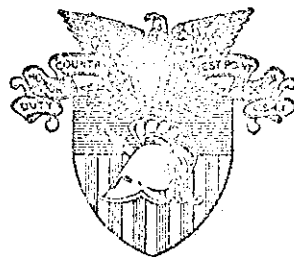
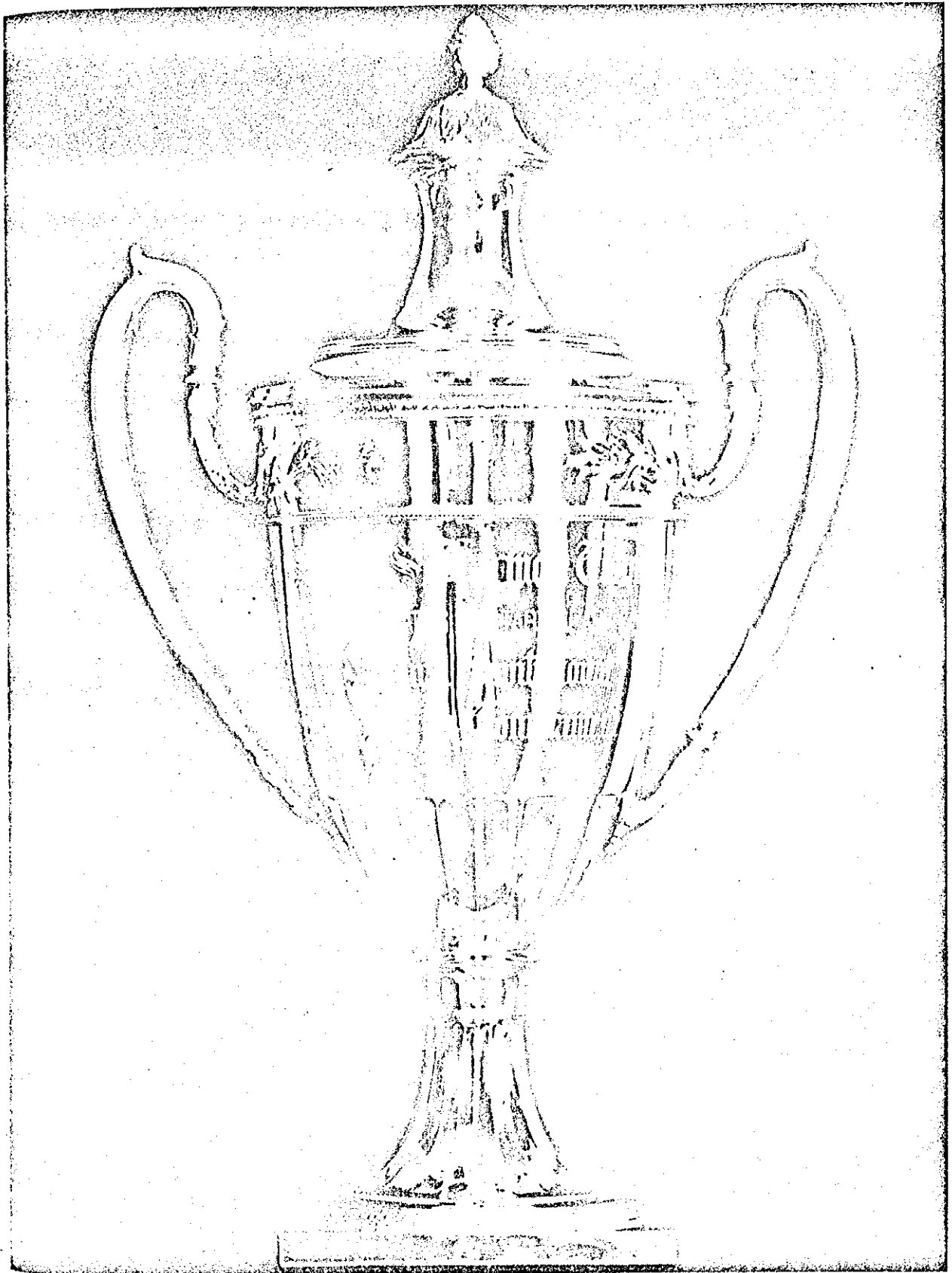


West Point
National Invitational
Debate Tournament

APRIL 18-21, 1951



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



Although the West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament, since its inception in 1947, has been held at the United States Military Academy each year, the Tournament, in fact, belongs to the colleges and universities of the entire nation. The West Point Debate Council, a cadet organization, sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences of the Military Academy, deems it a privilege to aid in the administration of this annual event.

..... David E. Rogers
President, West Point
Debate Council

THE WEST POINT TOURNAMENT

Acting both on suggestions made in 1941 by a group of Eastern Debate coaches and on the opinions of over a thousand universities and colleges polled for this purpose, the West Point Debate Council brought forth the National Invitational Tournament in 1947. Since then, the tournament has been a yearly affair; the competition increasing as the years progress.

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, four from each district. The districts are based upon student population debating interest and other regional data.

Any male or coeducational 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 1950 five of the districts determined their selections by an intra-district tournament; in the remaining three 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 three 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 six 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 are awarded to tournament participants; 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 four years ago with the understanding that it would be a continuing award.



Lt. Col. Walter E. Brinker, Officer-in-Charge of the Debate Council with Major Glenn Turner (left) and Capt. Robert N. Ginsburgh, advisors

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 Chairman. Aaron Sherman
- Assistant Chairman. Walter Ulmer
- Treasurer. Daniel Derbes
- Co-Secretaries. Robert Pajares
William Seaver
- Assistants. William Davis
William Winston
James Plunkett
- Housing. Dennis Mullane
- Transportation. James Paris

Escorting. Robert Cottey

Messing and Banquet. Glenn Otis

Statistics. Harry Van Trees
 Frank Benedict
 Frank Drew

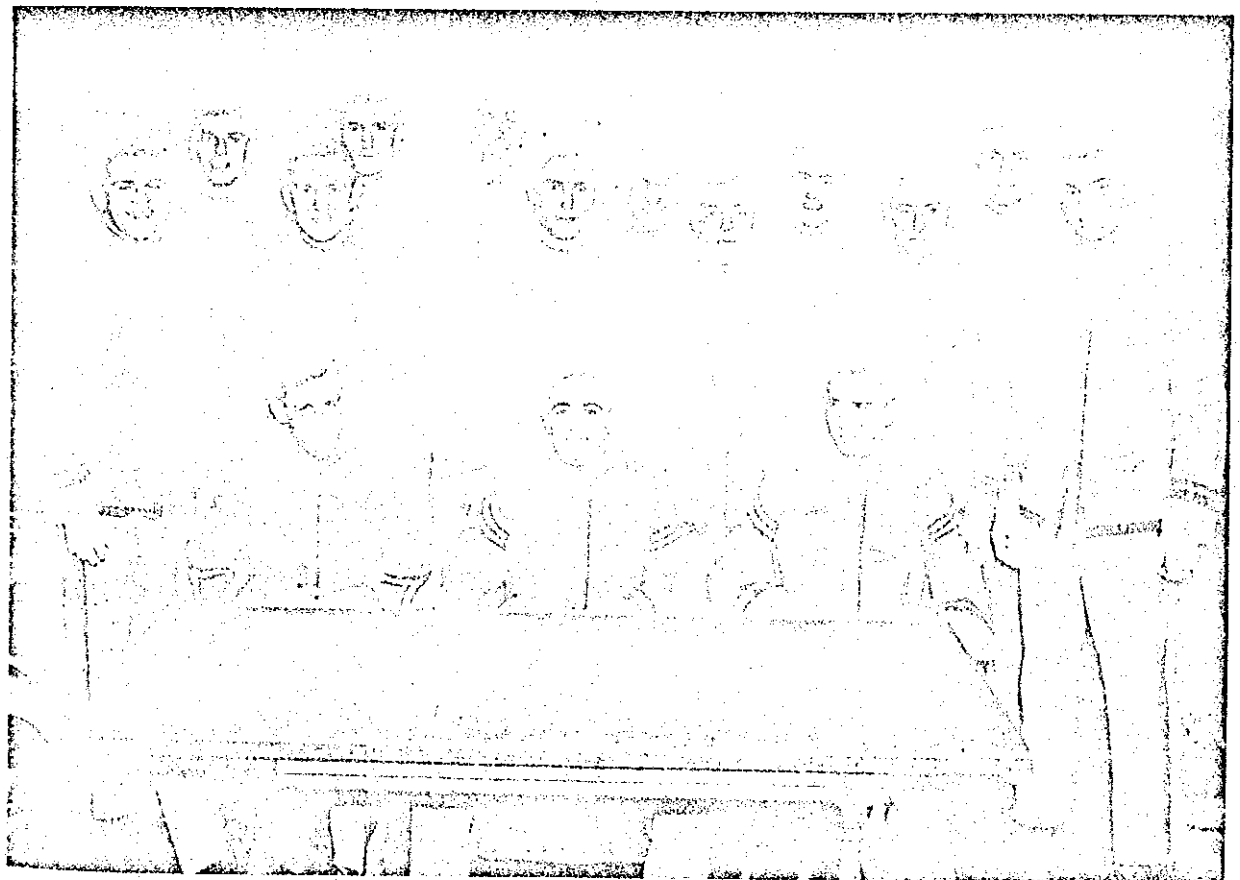
Training Aids. Monty Spear

 Assistants. Robert Ironside

Publicity. William Miotke

 Assistants. Jose Chacon
 Nelson Byers
 Richard Diller

Coordination. John McLemore



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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE - 1951

Wednesday, 18 April

PM	1:00 - 6:00	Registration, housing and sightseeing Report to Grant Hall--Tournament Headquarters
	6:15	Supper - Men in Washington Hall - Women in Officers' Club
	7:30	Coffee Hour - <u>Weapons Room</u>
	8:00	Movie in theater for those who desire

Thursday, 19 April

AM	7:00	Breakfast
	8:00 - 9:00	Orientation (Electricity Lecture Room)
	10:00	Seeding <u>Round One</u>
	12:00	Dinner
PM	12:50	Seeding <u>Round Two</u>
	2:30	Optional tour of the Post. Assemble at Grant Hall.
	4:00	Seeding <u>Round Three</u>
	6:15	Supper
	7:30	Seeding <u>Round Four</u>
	9:00	Student Coach and Judge Reception - Weapons Room

Friday, 20 April

AM	7:00	Breakfast
	7:45	Seeding <u>Round Five</u>
	9:00	Coffee Call - Grant Hall. PIO pictures.
	10:35	Seeding <u>Round Six</u>
	12:00	Dinner
PM	12:50	Seeding <u>Round Seven</u>
	2:30	Optional tour of the Museum. Assemble at Grant Hall
	4:00	Seeding <u>Round Eight</u>
	6:00	Banquet. Cullum Hall. Oratorical contest Announcement of finalists and speakers awards
	8:30	Coaches' and Judges' soiree
	8:00	Entertainment. West Point Players - Army Theater

Saturday, 21 April

AM	7:00	Breakfast
	7:45	<u>Elimination Round One</u>
	10:35	<u>Quarter Finals</u>
	12:00	Dinner
PM	1:00	Parade of the Corps of Cadets. Assemble at Grant Hall
	2:00	<u>Semi-Finals</u>

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<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
VERMONT	9	3
AUGUSTANA	8	4
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY	8	3
BAYLOR	7	2
SOUTHERN METHODIST	7	2
BOWLING GREEN	6	4
FLORIDA	6	5
MONTANA	6	4
NORTHWESTERN	6	3
REDLANDS	6	3
SOUTHEASTERN	6	4
ARKANSAS	5	4
EAU CLAIRE	5	4
KANSAS	5	4
NOTRE DAME	5	4
TENNESSEE	5	3
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	5	5
ALABAMA	4	4
ARIZONA	4	4
LUTHER	4	4
ST. THOMAS	4	4
GEORGE PEPPERDINE	3	5
HARVARD	3	5
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	3	5
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY	3	5
UTICA	3	5
WAKE FOREST	3	5
WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE	3	5
WESLEYAN	3	5
WHITMAN	3	5
PURDUE	2	6
PENN STATE	1	7
ROANOKE	1	7
SOUTH CAROLINA	0	8

INDIVIDUAL SPEAKER RATINGS FOR SEEDING ROUNDS

NAME	COLLEGE	POINTS
1. Carey	Notre Dame	1001
2. Reiffe	Southern Methodist University	993
3. Markus	Northwestern	986
4. Plisco	University of Florida	985
5. Stollenweick	University of Kansas	985
6. Apfelbaum	University of Florida	979
7. Howard	Eau Claire	977
8. Heinlein	Baylor	972
9. Drum	Southern California	969
10. Carter	Southeastern State	965
11. Katz	University of Pennsylvania	965
12. Shearer	University of Kansas	964
13. Specter	University of Pennsylvania	964
14. Lindberg	Augustana	963
15. McSherry	Army	962
16. Gard	Army	956
17. Hayes	Vermont	954
18. Kiker	Arizona	953
19. Linkon	Northwestern	948
20. Donaldson	Eau Claire	947
21. Caudle	Wake Forest	937
22. Reid	George Pepperdine	932
23. Carroll	University of Arkansas	931
24. Wilson	University of Redlands	930
25. Lucas	University of Montana	929
26. Spicer	University of Redlands	926
27. Wilke	Southern Methodist University	925
28. Bowin	Southeastern University	924
29. Fernandes	Bowling Green University	923
30. Kutch	Augustana	920
31. Kennelly	St. Thomas	915
32. Thornton	Baylor	917
33. O'Connell	University of Vermont	914
34. Jenson	Luther College	911

Only the first thirty four of the sixty eight debaters are listed. The speakers ratings were awarded as follows by three judges:

Superior	50-41
Excellent	40-31
Good	30-21

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POINTS

	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
1001	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	10	1
993	BAYLOR UNIVERSITY	7	4
986	OTTOWA UNIVERSITY	7	3
985	UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	7	3
985	UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME	6	3
979	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	6	3
977	UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS	5	4
972	GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	5	4
969	UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	5	3
965	AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	5	3
965	CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE	5	3
964	DE PAUW UNIVERSITY	5	3
964	UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA	5	3
963	ST. MARY'S COLLEGE	5	3
962	U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY	5	3
956	N. TEXAS STATE TEACHER'S COLLEGE	4	4
954	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	4	4
953	SOUTHEASTERN STATE COLLEGE	4	4
948	ST. OLAF COLLEGE	4	4
947	GEORGETOWN COLLEGE	3	5
937	LOUISIANA COLLEGE	3	5
932	MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	3	5
931	PEPPERDINE COLLEGE	3	5
930	PHILLIPS UNIVERSITY	3	5
929	STANFORD	3	5
926	TEMPLE UNIVERSITY	3	5
925	U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY	3	5
924	WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	3	5
923	YALE UNIVERSITY	3	5
920	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	2	6
919	PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	2	6
917	SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE	2	6
914	UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH	2	6
912	STEVENS INSTITUTE	1	7

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<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	3	3	UN
AUGUSTANA COLLEGE	6	1	UN
BATES COLLEGE	3	3	WH
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY	2	3	AU
CAPITAL UNIVERSITY	1	4	TE
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	1	4	AR
COE COLLEGE	1	4	OR
COLORADO UNIVERSITY	4	3	RU
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE	0	5	IND
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY	3	3	YA
# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	7	2	UN
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY	1	4	UN
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE	3	2	LO
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS	5	3	U.S
LOUISIANA COLLEGE	3	3	ST
M. I. T.	0	5	OK
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY	1	4	GO
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA	3	3	CO
* # NORTH TEXAS STATE	7	2	UN
NOTRE DAME	1	4	PU
OREGON STATE COLLEGE	1	4	WA
PURDUE UNIVERSITY	6	2	NO
ST. OLAF COLLEGE	3	3	CO
SOUTHEASTERN STATE COLLEGE	3	2	UN
UNIVERSITY OF SO. CALIFORNIA	2	3	U.S
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE	2	3	OH
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY	6	1	SO
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, L. A.	2	3	NO
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH	3	2	PE
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	6	1	
WAKE FOREST COLLEGE	3	3	
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY	2	3	# F
UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA	2	3	* W
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	4	2	

Finalists

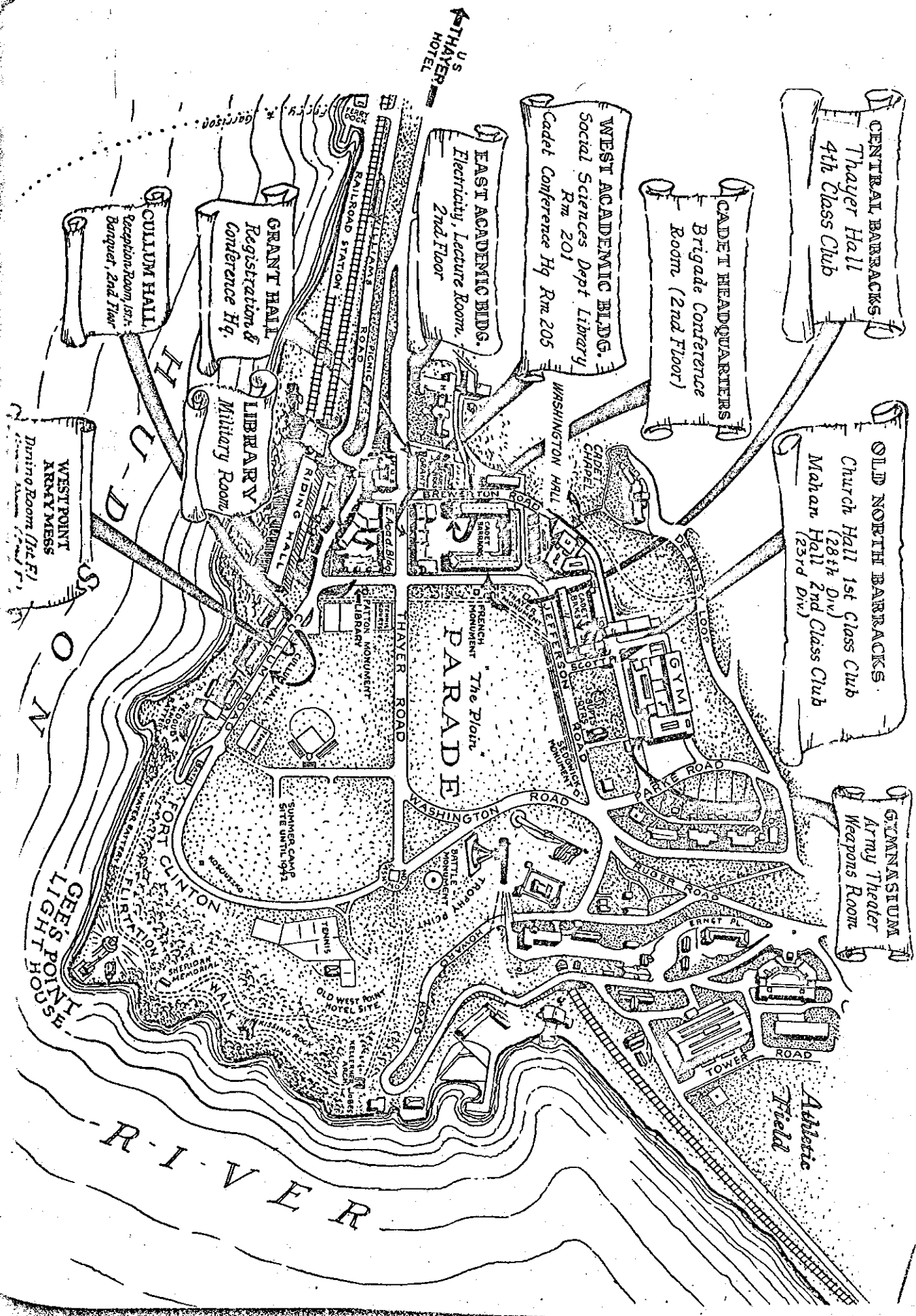
* Winner

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<u>Participants</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
# UNIVERSITY OF SO. CALIFORNIA	5	4
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	5	1
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

OLD NORTH BARRACKS
Church Hall 1st Class Club
(28th Div.)
Mahan Hall 2nd Class Club
(23rd Div.)

GYMNASIUM
Army Theater
Weapons Room

CULIUM HALL
Reception Room, 1st Fl.
Banquet, 2nd Fl.

GRANT HALL
Registration &
Conference Hq.

LIBRARY
Military Room

WEST POINT
ARMY MESS
Dining Room (1st Fl.)

PARADE
The Plain
FRENCH
DINING ROOM

GEES POINTS
LIGHT HOUSE

Athletic
Field

RIVER