is making good in a big way.

The girl in the case is Miss Mary Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Anderson, 151 Lathrop st., Madison. Working at the honor rate in her studies in chemical engineering, Miss Anderson is the only girl student to be named to the freshman engineering honor list at the University of Wisconsin this year. The honor list includes the names of 51 other students, all of them boys.

Miss Anderson is studying for a degree in chemical engineering, which is generally thought of as almost exclusively a man's field. Other members of her class are all boys, but the grades which she earned for her work during her first year in the State University last year were so high that she now finds her name among those of the 51 boys who worked at either the honor or high honor rate in their freshman engineering classes last year.

Finds Studies Interesting

Miss Anderson earned a grade average of better than "good" to make the freshman engineering honor list, and now that she has found herself able to work at the honor rate in chemical engineering, she is more determined than ever to become a chemical engineer. Explaining that she has always been interested in scientific subjects, Miss Anderson said that she found chemical engineering a very interesting course of study.

"I've always been interested in chemistry, physics, and mathematics," she said. "While a little girl I used to play with toy chemical instruments. At high school I took a year of chemistry and liked it very much. A month before entering the University of Wisconsin I made up my mind I would enroll in the engineering school, and I was given permission to do so. I've been to all of my classes ever since. Although I must spend many hours on my studies, I find them all to my liking."

Advises Others to Enroll

Interested in writing, Mary will soon join the staff of the Wisconsin Engineer, student magazine of the college of engineering. She was asked to write a column this year, but refused the privilege because of her heavy schedule. Next semester she expects her school work to be somewhat lighter and then she hopes to find time to work on the magazine, she said.

Mary is the third girl who has studied chemical engineering at Wisconsin. The other two were Margaret Donnelly and Margaret Bardelson. Both have graduated. The most illustrious of Wisconsin women engineers is Emily Hahn, a graduate of civil engineering several years ago, who became a girl explorer and wrote a book of her experiences.

Mary likes her engineering work so much that she advised other girls to enter the field "if they are interested in it." She entered the State University in 1935 from Madison West high school, where she also earned honors for her work.

on various sizes of models of structures now used in the permanent control of gully erosion in projects of Wisconsin and other states. The three-year program of experimentation on erosion problems was made possible by funds from the University of Wisconsin college of engineering experiment station and federal government agencies.

U. W. Debaters Meet
Big 10 Opponents in
Debates This Week

Two University of Wisconsin varsity debate squads will open their Western Conference (Big Ten) competition, Thursday and Friday of this week, Dec. 10 and 11, as they oppose the University of Illinois and Ohio University debate teams in contests at Urbana, Ill., at Madison.

On Thursday the Badger negative squad will travel to Urbana to meet Illinois. The negative group is made up of John Dietrich, Madison, Cyril Hager, Marshfield, and Ed Wilkie, Madison, son of Pres. Harold M. Wilkie of the State University board of regents.

On Friday, the Badger affirmative trio composed of Robert Gunderson, Madison, Jack Eisendrath, Milwaukee, and Byron Johnson, Oconomowoc, faces Ohio in Music hall auditorium on the Wisconsin campus. Several hundred high school debaters from various Wisconsin communities will attend.

The question used in the debates is "Resolved, that all electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated."

No-decision practice debates with Minnesota, Northwestern, and Marquette University were held during the past week in preparation for the Big Ten tilts. Coaches for the Wisconsin varsity debate squad are Professors Andrew T. Weaver and Henry L. Ewbank, of the speech department.

Alumni to Celebrate "Founders'
Day" of State U. in February

Alumni of the University of Wisconsin who are scattered throughout state and nation will celebrate the 87th birthday of the State University early in February with a nationwide Founders' Day radio broadcast, it was announced this week by John Berge, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Alumni association.

Mr. Berge has made arrangements with National Broadcasting company officials in New York for a half-hour of time over an NBC coast-to-coast radio network during an evening early in February. The definite date for the broadcast has not yet been set, but it will be on a date as close as possible to Feb. 5, which is the University of Wisconsin's designated "Founders' Day."

Famed Alumni to Speak

With the definite date for the broadcast not yet definitely set, only tentative plans have been made for the program, Mr. Berge said. It is planned, however, to make the radio program somewhat similar to the nation-wide Wisconsin alumni broadcast of last April, when prominent alumni in Madison, New York, and Hollywood, Calif., gave short talks, and the University student concert band under the direction of Prof. Raymond F. Dvorak furnished the music.

At the same time that the coast-to-coast radio program goes on the air from Madison, thousands of loyal Wisconsin alumni in communities throughout the state and in metropolitan centers throughout the nation will be gathered at dinner meetings in celebration of Founders' Day, and will "tune in" on the alumni radio program, Mr. Berge said.

The radio program will originate from the Memorial Union building on

The Next Congress

Helps U. W. Freshman Win
Campus Speaking Contest

Edward J. Samp, Madison first year student at the University of Wisconsin, is the winner of the annual freshman extemporaneous speaking contest at the State University. The subject of his speech was: "The Next Congress."

Douglas Pledger, Madison, and Leon Epstein, Beaver Dam, finished in a deadlock for second place. Pledger's topic was "This Business of Housing," while Epstein gave "Italy and Ethiopia."

The other contestants in the finals and the topics they spoke on were: Quentin Barnes, Oshkosh, "Compulsory Auto Insurance"; Thomas Faust, Antigo, "Fascism in Spain"; Homer Gensley, Janesville, "What Influences Public Opinion; Virginia Butth, Mayville, "Labor at the Crossroads;" Dale Randolph, West Allis, "This Business of Passing and Failing Students;" and John Zimmerman, Neillsville, "A Commoner as Queen?"

Judges for the contest were Dr. Robert West, Robert Oliver, and Virgil Anderson, all of the University's department of speech. A gold cup will be presented to Samp by the University student forensic board, sponsors of the contest, at the forensic board banquet next spring.

NYA Brings Over
\$19,000 Monthly to
1,185 U. Students

Aiding 1,185 students to earn part of their expenses while getting an education, the National Youth Administration program of the University of Wisconsin is paying out more than \$19,000 each month to 995 undergraduate and 230 graduate students, it was revealed this week by Harry Harder, assistant University accountant in charge of the NYA payroll.

Those who were unable to secure NYA jobs during the current semester found other work through the Student Employment bureau, directed by Miss Alice King, and comparatively few students have been forced to leave school because of inability to get work.

Although many persons who applied for NYA were not placed, there is a possibility that about 100 persons will be added to the payroll at the start of the second semester. This addition is made possible when students now having NYA jobs, drop out of school, graduate, or are unable to keep up in their school work. The federal NYA rules require a 1.5 grade point average for undergraduates and a 2 point record for graduate students. Last year more than 100 NYA jobs became available to students at end of first semester.

This year's NYA program is the largest in the school's history since government student-aid projects were introduced in the form of CWA in 1934. The present program is not only beneficial to students but also to the various State University departments as, with rare exception, the projects are designed along technical, educational or professional lines.

the State University campus, when a huge Founders' Day dinner will be held. Then the program will be switched, through the facilities of the National Broadcasting company, to alumni dinners being held in other cities of the country, including the east and west coasts, to pick up talks to be given by other famous Wisconsin alumni.

87th Birthday of U. W.

The University of Wisconsin's Founder's Day this year celebrates the 87th anniversary of the opening of the State University's first class on Feb. 5, 1850, under the supervision of the University's first professor, John W. Sterling. The first class consisted of 20 students, and its meeting place was rented, red brick building erected in 1847 for the Madison "Female Academy." The rectangular structure consisted of only two stories. Each side had 11 windows and a door, and the front and rear boasted a large door plus five windows. A board fence outlined the dimensions of the school grounds.

When Prof. Sterling opened the first class, he did not lecture to a true collegiate audience. While a college of arts, literature, and science had been organized by board of regents action in January, 1849, no students were found qualified to enter, and so the pupils were all given a preparatory course of instruction on payment of \$20 tuition.

Today, the State University's 10,500 students go to their classes in an institution of several colleges and many departments, housed in more than 100 buildings, and do their studies under the supervision of a comprehensive faculty body whose fame has placed the University of Wisconsin in the front rank of American colleges and universities.

List U. W. Students
With Highest Marks
In First Two Years

Good Work Allows Students
to Do Advanced Independent Work

The names of 42 undergraduate students who, because of the near-perfect work they accomplished in their studies during their first two years in the University of Wisconsin, will be allowed to do independent advanced work during the remainder of their State University careers, were revealed recently in an announcement of the University's Graduate committee sent to all undergraduate advisers.

In its announcement, the Graduate committee explains that it is interested in seeing that students who might profit from such opportunities as are afforded by advanced independent work have them called to their attention, and asks the cooperation of the faculty advisers if any of the students who have done near-perfect work during their freshman and sophomore years should come to them for help in planning their work.

Only five of the 42 students who have thus been indirectly cited for their excellent work in their University studies made perfect grades during their first two years on the campus by earning a straight A average in all of their courses of study. Of the total number cited, 28 are men students and 14 are women. All are from Wisconsin homes.

The five who secured perfect grades during their first two years in the University are: Ruth M. Dudley, Janet M. Nelson, Elizabeth H. Teckemeyer, all of Madison; Charles Story, Kenosha; and Eva C. Petersen, Racine.

The other students, all of whom secured a 2.6 grade-point average or higher during their first four semesters in the State University, ending June, 1936, are as follows:

Annette Alexander, Lake Mills; Arthur Bridge, Jr., South Milwaukee; Elinore M. Buehler, Stoutland; Lauren F. Brush, Antigo; Phyllis M. Claus, Mauston; John E. Conway, Spring Valley; George M. Hayes, Rice Lake; Joyce M. Jaeger, Marinette; Frank E. Keller, Berlin; Hyman S. Robock, Berlin; Howard R. Kelly, Mineral Point; Corinne E. McMullen, Antigo; John T. Mathiesen, Eau Claire.

Norman Paulsen, New Holstein; Albert A. Pavlic, Racine; Edward L. Perry, Sturgeon Bay; Russell Peterson, Portage; Richard K. Showman, Kenosha; Martin M. Tank, West Allis; Harold C. Younggreen, Monticello.

From Madison: George I. Caine, Maurice Door, Thomas E. Hughes, Warren Meier, Adelaide G. Ogilvie, Jean L. Paunack, Lawrence E. Rocca, Phyllis W. Stewart, Hallie Lou Whitefield, Horace W. Wilkie.

From Milwaukee: Joseph B. Casagrande, Jack S. Chudnoff, Howard A. Eder, Theresa M. Fein, Robert C. Gehrz, Kenneth M. Kupper, Raymond Waisman.

Youthful American
Ski Marvel Enrolls
in State University

With snow, ski-slides, and zero weather now in the public's mind, and as sports-minded persons at the University of Wisconsin turn to the winter season, attention has suddenly been centered on young Paul Bietila, sensational 17-year-old ski jumper from Ishpeming, Michigan.

Paul, who enrolled as a freshman at the State University this fall, has announced that he will represent Wisconsin this January in the Intercollegiate Winter Games at Lake Placid, when American college winter sports champions will be determined.

The Ishpeming youngster was acclaimed last winter by sports writers and winter sports experts as one of the outstanding American skiers today, following his spectacular wins over some of the finest class "A" and senior skiers in the United States. His age and his size made him a short-odd underdog last year, but this winter Paul will be headlined, and feared at the same time, by every old-timer in the "ski-yomping" business.

In addition to his skiing, Bietila reported to the State University freshman football and boxing squads, and will try out for the yearling baseball team in the spring. If Bietila's brilliance on the ski-slides can be matched on the gridiron, in the ring, and on the diamond, Wisconsin may have another Rollie Williams, famous Badger four-sports star of bygone days.

Paul will compete this winter and thereafter under the colors of the University of Wisconsin Hoofers club, a student sports organization on the Badger campus, and will coach the ski team in jumping, slalom-racing, and cross-country skiing.

American Olympic committeemen have been keeping their eyes on the youthful Finn for the 1940 winter Olympic games at Tokyo, Japan, and it may be that Wisconsin will be represented in the next Olympics. Paul's brother, Walter, was number six man on the 1936 American Olympic ski team.