

## ARTICLE X — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- 1000** The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority in parliamentary procedure not covered by specific provisions of this constitution.

## ARTICLE XI — AMENDMENTS

- 1100** This constitution may be amended at a regular National Convention by a two-thirds affirmative vote, or by a three-fourths affirmative vote in the referendum initiated by the National Council as provided in Paragraph 561.
- 1101** Unless an amendment incorporates its own effective date, it shall be effective on June 1 following adoption.
- 1102** All proposed amendments to the constitution must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Constitution Revision Committee by May 1 of the year preceding the National Convention, and shall be printed in the January **Forensic** of the convention year.

## ARTICLE XII — EMERGENCY

- 1200** When, by a three-fourths vote, the National Council shall determine that an emergency exists of such gravity as to make the holding of a National Convention impossible or impracticable, then, and in that event, the National Council may, by a two-thirds vote take any action necessitated by such an emergency, notwithstanding anything contained in this constitution. However, any ten Local Chapters may, by joining in a written request to the National Council, initiate a referendum of the Local Chapters on any action taken by the National Council hereunder.

## Forensics Programs

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of forensic experience.

In summary, forensic programs cannot escape the strong influences higher education will encounter during the 1980's. However, recalling our strengths may provide helpful reminders for productive survival.

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## Secretary's Page

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we receive complaints about non-receipt of issues of the FORENSIC or supplies, it is because we have not received a Fall Report and we have an incorrect sponsor's name or poor address. If you have ordered supplies and have not received them, advise us immediately. We have sent supplies to all chapters who have requested them, but we have not received at least two reports which were mailed in last Fall. We do have occasional lost mail.

Because of a very long drawn move from one office to another a short distance from the campus during December we were in a state of inactivity. We are still not unpacked completely but are able to function fairly well. We can comply with your requests much more quickly now.

We wish for all of you a successful and enjoyable last few months of the school year. Let us hear from you.

# The Effects

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less and that female score's were superior was directly refuted by both Rosen, Dean and Willis's statistics and this current study's statistics and analysis. This study had the advantage of using a new population. It examines individual on an individual quality point scoring system and examines the judges gender. Both of the above studies found that there is some difference among the judges scoring based upon the individual judge's gender, male judges scored everyone consistently higher than did female judges.

Thus, the composition of the judging panel become important when the number of point's received is determinative of outcome. While males judged everyone higher, there was no interactive effect with participant gender. It is interesting to note that only as to Argument and Responsiveness to Questioning, were the scores given male participants higher than those given female participants by male judges. Female judges only scored female participants higher in Presentation.

The difference in perception of judges as to Responsiveness to Questioning and Presentation may be based upon their own perceptions as a male and female.

While the hypothesis of a significant improvement in score with debate experience was not supported, except that debate experience seemed to cause lower scores on the criterion of Responsiveness to Questioning. This conclusion could have been expected because of the inherent differences between scholastic debate and appellate practice. Much High School and College debate is Cross-Examination style, where a member

of the opposing team questions the speaker in front of the judge, while in the Appellate Courtroom, the Judge asks the speaker questions. There is considerable difference in technique between the very defensive and cautious approach in debate and that of the appellate courtroom argument, in which the participants should welcome questions from the judges which may assist the participants in more effectively presenting their position.<sup>15</sup> Because of the very different approaches required by the Appellate Courtroom, the debater has to adapt to a new style of responding to questions in order to be successful.

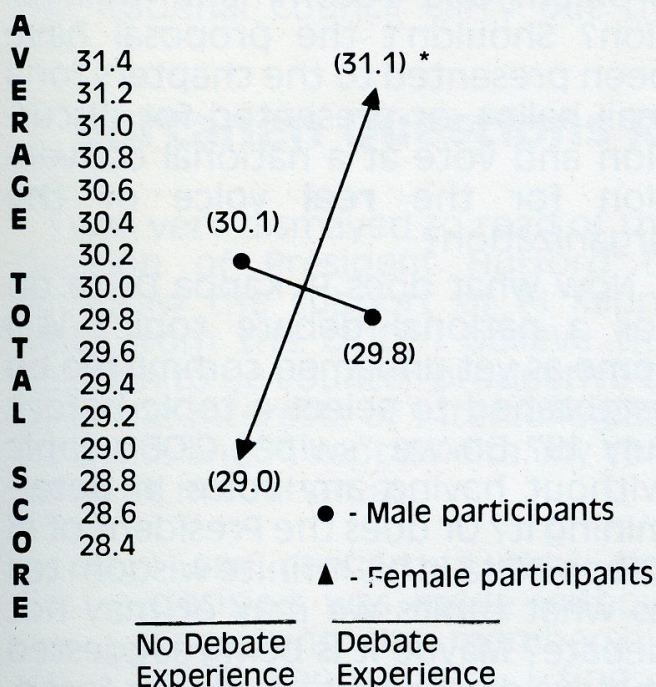
Most interesting is the relative effect of debate on females as compared to males, as Figure A illustrates. While overall, debate experience may not have had much effect on males, the experience of debate was important for females. Many hypotheses abound to explain this effect, but debate experience teaches assertiveness which females may have less of than males before debate training.

Difficulty was encountered because of the small cell size of the female debaters. This could potentially lead to distortion of the results when only a few interactions are available to be examined. While this is a definite problem, the impact was lessened to a great extent because the distribution of males and females in the sample matched that of the population (Table 1) and the judge gender-participant gender interactions were random (Table 2). But the strength of certain predictions are lessened because as Table 2 illustrated, there were no female participants who had both high school and college debate ex-

perience. Therefore, there is a strong need to increase sample size and replicate the study with different populations. This might be difficult, as there may not be too many female law students in appellate advocacy competitions who have had both high school and college debate experience.

FIGURE A

The Effect of Debate Experience by Gender



\*  $T(119) = 2.62, p = 0.01$

Additional information which might improve upon the conclusions which can be drawn, would be to examine the effects of the judge's debate experience and whether the judge had participated in an appellate advocacy competition in Law School or had argued in an appellate courtroom. Also, the categories of enrollment in an argumentation or debate course, as distinguished from tournament debate experience, should be examined.

There exists a strong need for empirical statistical studies, so that we may better understand the effects of gender and debate experience.

Personal opinion is helpful, but if we are to make decisions, scientific studies must be completed utilizing statistical analysis.

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# Points of View . . .

## Gustainis and Yeager See Inconsistency in President Hufford's CIDD Decision

President Roger Hufford's decision, announced in the January, 1980 issue of the **Forensic** (p. 6), to suspend Pi Kappa Delta's support of and participation in the Committee for Intercollegiate Discussion and Debate, left us shocked and angry, and the reasons given for the action did nothing to assuage those feelings.

The first reason given was the "The Committee refused to keep the 'off-topic' section of the ballot." Does this mean the demise of off-topic debate? Hardly. Not only do individual schools hold off-topic debate tournaments with topics of their own choosing, but even the article announcing the break with CIDD mentioned the "growth of the Cross Examination Debate Association which offers a limited alternative topic for debate." Off-topic debate, it seems is in no serious danger of disappearing.

The second reason claims that "The Committee did not consult the member constituencies before moving the release date of the new topic from the usual July 15 date." A grievous fault, truly, and grievously hath CIDD been made to answer it. However, for a man so concerned with the question of consulting member constituencies before taking action, President Hufford was remarkably lax in consulting Pi Kappa Delta chapters about his decision to cut CIDD adrift. The ancient adage, "Physician, heal thyself" seems an ap-

propriate admonition.

Did the National Council study the problem and recommend this action? Shouldn't the proposal have been presented to the chapters for a mail ballot, or presented for discussion and vote at a national convention for the **real** voice of the organization?

Now what does Pi Kappa Delta do for a national debate topic? Will some as yet unnamed committee be established to select a topic before July 15? Do we "swipe" CIDD's topic without having any voice in determining it? Or does the President of Pi Kappa Delta in his infinite wisdom tell us what topics we may or may not debate? Maybe it is being suggested that we drop debate from our forensic activities!

The last reason given is also the least viable. It was suggested that the disaffiliation between the two organizations "provides a financial saving for PKD." If the idea is to save money, why then does President Hufford propose "free registration" at the 1981 national convention, with the "Great Pi Kappa Delta Rebate" (p. 3, October, 1977 **Forensic**)? Since our national membership fee was raised 50% just a convention or two ago, why are we suddenly broke? Any novice debater would tell President Hufford that the money saving which accrues from cancelling a program is only an advantage if the cancelled program

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was not worthwhile. If the first two reasons for Hufford's action do not hold water—they seem notably leaky to us, then the third reason seems to make no sense whatsoever.

Pi Kappa Delta is **not** an organization with one-man rule! That is why we have a national council, a national convention, and voting delegates to determine **policy**. The President and the National Council carry out the

membership's policies in the interim between national conventions.

We believe that Roger Hufford's arbitrary and capricious action will likely prove to be schismatic - and the times, now more than ever, call the unity.

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## Bartanen Questions Reasons for Quitting CIDD

I was very dismayed to read of the decision of President Hufford to withdraw the support of Pi Kappa Delta from the CIDD. I believe this decision to be counter-productive to both the interests of intercollegiate forensics and Pi Kappa Delta. My concerns lie in four areas:

- 1) I am concerned that this decision was made without consulting the membership of Pi Kappa Delta. I find it ironic that the article in the January **Forensic** mentions a failure of the CIDD to consult their membership before moving the release date of the topic as one of the reasons justifying the severance of Pi Kappa Delta's ties with this committee. Like it or not, the CIDD represents the interests of many of the members of Pi Kappa Delta. One of the major strengths of Pi Kappa Delta lies in the voice that its members ought to have in the topic selection process. A major benefit of Pi Kappa Delta membership has been taken from us without our consent. This constitutes a very disturbing precedent.

- 2) I am concerned about the apparent assumption present that the CIDD must "necessarily" consider a national off-topic resolution. What is wrong with the CEDA organization choosing a topic as an alternative to the national topic? Since schools desiring to debate an alternative topic may readily become members of CEDA, why should the CIDD coopt the functions of this worthwhile organization?
- 3) This decision smacks of the philosophy that "if you won't play by my rules, I am going to take my ball and go home." The last time I checked the motto of the organization was "the art of persuasion, beautiful and just." Just because we do not agree with a particular decision of the organization, is that an acceptable reason severing our ties? It implies that we ought to try harder to make our voice effective in the decision-making process so that we can achieve the ends that we seek.

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# Chapter News

## CONCORDIA COLLEGE

Reporter: Heidi Lebus

### province of the upper mississippi

The Minnesota Zeta Chapter has been experimenting with a series of new programs this year. In March, we hosted an on-campus oratory contest in honor of Professor Allwin D. Monson, who has long been associated with Pi Kappa Delta functions. We are also sponsoring a series of weekly debates on activities such as draft registration and the Iranian crisis.

On our circuit travels, our squad members have won awards at tournaments at University of Wisconsin—Whitewater, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and South Dakota State University. Assistant Coach John Burtis was given that

"Coach of the Tournament" Award at the Nebraska Technical College Individual Events Tournament at Norfolk. Burtis was recognized for his special assistance to the tournament.

Zeta Chapter is also establishing a memorial fund for one of our debaters, David Hansen, who was killed in an automobile accident.

## SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Terri L. Miller

### province of the lower mississippi

Southeastern Louisiana's Zeta Chapter, after a very successful 1978-79 term, is continuing to show progress in the 1980's. The squad concluded a bright year with the



### TROPHIES FOR ALL

Southeastern Louisiana University speakers have trophies for everyone after this year's successful forensic season.

term of Barry Drufner and Randy Duncan taking first place at our state tournament in senior division and the team of Jill Faulk and Terri Miller taking second in junior division.

The fall semester has continued to be a successful one for Southeastern with Michelle Amacker, Bruce Benet, Randy Duncan, Barry Drufner, David Gaumond, Jill Faulk, Lauren Hall, Ed Loughlin, Brian Meadows, Terri Miller and Karen Williams contributing to the team effort.

The semester opened by traveling to Middle Tennessee State University. At Louisiana Tech. University., our squad made an excellent showing. In individual events, Lauren Hall broke to final rounds in two events, and Ed Loughlin broke in extemporaneous speaking. In senior debate, all three

teams (Ed Loughlin and Mike Caraway, Randy Duncan and Barry Drufner, Jill Faulk and Terri Miller) qualified for quarter final rounds, and the team of Faulk and Miller advanced to semi-finals. Success continued at Louisiana State Univ.-Shreveport where Barry Drufner was awarded a speaker's trophy. Completing the semester's record, the team of Ed Loughlin and Terri Miller traveled to Central Missouri State University; they were awarded first place in open division.

Forensics isn't the only thing that is becoming more competitive. You should see the competition at our semi-annual picnic-touch football games. Congratulations are in order to our coach, Dr. Larry Woodard, who as the Star Quarterback, led his team to another big victory.



#### WJC FORENSIC TEAM

From left to right: **Front row**—Steve Petry, Cindy Hoover, Linda Hopkins, Coach Penny Romans, Kent Newport; **Back row**—Bob Worrell, Hal Skoog, Steve Stites, Keith Kopp, Brad Gans.

#### WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

Reporter: Penny Romans

William Jewell College's forensic squad took first place and sweepstakes honors at the 56th An-

niversary Debate Tournament February 1-2, 1980, at Southwestern

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College in Winfield, Kansas, the birthplace of intercollegiate debate.

Cindy Hoover and Steve Stites placed first in CEDA debate, over four of the top CEDA teams in the United States. They defeated the University of Arkansas in the finals. Hal Skoog and Bob Worrell placed ninth in CEDA debate. Brad Gans and Keith Kopp shared fourth place honors with Kent Newport and Steve Petry in the junior division of traditional debate. Cindy Hoover was named top speaker in CEDA debate.

In individual events, Cindy Hoover and Steve Stites were first and third in extemporaneous speaking, and Brad Gans was a finalist. Keith Kopp was a finalist in prose interpretation.

The team's record earned them the D.H. Johnson traveling trophy and the Pi Kappa Delta Top School Award.

This was the second major win for the squad. The team captured sweepstakes at the Central Missouri

State University Invitational.

William Jewell's Missouri Delta chapter has added ten new members, bringing its membership to twenty-four.

## FERRIS STATE COLLEGE

Reporter: Becky McKay

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of the  
lakes**

Becky McKay, chapter reporter, writes that the Iota Chapter at Ferris State College "has gotten off to a great start this year." Fraternity membership includes a gain of eleven members over last year.

The forensics squad competed in three individual event tournaments and three debate tournaments during the first semester. At the Pre-Christmas Pi Kappa Delta Tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Ferris State placed fifth in sweepstakes in the tournament



### FERRIS STATE'S TEAM

The fourteen members of the Ferris State College forensic squad include those seated—Tom Jacques; Rudy Perhall, President; Becky McKay, Secretary-Treasurer; Mark Livanic, Vice-President, and Bob. Standing—Pam Smith, Mike Williams, Suzy Hillman, Chris Hogan, Kathy Ehlich, Mike Cody, Jo Karachy, Rick Bantien, and Phil DeLong.

hosting thirty-seven schools. The four-man debate team of Tom O'Brien, Ellen Ladd, Johannah Karachy and Mike Williams took first place, losing only three debates out of twelve. Tom O'Brien ranked second in overall speaking in his division. Mike Cody and Rudy Perhalla won three preliminary rounds and qualified for quarter-finals.

At the Wisconsin tournament, dramatic duo finalists, Suzie Hillman and Lori Hoeksema placed sixth; Pam Smith finished twelfth among the sixty-six contestants in persuasive speaking.

Plans for the Ferris squad included the Pi Kappa Delta tournament at Adrian College in January and the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Tournament hosted by Wayne State University in February. Debaters planned participation in the MISL tournament in January and the Wayne State Debate Classic in February.

Ferris State was invited to Harvard in February to participate in the Model United Nations. Ten PKD members planned to participate.

The forensic squad looks forward to the province tournament in March which will be a joint tournament with the Province of the Illinois in Bowling Green, Ohio.

**RIPON COLLEGE**

*Reporter: Jan Bwecher*

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Pi Kappa Delta at Ripon College has begun a year of rebuilding. The debate team has been inactive for two years, but with the help of a grant, teams are on the circuit once again. Mr. Steve Spear is the new debate coach.

The Wisconsin Alpha Chapter is pleased with its recent transfer from the Province of the Illinois to the Province of the Upper Mississippi. Ripon

students are now better able to compete with fellow province members.

In November, the chapter sponsored its annual Trivia Bowl, which included teams representing the entire campus. Sponsoring the bowl gives exposure to forensic activities and is also an entertaining way to raise funds.

On March 1, the squad sponsored its fifteenth annual high school forensic tournament, and Ripon hosted the state tournament on March 8.

**NORTH TEXAS STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

*Reporter: Don Brownlee*

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lower mississippi**

The Texas Eta Chapter was survived one semester of the 1979-1980 forensic season. Students directed by Dr. Ted Colson have participated in interpretation festivals at Texas Tech University and Baylor University. Members of the North Texas Debate Union have reached at least the semifinals at Oklahoma Christian University, Louisiana State University-Shreveport, the University of New Mexico, Central State University, Wichita State University and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Six debaters, Francene Foster, Rhonda Worley, Laura Pentecost, Chris Ortego, Randy Smith and Virgil Vahlenkamp have participated on teams winning tournaments this semester. Francene Foster was chosen as first alternate for the International Debate Team that will travel to Japan this summer.

During the spring North Texas students will host their annual debate tournament, this year named in honor of the former director of forensics William De Mougeot. North Texas will also be the site for the Province of the Lower Mississippi Convention and Tournament in late March.

**TEXAS A AND I  
UNIVERSITY**

Reporter: Eddy Zamora

The Texas A & I Forensics Team under the direction of Mrs. Donna R. Tobias and Mrs. Bonnie Boone have enjoyed a successful first semester in forensic competition. At the Southwest Texas University Individual Events Warm-Up held in San Marcos, the team garnered third place Sweepstakes Trophy. The Louisiana Tech Tournament at Ruston was the scene where the team captured third place in Individual Events and fourth place Sweepstakes. At the Southwest Texas State University Forensics Festival, Texas A & I captured the first place Sweepstakes Trophy. At the close of the 1979 Forensics year, A & I won first place at the South Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association Tournament held at Pan American University in Edinburg.

Members of the Forensic Team include: Kristie Bird, Gregg Catter, Barry Dunn, Olinda Flores, Blanca Jaime, Jennifer Killian, Delma Lozano, Leticia Martinez, Bobby Ondarza, Tommy Powell, Bill Raney, Norma Salinas, Kim Scott, John Traylor, Ruth Vajdos, and Eddy Zamora.

For the Forensic Spring Semester 1980, Texas A & I Forensics Team plans to attend the following tournaments: In January, A & I will host the Tenth Annual Speech Festival and Debate Tournament; in March, the team will attend the Sam Houston State University Tournament in Huntsville, Lone Star Conference Speech Tournament, and the Pi Kappa Delta Province of the Lower Mississippi Convention and Tournament at North Texas State University. In April, the team will help with the University Interscholastic League Regional Met to be held at Texas A & I University.

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AT HAYWARD**

Reporter: Lawrence M. Bienati

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This year's squad at California State at Hayward shows a great deal of promise—the spirit of St. Louis is clearly upon us. With many new additions our squad has done quite well in competition and shows a great deal of promise for future endeavors.

Recently, our chapter co-sponsored an Oral Interpretation Festival. This numerous event proved to be a worthwhile and successful experience for all schools and special guests. This spring, the chapter will sponsor its second annual high school tournament. In addition to the upcoming spring speech-oriented festivities, the speech softball team is gearing up for its annual classic.

**Points of View**

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- 4) While I do not know the exact amount of money that Pi Kappa Delta will save by not participating with the CIDD, I find it difficult to believe that the savings will compensate for losing our voice in the CIDD. One unified voice will be more persuasive than many individual voices in influencing the selection of a national debate topic.

Let's rejoin the CIDD, and work harder at making our voice heard. It is incredible that an organization devoted to promoting rational argument cannot tolerate viewpoints which may conflict with our own.

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# From the Editor . . .

An apology: **The Forensic** is late again this month. Starting the year with a new editor, staff, and printer made the first edition late. Once that happens, the following issues get pushed back. I had hoped to catch up on this issue, but did not.

There has been little news which fits into the "Reports from Reliable Sources." I do have copies of letters from President Hufford to officials involved in CIDD which suggest efforts at restoring PKD cooperation with that group.

The "Points of View" feature has generated greater interest for this issue. I hope that more of our members make use of that forum to present their views. Selection of the debate proposition should motivate comment. Parameters for the topic have generated a number of responses in our area of the debate world.

Perhaps the most important matter facing Pi Kappa Delta is the planning of the National Tournament Convention. President Hufford, Past-President Tom Harte, and all of the members of the National Council are concerned and have offered suggestions. Council Member Larry Richardson has offered a proposal which combines much of what seems to be needed:

"1. Establish a code of criteria for selecting a site.

"2. Prepare a set of well-specified site requirements for guidance of local provinces that wish to investigate possible properties.

"3. Establish a time line and procedure for site selection.

"4. Consider establishing a site selection committee of experience people who would serve on a long range basis—several years. This committee

could try to establish a national rotation plan and could encourage provinces to get the investigation process started following clear procedures well in advance of need. This committee might well be chaired by a national council member, but the membership should focus on expertise rather than on the slow election process of PKD.

"5. I would consider it a reasonable goal to announce a specific property selection two years early at the close of the convention. The task of the incoming president would be to plug the convention into the site already selected and contracted for. We may want a vice president who would be tournament director, and who would be president elect."

If we can establish an acceptable policy, we should be able to reduce the difficulties which face the President and the National Council. We should also be better able to meet the needs of all members of PKD. Perhaps we need a permanent "self-perpetuating" committee. I don't really like that basis of selection. However, a committee which included some members with four-to-six-year staggered terms, some student members, and some National Council members would provide continuity, student input, and responsiveness to the existing National Council. Such a committee should include appointees of more than one President. This would reduce the burden on a single person. It could provide a functional approach for a process which has become more difficult year-by-year.

**The Forensic** for May features province tournament results. We hope to have pictures and stories from each of the twelve.

