

THE CONVENTION PROGRAM

It has been suggested that at the next convention not so much time be consumed in the discussion of business by the committees and by the Convention as a whole. If members of the Order suggest business which in the form of motions might be printed in *THE FORENSIC* and which might be considered by the local chapters previous to the Convention, these might instruct their delegates how to vote. In this way much time might be saved and the meeting at Peoria could become one great forensic carnival. We would be glad to hear from members of the Order on this subject and to publish their views in the next issue.

FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

"It seems to me that it would be well to announce in *THE FORENSIC* that the prices on diamonds have been reduced to \$4 and that everyone who purchased a diamond at the old price is entitled to a \$2 refund. He should send me his name and address. This applies to all keys above the number 500. Also it should be announced that if as many as 150 attend the Convention, we can get a rate of a fare and one-half."

ALFRED WESTFALL.

A SUGGESTION

Appropos of Secretary Westfall's Suggestion that if one hundred and fifty delegates attend the Pi Kappa Delta Convention at Bradley Polytechnic, Peoria, Ill., the fraternity can get fare and a half rates—suppose each chapter sends word to Professor W. Ross Marvin, the Convention Officer, the number of delegates it expects to send so that a basis for dealing with the railroads can be established immediately.—E. R. N.

CONVENTION OFFICER

With Convention matters foremost in our thoughts at every chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, The Forensic rises (figuratively speaking) to introduce W. Ross Marvin, Coach of Debate at Bradley Polytechnic and Convention officer. The convention officer is chosen from the chapter which acts as host to the convention and is an extremely busy and important man in the Pi Kappa Delta scheme of things. Let each chapter respond promptly to any communications received from the Convention Officer, and let us do all in our power to make his work easier and a real pleasure to him. Cooperation is the keyword.—E. R. N.

PI KAPPA DELTA STATIONERY

Attention of members is called to the embossed stationery with Pi Kappa Delta letters and monogram for private correspondence placed on sale by our fraternity jeweler, L. G. Balfour Company. The Balfour Blue Book will be out October 1st, and members interested should send for a copy to Balfour's address, Attleboro, Massachusetts. Orders for stationery and correspondence and Christmas cards may be sent direct to the firm or through the General Secretary, Prof. Alfred Westfall. The Pi Kappa Delta key is not made up into fraternity jewelry, but a full line of stationery and pennants is carried.—E. R. N.

P. C. Somerville, one of the National Founders of Pi Kappa Delta, after having been head of the English department in Illinois Wesleyan University for fourteen years, has accepted the chair of English at Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina. He writes to be sure to note the change of address so that his *FORENSIC* may reach him. He has not missed a single copy since the first one.

FROM OUR LETTER BOX

A note for the 'Forensic' relative to the convention and contests of the Central Western Province of Pi Kappa Delta, held at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, last Thursday and Friday. Contests were held in extempore speaking, debate and oratory. In extempore speaking, first place was won by Park College, second place by Central College of Iowa, and third place by Westminster, individual honors going to Mr. Edward Ziegler, of Park. Park College also won the debate elimination, defeating Westminster in the finals in a very close debate. First honors in oratory went to Mr. Kingsley Given, also of Park; second place going to Central College of Pella, Iowa; and third to Westminster.

Attendance was not so large as had been hoped, three schools being compelled to withdraw at a late hour because of lack of funds, as the contests were announced after most schools had prepared their budgets for the year. However, much enthusiasm was shown by those who were present, and the convention was in every way a pronounced success.

In the business session held Friday afternoon, the presidency of the province for the coming term was voted to Westminster College; the vice-presidency to Culver-Stockton College, and the secretary-treasurer-ship to Central College (Iowa). The next provincial convention will be held at Culver-Stockton College, and the number of contests held at the convention will probably be increased. Two resolutions were passed, addressed to the national executive committee; one to the effect that the next National Convention be held, if possible, in Missouri, and urging the claims of William Jewell College; the second, suggesting the division of the entire field of chapters into provinces by the national officers, with railroad connections and distance, rather than geographical boundaries, and state lines, being the determining elements. For instance, one province might consist of the chapters grouped around Kansas City; another of those grouped around Chicago; another, of those grouped around some central city of southern Kansas; etc. The resolutions in their complete form will no doubt reach you soon from Professor McCluer, of Westminster.

Those at the convention were very glad indeed to have Professor F. B. Ross, of Kansas State Normal of Emporia, Kansas, former chairman of the Southwestern Province, present in the capacity of judge and referee of contests.

Sincerely,

H. B. SUMMERS.

Park College, Mo.
May 7, 1923.

Some one has been kind enough to send me several issues of THE FORENSIC. I wish to assure you that I have examined them with great interest, and shall preserve them for future reference.

Your interest in oratory may lead you to welcome the enclosed programs of our first oratorical contest. You will note that all the speakers are of Oriental extraction, and that two of them are women. Since you are living in California I will add that they are all Americans. Had you heard them I would not feel that any such assertion is necessary.

The prospects for increased interest in public speaking here are encouraging. This is but the third year of the College of Arts & Sciences, and the first in which I have given a course in public speaking. Two years of English, logic and argumentation are all required for the A. B. degree. Perhaps before many years have slipped by we shall be sending a debating team, as well as a football team, to compete with our neighbors on the Coast.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR L. ANDREWS,
Professor of English.

University of Hawaii,
Honolulu, May 24, 1923.

I want to thank you for the March issue of THE FORENSIC of Pi Kappa Delta. It is a very interesting magazine of which any fraternity could be justly proud. This publication cannot help but intensify the interest in debate and oratory in those colleges that it reaches. As a member of Delta Sigma Rho and a student interested in debate, I congratulate you upon your success. May the friendly relations between the forensic societies, Pi Kappa Delta and Delta Sigma Rho, continue as in the past.

Yours sincerely,
SHELDON TEFFT.

Y. M. C. A., Lincoln Nebraska,
April 17, 1923.

I would like to see two items in the next FORENSIC:

A correction: A statement was made in the March number that Dr. John H. Bowers, the author of Kansas Court of Industrial Relations, was a professor in the Kansas State Normal. He was never connected with that institution. He was, until his demise two weeks ago, professor of social science in the State Manual Training School, now Kansas State Teachers' College, of Pittsburg, Kansas. He died April 7th of Influenza. He was a member of Pi Kappa Delta.

In the \$100,000 stadium drive at the K. S. T. C. of Pittsburg, Kansas, held April 19th, the first organization wherein each member made a contribution and the average totaled the allotted quota, was the local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta! Not bad, eh, that a forensic fraternity should be the first to do honors to an athletic enterprise? Thirteen members subscribed a total of \$950.00.

Fraternally yours,
J. R. PELSMA.

Pittsburg, Kansas,
April 20, 1923.

CHAPTER LETTERS

MICHIGAN GAMMA—HOPE COLLEGE

With a chapter of six members we began this year by getting our local constitution into workable form and to outline the work for the year. Our graduate membership throughout the year was increased from twenty-one to twenty-three, our active membership to nine. At our next regular monthly meeting we expect to accept the applications of six more who are eligible. In all contests entered during the year the men have adhered to all the accepted policies of the organization, and the incentive derived from the organization has been inestimably valuable. We are planning a spring gettogether, at which time we expect to initiate some of the new members. Undoubtedly many of our graduates will attend, thus together, new members, active members and graduates, we can again be welded into a bond of fellowship and share enthusiasms. With our kindest wishes for a good Forensic,

Very Sincerely,
JERRY DEVRIES,
Pres. Michigan Gamma Chapter.

MICHIGAN EPSILON—MICHIGAN STATE NORMAL COLLEGE

The Michigan Epsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta opened the year with seven members. A heavy forensic schedule was carried out in the Michigan State Normal College this year, as a result of which six new members are being initiated into the Order of Debate and one new member into the Order of Oratory. Three of these members make the Degree of Fraternity, three the Degree of Proficiency, and one the Degree of Special Distinction. Of our former members Miss Helen Hanna is advanced to the Degree of Special Distinction. The State Normal College joined the newly organized Michigan Collegiate Debate League and met in debate Olivet College and Albion College, both of which were defeated. The State Championship, however, was won by Kalamazoo College, which at a later date defeated both of our teams in a dual debate on the Debate League Question, "Resolved, that the United States Should Immediately Enter the League of Nations". Later our teams met Bowling Green State Normal College in a dual debate on the British Parliamentary-Cabinet type of government question and won on both sides of the question. Emerson Tussing from M. S. N. C. won second place in the Men's State Oratorical Contest held at Hillsdale College, March 2. A local Freshman Oratorical Contest is to be held in the near future. Thus the forensic activities of the Normal College have been quite extensive and varied throughout the passing school year. A new Constitution was recently drawn up and ratified by the local Chapter and prospects for the future are bright indeed.

Fraternally yours,
EDWARD HEYMAN,
Pres. Michigan Epsilon.

MISSOURI BETA

Missouri Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has had a very successful year so far. The debate season at Park started off very poorly by the loss of two girls' debates in the Triangular with Pittsburg and Ottawa, and the loss of an underclassman debate to the University of Missouri. But since that time debates have been won from the following schools: William Jewell College, Ottawa University, the University of Southern California, Nebraska Wesleyan College, Emporia College, Southwestern College and Kansas City University. The Negative has won five times and the Affirmative twice. Besides the above victories Park has also

met defeat at the hands of Baker University. But the success of Park's debate season will depend upon how the team which has just left for the South will match up with Southern opposition. On this trip the following schools will be debated: Oklahoma A. and M., Central Norman Okla., Okla. City College, Southeast Normal, Trinity University, Henderson-Brown College, and Okla. Baptist College. Park will also send a team to participate in the Missouri-Iowa Provincial convention to be held at Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri. Park's oratorical record has not been so good so far. Our orator, Russell B. McAfee took third place in the Old Line Oratorical. The State Peace contest has been revised again and the contest which has nine entries will be held at Park on the fifteenth of May. Aaram Renjillian will speak for Park in this contest. Kingsley W. Given will be our orator at the Pi Kappa Delta convention.

Sincerely yours,
DONALD D. MAJOR,
Chapter Vice-President.

INDIANA ALPHA

We started in this season with the absence of our regular coach, Professor Sheldler, who has guided us so ably the last few years. Professor Harris, head of the English Department, stepped in to fill the breach, however, and has shown what could be done against odds. We had very little "old material" to work on, so the first thing was to scare up and train some new. We have two men's teams and two women's teams having debated twice each. Though we did not exactly cover ourselves with glory, taken as a whole we broke even, the men winning one debate, and the women winning three. Of course, this looks good for the women, but what more could you expect? In their last debate, with Butler College, both teams won by a unanimous decision of the judges. Needless to say, we are hoping to do bigger things next year.

Sincerely yours,
FRANKLIN COLLEGE CHAPTER.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE CHAPTERS

Horatio N. Cannon of Morningside College won the oratorical contest at the first annual convention of the northwestern province of Pi Kappa Delta, held at the Northern Normal in Aberdeen, on April 26, 27 and 28. Robert Steadman of Dakota Wesleyan won the extemporaneous speaking contest. The final women's debate was won by the Northern Normal negative team from Dakota Wesleyan affirmative, and the final men's debate by Dakota Wesleyan's negative from Huron affirmative. A banquet which was largely attended was one of the biggest affairs of the convention. Miss Hazel Murray of Dakota Wesleyan won the women's extempore contest. Great enthusiasm prevailed throughout the convention which in every respect was a huge success.

Redlands plans to meet Brigham Young University, Simpson College, and two or three others on the way to the convention, and Arizona University on the way back. They will go by way of Denver and hope to schedule some debates near Westfall's lair.

The California Delta chapter, College of the Pacific, at San Jose, is planning to send a team to the convention. Word comes that they are to meet the University of New Mexico in debate as one of the numbers on their schedule en route to the convention.

Iowa Theta of Pi Kappa Delta was installed at Coe College by Mr. J. D. Coon, National Counsel of the Order. There were eleven charter members. Pi Kappa Delta replaces at Coe Gamma Sigma, the oldest local honorary organization at that institution.

Among our valued Exchanges are "The Zeta" of Zeta Kappa Psi and the Phi Alpha Delta Quarterly, the exceedingly well gotten up magazine of the honorary law fraternity.

Our National Secretary-Treasurer reports that Membership Number 3000 was issued last May, that his office has ordered one hundred keys in the first month of this fiscal year and another hundred by the middle of May. That looks as though they were doing business in his office.

H. B. Summers, the efficient Provincial President of the Central Western Province in its successful convention last spring and debate coach at Park College, has moved to the Kansas State Agricultural College where he no doubt will be a tower of strength to the Kansas Gamma chapter.

The Ohio Delta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was installed on May 26 at the University of Akron by Professor James of the Ohio Gamma chapter at Hiram College. The local from which this chapter sprung was organized by James Weeks in 1920. Baldwin-Wallace, Heidelberg, Hiram, and Akron make an excellent nucleus in Ohio for the work of our organization.

EXCHANGES

Michigan Normal College News.)

This is a college of organizations whose name is legion. There are so many of them that it is impossible to find any night in the week when some of them are not busy. This is probably a natural state of affairs, owing to the great size of the student body. Yet there a few societies whose utility we seriously question.

The first on the list of organizations that we nominate for the axe are some of the county clubs. The county clubs were formed in this institution for two purposes—to promote sociability and good fellowship among students from the same district, and to promote the interest of this college in their home county. The latter of these two aims is by far the more important, and so far as we know it receives no attention at all. If you are a member of a county club, we most emphatically urge that you look over its past record and future plans and decide whether it would not be better either to abolish the organization or make a decided change in its character and program.

Moreover, it seems to us that there is too great a duplication of organizations. Aside from the fraternities and sororities, the Y. W. C. A. and the Classes, there is no society that can be called flourishing. Instead of one strong organization for a certain line of work there are several sickly ones. The literary and forensic societies are good examples of this. They exist on the theory that rivalry lends interest. This theory is false; there is no rivalry between them. We believe that several campus organizations might with great profit combine.

(Hope Anchor)

Has Pi Kappa Delta as an organization upon the campus justified itself? This is a question which is uppermost in the minds of many students without and within the ranks of Pi Kappa Delta on many campuses today. Not long ago the "Normal News", the campus paper of the State normal school at Ipsi, challenged the organization, whose purpose is to further forensic activity, to prove itself worthy of remaining a campus organization.

At Hope the question has been recognized to be a legitimate question, and Pi Kappa Delta asks for the floor in defense.

This organization has been with us for two years and nothing to boast but an active membership of six members, and a graduate membership of some twenty-five. We have officers and constitution, as stipulated and called for by the national constitution, and provision has been made for regular meetings, which meetings are held every month. However, all these meetings amount to is a general discussion of the weather conditions and a discussion as to who shall deliver the speeches for all the Senior trees that are taken out after they have died. A half hour of wrangling about nothing and we vote to accept the applications of our graduate members and we adjourn.

On the other hand we have on the Campus two organizations, under two separate managements, one for oratory and one for debate. We are not condemning these organizations or accusing their managements of inefficiency, yet in the past as now, those heading these organizations have been with some exceptions men and women who have no definite interest in either oratory or debate.

The matter, it seems to us, simmers down to this; we have three organizations on the campus where we might have one. Which one is most in a position to take care of the work of oratory and debating activities of the school? As it now stands Pi Kappa Delta has had no opportunity to make its influence felt. It is fundamentally an organization for debate and oratory. At Hope it knows neither of these!

At the last meeting of Pi Kappa Delta this matter was taken up, and this article suggested. It was further moved that the matter of oratory come before the Student Council and the matter of debate be taken before the Literary Societies. If these organizations are willing to give up their representation in the Debating League and the Oratorical League, Pi Kappa Delta will welcome the opportunity to justify itself. Until it is given something to do, it cannot!

Dr. Nykerk has been consulted in this and the plan is quite satisfactory to him. "They ought in any event to come under one management," are his sentiments.

The charter members of the Hope Chapter also had this very thing in mind, but believed it expedient to wait until some time when the ideals and work of Pi Kappa Delta were better known, and the studentry of Hope prepared to entrust these activities to the organization. This change would in no wise involve a new system for elimination contests in either of these activities; it rather amounts to a much called for reduction of campus activities. — President Pi Kappa Delta.

(Southwestern Collegian)

As a leader in forensics Southwestern has won more than passing notice during the past years. This fact was brought home more strongly by the decennial historical number of "The Forensic", the national Pi Kappa Delta publication, which carries a quarter page cut of Arthur L. Crookham, Southwestern student of the Class of '13 who is one of the charter members of the fraternity and who is one of ten who signed the Pi Kappa Delta constitution.

In tracing the history of the national organization Southwestern College comes in for prominent mention. "The matter was informally placed before the Kansas Old Line Oratorical Association in its meeting at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, in March, 1912," writes the national historian, Prof. E. R. Nichols of Redlands, California, "and Arthur Crookham of Southwestern was added to the committee."

The fraternity had been conceived by John A. Shields of Ottawa University and Egbert Ray Nichols of Pion College, Wisconsin. The proposition was taken up in 1912 at the state prohibition contest at Manhattan when E. A. Vaughan suggested that some sort of an honor society be

formed for debaters and orators. C. J. Boddy of Kansas Wesleyan was taken into confidence by the trio and a few weeks later Crookham was added to the group.

This group worked industriously on a constitution for the new order and in January, 1913, the instrument was completed and signed. Names affixed to the document as founders are Egbert Ray Nichols of Ripon, Wis.; Edgar A. Vaughan, of Manhattan; C. J. Boddy, of Kansas Wesleyan; Arthur L. Crookham, of Southwestern; H. C. Pritchard, of Cotner University, Nebraska; P. C. Somerville, Illinois; John A. Shields, Ottawa; J. H. Krenmeyer, of Iowa Wesleyan; Frank P. Johnson of Morningside; and Daniel G. Lockwood, of College of Emporia.

Crookham served in the first charter committee of the young organization and led in the movement for the Southwestern charter, Kansas Delta, which was founded in 1915. Southwestern's chapter was the twelfth to be founded in the United States.

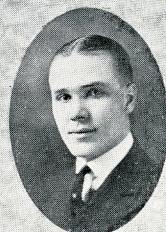
Pi Kappa Delta has experienced a sensational growth since its foundation and in the ten years of its existence seventy-five chapters of the fraternity have been established in twenty-two different states. Kansas leads every state in the Union in chapters, having organizations in ten colleges as opposed to the seven in Iowa, South Dakota, and Illinois.



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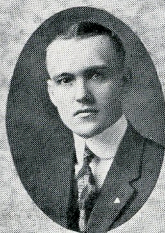
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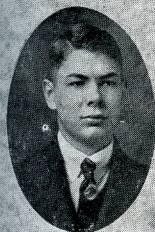
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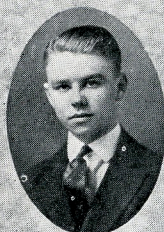
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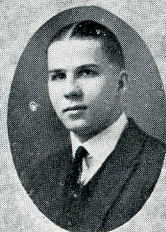
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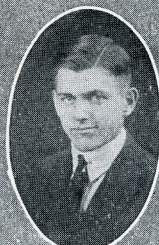
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