Eleventh Annual
West Point
National Invitational
Debate Tournament

APRIL 24–27, 1957

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 Eleventh West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament.

During the past year, leaders in forensics in all parts of the country have given generously of their time in performing many of the tasks that enable us to assemble outstanding debate teams for this tournament. During the next three days, team coaches and visiting speech professors will be responsible for judging the debates that are scheduled. To these individuals, as well as the student debaters who have competed for an invitation, we express our gratitude for making this annual tournament possible.

I wish you a pleasant and profitable stay at West Point and hope that you will return often to visit us. From the free exchange of ideas between our cadets and yourselves on this occasion, I am confident that a greater appreciation and understanding of our mutual problems will emerge.

Sincerely,

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON
Lieutenant General, USA
Superintendent
The 1956 winning team, representing the United States Military Academy, being presented the Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy. Pictured above from left to right are: Captain R. A. Hansen, Assistant Debate Coach; Cadets George Walker and James Murphy, winning team; and Captain A. C. Greenleaf, Debate Coach.

Beginning in 1947, the Larmon Trophy has been awarded annually to the winning team and is the gift of Mr. Sigurd S. Larmon of the Young & Rubicam Company of New York City. In the past few years, through the courtesy of the Elgin National Watch Company, six watches have been awarded annually to the two best individual speakers and the four members of the finalist teams.
EVOLUTION

This Spring marks the eleventh successive year that college representatives from throughout the nation have journeyed here to participate in the West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament. While this tournament is not the only national competition in this country today, we feel that the winner in a tournament of district champions, such as this, represents the survivor in competition that is open to any undergraduate debate team in the nation.

The idea of the West Point Tournament seems to have evolved from two sources at about the same time and found its aegis in the renascence of cadet extra-curricular activity which followed the war years of 1941 through 1945. During the Second World War the accelerated program left little time in the cadet's training for extra-curricular pursuits. But when the curriculum was again expanded to four years, Cadet Tom Schwinn took the reins of the recently re-established Debate Council and in the ensuing year arranged a small regional debate tournament. With the success of this inter-collegiate meeting, the cadets were encouraged to think in terms of a larger, more comprehensive tournament—perhaps national in scope. Simultaneously there was much discussion in other debate circles. It was generally agreed among intercollegiate debate coaches that there should be a national tournament. West Point seemed to be a logical and generally acceptable place at which to convene these annual meetings.

The ambition of the cadets and the interest of their collegiate associates probably would never have found form as a national tournament, however, had it not been for the aid and advice of such officers as General Maxwell D. Taylor, then Superintendent of the Military Academy, Colonel L. J. Legere, at that time a member of the Department of Social Sciences, and Colonel G. A. Lincoln, the present Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences at West Point. These men gave generously of their time in support of the project. They encouraged the few members of that early Debate Council and helped to pave the way for the first national invitational tournament.

Administratively, little has changed in the tournament's eleven year evolution. The Academy does not propose to select the regional participants. The nation is divided into eight areas by a more or less mathematical scheme determined by debate population. The selection of the regional representatives becomes the responsibility of the member schools of each region.

In an effort to determine the participation that they might expect in a national tourney, the West Point Debate Council polled over one thousand colleges and universities in 1946. The response was very enthusiastic. With this encouragement the cadets began to lay the foundation and devise an organization which would be capable of handling the myriad tasks involved in such an undertaking. In every part of the country leaders in the forensic field gave generously of their valuable time to perform the necessary pre-tournament district tasks that enabled them to bring outstanding debate teams together for this event.

For those who are interested in the history of the tournament, we have attempted to summarize the tournament's progress in this program. We feel that the results of the past ten years are not only interesting in themselves, but that they reflect the growing stability and scope of the tournament. Included in this year's program are lists of the participants over the last ten years, indicating winners and runners-up and the year
or years that each college has been represented. From these lists it can be seen that our tournament is truly national in scope, attracting teams representing a cross-section of the finest intercollegiate debating in the country.

With the modest sixteen team tourney of 1946 as a background, the Debate Council launched the first national competition in April of 1947. This Spring, ten years after the first tournament, thirty-six teams representing the nation's colleges and universities are again gathered here to debate the national topic. During the tournament, team coaches and visiting speech professors will be carrying the responsible burden of judging the more than one hundred and fifty debates which will take place in a three-day period. To these individuals and especially to the student debaters we express our gratitude, for with them rests the greatest measure of the success of the West Point National Invitational Tournament.

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SCHEDULE
ELEVENTH 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.

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Friday, 26 April
PM 12:45  Seeding Round Seven
     3:45  Seeding Round Eight
     7:00  Banquet at Cullum Hall; Announcement of Finalists; Individual Speakers' Awards
     9:00  Coaches' and Judges' Meeting at Cullum Hall

Saturday, 27 April
AM  7:10  Breakfast
     8:05  Elimination Round
     10:30 Quarter Final Round
PM  12:10 Dinner
     1:10  Parade by Corps of Cadets on the Plain
     2:00  Semi-Final Round
     4:00  Final Debate at Cullum Hall
     6:15  Supper
     9:00  Informal Dance at Cullum Hall
The second place winning team 1956, representing St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa. Pictured from left to right are: Reverend Joseph F. X. Erhart, Debate Coach; Colonel G. A. Lincoln, Professor of Social Sciences, USMA; John F. Gough, and John P. Foley, second place team members.

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION STAFF

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

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Statistics Garrigan, T
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Debate Rooms Ray, W
Transportation Patterson, D
Treasurer
The third place winning team in 1956, representing Greenville College, Greenville, Ill. Pictured from left to right are: Colonel G. A. Lincoln, Professor of Social Sciences, USMA; Professor W. B. Brentlinger, debate coach; Robert Werner and Gary Conkhite, third place team members.

WEST POINT DEBATE COUNCIL AND FORUM

Among the most popular of the many extracurricular activities at the United States Military Academy is the West Point Debate Council & Forum, which maintains an active membership of over 650 cadets of all classes. Founded on a history of forensic interest which began under the guidance of the earliest superintendents, the Debate Council & Forum was reorganized and consolidated in 1947, in order to achieve the following objectives:

(1) To teach cadets to think on their feet and to express themselves forcefully and logically.
(2) To increase the cadets' opportunities to study national and international affairs.

(3) To provide selected cadets with an opportunity to explore more fully certain areas in the field of the social sciences.

(4) To give cadets experience in administering special events that involve visiting civilians and all levels of the military organization at West Point.

Numerous activities and events are sponsored each year to provide the means by which a cadet can reach the above goals. Debate programs include intercollegiate debates, intra-squad practice debates, novice debates, a debate course, and a speech contest. Twenty-five home debates are held each year as well as seventeen participation trips for debaters.

Home and intercollegiate discussions, week-day lectures, and seminars make up the nucleus of Forum activities. In the spring the Forum sends a group of cadets through the western areas of the United States to debate and discuss important subjects with college and high school students, civic centers, and West Point societies.

The two principal home events which the Debate Council & Forum organizes are the Student Council on United States Affairs, held every December, and the West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament, held each year in April. SCUSA brings together outstanding students and faculty members of over sixty colleges and universities throughout the country to discuss important national and international problems. SCUSA VII, held in 1955, was awarded the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation Medal.

The eleventh annual National Debate Tournament continues to bring to West Point the finest in intercollegiate debating in one of the few truly nation-wide contests. West Point is proud to be the defending possessor of the Larmon Trophy--a result of last year's first triumph for a West Point team in its own tournament.

Without the unselfish and dependable aid of the professors and instructors stationed at West Point who serve as debate judges, monitors of cadet seminars, and faculty advisors on administrative organization, the Debate Council & Forum program would hardly be as successful as it is. Here is one field of activity where the officers and cadets meet on a more informal basis, establishing a relationship which is often of lasting value.

Editor's Apology: The 1956 program, in acknowledging our appreciation for the watch awards given during the tournament, erroneously listed the Elgin National Watch Company as the American Elgin Watch Company.
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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, statisticians will not be allowed to give information to anyone. Persons desiring to visit the statistics room are invited to do so after 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, 27 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 the 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 record are given three judges.
   b. A team may be required to have a single judge only twice.

The first place speaker in 1956, Phillip Hubbart of Augustana College, being presented a watch, courtesy of the Elgin National Watch Company, by Brigadier General Harris Jones, Dean of Academics. Looking on are cadets R. A. Mollicone and R. A. Quinn.
1957 Participating Schools

District I
San Diego State College
University of Redlands
University of Southern California

District II
College of Puget Sound
Idaho State College
Pacific University

District III
Abilene Christian College
The Rice Institute
University of Houston
University of Oklahoma

District IV
University of Kansas
St. Olaf College
Southwest Missouri State College
Southwestern University
Wisconsin State Teachers College at Eau Claire

District V
Augustana College
De Pauw University

District V (Continued)
Southern Illinois University
University of Illinois
University of Notre Dame

District VI
Duke University
University of Florida
University of Miami
University of South Carolina

District VII
Princeton University
St. Joseph's College
St. Peter's College
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
Wilkes College

District VIII
Dartmouth College
Fordham University
Harvard University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Vermont

Host - United States Military Academy

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SPECIAL NOTICE

On Sunday 28 April at 1:00 p.m., the New York Times Youth Forum (TV station WABD, New York) will conduct a discussion program on United States foreign economic aid. Student panelists and audience participants for this program were selected from among debaters present at the Eleventh Annual West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament.