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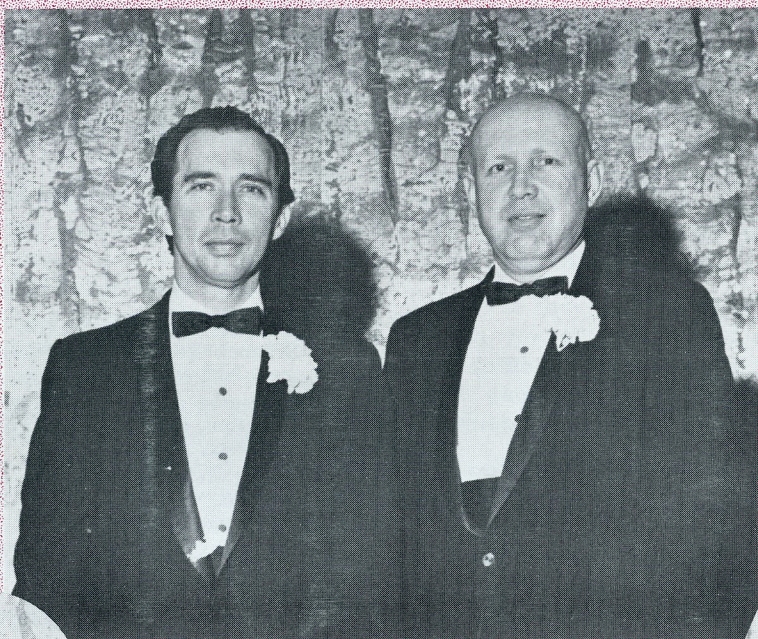
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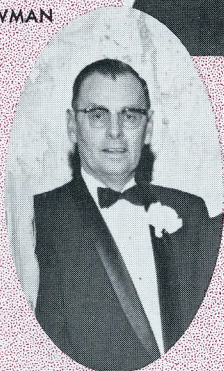


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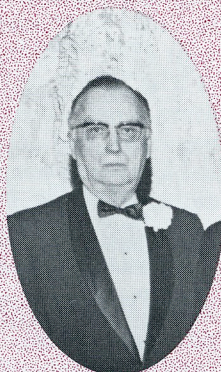
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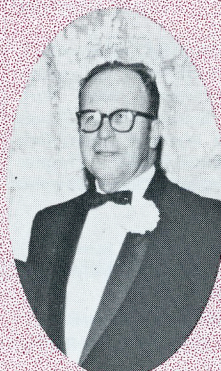
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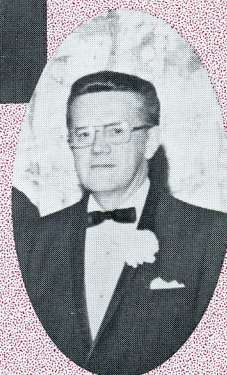
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## A KALEIDOSCOPIC INTERPRETATION OF THE HOUSTON CONVENTION

**Caroline Keefe**

Secretary-Treasurer of the Northeast Province of Pi Kappa Delta  
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Late in March they came to a city called Houston, setting down in giant planes on wide, arid runways, spilling from buses with the smell of brownies grown stale in the night. From cars and trains they came across the blue mountains and the rivers slowed by the sludge belched out by many trolls. With them they carried steel boxes and words of beauty and justice and garments open to the sun.

They massed together in a great hall ruled by a big, gentle man with a deep voice and a paper crown. He listened to them and made them laugh and together they passed laws. When they had nothing to do, they played word games about rules and made plans no one really wanted to approve or carry out. But he smiled and not a man raised a fist in his face or shouted that he had invented the rules. There were some who watching him wanted to be kings or princes or lords or ministers of the wardrobe, and they worked and waited, a few counting years and measuring smiles.

All day long and into the night they walked around on a large tract of land and carried in their aching arms their boxes of steel with cards empty and full. Often they stopped to speak about their world as it is and as they would like it to be. There were mentors who scratched numbers on many papers until at last they gave round golden discs to those whose words sent warriors into the assemblies of men or called up the moonlight across the frozen lake.

Every dawn they huddled together under yellow and blue paint, jostling on the awakening roadways, past the new-born concrete and glass suffocating in a shroud of low-slung cloud. And as they returned,

weighted down by the hours, some stared at the blazing concrete and glass and wondered if ever again they would see the stars.

There were those who through the smoke of many pipes watched gingham swirl in rick-rack and lace. They remembered other times on other tracts when five nights enclosed a lifetime of wisteria and her warm face. Some touching in the shadow of the great castle dared not count beyond the five when once again the unclasped hand would rest on ice.

And so they left vowing to meet one day on an unknown clime and walk and ride and speak and smile and win and lose and love and connive and call each other brothers.

### THE ART OF PERSUASION

### BEAUTIFUL AND JUST

### CONVENTION STATISTICS

A record 38 states were represented at the 27th biennial. There were 167 chapters present. Attendance was estimated at 900 — including students and faculty.

# The President's Message

This final President's Page is done with mixed emotions. I shall miss the challenge of leadership but there is a certain amount of relief realizing that Pi Kappa Delta has survived my two years as its chief officer. It is comforting also to know the National Convention chose the leaders well for the next biennium. As I say good-bye my thanks go to all Council members, Governors and other members of Pi Kappa Delta that made this such an enjoyable experience.



H. Francis Short

As you read this many will be graduating from their respective colleges, to those and others that attended the Houston Convention, I offer my congratulations. Never have I seen 1,000 young men and women from some thirty eight states conduct themselves with such decorum. So many disrespectful things have been said about our young college students of today I would like to congratulate our student members for a job well done.

It is time to say thanks to Gil Rau for the very fine job he has done as editor of the Forensic and my thanks to Georgia Bowman for her willingness to accept the editorship for the next four years. To Ted Karl, for all Pi Kappa Delta, I say thanks for a devotion to our fraternity seldom equalled. I shall look forward to joining him as one of the "Beards"! Finally, my thanks to Edna Sorber for her work with the Contest Committee.

The University of Houston was an outstanding host thanks to the organization

ability of Bill English and Martha Haun. It is nice to have friends like these two. All arrangements were made with great dispatch and efficiency. It was fun visiting Houston.

As I write this page for the last time, I cannot resist the urge to offer a challenge to the new Council. It is time to take a long, hard look at Pi Kappa Delta to see what direction we should be headed. It is a changing world with new ideas, we should be sure that our goals are attuned to the times. Pi Kappa Delta is the finest of the forensic fraternities, let's keep it that way.

Finally, to the graduating members of Pi Kappa Delta, may your life be filled with success. To the returning members of the fraternity, have a profitable summer and return next fall prepared to take part in the Province Conventions next spring. My thanks to all for the honor you have bestowed on me. I shall be forever grateful.

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**The Art of Persuasion**  
**Beautiful and Just**

# Memorial Service

Conducted by Dr. Georgia Bowman, Past President

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die . . . a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh . . . a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

— From the book of Ecclesiastes.

*Like a violin, my friends  
With time grow dear and sweet;  
It takes the test of many years  
To make companionship complete.*

*And oh, the overtones of sorrow  
That creep in with the years  
Only make the friendship richer  
With their bitter gold of tears.\**

At this open session, it is our custom to remember briefly those friends who have left our ranks since the last Convention. This year we think of three forensic directors and a student.

\**"Like a Violin,"* by Victoria Adelaide Harvey

One of the first judges I had in college debate was a short, stocky, intense man who struck fear into the heart of this 16-year-old college freshman. But I soon learned that while his criticism might be severe, it was always fair and honest and always designed to help us become better debaters. That man was Forrest Rose.

A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, with a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, he first coached at Park College in Missouri and then at Kansas Wesleyan. Thereafter, the rest of his long career was spent at Southeast Missouri State College. He earned an important place in the speech area, in the world of forensics, and especially in Pi Kappa Delta. For ten years a member of the National Council, he was national president from 1938 to 1940. Even after he became academic dean at Southeast Missouri and was no longer actively coaching, he rarely missed a Pi Kappa Delta convention. He came just because he was interested, and frequently because he was asked to serve as parliamentarian. And a superb parliamentarian he was, citing rule, page and paragraph of *Robert's Rules of Order* without

opening the book. He was official parliamentarian of the Missouri State Teachers Association for almost a quarter of a century.

At the last Pi Kappa Delta convention, he was in poor health, but he refused to give in to pain and persisted in trudging from round to round on his judging assignments. He died Dec. 20, 1969, just three days before his seventieth birthday, following brief hospitalization.

Dr. Fred Goodwin, his successor as forensics director at Southeast Missouri, characterized him well when he said, "Forrest Rose insisted on quality. He was intolerant of ineptness. He lived by an intelligent, sensitive philosophy. He was scrupulously honest."

Forrest Rose had largely fulfilled his obligations to his fellow man. Dale Stockton had not. He was only at the brilliant beginning of what should have been a soaring career.

Only a few years ago at a tournament in Kansas, I judged a team from Oklahoma State University that was outstanding. I

am not given to handing out freely ratings of 30 in the AFA Form C ballot, but in the second speaker I could find no fault. Swift in his thinking, incisive in his arguments, effective in delivery, courteous to his opponents — that was Dale Stockton.

An ordained Methodist minister with a bachelor's degree in speech, a master's in sociology, and a degree in theology. Dale had begun work on a doctorate in speech while serving as forensics director at Oklahoma State. On March 13, 1970, he was found dead in his hotel room in Dallas, the victim of robbery and homicide. He had given a speech at a convention and was on his way to join his debaters at a tournament at Texas Christian University.

Dr. Fred Tewell, his department head, said of him, "He was the finest debater I ever coached, a most stimulating student, and the brightest and most innovative young man to join our staff during my tenure at OSU."

Like Dale Stockton, Frank Nelson was at the beginning of his professional career. The son of Dr. Ted Nelson, past national president of Pi Kappa Delta, Frank was an undergraduate debater and orator at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. His graduate work at Northwestern University led to his becoming forensics coach there for several years, and none of us needs to be reminded of the high success of teams he directed.

As he was finishing his doctoral dissertation, he moved from Northwestern to Florida as forensics director at Miami, and then to San Fernando State in California, where he was coaching at the time of his death October 12, 1970. To Dr. and Mrs. Nelson,

his parents, who are here this evening, Pi Kappa Delta reaches out in sympathy and friendship.

A loss has touched another Minnesota chapter this year, and again the life was one of youth and promise. Just after Christmas, teams from Macalester College and the University of Wyoming were traveling together in a college bus on the way to a tournament in California. A highway accident took the life of a Wyoming debater and of a Macalester Pi Kappa Delta member, Brent Williams. Brent was a sophomore who had been a state high school champion debater. His record last year and earlier this year was outstanding, and his future had seemed to shine bright and far ahead. His absence leaves this tournament the poorer.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, who is little quoted of late, once wrote: "The compensations of calamity are made apparent to the understanding after long intervals of time. A fever, a mutilation, a cruel disappointment, a loss of wealth, a loss of friends, seems at the moment unpaid loss, and unpayable. The death of a dear friend, which seemed nothing but privation, somewhat later assumes the aspect of a guide or genius; for it commonly operates revolutions in our way of life, terminating an epoch of infancy or of youth which was waiting to be closed, and allowing the formation of a new one more friendly to the growth of character."

Thinking of these words as we enter into this week of competition, we terminate that epoch which must be closed, but let us remember these four friends, and try ourselves to emulate their standards of performance and character.

# *The Secretary's Report*

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF PI KAPPA DELTA

University of Houston  
Houston, Texas  
March 22-26, 1971

### **Minutes of the First Business Meeting**

The 27th Biennial Convention of Pi Kappa Delta was called to order by President H. Francis Short at 8:10 p.m., March 22, 1971 in Cullen Auditorium on the University of Houston campus. Following the pledge to the flag, led by John Cliff, the invocation was given by Thomas Willett of William Jewell College.

Past-President Georgia Bowman of William Jewell College conducted a memorial service for Forrest Rose, Dale Stockton, Frank Nelson, and Brent Williams. A copy of the tribute appears later in the minutes.

Roll of chapters was called and 145 responded. Late registrants brought the total number of chapters attending the convention to 167, including two which are not listed in the official convention registration but did attend part of the convention — Henderson State Teachers College and Kansas Wesleyan University.

The delegates were welcomed to Houston by Lee Tucker representing the Mayor of Houston. Dr. Wayne Thompson, Chairman of the University of Houston Speech Department, welcomed the convention to the campus.

Announcements were given by President Short, student members of the Council Karen Marshall and John Cliff, Mike Melton, chairman of recreational activities, and Theodore Karl, Convention Chairman. Edna Sorber, Contest Chairman, announced the proposition for the first round of extempore debate to be held the next morning.

Fred Goodwin, Chairman of the Charter and Standards Committee, and President Short presented charters to seventeen chapters including two alumni chapters.



LARRY NORTON

*Fifteen new local chapters received charters:*

Idaho Epsilon at Boise State College, Boise, Idaho

Minnesota Nu at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota

Tennessee Kappa at Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Pennsylvania Mu at Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania

Minnesota Xi at Winona State College, Winona, Minnesota

Maryland Beta at Frostburg State College, Frostburg, Maryland

Louisiana Theta at Northeast Louisiana State College, Monroe, Louisiana

Georgia Delta at Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia

New Jersey Alpha at Monmouth College, West Long Branch, New Jersey

Connecticut Gamma at Central Connecticut State College, New Britain, Connecticut

Michigan Mu at Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan

Texas Alpha Epsilon at Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas

Massachusetts Beta at Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Massachusetts

New Jersey Beta at Newark College of Engineering, Newark, New Jersey

Massachusetts Gamma at Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts

*Two new alumni chapters were chartered:*

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

### **Minutes of the Second Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 1971 in Cullen Auditorium by President Short. Theodore Nelson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee explained the voting procedures to be followed in electing the President, Vice-President, Editor and Secretary-Treasurer. The election was held with the calling of the roll.

The Convention Speaker, former United States Senator Ralph Yarborough, was introduced by William English. He addressed the delegates on the subject, "State Prayer and the Freedom of Expression: The Governments Proposed Commandment."

The Secretary-Treasurer presented a brief oral report indicating that the financial status of the organization was satisfactory and could remain so with continuing growth of chapters. The increase in the number of members qualifying by participation in individual events was noted and the decrease in number qualifying by debate was related to the current trend of debate programs which fail to foster opportunities for a large number of debaters.

James Grissinger, Chairman of the Constitution Revision Committee, introduced the only change in the Constitution, that Article IV, Division C, Paragraph 6 be amended by striking the last sentence and inserting the following; "No combination of degrees in different orders to obtain a higher degree than is held in either order shall be permitted." The amendment was passed. This was not a change but a clarification of the procedure which has been followed in advancing members.

John Burt moved that the Memorial Service remarks presented on Monday evening be included in the minutes. Motion seconded and carried.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported on the election held earlier in the afternoon. Fred Goodwin of Southeast Missouri State College was elected President of Pi Kappa Delta for the two year term 1971-1973. James Grissinger was elected Vice-President. Larry Norton was approved as Secretary-Treasurer for a two year term. Georgia Bowman was approved as Editor for a term of four years. The Chairman of the Committee, Theodore Nelson explained the procedures as stated in the Constitution for election of Council Members on Thursday. A list of seven nominees was presented by the Committee: John Baird, California State College at Hayward; William B. English, University of Houston; Seth C. Hawkins, Southern Connecticut State College; L. A. Lawrence, Montana State University; Fred Phelps, Morningside College; Edna Sorber, Wisconsin State University at Whitewater; Evan Ulrey, Harding College. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion to close nominations was made, seconded and carried. Biographies of the nominees will appear in the KEY.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

### **Minutes of the Third Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Short at 10:40 a.m. Thursday. Theodore Nelson called attention to the fact that the Constitution provides that, if more than five candidates are on the ballot for Council, a second ballot is necessary which includes the five highest candidates on the basis of the first ballot. Roll was taken and ballots were distributed for the Council election.

President Short recognized E. R. Minchew, Governor of the Province of the Lower Mississippi for words of welcome from the host Province. Gil Rau, Editor of the Forensic, reported on the work of his office and extended best wishes to the newly elected Editor, Georgia Bowman. L. A. Lawrence, Province Coordinator, reported on his work with the Province officers over the past two years and urged the Provinces to designate the Province Lieutenant Governor as the Governor-elect

and that the Lieutenant Governor be named to serve as chapter Coordinator in the Province. D. J. Nabors, Historian, encouraged chapters to send information every week to his office as East Central State College, Ada, Oklahoma. He introduced the oldest Past-President in attendance at the Convention, W. H. Veatch of Whitman College.

Following the presentation of the reports, a motion was introduced by the Linfield Chapter that all officers reports be written and copies made available to the Chapters. The motion was seconded. John Burt of Illinois Wesleyan University moved to postpone the motion indefinitely. Motion was seconded and carried.

William deMougeot moved that "the National Council plan the next convention to include only three rounds of individual events. Motion seconded. Following a motion to amend by adding the word "debate", the delegate from East Stroudsburg moved to table the motion. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Chairman declared that the second ballot for election of Council members would be held at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer on Friday morning from 7-8:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

#### **Minutes of the Fourth Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Short at 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 26, 1971. Roll was called by the Secretary.

Fred Goodwin reported for the Charter and Standards Committee as follows:

Those present at the opening business meeting of this 27th National Convention and Tournament witnessed charter presentations to 17 new chapters. The Charter and Standards Committee feels this sizeable group of new affiliates reflects sound growth and continuing interest in Pi Kappa Delta across the country. We especially wish to commend exceptional growth in the Province of the Northeast which accounted for seven of the new groups.

The Constitution of Pi Kappa Delta provides: "Any chapter failing to have a delegate at the first National Convention after the granting of its charter, or any chapter failing to have a delegate at two consecutive National Conventions, shall be placed on probation." Under this constitutional provision the committee recommends that the following schools be placed on probation:

1. State College of Arkansas
2. McKendree College
3. Western Illinois University
4. Principia College
5. Olivet Nazarene
6. Franklin College
7. University of Dubuque
8. Wartburg College
9. Bethany College
10. Georgetown College
11. Centenary College
12. University of Maine
13. Kalamazoo College
14. St. Mary's College
15. Ithaca College
16. Maryville College
17. Middle Tennessee State University
18. Hardin-Simmons University
19. Texas Lutheran College
20. Wisconsin State University at Platteville
21. State University of New York at Brockport
22. Northwestern College
23. Sacramento State College
24. Stanislaus State College
25. Wisconsin State College at Lacrosse
26. Lock Haven State College
27. Mayville State College
28. Northern Illinois University

The Charter and Standards Committee further recommends that the following chapters by virtue of attendance at this convention be removed from probation:

1. Monmouth College
2. Carroll College of Montana
3. Nebraska Wesleyan University
4. Southeastern Louisiana State Uni.
5. Delta State College
6. University of Dayton
7. Oklahoma Baptist University
8. Appalachian State College

The Committee recommends that the following schools now on probation be continued on probation:

1. Ouachita Baptist University
2. University of Redlands
3. California Institute of Technology
4. Chico State College
5. California State Polytechnic Institute
6. Tabor College
7. Detroit Institute of Technology
8. Southwestern Oklahoma State Col.
9. Tennessee Wesleyan University
10. Texas A. and M. University
11. U.C.L.A.
12. California State at L.A.
13. Baker University
14. University of Southern Mississippi

Finally, after careful consideration, personal contacts with forensic and administrative personnel, and conference with the appropriate province officers, the Charter and Standards Committee recommends that the following charters be revoked:

1. Illinois State University
2. Abilene Christian College
3. East Tennessee State University
4. Lenoir Rhyne College
5. University of Montevallo
6. Findlay College
7. Centre College

The Chairman wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the committee:

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred B. Goodwin, Chairman  
Roger Hufford  
Donald Cameron  
E. R. Minchew  
Bill Robertz

Michael Minchew, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following report:

Whereas, the 27th Biennial National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta has been assembled on the campus of the University of Houston, Houston, Texas during the period of March 22-26, 1971, and

Whereas, the success of any convention depends upon the cooperative efforts of many individuals.

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Convention of Pi Kappa Delta express its sincere appreciation and thanks:

To the City of Houston, Texas through its Administrative Assistant Lee Tucker for their hospitality.

To President Philip G. Hoffman and the administration of the University of Houston for hosting the convention.

To Dr. Wayne Thompson and the entire Speech Department and a special thanks to Dr. Theodore O. H. Karl, Dr. William B. English, and Mrs. Martha Haun who all contributed to the organization and administration of the Convention.

To the Texas Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta and all other students of the University of Houston who have actively engaged in making this convention a pleasant experience.

To President H. Francis Short and the entire National Council for their dedication in making the convention a success.

To Contest Chairman Edna Sorber and her staff for the administration of all contests.

To Professor Larry Norton, Secretary-Treasurer of Pi Kappa Delta for his many hours of work in the varied details of record keeping.

To Professor Gil Rau, Editor of *The FORENSIC*, and his staff for their fine efforts in the publication of *The FORENSIC* and of the *KEY*.