

## Host High School Debaters This Weekend

### Choir Prepares For April Tour Of Five States

Members of the Augustana Choir, under the direction of Professor Henry Veld, will leave the campus early in April for their annual spring concert tour. They will travel in chartered buses, and within ten or eleven days will sing nine concerts in five different states, according to Willard Anderson, choir manager.

Tryouts to determine which students will be able to tour with the choir are to be held in the near future, sixty-four to be chosen to participate. Their entire expenses will be paid by the college.

The itinerary for this year's tour is as follows:

Sunday, April 3—Opera House, St. Louis, Mo.

Monday, April 4—Indianapolis, Ind.

Tuesday, April 5—Danville High School Auditorium, Danville, Ill.

Wednesday, April 6—Springfield, Ohio.

Thursday, April 7—Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.

Friday, April 8—Fountain Street Baptist church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Saturday, April 9—Detroit Music Hall, Detroit, Mich.

Sunday, April 10—Joliet High School Auditorium, Joliet, Ill.

Monday, April 11—Medina Temple, Chicago, Ill.

Prior to leaving on the tour the choir will present two or three concerts in this vicinity, one to be in Sterling, February 20.

The history of the Augustana choir dates back many years. Mr. Veld came to Augustana in 1929, and, for five years, directed the women's

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### Dr. Bergendoff Takes Lecture Tour Offer

The Augustana campus will be minus its president this spring when Dr. Conrad Bergendoff leaves by plane for Germany in early March or April. He has been invited by the religious officers division of the United States Military Government of Germany to spend three months there lecturing and conducting seminars in the various German Universities.

Instead of conducting chapel services here at Augustana, Dr. Bergendoff, with the status of a visiting professor, will lecture in both languages to theological students in the universities and will conduct seminars in religious adult education centers.

Dr. Bergendoff's subject will be the relationship of the church to the state, to education, to economics, and to other phases of continental life. He has also been asked to lecture on the ecumenical challenge to Christian communities. As president he is well qualified to speak on such subjects, especially since he was a delegate of the 1937 Oxford and Edinburgh conferences, and was also a member of the committee which met in England one and a half years ago to make plans for the World Council of Churches which convened in Amsterdam last September.

### Dr. Richard Johnson Will Resign To Take National College of Education Presidency

#### Name 2 Coeds To Obs Staff

The publications Board recently announced that Natalie Charles has been appointed to the position of Observer copy editor, and that Joan Sandberg will fill the newly-created office of Observer circulation manager.

Natalie, a freshman, was selected by the board to fill the vacancy on the staff created by the resignation of Bernie Wickstrom. Although Wickstrom's scholastic schedule is too strenuous to allow him to continue in the capacity of copy editor, he will remain on the Observer staff as a reporter.

Because of the many duties of the Observer business manager, the Board realized the necessity of creating the position of circulation manager. The duties of the manager will include the correspondence with other colleges, the exchange of papers with other schools, and the supervision of the circulation of the Observer among the Augie students. Joan, who has been a reporter on the Observer for several semesters, will also assist the staff on Wednesday nights when the paper is being made up.

Natalie has served on the paper as a reporter since she entered Augustana last fall. In addition, she is a Phi Rho pledge and a member of the cheer leading squad. Jo is a member of the Key sorority and has also been a cheerleader.

There will be a meeting of the Observer staff and reporters in the upper lounge of North hall this afternoon at 4:00 p. m. All persons interested in writing for the paper this semester are expected to attend this meeting.

### Choose Bill King As New Board Member

Bill King has been named the new member of the Athletic Board of Control according to an announcement by Pete Beckman, President of the Student Board of Control. Bill has been appointed to the position formerly held by Al Glielmi, who graduated at the end of last semester.

Bill, a junior, won his varsity letter in track and is a member of the Tribe of Vikings. In addition, he has served as sports editor and copy editor of the Observer and is now make-up editor of the paper. He is president of Alpha Delta journalistic fraternity and has been secretary of the Phi Omega Phi fraternity.

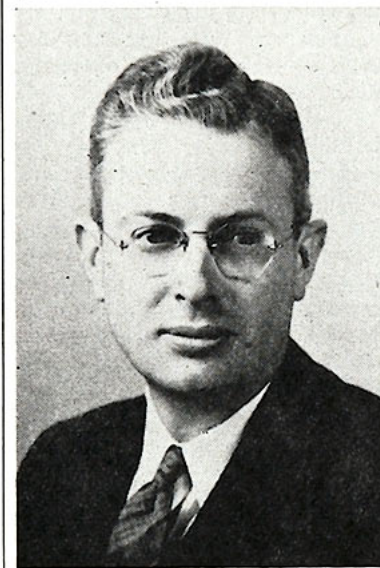
### Veld To Teach At Michigan U.

Mr. Henry Veld has accepted an invitation to teach at the University of Michigan during its summer school session, June 20-August 12 of this year. In addition to teaching classes in choral materials and advanced choral conducting, Mr. Veld will also conduct the university's summer choir.

Dr. Richard K. Johnson, professor of biology at Augustana, has been named president of the National College of Education in Evanston. Dr. Johnson's new appointment will take effect on Sept. 1, at which time, Miss Edna Dean Baker, for 28 years the school's head, will retire.

Dr. Johnson was head of the science department at the National College of Education for eight years before coming to Augustana last fall. From 1946 to 1948 he was vice chairman of the administrative council of the Evanston school.

Dr. Johnson is probably best known for the course he initiated and developed at the National College called Science in the Air Age, which, in one of its phases, allows



Dr. Richard K. Johnson

students to handle the controls of an airplane in flight. He is well known in education circles for his advocacy of science education for elementary teachers.

As chairman of the audio-visual aids committee of the National College, he planned exhibit conferences where the most recent audio-visual aid materials were demonstrated to educators of the community as well as the college classes.

Dr. Johnson will remain at Augustana for the completion of the 1948-1949 year. No one has as yet been considered to fill the vacancy he will leave in June.

### Divide Presser Award Among Five Students

Five music majors have been named recipients of the Presser Scholarship, according to an announcement by Karl Ahrendt, director of the School of Music. The \$250 award will be divided equally among Eric Cederberg and Elmer Copely, voice; Roy Johnson, clarinet; and Leif Larson and John Ahnert, piano.

Basis for the selections was a tryout held in the college chapel January 14, with Oscar E. Anderson, director of the Tri-city symphony, as judge. Fourteen sophomore, junior, and senior music students took part in these tryouts.

Presser scholarships are awarded each year by the Presser Foundation to further professional study of music.

### Old Main Snowed In To Delay Final Exams

The first day of final examinations found Old Main snowed in. As reported in the United Press in newspapers from California to Florida, pranksters, irate students, or conscientious objectors during the night packed six-foot ice and snow banks in front of all of the doors in an attempt to delay beginning of exams.

Reliable sources state that at approximately one o'clock a large committee of well organized students systematically charged all doors of Old Main placing a mixture of seven shovels full of snow to one bucket of water in front of each door.

In an interview with Mr. Sodac, custodian of Old Main who one Chicago paper pictured as a heroic fast-working janitor who was able to break thru the huge snow wall just in the "nick of time," he said that he would have been glad to save the fellows about three hours work by giving them a hammer and, some nails so that they could really close the doors.

A student committee has been organized to look into the future possibilities of Mr. Sodac's proposal. However, as one student put it, "It only took us an hour, and it would be a shame to use nails and let all of that fine raw material go to waste."

### Tornquist Picks Crews For Dramatic Production

Professor Don Tornquist has announced the crews for the next Alpha Psi production, "Antigone", which will be given in the Longfellow Auditorium, February 17, 18, and 19 at 8:00 p. m.

The crews are as follows: Assistant directors; Don Eyre and Elizabeth Schmidt. Stage manager; R. O. Landon, and stage crew; John Aronson, Fred Benson, Marlys Pierson, Lael Cappaert, Lillian Olson, Lynn Anderson, Don Peterson, Ken Larkin, and Bud Johnson. Chief of lighting, Elbert Smick, and lighting assistant, Ivory Mitchell. Property chief, Stan Johnson. Business Manager; Marge Ann Burdock, Business staff; Wayne Stead, Esther Glad, Einard Strand, Marian Fredrickson, Nancy Nelson,

Betty Lance, Marilyn Nordstrom, Mary Lou Reeter, Bev Johnson, and Patricia Curran. Publicity chief, Robert V. Anderson, and publicity staff; James Beardsley, Kenneth Koch, Duane Wilker, Pat Tillberg, Ann Hauberg, Fanchon McCombs. House staff chief, Mary Lou Lundahl, and House Staff; Joy Kimson, Merrill Lindquist, Dorothy Bratlie, Elizabeth Munson, Elizabeth Moothart, Gwen Englund, Dorothy Stead, Hal Swanson, Jan Pettit, Janis Schrage. Costume chief, Adeline Mlekush, and costume crew; Sue Spross, Eleanor Stone, Betty Jo Dahlen, Helen Peterson. Makeup chief, Lillian Peterson, and makeup crew; Elaine Pierson, Vera Haberer, Shirley Stoltenberg.

### Twenty-Five Illinois, Iowa Teams Compete In Invitational Meet

by Linnea Anderson

The Augustana Invitational High School Debate Tournament will be held here Friday and Saturday of this week. Twenty-five high schools from Iowa and Illinois will participate in the event, which is being directed by Prof. H. J. Holcomb and the local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

Two teams, a negative and an affirmative, will represent each school entered, debating on the question, "Resolved: That the United Nations should be changed to World Government". Each school will be given a total of 12 debates—6 for each team. Winner of the tournament will be determined by the best total score of both teams from each school. Trophies for first and second places will be awarded by the Public Relations Department of Augustana.

All debates will be open to the public. Schedules for each round will be posted in Old Main and the lobby of the library. Debates will be held Friday afternoon and 3:30 and 4:45 and in the evening at 8:15. Debates have also been scheduled for Saturday morning at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00. In case of a tie for first place, a finite championship debate will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00.

#### Name Participating Schools

Illinois high schools participating in the tournament are: Galesburg, Rock Island, Kewanee, New Trier high school of Winnetka, Moline, Nells Township high school, first place winner for the past two years, East Moline, East Aurora, Freeport, West Aurora, Elgin high school of Shelby, West high school of Rockford, East high school of Rockford, last year's second place winner, Geneseo, Mendota, Blue Island, Dwight, Petersburg, Sterling, Harvey, Downers Grove, and Lyons Township high school of La Grange. Davenport, Burlington, and Muscatine high schools will represent Iowa at the tournament.

Varsity team debaters, speech majors, faculty members, and former college debaters now in the seminary will assist in judging debates, and Augustana students will serve as chairmen and time-keepers for debates.

A tournament dinner will be held at the Parish House of St. John's church Friday evening. This dinner will be open to all visiting debaters and coaches, numbering from 180 to 200.

### Rocketry I Calls For Senior Picture Proofs

All seniors who have not yet returned their picture proofs are asked to return them to the Rocketry I office on the second floor of North hall. In the event that no members of the staff are present when the proofs are taken to the office, students are asked to slide them under the door.

Also, seniors who have not had their pictures taken are expected to arrange for the pictures to be taken.

The staff would also like to remind seniors that the cards upon which they have listed their school activities are to be turned in as soon as possible.