

Report of the 1955

National Questions Committee

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The record of our chapters is improving. This year more chapters sent in suggestions for subjects than during the previous three years. Eighty-one chapters submitted two hundred and one suggestions for debate and one hundred and fifty-six suggestions for discussion. This is forty-six per cent of our chapters. One hundred and fifteen schools returned ballots. This is about two-thirds of the Pi Kappa Delta chapters. There was not a single invalid ballot among them and we were therefore able to put into the final records more ballots than in past years.

The results of the vote on the National Discussion and Debate Topics for 1955-56 are listed below as announced on August 15, 1955. Each first-place vote counted as five points, each second-place as four points, each third-place as three points, each fourth-place as two points, and each fifth-place as one point. Thus the topic in each list receiving the highest total vote was chosen as the official question.

DEBATE

Rank		Vote
1st	Resolved, that the non-agricultural industries of the United States should guarantee their employees an annual wage	1108
2nd	Resolved, that the Federal Government should abolish agricultural price supports	980
3rd	Resolved, that the Federal Government should adopt a system of compulsory national health insurance	929
4th	Resolved, that the Federal Government should subsidize the higher education of superior students	867
5th	Resolved, that the United Nations is an ineffective agency for maintaining collective security	711

DISCUSSION

Rank		Vote
1st	How can we best implement the decision of the Supreme Court for racial integration in the public schools?	1031
2nd	How can the people of the United States combat juvenile delinquency?	949
3rd	How can the American political system be improved?	860
4th	What should be the role of government in our economic system?	840
5th	What revisions should be made in the United Nations Charter?	798

Each year we add a few new chapters and many new members to Pi Kappa Delta so we shall call attention to the basic procedures which govern the work of the national questions committee:

(1) The SAA Committee on Intercollegiate Debate and Discussion Activities is composed of one member from each of the four cooperating forensic societies—Delta Sigma Rho, Phi Rho Pi, Pi Kappa Delta, and Tau Kappa Alpha—and one member appointed by the president of the American Forensic Association. The chairmanship of the committee rotates among the four forensic societies and the SAA and AFA appointees.

(2) Each committee member is responsible for polling the chapters of the organization which he represents. All suggestions for topics must be submitted to committee members not later than the May date set by the committee.

(3) The committee members must meet during the months of May or June to decide on topics and phrase the questions for discussion and the propositions for debate.

(4) The debate propositions and discussion

questions are submitted for preferential vote not later than August first to all chapters of the four forensic organizations and to a representative number of the non-affiliated schools.

(5) If circumstances require a change during the season, the committee may, by a two-thirds vote, alter the wording or move to a second choice proposition or questions. Individual chapters or schools are encouraged to write their reactions to the propositions or questions to members of the committee as the forensic year progresses.

(6) The four cooperating forensic societies agree to use the SAA questions as their official propositions for debate and discussion for the college year. This does not prevent individual schools or groups of schools from debating or discussing more than one question during the school year; but it does mean that none of the four societies would select a different question.

(7) The topics must be announced by September 10th.

Working under these regulations, the following committee members met in Chicago, Illinois, on June 24 and 25, 1955, and

phrased the topics listed above: Glenn L. Jones, Pueblo Junior College, Phi Rho Pi; Winston Brembeck, University of Wisconsin, Delta Sigma Rho; T. Earle Johnson, University of Alabama, Tau Kappa Alpha; Robert Gunderson, Oberlin College, representing the Speech Association of America, Austin J. Freeley, Boston University, representing the American Forensic Association; and Larry Norton, Chairman, Bradley University, Pi Kappa Delta.

The regulations under which the committee operates prevent issuing any official interpretation by the committee, nor is any organization or individual so authorized. The right of interpretation rests with those who debate the question. The committee has attempted to phrase questions that are broad in scope in order to encourage thorough analysis and investigation and to give the advantage to those students doing the more extensive and intelligent work. The committee members hope that the topics chosen, by the largest and most representative balloting to date, will provide a stimulating and profitable forensic experience for all participants.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Fees paid and keys ordered August 1, 1954 to July 31, 1955

School	Certificates & Fees	Keys	Total	Refunds
Alabama				
Alabama College				
Spring Hill College	21.00		21.00	4.00
Arizona				
State College, Tempe	14.00		14.00	
Arkansas				
Ouachita		5.26	5.26	
Southern State				
California				
Redlands	63.00	103.39	166.39	2.28
Cal Tech	42.00	8.00	50.00	
College of the Pacific	30.00	30.87	60.87	2.10
U. C. L. A.	42.00		42.00	

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Fees paid and keys ordered August 1, 1954 to July 31, 1955

School	Certificates & Fees	Keys	Total	Refunds
Pepperdine	96.00	65.16	161.16	5.00
San Diego	119.00		119.00	
Pasadena	7.00	10.71	17.71	.96
Upland	102.00	63.02	165.02	
Chico	250.00	47.04	297.04	5.59
Los Angeles State	193.00		193.00	
Colorado				
Colorado A & M	28.50		28.50	
Colorado State,, Greeley	56.00	5.16	61.16	
Western State	21.00		21.00	6.00
Georgia				
University of Georgia, Athens	14.00		14.00	
University of Georgia, Atlanta50	19.14	19.64	
Idaho				
College of Idaho	11.00		11.00	
Idaho State	56.00	9.96	65.96	
Illinois				
Illinois Wesleyan	7.00		7.00	
Eureka				
Carthage				
Bradley	63.00	64.65	127.65	
Monmouth				
I. S. N. U.	70.00		70.00	
North Central	7.00	13.80	20.80	
Shurtleff		9.02	9.02	
Wheaton	77.00	60.45	137.45	
Western State	35.00	31.95	66.95	
Augustana	21.00	21.25	42.25	8.79
Northern State	21.00	11.60	32.60	
Illinois College	14.00	5.10	19.10	
Principia	7.00		7.00	
Eastern State	56.00	45.36	101.36	
James Millikin	49.00	23.56	72.56	
Southern Illinois	49.00	13.75	62.75	
Greenville	42.00	27.14	69.14	1.25
McKendree	67.00		67.00	
De Paul				
Indiana				
Franklin				
Iowa				
Central College		35.48	35.48	
Morningside College				
Simpson College	28.00	12.22	40.22	
Upper Iowa University	14.00	13.94	27.94	
Coe College				
Westmar College		4.70	4.70	
Buena Vista College	49.00	40.47	89.47	.85
Dubuque University	42.00		42.00	
Drake University	21.00		21.00	

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Fees paid and keys ordered August 1, 1954 to July 31, 1955

School	Certificates & Fees	Keys	Total	Refunds
Luther College	35.00	30.37	65.37	3.47
Kansas				
Ottawa University	21.00	26.71	47.71	3.15
Washburn University	14.00		14.00	
Southwestern College	70.00	11.81	81.81	
Kansas State, Emporia	49.00	47.62	96.62	
Kansas State, Pittsburg	7.50		7.50	
Baker University				
Sterling College	63.00	14.27	77.27	1.22
Bethany College				
Ft. Hays State College	28.00	19.71	47.71	1.17
Bethel College	21.00	6.89	27.89	
McPherson College	28.00		28.00	
Kentucky				
Georgetown College	21.00	3.98	24.98	
Centre College	5.00		5.00	
Kentucky Wesleyan				
Louisiana				
Louisiana College	63.00	16.97	79.97	2.25
Centenary College	7.00		7.00	
Louisiana Tech	7.00		7.00	
Southwestern Louisiana Institute	56.00		56.00	
Northwestern State College	63.50		63.50	
Southeastern Louisiana College	128.00	60.90	188.90	
Maine				
University of Maine	28.00	6.91	34.91	
Michigan				
Kalamazoo College				
Hope College				
Michigan State College	21.00		21.00	
Michigan State Normal School	70.00		70.00	
University of Detroit	7.00		7.00	
Central Michigan College of Education	15.00	10.00	25.00	
Minnesota				
Macalester College	21.00		21.00	
St. Olaf College	56.00	.50	56.50	
Gustavus Adolphus College	14.00		14.00	
Hamline University	35.00		35.00	
College of St. Thomas	21.00		21.00	
College of St. Catherine				
College of St. Mary	35.00		35.00	
Mississippi				
Millsaps College				
Mississippi State College		6.10	6.10	
Mississippi State College for Women	21.00	14.08	35.08	
Mississippi Southern College	28.00	5.68	33.68	

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Fees paid and keys ordered August 1, 1954 to July 31, 1955

School	Certificates & Fees	Keys	Total	Refunds
Missouri				
Westminster College	28.00		28.00	
Central College	28.00	8.73	36.73	
William Jewell College	56.00	20.88	76.88	
Culver-Stockton College	42.00	41.30	83.30	
Central Missouri State College	33.00		33.00	
N. E. Missouri State Teachers	20.00		20.00	
Southeastern State College				
Missouri Valley College				
Tarkio College				
Drury College	21.00		21.00	
Rockhurst College	21.00		21.00	
St. Louis University	35.00		35.00	
Montana				
Montana State College	35.00		35.00	
Nebraska				
Nebraska Wesleyan University	21.00		21.00	
Doane College				
Hastings College	21.00	61.46	82.46	
State Teachers, Kearney	63.00	42.48	105.48	
University of Omaha		4.98	4.98	
State Teachers, Wayne	21.00		21.00	
Midland College	42.00		42.00	
North Carolina				
Wake Forest College				
Lenoir Rhyne College	28.00	12.45	40.45	1.08
Appalachian State Teachers	42.00	7.22	49.22	
Ohio				
Baldwin-Wallace College				
Heidelberg College	63.00	27.24	90.24	.49
Hiram College	35.00		35.00	
University of Akron	45.00	14.60	59.60	1.00
Otterbein College	35.00		35.00	
Marietta College	14.00	10.26	24.26	.80
Bowling Green State University	28.00	16.15	44.15	1.19
Kent State University				
Oklahoma				
Oklahoma A & M	70.00		70.00	
Tulsa University				
Oklahoma Baptist University	7.00		7.00	
Oklahoma City University	21.00		21.00	
East Central State College	49.00		49.00	
Southeastern State College	49.00	5.26	54.26	
Central State College				
Phillips University		15.14	15.14	
Northeastern State College	56.00		56.00	
Southwestern State College	37.50		37.50	

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Fees paid and keys ordered August 1, 1954 to July 31, 1955

Oregon				
Linfield College	36.50	7.96	44.46	
Lewis and Clark	10.00		10.00	
Pennsylvania				
Grove City College	21.00		21.00	
South Carolina				
University of South Carolina	16.00	6.00	22.00	
South Dakota				
Dakota Wesleyan University	20.00		20.00	11.00
Huron College	35.00		35.00	
Yankton College	35.00		35.00	
South Dakota State College	91.00	36.30	127.30	
Sioux Falls College	49.00	4.70	53.70	
Northern State Teachers	49.00		49.00	
Augustana College				
Black Hillss State Teachers	88.00		88.00	
Tennessee				
Maryville College	28.00		28.00	
East Tennessee, Johnson City	49.00		49.00	
Tenn. Polytechnic Institute	28.00	20.74	48.74	2.00
Carson-Newman College				
Middle Tenn. State College	35.50	39.89	75.39	2.25
Texas				
Trinity University	14.00		14.00	
Howard-Payne College	21.00	7.24	28.24	
Mary Hardin-Baylor College	28.00		28.00	
Texas Christian University	25.00		25.00	
North Texas State College	56.00		56.00	
Hardin-Simmons University	70.00	4.16	74.16	
Baylor University	91.00	45.34	136.34	
Southwestern State Teachers	28.00		28.00	
Stephen F. Austin	42.00	60.64	102.64	
Texas A & I		6.27	6.27	
Abilene Christian College	44.50	8.13	52.63	
Washington				
College of Puget Sound	84.00		84.00	
Seattle Pacific College	50.00	12.30	62.30	
State College of Washington	49.00	19.75	68.75	
Whitworth College	70.00		70.00	
Pacific Lutheran	30.00	27.70	57.70	
Western Wash. College of Education	42.00	32.94	74.94	3.99
St. Martin's College	28.00		28.00	4.00
Whitman College	109.00	16.46	125.46	
West Virginia				
Marshall College	28.00		28.00	
Wisconsin				
Ripon College				
Carroll	10.00		10.00	
State College, River Falls	70.00	64.65	134.65	
State College, Whitewater	14.00		14.00	
State College, Eau Claire	56.00	1.50	57.50	
General Chapter	46.00	28.79	74.79	
Total	\$5713.00	1,824.26	7,537.26	83.86

Annual Report of the Treasurer

August 1, 1954 — July 31, 1955

Receipts

Fees and Certificates	\$5,713.00
Keys	1,824.26
Forensic	8.00
Bonds Matured	1,000.00
Interest on Bonds	180.00
Convention	3,491.50
Bal. July 31, 1954	1,818.81
Total	<u>\$14,035.57</u>

Disbursements

Forensic	\$2,522.50
Printing	94.91
Offices,, secretarial help & supplies	1,778.15
Keys	1,728.67
Convention	3,630.25
August Council Meeting	582.50
Refunds	83.86
Question Committee	48.68
Miscellaneous	41.00
Short Checks	10.80
Bal. July 31, 1955	3,514.25
Total	<u>\$14,035.57</u>

Statement of Assets Owned

Bal. July 31, 1955	\$3,514.25
Colorado State Normal Bonds	3,000.00
Accounts Receivable	97.34
Interest due	60.00
Total	<u>\$6,671.59</u>

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have examined the books and records of Pi Kappa Delta Fraternity for the period beginning August 1, 1954, and ending July 31, 1955.

The statement above prepared in conjunction with Prof. D. J. Nabors,, according to established form, as an accurate report of the financial status of the organization as of this date.

R. B. Harris, Auditor

Chapter Directory

Ohio, Continued

Zeta—Marietta College, Marietta
Eta—Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green
Iota—Kent State University, Kent

OKLAHOMA

Alpha—Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater
Beta—University of Tulsa, Tulsa
Gamma—Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee
Epsilon—Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City
Eta—East Central State College, Ada
Theta—Southeastern State College, Durant
Iota—Central State College, Edmond
Kappa—Phillips University, Enid
Lambda—Northeastern State College, Tahlequah
Mu—Southwestern State College, Weatherford

OREGON

Alpha—Linfield College, McMinnville
Beta—Lewis and Clark College, Portland

PENNSYLVANIA

Alpha—Grove City College, Grove City

SOUTH CAROLINA

Zeta—University of South Carolina, Columbia

SOUTH DAKOTA

Alpha—Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell
Beta—Huron College, Huron
Gamma—Yankton College, Yankton
Delta—SD State College, Brookings
Epsilon—Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls
Zeta—S.T.C. Northern, Aberdeen
Eta—Augustana College, Sioux Falls
Iota—Black Hills State Teachers College, Spearfish

TENNESSEE

Alpha—Maryville College, Maryville
Gamma—State Teachers College, Johnson City
Delta—Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville
Epsilon—Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City
Zeta—Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro

TEXAS

Beta—Trinity University, San Antonio
Delta—Howard-Payne College, Brownwood
Epsilon—Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton
Zeta—Texas Christian University, Fort Worth
Eta—North Texas State College, Denton
Theta—Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene
Iota—Baylor University, Waco
Lambda—Southwestern Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos
Mu—Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College, Nacogdoches
Nu—Texas A & I, Kingsville
Xi—Abilene Christian College, Abilene
Omicron—University of Houston, Houston

WASHINGTON

Alpha—College of Puget Sound, Tacoma
Beta—Seattle Pacific College, Seattle
Gamma—State College of Washington, Pullman
Delta—Whitworth College, Spokane
Epsilon—Pacific Lutheran, Parkland
Zeta—Western Washington College of Education, Bellingham
Eta—St. Martin's College, Olympia
Theta—Whitman College, Walla Walla

WEST VIRGINIA

Beta—Marshall College, Huntington

WISCONSIN

Alpha—Ripon College, Ripon
Beta—Carroll College, Waukesha
Delta—State College, River Falls
Epsilon—State College, Whitewater
Zeta—State College, Eau Claire

Ridin' the Provinces

When Emmett Long asked me to take over this column from Harvey Cromwell I was faced with a real problem. How I ask you Editor Long, is a Jersey City kid and a Los Angeles teenager with five years experience in the Iowa corn country going to replace the smooth southern gentlemanliness of our esteemed Past editor. If at times this column becomes dull, recall Long's unhappy choice.

I admit I have help. This is essential. This help is in the persons of a series of informers who provide me with the latest information about what is going on in the provinces. In general I will try to fill up this section with little bits of information about our fraternity. For instance, up in Province of the Upper Mississippi, Pi Kappa Delta showed its prowess at the Eau Claire tournament last February. St. Olaf won both divisions of debate and oratory and the sweepstakes. Eau Claire won the folklore and after dinner contests. By the way, anyone who has an open spot in February—16, 17 and 18—and wants to enter these and other events in a good tournament should contact Grace Walsh at Eau Claire.

Or maybe you would be interested in the news that the Southern California Collegiate Forensics Association Presidency has been held for five years by Pi Kappa Delta coaches. First Lester McCrery of Cal Tech, then Emmett Long of Pepperdine and now yours truly. Unfortunately, Pi Kappa Delta loses Les McCrery this year as he moves to Oregon. Les was responsible for first making the Southern California Collegiate Forensics Association an active organization with the development of standards for judging and organizing tournaments.

The Western States' tournament this year will be hosted by Ted Karl and Pacific Lutheran College. The Pacific Province tournament this Spring will be held at College of the Pacific under the direction of Ex-President Ed Betz. The Province tournament for the Upper Mississippi will be held April 1, 2 and 3 at Eau Claire.

By the way, Charles Masten, Governor of the Province of the Plains will be assisting Editor Long with the Pepperdine debaters this year while he works on his doctorate at Southern California. It's a long pull from Emporia, Kansas to Los Angeles, California but brother Masten just can't keep his hands out of the forensics game.

Masten's fellow S.C. grad student and former coach at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Norman Leer, is at Fresno State College this year. Maybe Norm will bring Fresno into the Pi Kap fold.

That's an example of the kind of material we will be printing in this section. But when I can't get information (when the informants get lazy) I will be forced to indulge my idle ramblings.

Has it ever occurred to you that Pi Kappa Delta discriminates against the state of Iowa? Why, I ask you, should my adopted state be chopped in three by the greedy provinces of Missouri, Upper Mississippi and the Sioux? This is a day of decreasing state boundaries, you say? But do you know what this means? When the Iowa Forensics Association meets in March for its state tournament, most of the schools are Pi Kap schools but they are foreigners to each other. And what a problem in scheduling we used to have during Province tournament years.

Speaking of Iowa, what a shock it was to see a copy of the Central Ray from out

Pella way and learn that Central has a debater named Coleman and another named Jones. I recall looking up from a tournament registration desk with apologetic eyes as always patient Miss Van Emmerik spelled for the third time names like Buwalda, Roorda, Meerdink and De Nelsky. Central College has gone cosmopolitan.

Question of the week: What is a spearfish and how did it get in South Dakota? A Miniesota friend of mine says that there is nothing between Minnesota and the Rocky Mountains except a barbed wire fence. South Dakotans deny this. Chris Christiansen proposes to prove to us that this isn't true if we'll go to South Dakota State College for the 1957 convention.

Well, it was good to get to a Pi Kap convention again. My last one was at Bowling Green, Ohio in 1947 when a fellow by the name of Bill Nelson gritted his teeth and dragged me through eight rounds of debate. It was also good to make my first convention since 1947 a return to my Alma Mater. It wasn't far to go this time—only sixty miles and we didn't get our car sand blasted like Ralph Micken did. We did get blasted in the tournament events though. We won one debate (not the only one, but almost) that we were proud of. My boys won a decision from one of those "tough Swede schools," as E. R. Nichols calls them, St. Olaf. My men claim it was the southern accent of Phil Kelly that carried the day with Harvey Cromwell.

That's all for now. Brother Long just phoned and said, "Get down here right away with that stuff." So, off I go. One last thought—send me any little bits of information you run across. You don't need to be one of my regular informants (they aren't paid either).

Malcolm Sillars

Pi Kappa Delta Keys

LIBRARY
OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

PRICE LIST

Degree	Miniature (with pin)	Small (Lavalier)	Large (Fob)
DEBATE (Pearl)			
Fraternity (Ruby)	4.70	5.26	6.10
Proficiency (Amethyst)	3.38	4.42	5.26
Honor (Emerald)	4.98	5.54	6.38
Special Distinction (Diamond)	7.78	13.38	16.46

ORATORY (Ruby)			
Fraternity	5.54	6.10	6.94
Proficiency	4.70	5.27	6.10
Honor	5.82	6.38	7.22
Special Distinction	8.62	14.22	17.30

TWO ORDERS (Turquoise)			
Fraternity	5.27	5.82	6.66
Proficiency	4.42	4.98	5.82
Honor	5.54	6.10	6.94
Special Distinction	8.34	13.94	17.02

THREE ORDERS (Diamond)			
Fraternity	8.62	14.22	17.30
Proficiency	7.78	13.38	16.46
Honor	8.90	14.50	17.58
Special Distinction	11.70	22.34	27.76

INSTRUCTION (Emerald)			
Fraternity	5.83	5.39	7.22
Proficiency	4.98	5.54	6.39
Honor	6.10	6.66	7.50
Special Distinction	8.90	14.50	17.58

HONORARY (Sapphire)			
Fraternity	5.26	5.83	6.67
Proficiency	4.42	4.98	5.83
Honor	5.54	6.10	6.94
Special Distinction	8.34	13.94	17.02

SPECIAL CHARGES

For pin attachment on large and small sizes add \$1.00.

For white gold (special distinction only) add \$1.00.

Guard chain with gold initial pin (chapter Greek letter) \$1.50.

Charge for changing jewels in old keys \$.50.

Allowances: Gold in yellow gold keys exchanged for white gold.

Large and small keys \$1.50 Miniature \$1.00

Full value on rubies, sapphires, turquoises and emeralds exchanged for new jewels or white gold key.

Handling charge for changing jewels in old keys \$.50.

Add 12% tax to all charges except handling charge and rejeweling charge.

Address all key orders to the National Secretary, D. J. Nabors, East Central College, Ada, Oklahoma

Note: The prices indicated are complete, including all taxes and the handling charge.