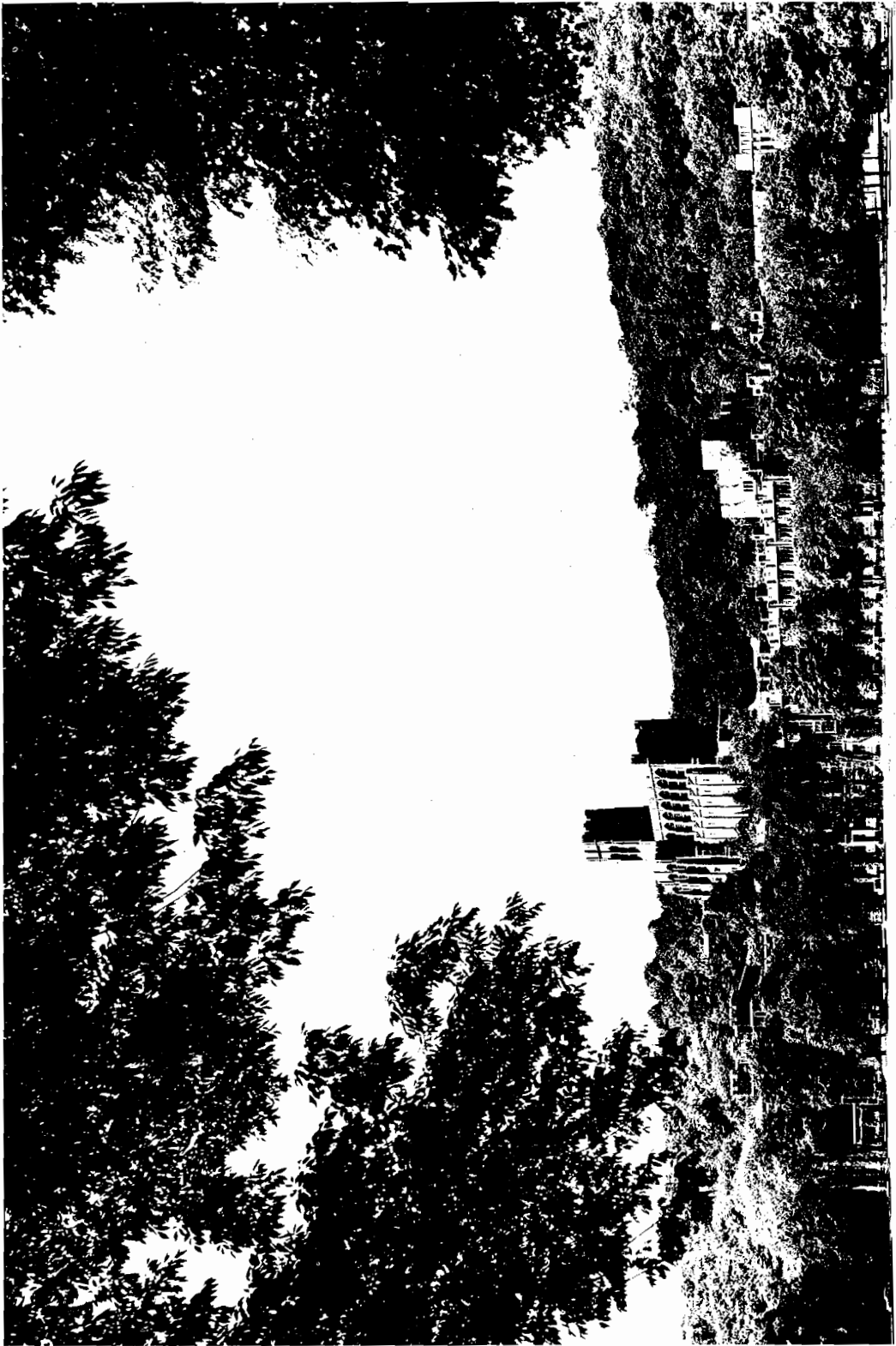


Ninth  
West Point  
National Invitational  
Debate Tournament

APRIL 20-23, 1955



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





NINTH ANNUAL WEST POINT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE  
TOURNAMENT

F O R E W O R D

On behalf of the United States Corps of Cadets and the United States Military Academy, I am very happy to welcome students and faculty members of the colleges and universities participating in the Ninth Annual West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament.

Much of our success in past years in administering the West Point Tournament has been due to the generous assistance of having the faculty debate leaders throughout the country select the outstanding teams that would represent their regions here. This has again been true in preparing for our 1955 tournament, and we are grateful for their cooperation and help in organizing this fine tournament.

I sincerely hope you enjoy your stay at West Point and find it both profitable and pleasant. This is a wonderful opportunity for free exchange of ideas between our cadets and yourselves. From such an exchange, I am confident there will emerge a truer understanding and appreciation of our mutual problems.

Best of luck and success to you in the tournament.

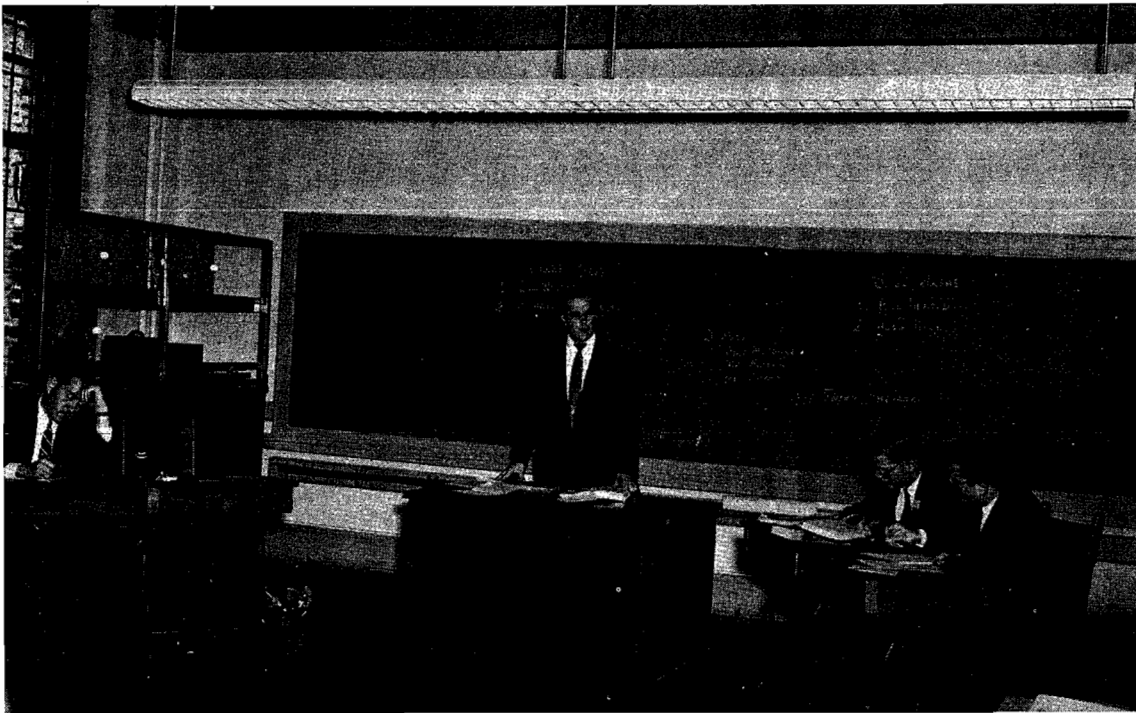
Sincerely,



B. M. BRYAN  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Superintendent



The Larmon Trophy displayed in Grant Hall



Wilkes College vs University of Kansas

## 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 suggestions of this group were 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; 1955 marks the ninth year of this tournament.

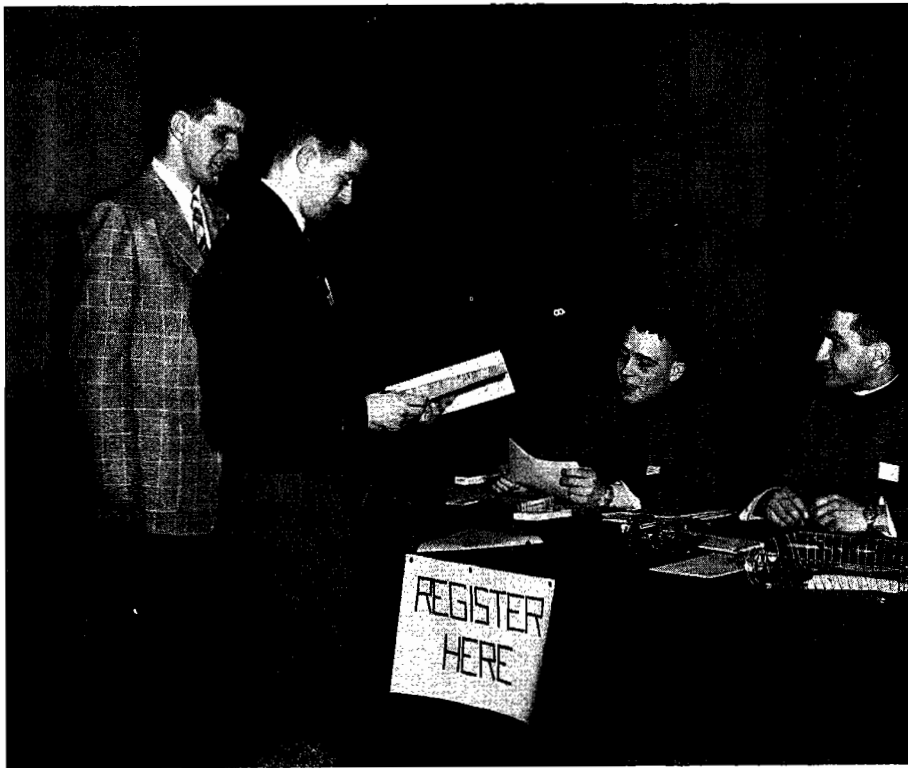
The tournament is composed of thirty-four teams, including a team from the school which won the tournament the previous year and thirty-three teams from eight districts. Any college or university in the U. S. is eligible to enter a team if selected by its district committee. Local conditions and the judgment 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 approximately 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 eight years ago with the understanding that it would be a continuing award.

The Military Education Foundation Trophy will be given the second place team. This will be the first presentation of a continuing award given by a non-profit corporation supporting educational activities.

Another added feature of this year's tournament will be the awarding of trophies to the top four teams for their permanent possession.



#### THE TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION STAFF

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

Co-Chairman.....	Haas, W
Co-Chairman.....	Tennant, B M
Asst Chairman.....	Di Gennaro, W L
Asst Chairman.....	Keating, R J
Secretary.....	Moore, M L
Treasurer.....	Wilson, L J
Banquet.....	Smyser, C H
Favors.....	Kyle, D S
Housing.....	McMahon, J S
Statistics.....	Price, T A
Publicity.....	Cooper, J A
Debate Rooms.....	Hesse, J E
Escorts.....	Soper, R L
Training Aids.....	Kinzer, J H
Messing.....	Murphy, J R
Transportation.....	Coyle, L R

Schedule  
West Point National Debate Tournament

All pairings will be announced in Grant Hall. Debate teams, coaches and judges should arrive at Grant Hall no later than the times indicated.

Wednesday, 20 April

PM 1:00 - 6:00 Registration, Housing and Sightseeing

6:15 Supper (see page 12 for details concerning all meals)

7:15 Orientation by Cadet Chairmen (Weapons Room, Cadet Gymnasium)

Thursday, 21 April

AM 7:10 Breakfast

7:55 Seeding Round One

10:35 Seeding Round Two

PM 12:10 Dinner

12:45 Seeding Round Three A - Tour of the Post for those scheduled for Round Three B

2:00 Seeding Round Three B - Tour of the Post for those who participated in Round Three A

4:30 Seeding Round Four

6:15 Supper

7:30 Conference in the Weapons Room, Cadet Gymnasium

Friday, 22 April

AM 7:10 Breakfast

7:45 Seeding Round Five

10:30 Seeding Round Six



PM 12:10 Dinner

12:45 Seeding Round Seven

3:45 Seeding Round Eight

7:00 Banquet at Cullum Hall; District Finals, Hearst Oratorical Contest; Announcement of teams qualifying for finals; Individual Speakers Awards

9:00 Coaches and Judges Soiree, Pershing Room, Cullum Hall

Saturday, 23 April

AM 7:10 Breakfast

8:05 Qualifying Round

10:30 Quarter Finals

PM 12:10 Dinner

1:00 Parade, U. S. Corps of Cadets

2:00 Semi-Finals

4:00 Finals, Pershing Room, Cullum Hall

6:15 Supper

9:00 Cadet Formal Dance



Brigadier General Herman Beukema, USA-Ret., former Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, presenting the Larmon Trophy to the University of Kansas team, winners of the 1954 National Tournament. Appreciation is expressed to the Elgin National Watch Company whose generosity makes possible the awarding of watches to the individual finalists and to the two outstanding individual speakers.

#### 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	The University of Redlands
1953	The University of Miami
1954	The University of Kansas

DISTRICT COMMITTEES  
1955

DISTRICT I  
Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah

Chairman - Professor Edward S. Betz, College of the Pacific  
Professor Adamson, University of Utah  
Professor Norman Freestone, Occidental College  
Professor Emmett Long, Pepperdine College  
Professor Lester McCrery, California Institute of Technology  
Professor Charles Redding, University of Southern California

DISTRICT II  
Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming

Chairman - Professor Herman Cohen, University of Oregon  
Professor Theodore O. H. Carl, Pacific Lutheran College  
Professor W. H. Veatch, State College of Washington  
Professor Paul Rosser, Seattle Pacific University  
Professor A. C. Hingston, Pacific University  
Professor Howard Runkel, Willamette University

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

Chairman - Professor Roy D. Murphy, Southwest Louisiana Institute  
Professor Waldo W. Braden, Louisiana State University  
Professor Glenn Capp, Baylor University  
Professor Ralph Eubanks, University of Arkansas  
Professor Rex Kyker, Abilene Christian College  
Professor D. J. Nabors, East Central State College  
Professor C. B. Owens, University of New Mexico

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

Chairman - Professor A. R. Christiansen, South Dakota State College  
Professor Vernon Beckman, Mankato State Teachers College  
Professor Earl Bradley, Denver University  
Professor Clara Chilson, Augustana  
Professor A. J. Mueller, Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Professor T. F. Nelson, St. Olaf College  
Professor Grace Walsh, Wisconsin State College

DISTRICT V

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio

Chairman - Professor M. Harold Mikle, Alma College  
Professor David Potter, Michigan State College  
Professor Forrest F. Seal, De Pauw University  
Professor James W. McIntyre, Case Institute of Technology  
Professor Nicholas M. Cripe, Butler University  
Professor Martin Holcomb, Augustana College  
Professor Paul Carmack, Ohio State University

DISTRICT VI

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

Chairman - Professor Annabel Dunham Hagood, University of Alabama  
Professor M. G. Christopherson, University of South Carolina  
Professor Douglas Ehninger, University of Florida  
Professor Gregg Phifer, Florida State University  
Professor Franklin Shirley, Wake Forest College  
Professor William Smith, Alabama Polytechnic Institute  
Professor Joe Wetherby, Duke University

DISTRICT VII

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

Chairman - Professor Gerard J. Murphy, S. J., St. Peter's College  
Professor Robert Connelly, King's College  
Professor Karl Moll, Rutgers University  
Professor Osborn Smallwood, Howard University  
Professor Irvine Smith, Dickinson College

DISTRICT VIII

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

Chairman - Professor J. Edward McEvoy, Syracuse University  
Professor Francis V. Courneen, S. J., Fordham College  
Professor Wofford G. Gardner, University of Maine  
Professor Stanley Kinney, Colgate University  
Professor Victor Lugowski, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation has been arranged for you during your stay at West Point. You have been issued a detailed schedule of bus runs. Additional copies may be obtained at the desk in Grant Hall. If you need transportation at times other than those scheduled, call 5225 or 21105. Commercial taxi service for both on and off post use may be obtained by calling 9-4520 or 9-4588.

## PARKING

During daylight hours parking facilities in the central part of the post are extremely limited. Those participants staying at the Hotel Thayer are advised to park their cars there and utilize scheduled tournament transportation. Male participants quartered in Washington Hall or Building 720 are requested to park cars in the reserved parking area provided in the vicinity of Clinton Field. Additional information can be obtained at the registration desk. Due to the crowded conditions on the post it is necessary that the Provost Marshal require rigid compliance with parking restrictions, both as to location and time limits. Your cooperation in this respect will be greatly appreciated.

## MEALS

### MALE DEBATERS:

All male debaters will eat in the Cadet Dining Hall. Please sit at the tables designated for tournament participants and enter and leave through the main Dining Hall door. Meals will be served at the following times:

BREAKFAST..... 7:10 A. M.  
DINNER..... 12:10 P. M.  
SUPPER..... 6:15 P. M.

### FEMALE DEBATERS AND ALL OFFICIALS, COACHES, AND VISITORS:

All females will eat in the West Point Army Mess (Officer's Mess). All coaches, officials, and visitors will eat in the West Point Army Mess with the following exceptions: Male coaches may eat DINNER with the male members of their team in the Cadet Dining Hall if they so desire; if male coaches wish to eat BREAKFAST with the male members of their team in the Cadet Dining Hall, they are requested to notify Tournament Headquarters the night before. Meals will be served at the following times:

BREAKFAST..... 7:10 A. M.  
DINNER..... 12:10 P. M.  
SUPPER..... 6:15 P. M.

## 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 A. M. 23 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 debate 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 will judge a team from his own district.
2. No judge will judge 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 judges.
  - b. A team may be required to have a single judge only twice.

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 20 April

P. M. 3:45 Tennis - New York University

Thursday, 21 April

P. M. 12:45 Tour of Post, Group B - Assemble Grant Hall

2:10 Tour of Post, Group A - Assemble Grant Hall

Friday, 22 April

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

P. M. 3:30 Baseball - Harvard University

Saturday, 23 April

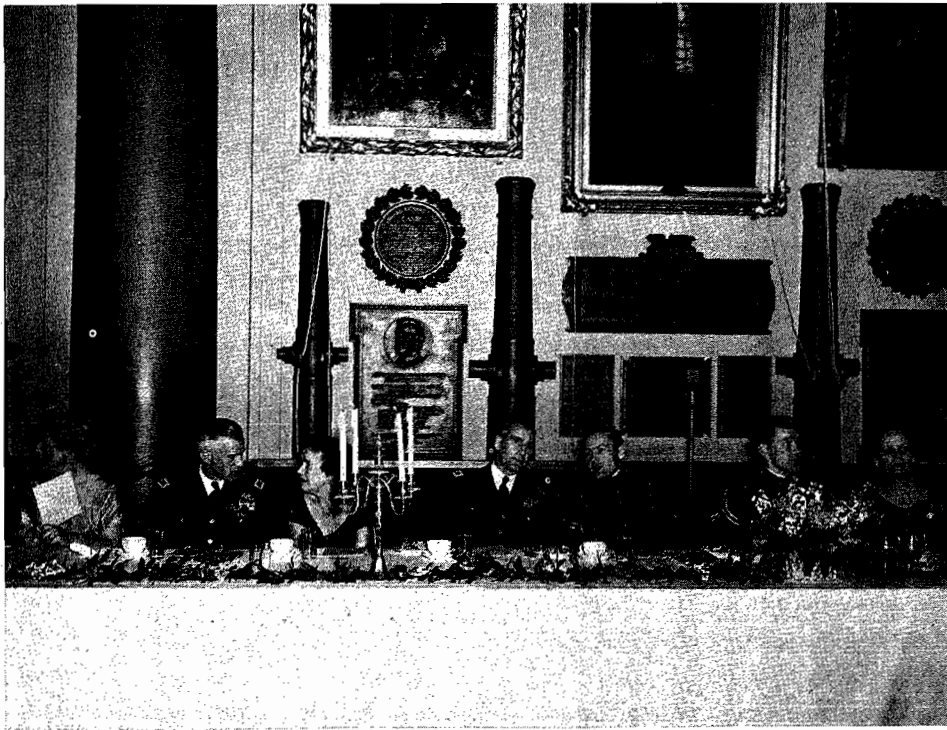
P. M. 12:50 Review of Corps of Cadets - Assemble Grant Hall

2:00 Baseball - Cornell University

2:30 Lacrosse - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

9:00 Cadet Formal Dance

A visit to the West Point Museum should prove interesting and worthwhile. It is located in the building directly across the street from Grant Hall. The Museum is open from 10:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. daily.



Annual Tournament Banquet



Coffee time in the Weapons Room

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Participants

Wins Losses

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY  
SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE  
LOS ANGELES STATE COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY  
PACIFIC UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE, OKLAHOMA  
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY  
ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
WISCONSIN STATE COLLEGE, EAU CLAIRE  
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE COLLEGE  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGE  
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME  
ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY  
AUGUSTANA COLLEGE  
WABASH COLLEGE  
WAKE FOREST COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI  
DAVID LIPSCOMB COLLEGE  
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE  
WILKES COLLEGE  
ST. PETER'S COLLEGE  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
UNION COLLEGE



# FINALS

• AFFIRMATIVE •  
• NEGATIVE •

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• NEGATIVE •

LA. COLLEGE  
UCLA  
MIAMI  
FLORIDA  
GEORGE WASH.  
WIS. ST. EAU CLAIRE  
SAN DIEGO  
U. ILL. CHIC.  
VERMONT  
NORTHWESTERN  
ARMY  
KANSAS  
HOUSTON  
DARTMOUTH  
CENTRAL ST., OKLA.  
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KANSAS  
CENTRAL ST. OKLA.

FLORIDA  
KANSAS

KANSAS

WEST POINT NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT 1954  
(SEEDING ROUNDS)

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	<u>WINS</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>
HOUSTON	7	1
GEORGE WASHINGTON	7	1
LOUISIANA COLLEGE	6	2
VERMONT	6	2
**KANSAS U	6	2
MIAMI	6	2
SAN DIEGO	6	2
CENTRAL STATE, OKLAHOMA	6	2
AUGUSTANA	5	3
ILLINOIS U OF CHICAGO	5	3
# FLORIDA	5	3
ARMY	5	3
NORTHWESTERN	4	4
U. C. L. A.	4	4
WISCONSIN STATE, EAU CLAIRE	4	4
DARTMOUTH	4	4
NEBRASKA WESLEYAN	4	4
ILLINOIS COLLEGE	4	4
WILKES COLLEGE	4	4
HARVARD	4	4
HOLY CROSS .	4	4
U of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	3	5
OREGON	3	5
DENVER	3	5
WAKE FOREST	3	5
ST JOHNS	3	5
WASHINGTON STATE	2	6
U of NEW MEXICO	2	6
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	2	6
ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL	2	6
ALABAMA U	2	6
SOUTH CAROLINA	2	6
U of PENNSYLVANIA	2	6
HOWARD U	1	7

\*\* Tournament Winner

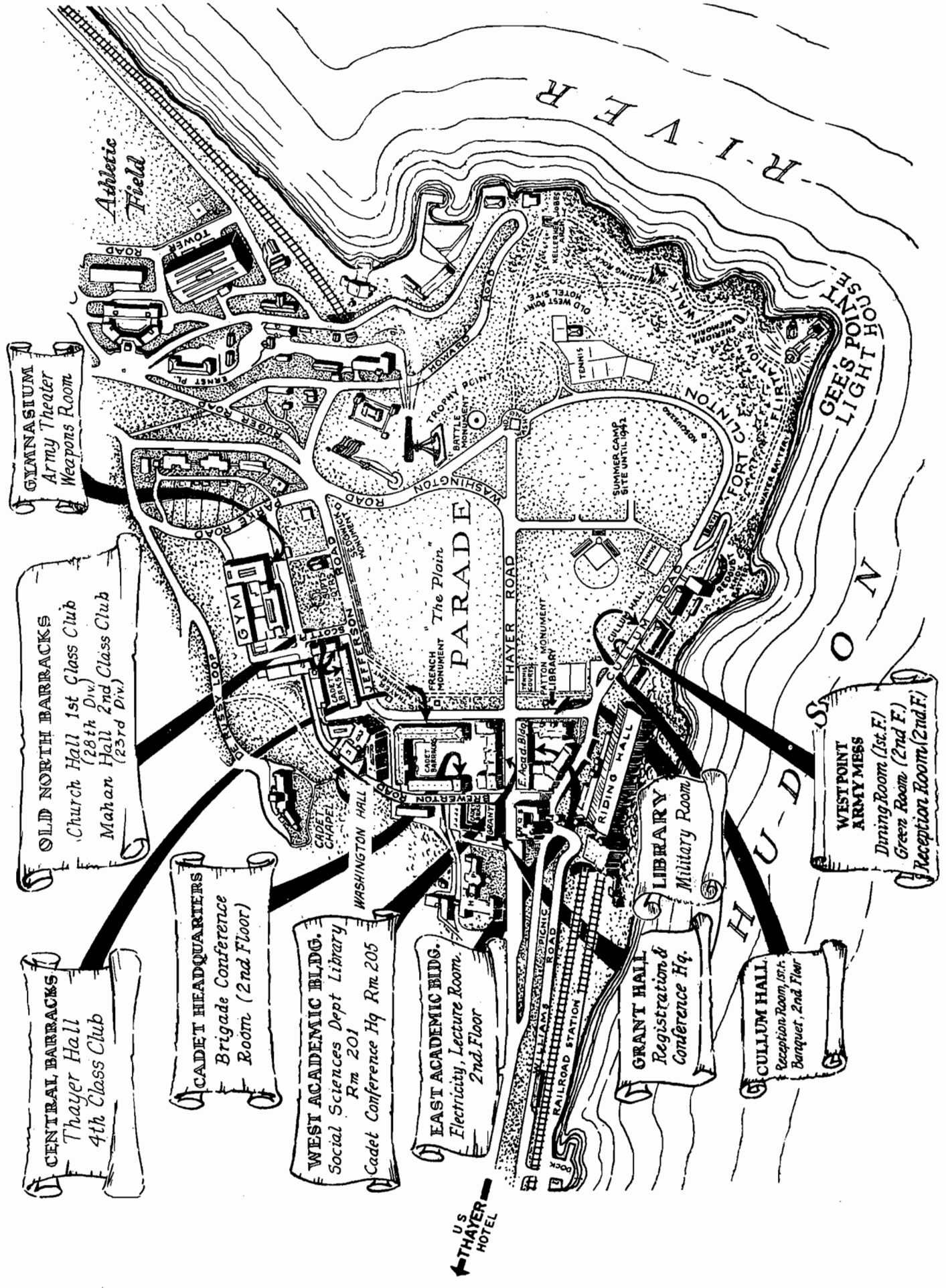
# Finalist

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 (SEEDING ROUNDS)

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ARMY	7	1
AUGUSTANA	7	1
WIS. STATE, EAU CLAIRE	7	1
U. ILLINOIS, CHICAGO	6	2
OKLAHOMA STATE	6	2
VERMONT	6	2
ALABAMA	5	3
KANSAS STATE	5	3
FLORIDA	5	3
LOUISIANA	5	3
**MIAMI	5	3
WAKE FOREST	5	3
# HOLY CROSS	4	4
HOUSTON	4	4
KANSAS	4	4
MICHIGAN STATE	4	4
MIDLAND	4	4
PEPPERDINE	4	4
SAN DIEGO	4	4
ST. JOHN'S	4	4
ST. MARTIN'S	4	4
BAYLOR	3	5
GENESEO	3	5
IDAHO STATE	3	5
KING'S POINT	3	5
NOTRE DAME	3	5
PITTSBURGH	3	5
PRINCETON	3	5
WEST VIRGINIA	3	5
MT. MERCY	2	6
ST. OLAF'S	2	6
CASE	1	7
OCCIDENTAL	1	7
ST. PETER'S	1	7

\*\* Tournament Winner

# Finalist



**GYMNASIUM**  
 Army Theater  
 Weapons Room

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

**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

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

**U.S.  
 THAYER  
 HOTEL**

