

The first fifty points are for the logic and strength of the debater's arguments, the second for his language and general deportment. To score high on delivery, he should be perfectly natural, not dramatic, nor, on the other hand, show nervousness or over-embarrassment. He should have a good speaking voice and use it to advantage. He must be in earnest and show that he believes in what he is saying and speak so as to convince his audience.

The score card assumes that there are three debaters on each side; there may be only two. The judge will make his score, total it, write "negative" or "affirmative" over the word "Decision," sign his name, and give his card to the usher, who hands all three to the chairman. Whichever side gets at least two decisions in its favor will be judged to have won the debate.

The Season's Program

We shall assume the debating club is being organized on the first of November, to be in operation the five winter months. The program committee will hold a meeting, to which the president will be invited, since he is a member of all committees, and proceed to map out the program for the season. If it has been decided to meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month, the committee has ten meetings to provide for. Their program of meetings might look something like the following:

Nov. 2.—Organization, and afterwards minute speeches. Subjects distributed as members enter the hall.

Nov. 9.—Lecture. Local man, or Lecturer from College.

Nov. 23.—Debate.

Dec. 14.—Social evening.

Dec. 28.—Jubilee.

Jan. 11.—Lecture. Lecture: from outside.

Jan. 25.—Entertainment.

Feb. 8.—Discussion.—Subjects assigned (four appointed to lead the discussions).

Feb. 22.—Debate.

Mar. 8.—Debate.

Mar. 22.—General program. Music. Readings. One Act Play.

The committee will then proceed to arrange for the speakers to give the addresses and the debaters to debate, and all others who are to take major parts in the program, and assign the subjects. If this is all done at the beginning of the season, it will give every one who is to take part a chance to make careful preparation; and every one who is to take part should prepare.

If the programs are arranged in advance, posted, and advertised in the local paper, the efficiency of the Club will be increased 100 per cent. over one that makes out its programs for one week at a time.

Advantages of Season's Program Arranged in Advance

If the subjects are chosen and the debaters selected in advance, as recommended, it will give the young debater a chance to collect