

Historical Highlights

This is a reprint of an editorial 80 years ago. Some issues seem to need our ongoing attention! CTH

J.R. MacARTHUR, EDITOR OF THE FORENSIC
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■ "We don't seem to feel that we belong to a national organization!" This was the remark made to the Editor by a bright and enthusiastic member of one of our strongest local chapters. Her remark is worthy of the greatest consideration. How are we to promote that broader feeling that sense of membership in a growing progressive body, with ideals which if realized are going to make an immense contribution to our individual, community, and national life? We must have a chance to react upon one another. But how to do it? Some of our chapters have a chance to do so in the contests, oratorical or debating, which they have with one another. But no one chapter meets in this way the representatives of more than three or four chapters, at best. We should undoubtedly make the most of these occasions of meetings. Do we always do so? Is the coming of orators or debaters from a college which has a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta always an occasion for the local chapter to meet with these men, to get to know them better, to compare notes with them, to test their experiences in the light of Pi Kappa Delta standards. Not always, we fear. We know at least one case in which a visiting team composed entirely of Pi Kappa Delta brothers came, saw, and were conquered, all without a single word of greeting from the members of the local chapter. In fact, as the visitors said afterwards, they would never have known that there was a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at that institution. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

But, granted that every chapter which has the chance to become acquainted through forensic contests with three or four others makes the most of this chance, will this be all that is necessary to develop the national feeling? How close, for example, does California Alpha feel to Michigan Alpha? Geographically, these two are the farthest apart of our chapters. How can we bring them close together in spirit? The Editor feels that this must be done through the Forensic. The regular writing of the chapter letter giving all the news of the local body, all the successes, defeats, activities, plans, new ideas, will furnish the Editor with material to pass on to the organization as a whole. At the beginning of the year, we asked all chapters in colleges which have a student publication to arrange, if possible, for an exchange with the Forensic. Just three chapters have done this: Illinois Beta, Kansas Delta, and Michigan Alpha. The Editor wishes to express his thanks to these chapters, and to say, furthermore, that it has enabled him to keep in closer touch with these chapters than with any others. One or two other chapters have promised to arrange for an exchange, but no papers have reached us. The Kalamazoo College Index, The Southwestern Collegian, and the Eureka College Pegasus come regularly and give not only the forensic news but keep us in touch in a most helpful way with the life of those institutions. Surely most of our chapters are located in colleges which have either a weekly or monthly record of the student life. If so,

won't you please make an effort to arrange for an exchange. We believe that it will help greatly to promote the national sense that we lack.

A word regarding publicity. Modesty, in moderation, is a great virtue. Sometimes we fear, the members of Pi Kappa Delta are so retiring that no one knows that their chapter exists. When the local chapter is behind forensic activities, let it be known. See that articles or stories in the college or town press contain some mention of Pi Kappa Delta and the part that it is playing in these activities.

How about our programs and policies? Has your chapter outlines anything definite for this spring? What movements are you getting behind? How are you using your gift of Persuasion? In these days of reconstruction there is a wonderful field for the persuader. Where are we standing on the League of Nations? On Bolshevism in the United States? The United States Public Health Service is urging an organized campaign of education in order to protect our American youth from venereal disease in order that the period of demobilization may not mean a period of demoralization. Is not this a movement in which some of our number may fittingly take part? Let us have regular meetings at which we make definite programs— not too large ones— then let us meet to see how far we have carried this program out.

1991 Experimental Event Named

DR. MICHAEL BARTANEN, NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The 1991 Tournament will offer an experimental individual event, Argument Analysis. I bring this to your attention now in case you might wish to offer this event at your province tournament this spring, or at least discuss it with your chapters. The rules are:

ARGUMENT ANALYSIS. The contestant will analyze the argumentative components of a selected discourse and demonstrate an understanding of the reasoning process. At a significant period before the round, participants will be given an argumentative artifact, such as an advertisement or editorial. Students may use any argumentative method to analyze the discourse. The speech will be extemporaneous with limited notes permitted. All contestants will analyze the same discourse, so students may not listen to prior contestants in the round. Maximum time limit: 7 minutes.

Go For A Publication

The Editor of **The Forensic** is now accepting articles for the 1990 journal year. Articles should follow the APA Publication Manual, 3rd edition. All articles will be reviewed for the purpose of meeting the requirements of a refereed journal.

Research Notes are also welcomed. If you are in the stages of gathering data on a research project and would like to share some preliminary information, send your report.

Additional commentaries of 125 words or less on tips for coaches, contestants, and forensic directors are also welcome for inclusion in a section of the journal related to pedagogical practices.

Send your materials to Dr. C.T. Hanson, P.O. Box 5462 University Station, Fargo, ND 58105 or fax to 701-237-7138.

Chapter News

Oklahoma Eta, East Central University

KELLI PIZZINO, REPORTER

■ This fall the Oklahoma Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta initiated three new members. Eddie Hunter, a junior from Sulphur, Oklahoma, James Paschall, a junior from Ada, Oklahoma, and David Copeland, a senior from Ada, Oklahoma, all added Pi Kappa Delta to their lists of organizations they support.

Eddie is majoring in government and has been active in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature and Model United Nations programs. He is primarily interested in debate, and recently placed second in novice CEDA debate at Central State University. Eddie has already won a tournament championship (in Communication Analysis) at Oklahoma Christian College. He also reached CA finals at The Colorado College.

James is a speech education major, and has been active in ECU theatre until this semester. While you might expect his interests to lie in the area of oral interpretation, he entered novice CEDA at two of the three tournaments he attended this fall and was more active in debate than in any other event.

David is very active on campus, and is vice president of one of our social fraternities. His primary interest in Pi Kappa Delta is not competitive forensics, but rather on-campus and community events. He is interested in public debates and presentations focused on social issues and local concerns.

We are losing one of our actives this semester when Mariel Parker graduates in December. Mariel reached the finals in After Dinner Speaking at her last tournament. She has been a highly energetic member of our organization during her tenure at ECU.

This is the first semester in over a decade that ECU has entered multiple debate teams in more than one tournament. PKD chapter sponsor Robert Greenstreet hopes it is a trend that will pick up steam and continue into the future. At our last tournament of the semester Kemper and Hunter placed second in Novice CEDA, and Kemper was the fifth-ranked speaker in the division. Another ECU PKD-er, Kelli Pizzino, placed second in speaker awards in Novice CEDA.

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Province Tournaments Scheduled

Province of the Colonies – March 31-April 1, 1990

Location: King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Contact: Harry Strine III, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania
717-389-4576

Province of the Lower Mississippi – Date To Be Announced

Location: Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Contact: Randy Duncan, Arkadelphia
501-246-5511 or
Joe Cardot, Abilene Christian University
915-677-1911 ext 2292

Provinces of Missouri, Lakes, & Northern Lights – March 23-24, 1990

Location: University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse

Contact: Jack Starr, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
608-785-8519 or
Joel Hefling, South Dakota State University
605-688-4390 ext 6131

Provinces of the Northwest & Pacific – March 16-18, 1990

Location: Fort Worden, Washington

Contact: Ed Inch, Pacific Lutheran University
206-535-7764

Province of the Plains – March 9-10, 1990

Location: Fort Hays State University

Contact: Willis Watt, Fort Hays State University
913-628-4449 or
Carol Wolfe-Halley, Chadron State College
308-432-6328

Province of the Southeast – Date To Be Announced

Location: University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Contact: Bill Hill, University of North Carolina-Charlotte
704-597-4217 or
Nina-Jo Moore, Appalachian State University
704-262-2221