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# FORENSICS

## DEBATE TRYOUTS NOW BEING HELD

The first stone in the foundation which is being laid for the intercollegiate debating activities was set Saturday, October 1st, when the Freshman Debating Tryout was held.

In accordance with the rules governing the contest a subject was announced in advance and each contestant was required to talk four minutes on this subject. Also each participant was requested to speak for four minutes on a topic which he received five minutes in advance of the time he was called upon to talk. First, second and third prizes were awarded to J. W. McCaffrey, W. C. MacLean and Vernon Sigler. All of the speeches were very good and the contestants are deserving of commendation for their efforts. As previously announced cash prizes of \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 will be awarded to the winners of first, second and third prizes respectively, together with suitably engraved gold pins which will be presented to the winners on the night of the final class debate.

The Junior class contest open to students having more than twenty-five and less than fifty semester hours of credit will be held Saturday, October 8th at 1:30 P. M. The Juniors will speak on the subject; "Resolved, That a system of compulsory voting should be adopted in the United States."

On the following Saturday the members of the Senior class will have their opportunity to display their forensic ability. All students having more than fifty

semester hours of credit will be eligible for this tryout. The subject to be discussed is—"Resolved, That Declarations of War, except in cases of Invasion or Rebellion, shall be ratified by a direct vote of the people."

The same rules that governed the Freshman class contest will govern the contests in the Junior and Senior classes. Likewise similar prizes will be awarded to the winners.

After the successful contestants have been selected in the respective classes the inter-class contests will follow. The Freshman winners will meet the Junior class representatives. Thereafter the Senior class winners will engage in a debate with the winner of the Freshman-Junior contest to determine the class championship of the college.

The class contests having been disposed of the college will then be prepared to embark on its intercollegiate debating schedule. Negotiations have been completed with the Chicago Daily News whereby four debates will be broadcast over the radio. In addition to these debates it is also planned to send the team on a trip that will include several debates.

During the past few years the Chicago-Kent College of Law Debating Teams have maintained an enviable position in the forensic field. To maintain this reputation in the future it will be necessary that the participants devote a great deal of time and attention to preparing for the debates. And in this connection the active support of the student body will likewise assist in many ways.