Twelfth Annual
National
Debate Tournament
at West Point

APRIL 23–26, 1958

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK
FOREWORD

On behalf of the United States Corps of Cadets and the United States Military Academy, I am very happy to welcome the students and faculty members who will be our guests for the Twelfth Annual National Debate Tournament at West Point.

Leaders in forensic activities in all parts of the country have given generously of their valuable time in performing the necessary pre-Tournament tasks that enable us to bring together the outstanding debate teams which represent their regions here. During the next three days, team coaches and visiting speech professors will carry the responsible burden of judging the debates that are scheduled. To those individuals, and to the student debaters who have competed for an invitation, we express our gratitude for making this annual event possible.

I sincerely hope that your stay at West Point will be both profitable and pleasant. Just as valuable as the debating itself is the opportunity the Tournament affords for the exchange of ideas and information among the students and faculty of the thirty-six colleges and universities which are represented. I am confident that from such an exchange will emerge a greater understanding and appreciation of our mutual problems. Please return again to visit us at the Military Academy.

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON
Lieutenant General, USA
Superintendent
General Davidson awards the Larmon Trophy to the 1957 winning team of Norman Lefstein and Phillip Hubbard, representing Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

The Larmon Trophy has been awarded annually since 1947 to the winning team in the National Debate Tournament at West Point. The Trophy is the generous gift of Mr. Sigurd S. Larmon of Young and Rubicam, incorporated of New York City.
HISTORY

This Spring marks the twelfth successive year that college representatives from throughout the nation have journeyed to West Point to participate in the National Debate Tournament. Through eight seeding rounds and four elimination rounds these teams will vie for possession of the coveted Sigurd S. Larmon Trophy, emblematic of the national collegiate debating championship.

The idea of the Tournament at West Point 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 intercollegiate 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 the early Debate Council and helped to pave the way for the first national tournament.

Administratively, little has changed in the Tournament's twelve-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 every part of the country leaders in the forensic field give generously of their valuable time to perform the necessary pre-Tournament district tasks that enable them to bring outstanding debate teams together for this event.

This Spring thirty-six teams representing the nation's colleges and universities are again gathered at West Point to debate the national topic. Included in this year's program are lists which summarize the progress of the Tournament and reflect its growing stability and scope. From these lists it can be seen that this Tournament is truly national in scope, attracting teams representing a cross-section of the finest intercollegiate debating in the country.
1958 Participating Schools

District I
College of the Pacific
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
San Diego State College

District II
State College of Washington
University of Idaho

District III
University of Oklahoma
Abilene Christian College
Baylor University
University of Houston

District IV
University of Kansas
Washburn University of Topeka
Marquette University
Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire
Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia

District V
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
Xavier University (Ohio)

District V (Continued)
Wayne University
University of Illinois, Chicago
Augustana College

District VI
University of Miami (Florida)
University of South Carolina
University of Alabama
Duke University

District VII
Princeton University
George Washington University
Wilkes College
U. S. Naval Academy
University of Pennsylvania

District VIII
Harvard University
Dartmouth College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Eastern Nazarene College
Fordham University School of Education

Host: United States Military Academy

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SCHEDULE
TWELFTH ANNUAL 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, 23 April
PM 1:00 - 6:00 Registration, Housing, and Sightseeing
6:15 Supper (see administrative folder for details concerning meals)
8:00 Orientation by Cadet Chairman in the Weapons Room, Cadet Gymnasium
9:00 Coaches' and Judges' Reception at the Officers' Club Debaters' Reception in the Weapons Room

Thursday, 24 April
AM 7:15 Breakfast
7:45 Seeding Round One
10:25 Seeding Round Two
PM 12:10 Dinner
12:55 Seeding Round Three
2:30 Tours of West Point
3:45 Seeding Round Four
6:15 Supper
7:30 Refreshments in Grant Hall

Friday, 25 April
AM 7:10 Breakfast
7:45 Seeding Round Five
10:25 Seeding Round Six
PM 12:10 Dinner
12:55 Seeding Round Seven
Friday, 25 April

PM  2:30  Movie entitled "The Making of a West Pointer" in the Electricity Lecture Room.

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, 26 April

AM  7:10  Breakfast

8:05  Elimination Round

10:30  Quarter Final Round

10:30  Tour of Statistics Room

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
Cadets James Murphy and George Walker, representing the United States Military Academy, receive the 1957 runner-up award from General Davidson.

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*Includes previous winner (automatic invitation).

**Previous winner, Redlands of District I, declined automatic invitation; District VII was given an extra invitation for 1953 only.

#Previous winner, United States Military Academy, was present as host team; automatic invitation extended to runner-up, St. Joseph's College.
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**SPECIAL NOTICE**

The staff of the Twelfth Annual National Debate Tournament takes great pleasure in making the following announcements:

The winning team of the Tournament will appear on the College News Conference on Sunday, 27 April, at 1:30 p.m. Emanating from Washington, D.C., this coast-to-coast broadcast is carried over the ABC-TV Network.

The Tournament winners will also appear on Dave Garroway's Today (NBC-TV) on Monday morning, 28 April, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

For the second successive year, through the cooperation of Miss Dorothy Gordon, moderator, the New York Times Youth Forum (on TV station WABD, New York) on Sunday, 27 April, at 12 o'clock, will devote its program to the national debate topic. Student panelists on this program will be selected from among debaters present at the National Debate Tournament.