

Sixth  
West Point  
National Invitational  
Debate Tournament

APRIL 23-26, 1952



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











FOREWORD

Once again the officers and cadets of the United States Military Academy extend a hearty welcome to the students and faculty members who will be our guests for the Sixth West Point National Debate Tournament in this Sesquicentennial Year of the Academy.

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In every part of the country, leaders in the forensic field <sup>gave</sup> have given generously of their valuable time to perform the necessary pre-tournament district tasks that enable <sup>them</sup> us to bring outstanding debate teams together for this event. During the tournament, team coaches and visiting speech professors will be <sup>carried</sup> carrying the responsible burden of judging the one hundred fifty ~~one~~ debates which will <sup>took</sup> take place <sup>that each year</sup> in the next three days. <sup>more than</sup> To these individuals and the student debaters <sup>with</sup> we <sup>are a great measure</sup> express our gratitude for making this tournament possible. <sup>of the success of this first decade</sup>

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While attempting to stimulate interest in debate <sup>ing</sup> and its allied fields, one purpose of this tournament is to select <sup>a</sup> the tournament winner. Although we do not feel justified in calling this team the national intercollegiate champion debate team, we do feel that the winner in a tournament of district champions, such as this, represents the survivor in competition that is open to any undergraduate collegiate debate team in the United States.

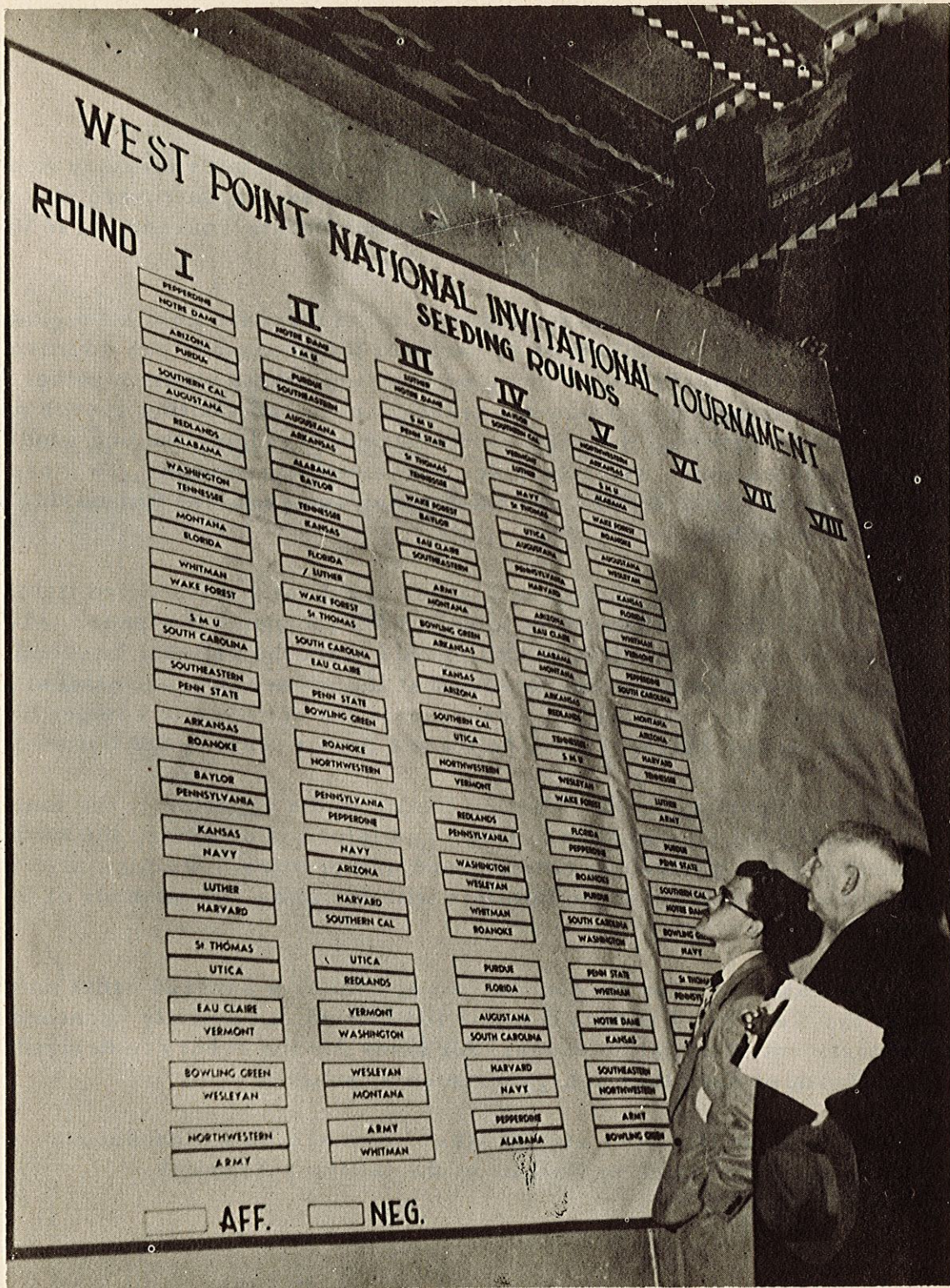
Just as important as the debating itself, is the opportunity the tournament provides for an exchange of ideas and information among the students and faculty of the thirty-four colleges and universities. We hope also that your visit will make you more familiar with the aims and methods of the Military Academy.

Immediate hosts for the tournament are the five hundred cadet members of the West Point Debate Council and Forum, an activity sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences. All funds for the event are derived from cadet dues and other non-governmental sources.

It is our hope that your stay at West Point will be a pleasant one, and that you will return often to visit us at the Military Academy.

Walter F. Ulmer, Jr.  
Co-Chairman, Sixth West Point  
Debate Tournament  
President, West Point Debate Council





Professor E. R. Nichols and University of Redlands debater studying the huge manning board



## 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; 1952 marks the sixth year of this tournament.

The tournament is composed of thirty-four teams including a West Point team, a team from the school which won the tournament the previous year and thirty-two teams, from eight districts. The districts are based upon student population, debating interest, and other regional data.

Any college or university in the U. S. is eligible to enter a team into the tournament if chosen by its district committee. Each of the eight district committees choose their own criteria for team eligibility. In 1951 six of the districts determined their selections by an intra-district tournament; in the remaining districts, committees asked schools interested in participating to submit their records of achievement in debate for consideration. Thus, local conditions and the judgement of the district committeemen determine the method of team selection.

Nominations must be received by the West Point Debate Council by April 1st, therefore the district committees begin work in the fall. Interested schools should contact their district chairman early in the year.

During the past five years different tournament procedures have been used. However, it has been decided to debate only the National Question this year. 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.

Six twenty-one jewel Bulova watches were awarded with the compliments of the Bulova Watch Company to tournament participants in 1951, two to the two highest speakers in the seeding rounds, and four to the finalists. In addition, the Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy (frontispiece) is awarded to the winning team. This trophy was given to the Military Academy five years ago with the understanding that it would be a continuing award.

This year, for the first time in the history of the tournament, the winners of last year's tournament, Redlands University, will be represented by the same debaters: James Wilson and Holt Spicer.





Standing: Cadets Ulmer and Mullane. Seated: Lt. Col. Robert F. McDermott, Lt. Col. Walter E. Brinker, Major Glenn Turner, Officers-in-Charge.

### THE TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION STAFF

The support of the Tournament comes indirectly from the entire Corps of Cadets, and more directly from the five hundred members of the West Point Debate Council. The main burden of responsibility and leadership rested with the following named Cadets:

- Tournament Co-Chairmen. . . . . Ulmer  
Mullane
- Assistant Chairman and Treasurer. . . . . Otis
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- Oratorical Contest. . . . . Youree
- Escorting. . . . . Hayes,
- Messing and Banquet. . . . . Shaw







6:15 Supper  
7:30 Seeding Round Four  
9:00 Student, Coach, and Judge Reception - Weapons  
Room

Friday, 25 April

AM 7:00 Breakfast  
7:45 Seeding Round Five  
9:00 Coffee - Grant Hall. PIO pictures  
10:20 Seeding Round Six  
12:00 Dinner  
PM 12:50 Seeding Round Seven-A - Optional Museum Tour  
for Round Seven-B  
2:10 Seeding Round Seven-B - Optional Museum Tour  
for Round Seven-A  
4:15 Seeding Round Eight  
6:30 Banquet, Cullum Hall. Oratorical Contest  
Announcement of finalists and speakers awards  
8:30 Coaches and Judges Soiree

Saturday, 26 April

AM 7:00 Breakfast  
7:45 Qualifying Round  
10:20 Quarter Finals  
12:00 Dinner  
PM 1:00 Parade of the Corps of Cadets. Assembly in Grant  
Hall  
2:00 Semi-Finals  
6:15 Supper  
7:30 Finals - Presentation of Trophy  
9:00 Formal Dance - Cullum Hall





The University of Redlands: West Point winner in 1951. Left to right: Lt. Col. W.E. Brinker, Mr. E.R. Nichols (coach), and James Wilson and Holt Spicer, with Academy Award watches given by the Bulova Watch Company and the Sigurd S. Larmon trophy.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

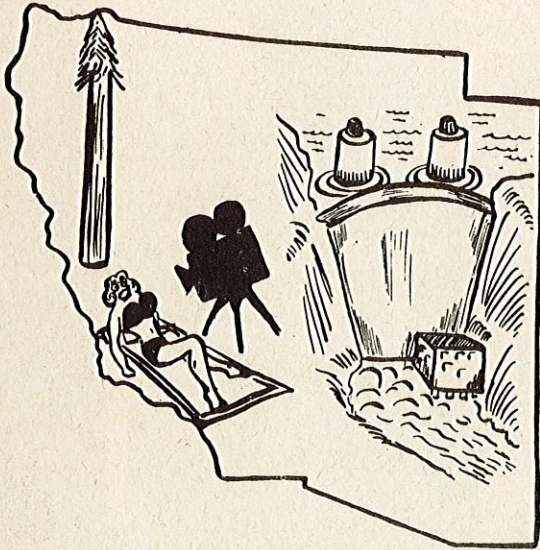
- 1947 - Southeastern State College
- 1948 - North Texas State Teachers College
- 1949 - The University of Alabama
- 1950 - The University of Vermont
- 1951 - The University of Redlands
- 1952 - ?



DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEES  
1952

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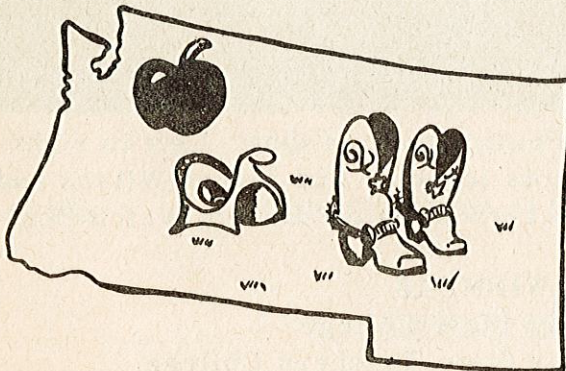
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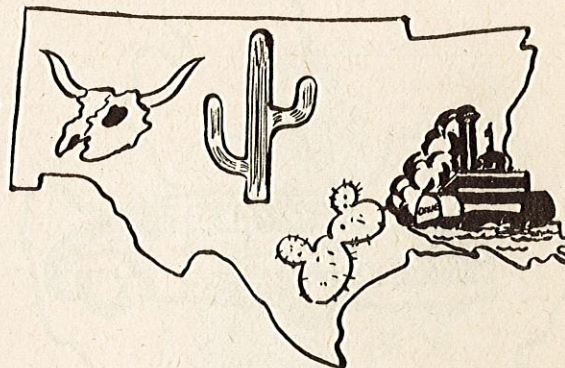
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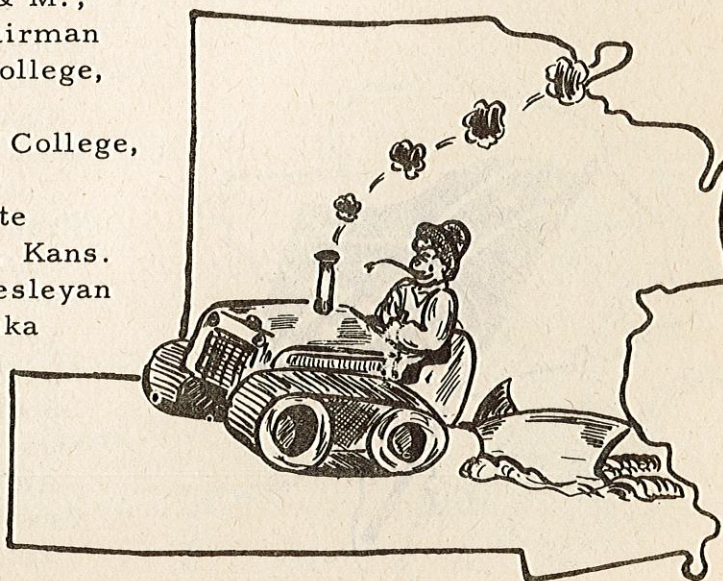
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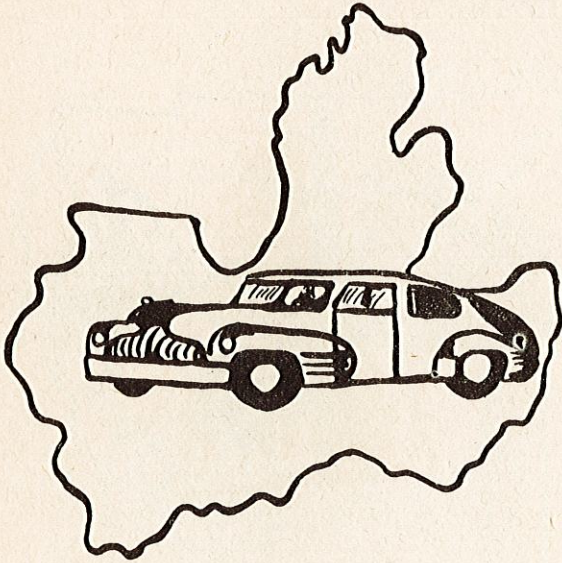
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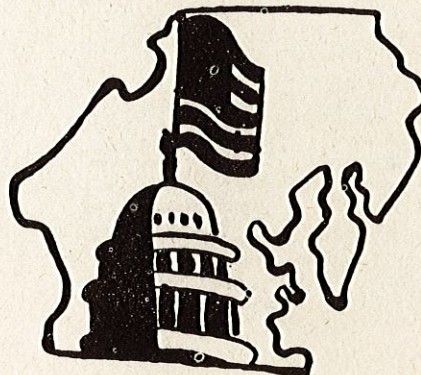
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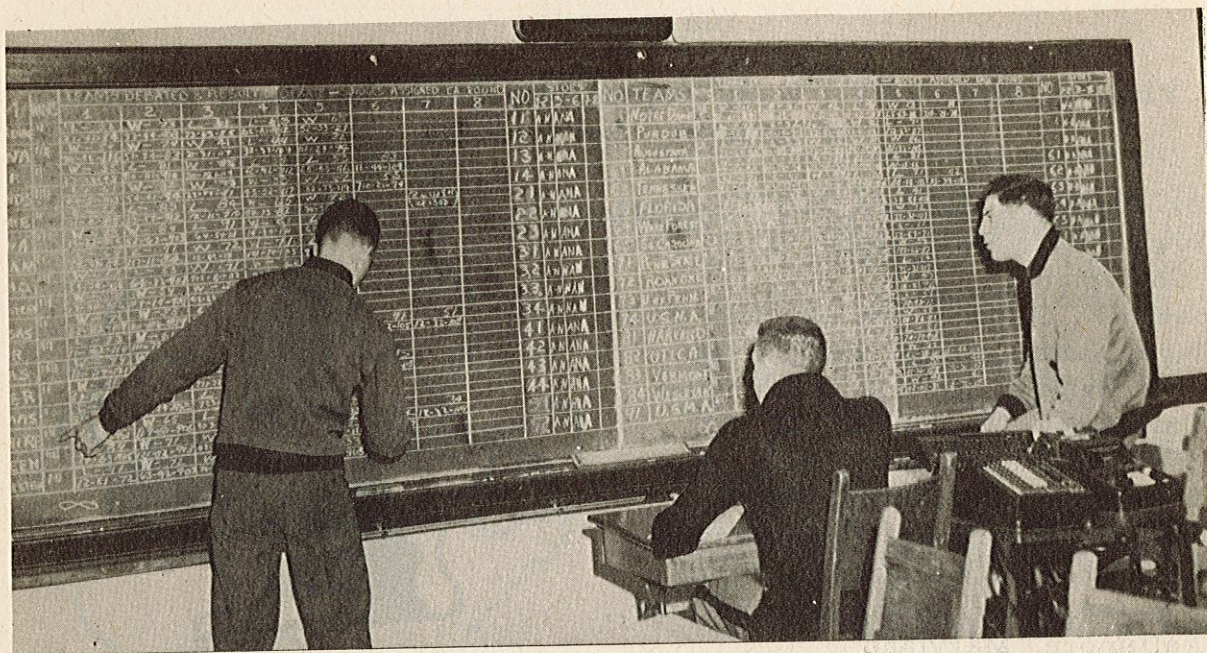
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The Statistics Room



Meals in the Cadet Mess provided a welcome respite from the demands of the platform.



WEST POINT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT 1949

<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	10	1
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY	7	4
OTTOWA UNIVERSITY	7	3
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	7	3
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME	6	3
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	6	3
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS	5	4
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	5	4
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	5	3
AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	5	3
CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE	5	3
DE PAUW UNIVERSITY	5	3
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA	5	3
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE	5	3
U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY	5	3
N. TEXAS STATE TEACHER'S COLLEGE	4	4
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	4	4
SOUTHEASTERN STATE COLLEGE	4	4
ST. OLAF COLLEGE	4	4
GEORGETOWN COLLEGE	3	5
LOUISIANA COLLEGE	3	5
MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	3	5
PEPPERDINE COLLEGE	3	5
PHILLIPS UNIVERSITY	3	5
STANFORD	3	5
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY	3	5
U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY	3	5
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	3	5
YALE UNIVERSITY	3	5
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	2	6
PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	2	6
SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE	2	6
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH	2	6
STEVENS INSTITUTE	1	7



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UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	3	3
AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	6	1
BATES COLLEGE	3	3
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY	2	3
CAPITAL UNIVERSITY	1	4
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	1	4
COE COLLEGE	1	4
COLORADO UNIVERSITY	4	3
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE	0	5
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY	3	3
# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	7	2
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY	1	4
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE	3	2
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS	5	3
LOUISIANA COLLEGE	3	3
M. I. T.	0	5
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY	1	4
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA	3	3
* # NORTH TEXAS STATE	7	2
NOTRE DAME	1	4
OREGON STATE COLLEGE	1	4
PURDUE UNIVERSITY	6	2
ST. OLAF COLLEGE	3	3
SOUTHEASTERN STATE COLLEGE	3	2
UNIVERSITY OF SO. CALIFORNIA	2	3
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE	2	3
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY	6	1
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, L. A.	2	3
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH	3	2
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	6	1
WAKE FOREST COLLEGE	3	3
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY	2	3
UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA	2	3
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	4	2

# Finalists

\* Winner



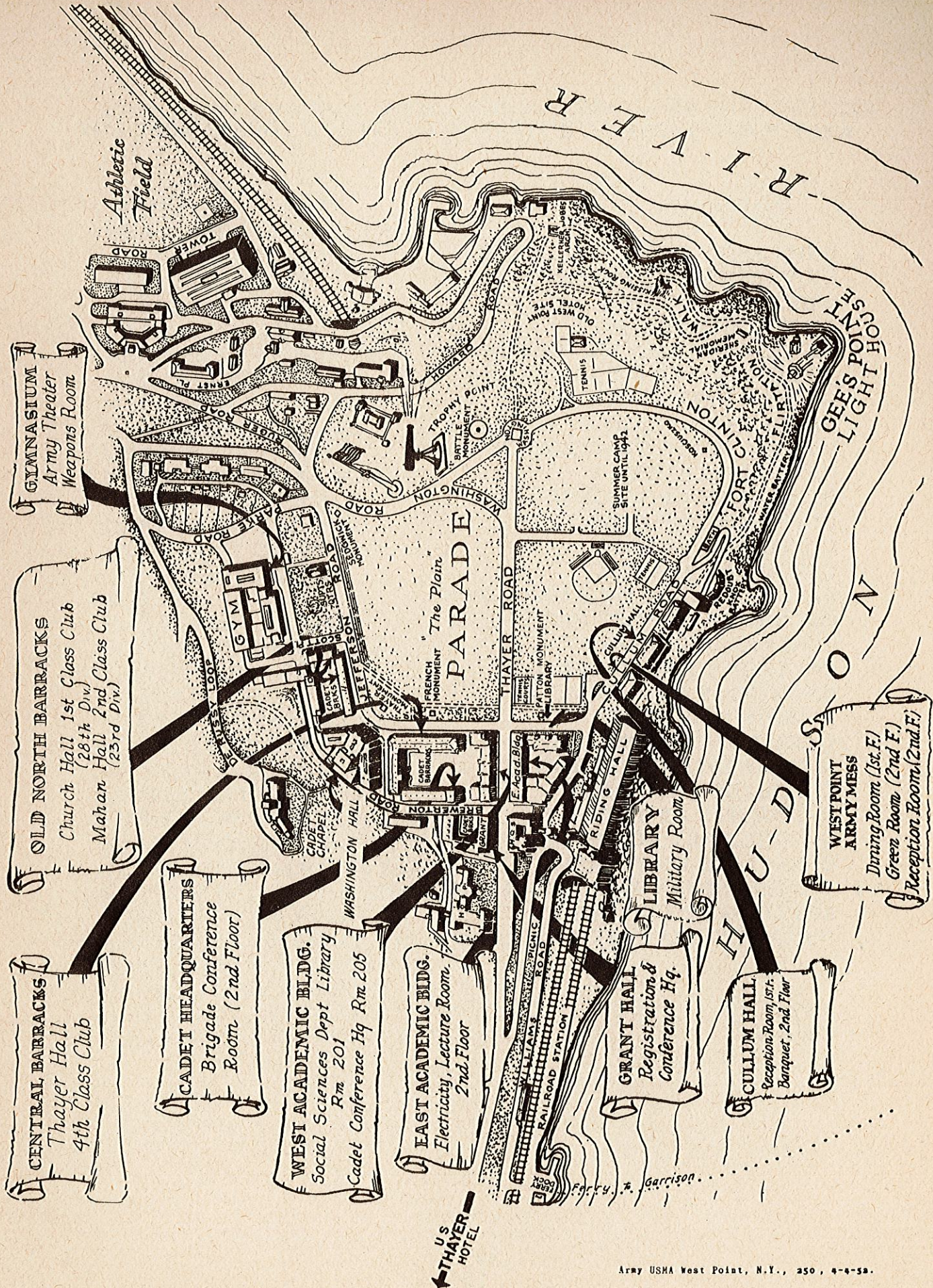
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WHEATON COLLEGE	2	3
AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	3	3
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY	2	3
ARIZONA STATE COLLEGE	0	5
OREGON STATE COLLEGE	1	4
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY	3	3
INDIANA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE	1	4
YALE UNIVERSITY	3	3
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	4	2
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH	1	4
LOUISIANA COLLEGE	4	3
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY	6	1
STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON	2	3
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	2	3
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY	1	4
COLLEGE OF ST. THOMAS	2	4
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI	4	3
PURDUE UNIVERSITY	1	4
WAKE FOREST COLLEGE	3	3
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	4	3
COLORADO UNIVERSITY	1	4
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS	3	3
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY	7	1
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	2	3
* # SOUTHEASTERN STATE COLLEGE	8	1
NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY	6	2
PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE	1	4

# Finalists

\* Winner





**CENTRAL BARRACKS**  
 Thayer Hall  
 4th Class Club

**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**  
 Registration & Conference Hq.

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

**OLD NORTH BARRACKS**  
 Church Hall 1st Class Club (28th Div.)  
 Mahar Hall 2nd Class Club (25th Div.)

**GYMNASIUM**  
 Army Theater  
 Weapons Room

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

U.S. THAYER HOTEL



