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FACULTY ACTIVITIES. Mr. Ben Fairman, Director of T & I Department made a trip to Minneapolis from November 24 to December 1 in the interests of the department. He visited Minneapolis Vocational School with the thought of getting ideas for possible use at Ferris. He also spent some time studying the program and methods at Dunwoody Industrial Institute in Minneapolis. He gave particular attention to their courses in auto mechanics to consider the possibility of introducing these courses at Ferris. He also attended the annual convention of the American Vocational Association, which attracts trade and industrial teachers and administrators and vocational teaching personnel from all parts of the country.

Dr. K. G. Merrill, Vice-president, represented the Institute at the inauguration of Dr. Harlan Hatcher as president of the University of Michigan. While in Ann Arbor, he also attended the Conference on Higher Education on the University campus on November 27 and 28.

Mr. Allen Puterbaugh, Dean of College Preparatory Department, attended a meeting of representatives of Michigan high schools that are in the North Central Association, in the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, on November 28.

Mr. Harold Wisner, Acting Registrar, attended the winter meeting of the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, on November 30. This group met in conjunction with the Michigan Secondary Schools Association.

Mr. Wisner, in his capacity as Debate Coach, took two teams of debaters from Ferris to the Novice Debate Tournament, sponsored by the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League, at Michigan State College on December 1. A two-man affirmative team and a two-man negative team participated in three debates each against Wayne, Alma, Calvin, and Michigan State on the official debate query "Resolved: That the Federal Government should adopt a permanent program of wage and price control." Each of our teams won one and lost two contests.

Mr. Nicholas Sabia, Music Director, was in Ann Arbor November 30 to December 1 to attend the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, which attracts high-school and college music personnel from the entire state. Discussions centered around problems of academic music education, ensembles, bands, and similar topics, and the meeting was highlighted by programs put on by musical organizations from the University of Michigan, and others.