

Eighth
West Point
National Invitational
Debate Tournament

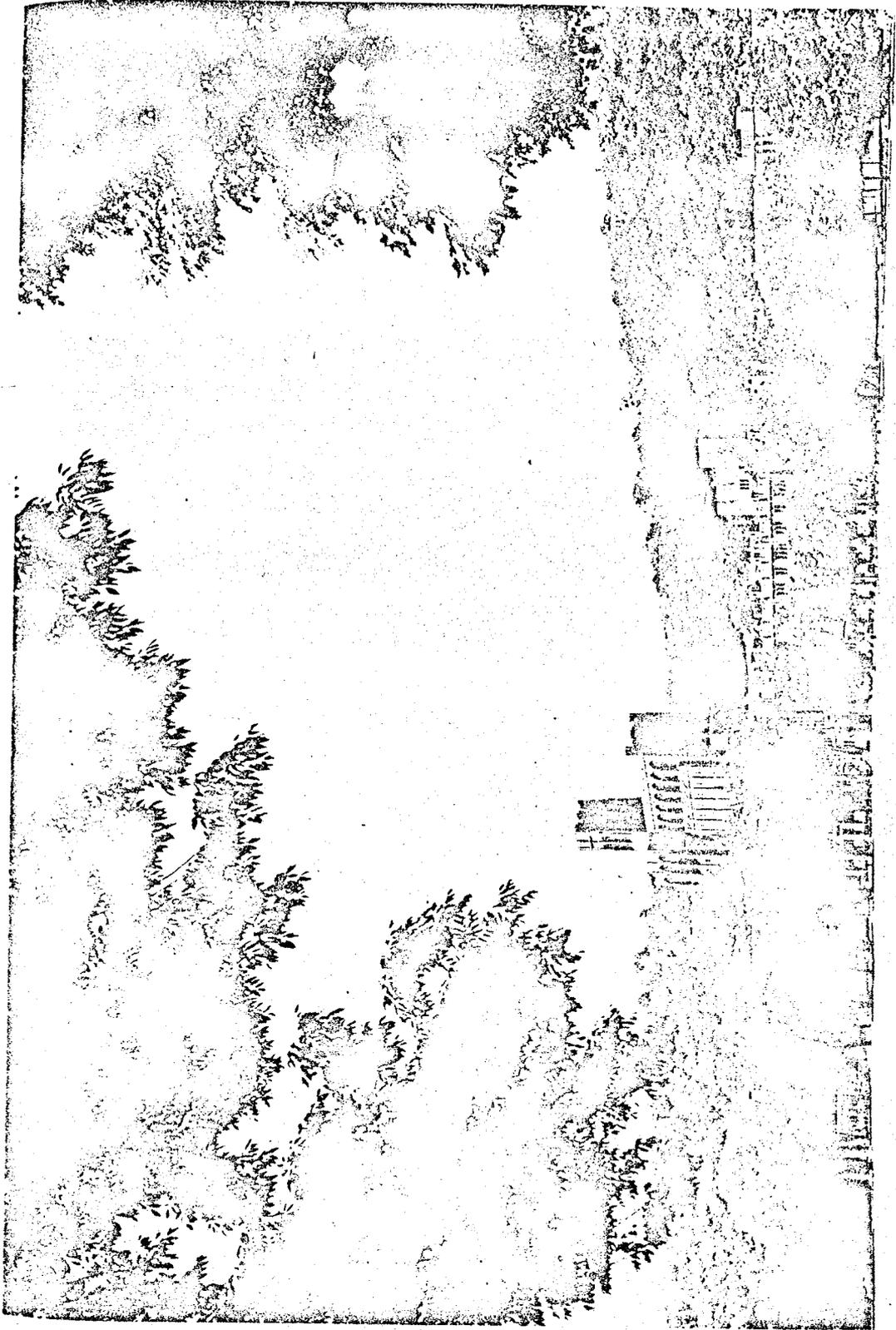
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THE WEST POINT DEBATE COUNCIL
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
West Point, New York



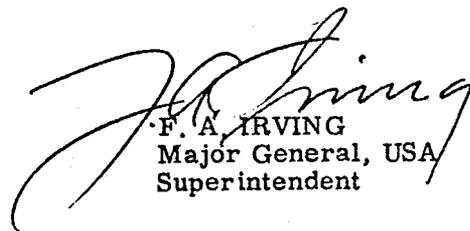
FOREWORD

The cadets and officers of the United States Military Academy are especially happy to welcome the students and faculty members participating in the Eighth West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament.

During the past year leaders in forensics have given generously of their valuable time to perform the pre-tournament tasks that enable us to assemble outstanding debate teams from all parts of the country. During the tournament team coaches and visiting speech professors will be responsible for judging the encounters that will take place. To these individuals and the student debaters we express our gratitude for making this tournament possible.

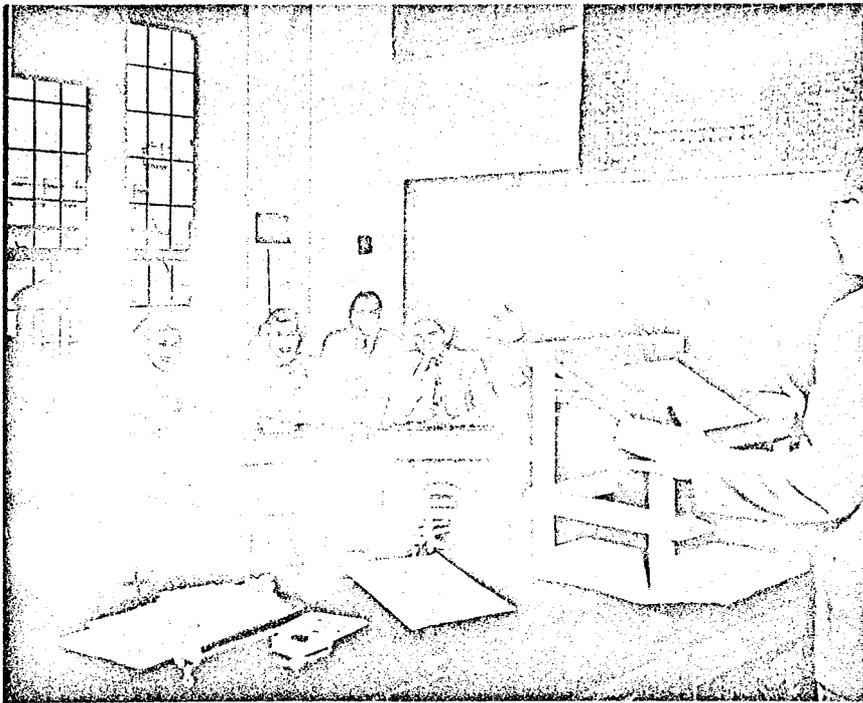
Although the obvious purpose of this tournament is to select a champion, we at West Point feel that this is your tournament and as such the more important purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for the communication of ideas among the students and faculty of the colleges and universities represented. We hope also that your visit will make you more familiar with the aims and methods of the Military Academy.

Immediate hosts for the tournament are the more than six hundred cadet members of the West Point Debate Council and Forum, an activity sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences. On their behalf I express the hope that your visit will be pleasant and educational.


F. A. IRVING
Major General, USA
Superintendent



The Larmon Trophy is inspected in Grant Hall



A debate gets underway during the Tournament

THE WEST POINT TOURNAMENT

The West Point Tournament is the result of suggestions made in 1946 by Eastern debate coaches attending an invitational tournament at West Point. The suggestion of this group was passed on by the West Point Debate Council to over a thousand colleges and universities to determine their opinions on extending the West Point Invitational Tournament to include the entire nation. The response to our question was overwhelming approval. The first West Point National Invitational Tournament was held in April, 1947; 1954 marks the eighth year of this tournament.

The tournament is composed of thirty-four teams, including a host team, a team from the school which won the tournament the previous year and thirty-two teams from eight districts. Any college or university in the U. S. is eligible to enter a team if selected by its district committee. Local conditions and the judgement of the district committeemen determine the method of team selection. Since nominations must be received by the West Point Debate Council by April 1st, the district committees begin work the preceding fall. On the basis of an exhaustive statistical study, which included such factors as the number of schools, student population, the ratio of students to representation, demonstrated interest in debating in general and past performances in the West Point Tournament, a reapportionment of teams in the eight districts was made in 1953. The apportionment of teams for this year's tournament is the same as for 1953.

The National Question will be debated this year. The tournament procedure is relatively simple and effective. During the eight seeding rounds teams are paired first by lot, then by a win-loss basis. The highest sixteen teams are then selected for the elimination rounds. There are three judges used for each debate during the seeding rounds, five for the eliminations, and nine for the finals. Speech instructors from the Eastern United States assist visiting coaches in judging.

Individual prizes have been awarded to the outstanding participants in past years. This year watches will be awarded with the compliments of the Elgin National Watch Company to the two highest speakers in the seeding rounds, and to the four finalists. The winning team is awarded the Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy. This trophy was given to the Military Academy seven years ago with the understanding that it would be a continuing award.

West Point National Debate Tournament Schedule#

Wednesday, 21 April

PM 1:00 - 6:00

Registration, Housing and Sightseeing
Report to Grant Hall - Tournament Headquarters

6:15 Supper*

7:45 Movie (cadets will escort those desiring to attend.
Please assemble at Grant Hall.)

Thursday, 22 April

AM 7:15 - 8:15

Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30

Welcome by Superintendent
Orientation by Cadet Chairman (Room 408, West
Academic Building)

10:00

Seeding Round One (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)

12:00

Dinner

PM 12:50

Seeding Round Two-A - Optional tour of the post for
those in Round Two-B (Report to Grant Hall for
pairings and tour)

2:05

Seeding Round Two-B - Optional tour of the post for
those in Round Two-A (Report to Grant Hall for
pairings and tour)

4:15

Seeding Round Three (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)

6:15

Supper

7:30

Seeding Round Four (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)

9:00

Student, Coach and Judge Reception - Weapons Room

Friday, 23 April

AM 7:00

Breakfast

7:45

Seeding Round Five (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)

9:00

Coffee - Grant Hall - Tournament pictures

10:30

Seeding Round Six (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)

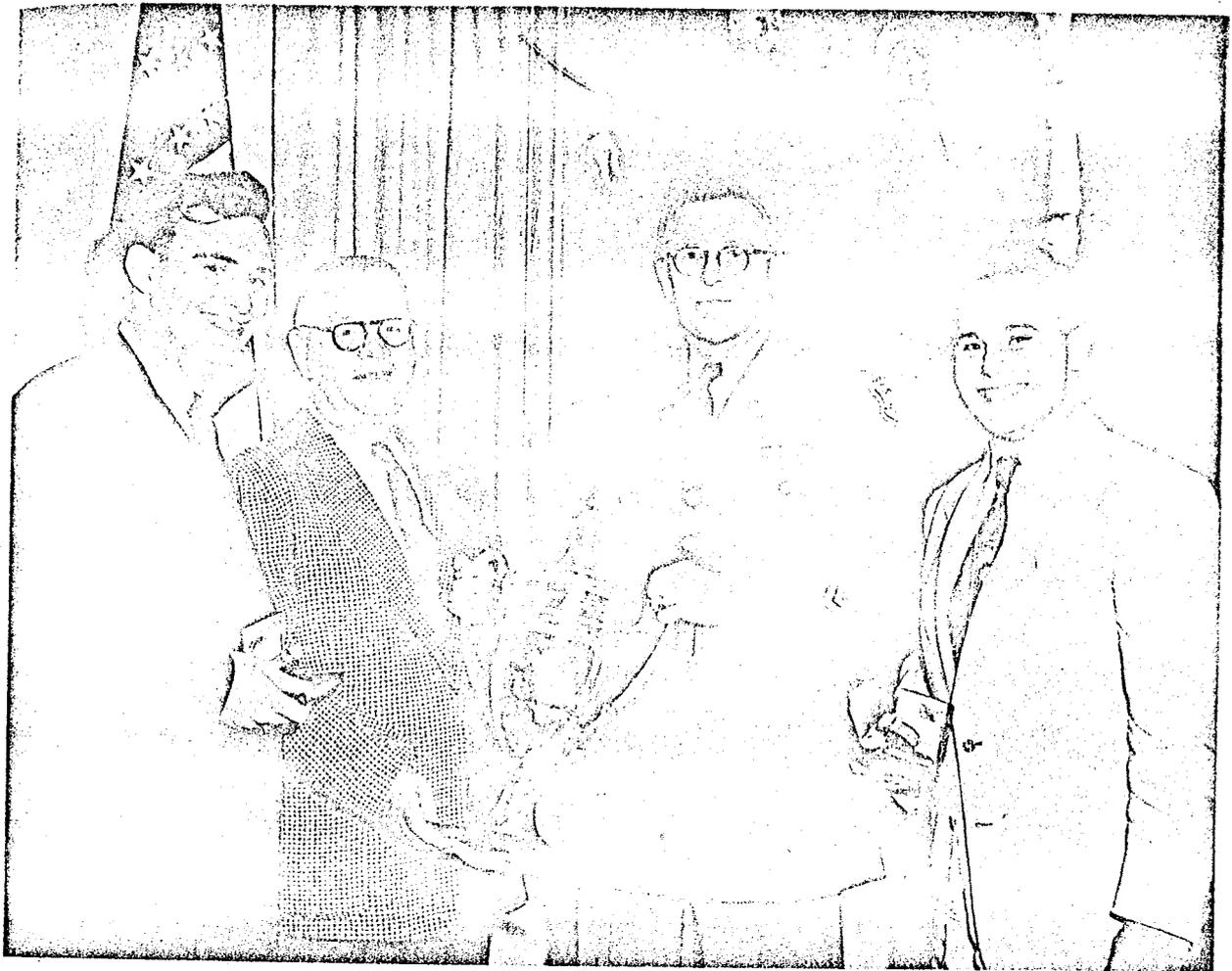
12:00

Dinner

PM	12:50	Seeding <u>Round Seven-A</u> - Optional Museum tour for Round <u>Seven-B</u> (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	2:05	Seeding <u>Round Seven-B</u> - Optional Museum tour for Round <u>Seven-A</u> (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	4:30	Seeding <u>Round Eight</u> (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	7:00	Banquet, Ballroom, Cullum Hall Oratorical Contest. Announcements of finalists and individual speakers awards.
	9:00	Coaches and Judges Soiree - Pershing Room, Cullum Hall
Saturday, 24 April		
AM	7:45	Breakfast
	8:30	<u>Qualifying Round</u> (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	10:30	<u>Quarter Finals</u> (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	12:00	Dinner
PM	1:00	Review of the Corps of Cadets (weather permitting) Assemble in Grant Hall.
	1:55	<u>Semi-Finals</u> (Report to Grant Hall for pairings)
	3:45	<u>Finals</u> - Presentation of Trophy and awards (Report to Grant Hall)
	6:15	Supper
	9:00	Formal Cadet Dance

Debate teams, coaches and judges should arrive at Grant Hall for each round no later than the times indicated.

* Please see page 12 for details concerning all meals.



Colonel Herman Beukema, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, presenting the Larmon Trophy to the University of Miami team, winners of the 1953 National Tournament. Individual winners will again receive watches with the compliments of the Elgin National Watch Company.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

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| 1947 | Southeastern State College |
| 1948 | North Texas State Teachers College |
| 1949 | The University of Alabama |
| 1950 | The University of Vermont |
| 1951 | The University of Redlands |
| 1952 | The University of Redlands |
| 1953 | The University of Miami |

DISTRICT COMMITTEES
1954

DISTRICT I
Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah

Chairman - Professor Anthony Hillbruner, Stanford University
Professor John W. Ackley, San Diego State College
Professor Edward S. Betz, College of Pacific
Professor Norman W. Freestone, Occidental College
Professor Lawrence Mouat, San Jose State College
Professor Upton Palmer, Santa Barbara College of Univ.
of California

DISTRICT II
Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming

Chairman - Professor Erwin H. Schwiebert, The College of Idaho
Professor Herman Cohen, University of Oregon
Professor A. C. Hingston, Pacific University
Professor Wayne Hoogestraat, Idaho State College
Professor Theodore Karl, Pacific Lutheran
Professor Paul Rosser, Seattle Pacific College
Professor W. H. Veatch, Washington State College

DISTRICT III
Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Chairman - Professor D. J. Nabors, East Central State College, Oklahoma
Professor Waldo W. Braden, Louisiana State University
Professor L. R. Breniman, Arkansas University
Professor Glen R. Capp, Baylor University
Professor Joe C. Jackson, Central State College, Oklahoma
Professor P. Merville Larson, Texas Tech.
Professor Roy D. Murphy, Southwest Louisiana Institute

DISTRICT IV
Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska,
North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Chairman - Professor T. F. Nelson, St. Olaf College
Professor H. L. Ahrendts, Nebraska State Teachers, Kearney
Professor A. R. Christensen, South Dakota State College
Professor Sara Hawkinson, Midland College, Nebraska
Professor Charles Masten, Kansas State Teachers, Emporia
Professor Grace Walsh, Wisconsin State, Eau Claire
Professor Arthur White, Ripon College, Wisconsin

DISTRICT V

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio

Chairman - Professor Wayne Thompson, University of Illinois, Chicago
Professor Paul Carmack, Ohio State University
Professor H. L. Ewbank, Jr., Purdue University
Professor Martin J. Holcomb, Augustana College
Professor James N. Holm, Kent State University
Professor M. Harold Mikle, Alma College
Professor L. E. Norton, Bradley University

DISTRICT VI

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi,
North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

Chairman - Professor M. G. Christophersen, University of South Carolina
Professor Harvey Cromwell, Miss. State College for Women
Professor Douglas Ehninger, University of Florida
Professor Dorothy Melzer, Georgetown College, Kentucky
Professor Gregg Phifer, Florida State
Professor Herman Pinkerton, Tennessee Tech.
Professor Donald Sprague, University of Miami

DISTRICT VII

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey,
Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia

Chairman - Professor George F. Henigan, George Washington University
Professor Malthon M. Anapol, West Virginia University
Professor Thomas A. Hopkins, Mt. Mercy College
Professor Gerard J. Murphy, S. J., St. Peter's College
Professor John R. Probert, U. S. Naval Academy
Professor Joseph F. O'Brien, Pennsylvania State College

DISTRICT VIII

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,
New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

Chairman - Professor John V. Neale, Dartmouth College
Professor John Foxen, University of Connecticut
Professor Austin Freeley, Boston University
Professor Robert Huber, University of Vermont
Professor Stanley Kinney, Colgate University
Lieutenant Victor Lugowski, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation has been arranged for you during your stay at West Point. Please see the mimeographed detailed schedule of bus runs. In an emergency, when you require transportation to or from a debate activity, please call 5225 or 21105. For personal transportation off the post you may call A. Bosch Taxi Co. at 9-4520 or 9-4588.

PARKING

If you brought your own car, we suggest that you leave it in the vicinity of the hotel. If you are staying in Washington Hall leave your car on Clinton Field (your cadet escort will direct you). This is deemed advisable because the shortage of parking places in the central part of the Post makes it necessary for the Provost Marshal to require rigid compliance with parking restrictions (both as to location and time limits).

MEALS

MEN STUDENTS:

Meals will be served in the Cadet Dining Hall at the following times; please enter through the main Dining Hall Door:

BREAKFAST..... 7:15 A. M.

DINNER..... 12:00 P. M.

SUPPER..... 6:15 P. M.

WOMEN STUDENTS AND ALL OFFICIALS:

Meals will be served at the West Point Army Mess (Officer's Mess) as follows:

BREAKFAST..... 7:15 A. M.

DINNER (male coaches dine
with their team in Cadet
Dining Hall)..... 12:00 P. M.

SUPPER..... 6:15 P. M.

If male faculty members care to have breakfast with their team members in the Cadet Dining Hall, they are requested to notify Tournament Headquarters the night before.

TEAM MATCHING AND JUDGE SELECTION

Because of the close time schedule required to complete all debates, it is requested that all participants, judges, and faculty members refrain from visiting the statistics and matching room. In the interest of expediency and fairness the statisticians will not be allowed to give information to anyone. Persons desiring to visit the statistics room are invited to do so after 1030 o'clock 24 April.

In general, these rules will govern team matchings in the eight seeding rounds:

1. No team debates the same team twice.
2. No team debates a team from its own district.
3. Teams debate opposite sides of question an equal number of times.
4. Teams alternate sides from round to round.
5. Teams are matched according to win-loss record.

Criteria for assigning judges are as follows:

1. No judge judges a team from his own district. (No officers judge West Point Team.)
2. No judge judges the same team twice, unless absolutely necessary and then on the opposite side.
3. When it is necessary to assign one judge instead of three:
 - a. Teams with the best records are given three (3) judges.
 - b. A team may be required to have a single judge only twice.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 21 April

P. M. 3:45 Tennis - Manhattan College
4:00 Baseball - Lafayette College

Thursday, 22 April

P. M. 12:50 Tour of Post, Group B - Assemble Grant Hall
2:10 Tour of Post, Group A - Assemble Grant Hall
9:00 Student, Coach, and Judges Reception - Weapons Room

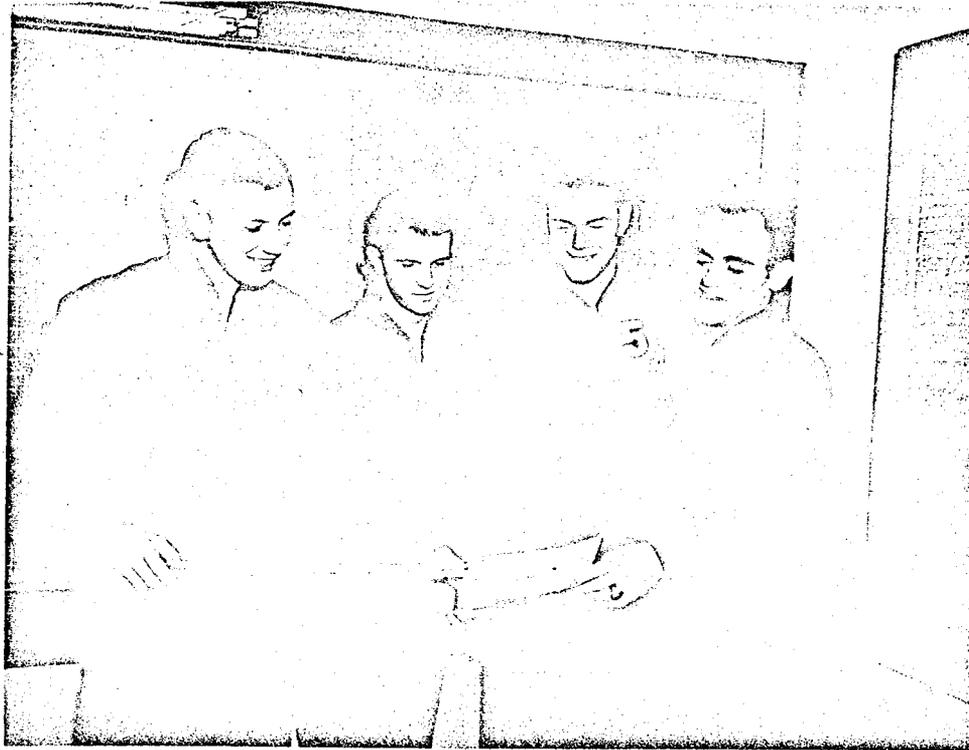
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A. M. 9:00 Coffee, Publicity Photographs - Grant Hall

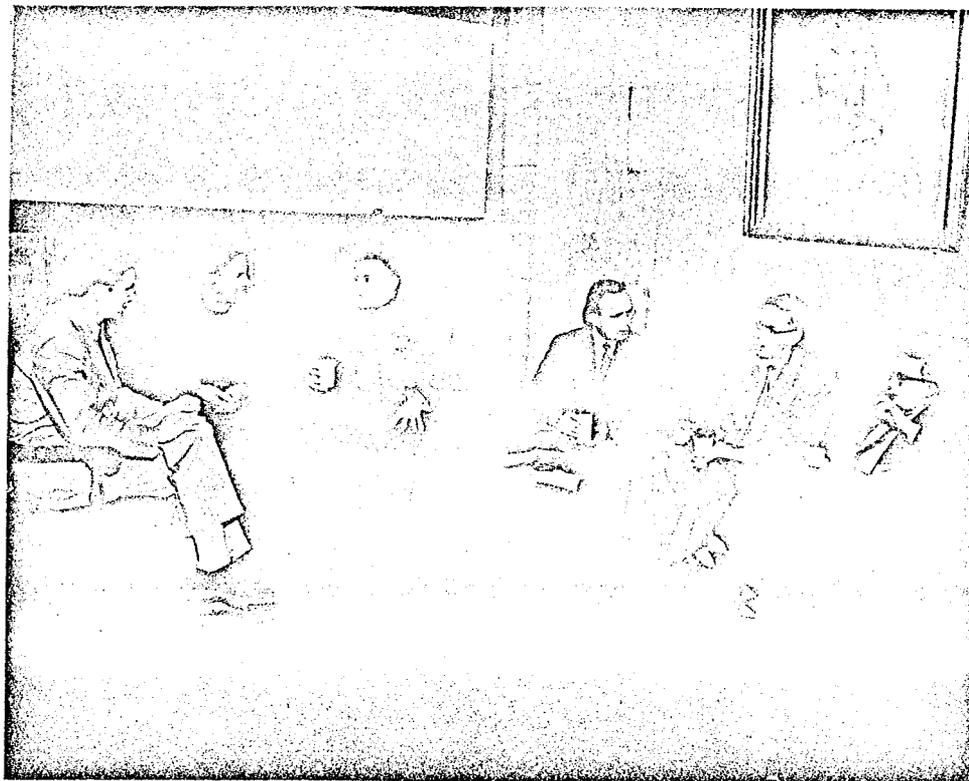
P. M. 12:50 Tour of Museum, Group B - Assemble Grant Hall
2:10 Tour of Museum, Group A - Assemble Grant Hall
7:00 Banquet - Cullum Hall
9:00 Coaches and Judges Soiree

Saturday, 24 April

P. M. 1:00 Review of the Corps of Cadets - Assemble Grant Hall
2:30 Lacrosse (JV) - Philadelphia Lacrosse Club
2:30 Tennis - Dartmouth College
9:00 Formal Cadet Dance



The Tournament Control Room



Coffee time in Grant Hall

WEST POINT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT 1954

<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE		
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES		
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON		
WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE		
CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE, OKLAHOMA		
LOUISIANA COLLEGE		
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON		
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO		
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER		
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS		
NEBRASKA WESLEYAN		
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE		
WISCONSIN STATE, EAU CLAIRE		
AUGUSTANA COLLEGE		
ILLINOIS COLLEGE		
ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL		
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY		
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO		
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA		
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA		
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI		
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA		
WAKE FOREST COLLEGE		
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY		
HOWARD UNIVERSITY		
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA		
WILKES COLLEGE		
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE		
HARVARD UNIVERSITY		
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE		
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE		
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT		
ARMY		

WEST POINT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT 1953
(SEEDING ROUNDS)

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>WINS</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>
ARMY	7	1
AUGUSTANA	*Holcomb, Anderson, Swanson	7 1
WIS. STATE, EAU CLAIRE	*Walsh, Reidy, Gerner	7 1
U. ILLINOIS, CHICAGO	*Thompson, Sperling, Insalata	6 2
OKLAHOMA STATE	Henderson, Cornwell	6 2
VERMONT	*Helgeson, Spire, Kearney	6 2
ALABAMA	*Hagoode, Lusk, Havens	5 3
KANSAS STATE	*Masten, Demo, Matheny	5 3
FLORIDA	*Constans, Olian, Sands	5 3
LOUISIANA	*Carter, Clark, Hall	5 3
**MIAMI	*Sprague, Kogan, Perlmutter	5 3
WAKE FOREST	*Shirley, Moorefield, Mauney	5 3
HOLY CROSS	*Murphy, McNulty, O'Connor	4 4
HOUSTON	*Walter, Burris, Kilgarlin	4 4
KANSAS	*Griffin, Swander, Hopkins	4 4
MICHIGAN STATE	*David, Hyman, Steele	4 4
MIDLAND	*Hawkinson, Scherer, Hefner	4 4
PEPPERDINE	*Reid, *Ford, Cheves, Snyder	4 4
SAN DIEGO	*Ackley, Strauss, Weston	4 4
ST. JOHN'S	*Westhof, Glenn, Kelly	4 4
ST. MARTIN'S	Hafer, Donaldson	4 4
BAYLOR	*Capp, Slatton, Brown	3 5
GENESE	*Daniel, Voorhes, Regan	3 5
IDAHO STATE	*Issacson, Peterson, Judd	3 5
KING'S POINT	*Lugowski, Borrison, Guscott	3 5
NOTRE DAME	*Sommer, Daughtery, Hank	3 5
PITTSBURGH	*Ditty, Reuben, Lippert	3 5
PRINCETON	*Austin, Sidel, Webber	3 5
WEST VIRGINIA	*Anapol, Stewart, Welden	3 5
MT. MERCY	*Hopkins, Haney, Schmidt	2 6
ST. OLAF'S	*Nelson, Erdahl, Hardy	2 6
CASE	*McIntyre, Cavanaugh, Duryee	1 7
OCCIDENTAL	*Lindsay, Salsbury, Wise	1 7
ST. PETER'S	*Murphy, Allingham, Stevens	1 7

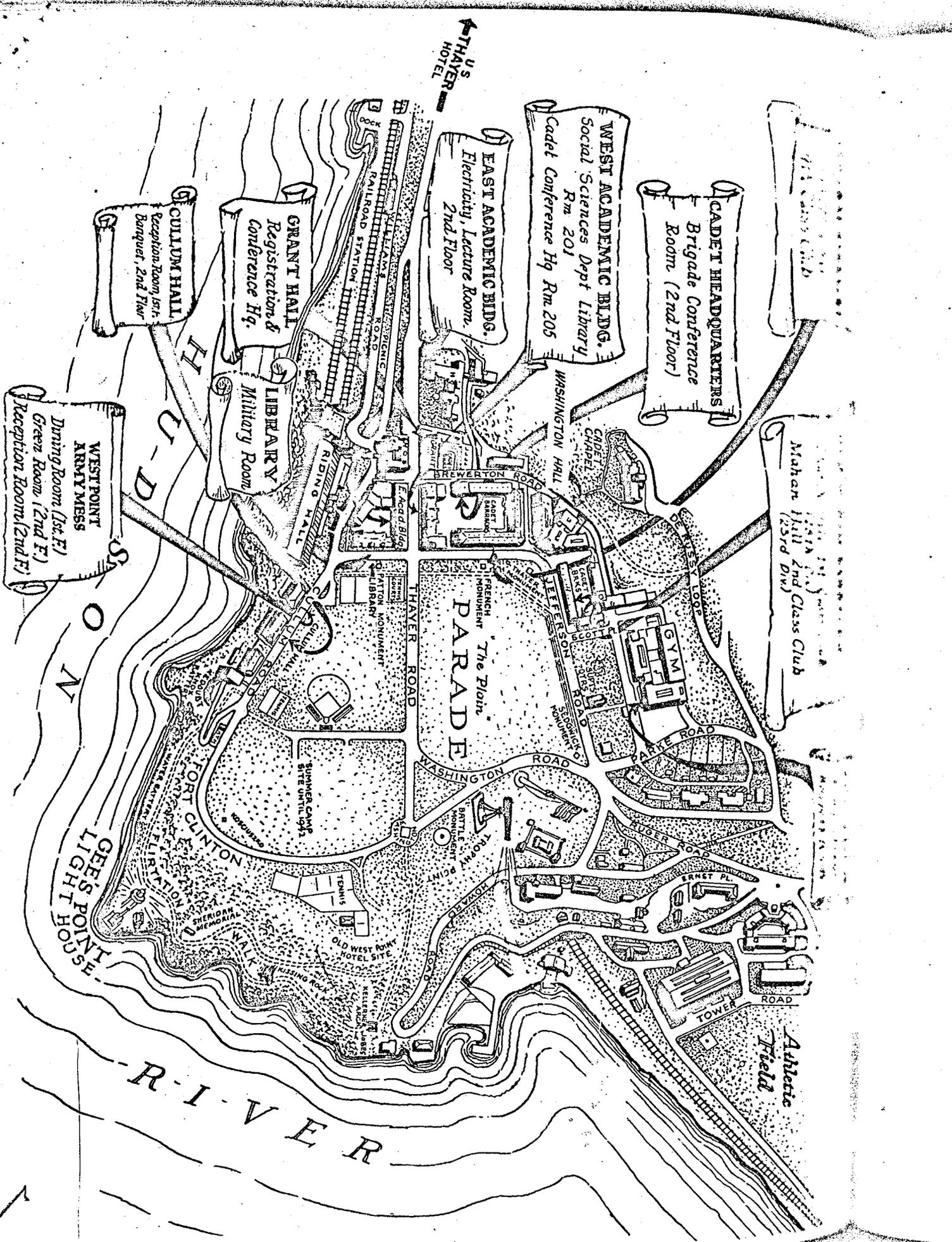
- Coach
- ** Tournament Winner
- † Finalist

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(SEEDING ROUNDS)

<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
UTAH	8	0
NEW MEXICO	7	1
ST. OLAF	7	1
*# REDLANDS	6	2
SAN DIEGO STATE	6	2
NEBRASKA WESLEYAN	6	2
ARMY	6	2
IDAHO	5	3
CENTRAL STATE	5	3
SOUTHERN METHODIST	5	3
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI	5	3
OHIO STATE	5	3
GEORGETOWN	5	3
#BAYLOR	4	4
PEPPERDINE	4	4
AUGUSTANA	4	4
FLORIDA	4	4
PENN STATE	4	4
HOLY CROSS	4	4
PACIFIC LUTHERAN	3	5
IOWA STATE	3	5
ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL	3	5
HIRAM	3	5
MIAMI	3	5
MISSISSIPPI	3	5
GEORGE WASHINGTON	3	5
SMITH	3	5
U of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	2	6
WILLAMETTE	2	6
WAKE FOREST	2	6
HOWARD	2	6
KINGS POINT	2	6
ILLINOIS U	1	7
WESLEYAN	1	7

Finalists

* Tournament Winner



U.S. THAYER HOTEL

CADET HEADQUARTERS
Brigade Conference Room (2nd Floor)

WEST ACADEMIC BLDG.
Social Sciences Dept Library
Rm 201
Cadet Conference Hq Rm 205

EAST ACADEMIC BLDG.
Electricity, Lecture Room,
2nd Floor

GRANT HALL
Registrations & Conference Hq.

CULLUM HALL
Reception Room, 1st Fl.
Banquet, 2nd Floor

LIBRARY
Military Room

WEST POINT ARMY MESS
Dining Room (1st Fl.)
Green Room (2nd Fl.)
Reception Room (2nd Fl.)

Mahan Hall (2nd Div.)
2nd Class Club

PARADE
The Plain

GEORGE'S POINT LIGHT HOUSE

Hudson RIVER

Athletic Field