

Speech and Debate



Public speaking activities spread from the campus into state and national organizations. The Gavel and Rostrum Club offers the students practice in every kind of oral communication: debate, oratory, oral reading, parliamentary procedure, and after-dinner speaking. Our students have carried the College banner honorably in the contests of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League, with yearly representatives taking keen interest in debate, oration, extemporaneous speaking, and interpretative reading. Laurels have been frequent. Charming recitals have also delighted local audiences in McKenny Hall. Respect for the achievements of students and for gifted leadership on the part of the teachers is also evident through the organization on the campus of the largest honor forensic fraternity in the United States, Pi Kappa Delta. Largely through the efforts of Professor F. B. McKay, the Michigan Epsilon Chapter was recognized by the national chapter in 1921.

*"I am not poor, but I am proud
Of one inalienable right,*

