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What It Costs To Run Pi Kappa Delta

What does it cost to operate a forensic society, such as Pi Kappa Delta? This is a question every member has a right to ask. Since the members themselves pay the cost of operation, they should be interested in knowing how their money is expended.

In order to gain admission to the society, each candidate, upon election to membership, must pay an initiation fee of five dollars. This is all he ever has to pay to the national organization in the way of dues. While local chapters may have additional dues, these charges vary with the different chapters and the money collected never leaves the local organization. No matter how long one may remain an active member of the society, whether he is elected as a freshman or a senior, his initiation fee is all he ever pays to maintain the national organization. When this amount is compared with the charges made by other honorary and social fraternities, its reasonableness is at once appreciated. While many charge as much as ten times this amount, there are very few which charge as little or less.

Of the five dollars paid to the national treasurer, one is returned to the provincial organization to carry on provincial activities. The other four go to maintain the national organization. From these fees are paid the operating expenses of the society. A good part of the total goes to maintain the office of the national secretary, where most of the business of the society is handled. The national secretary issues membership cards, keys, and certificates. He carries on correspondence with the chapters, con-

ducts the selection of the debate question, and keeps the records.

Another large share of the national funds goes to publish the FORENSIC, which is supplied without further charge to every member of the society as long as he is in college.

There are other expenses of the national officers to be met. A national convention entails great expense. There is a good deal of traveling by national officers before the convention. The society also meets their expenses to the convention and while they are there.

The five dollar initiation fee can not pay all the operating expenses of the society. The society must meet periodically to pass legislation and conduct its activities. These meetings and activities are an essential part of its life. Each chapter decides for itself when it will attend the national conventions and pays its own expenses in doing so. As it is at these conventions that the society handles its business, makes its constitution, decides upon what it is going to do, and elects the officers who are to conduct the affairs of the organization, the expenses of the convention are a necessary part of the cost of the society. Each chapter must bear its share of them. If the chapters which wish the society to follow a conservative course do not attend, the radical chapters will control the convention and adopt a radical policy. If the radical chapters do not take part in the convention, the conservatives will control.

The society is yours. But if you do not help to conduct it, some one else may get control of it and run it in a way you do not like.



Those Railroad Rates to the Convention

Early last fall we wrote the railroads about special rates for the convention. At that time they promised that the matter would be taken up and settled at a meeting of officials to be held December 13. After that meeting the Chairman of the South-eastern Passenger Association wrote that the question had been taken up and a tentative agreement as to rates reached, but that some questions had arisen since the meeting that would have to be settled before a final announcement could be made. It seems that those questions are still unsettled.

We can make this partial announcement: Delegates to the convention from towns within the area of the Southeastern Passenger Association territory may buy tickets to the convention and return at the rate of 2 cents a mile, good for a period of 15 days.

For chapters outside of that area I shall surely get a final statement by the first of February. I shall be sending you the entry blanks at that time and shall include a statement of railroad rates.

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More Than Five Hundred Expected At The Convention

In October the national secretary sent out a letter asking each chapter to indicate how many delegates it expected to send to the national convention. As there is not room to print the response of each chapter, the estimates are summarized by states, indicating the number of chapters planning to attend and the total number of delegates they expect to send.

	Chap- ters	Dele- gates		Chap- ters	Dele- gates
Arkansas	2	11	Montana	2	8
California	4	20	Nebraska	4	24
Colorado	2	14	North Carolina	2	9
Florida	1	4	North Dakota	1	6
Idaho	1	2	Ohio	5	26
Illinois	7	44	Oklahoma	5	22
Iowa	8	40	Oregon	1	2
Indiana	1	8	Pennsylvania	1	4
Kansas	12	77	South Carolina	1	2
Kentucky	4	24	South Dakota	6	33
Louisiana	2	10	Tennessee	2	21
Maine	1	4	Texas	7	35
Michigan	3	21	Washington	1	5
Minnesota	3	15	West Virginia	1	8
Missouri	7	41	Wisconsin	2	10
Mississippi	1	4		—	—
			Total	100	554

Notes From the National Secretary's Office

The following chapters sent in new members during November and December: Redlands, Westminster, Maryville, Mis-souri, Baylor University, Puget Sound, North Carolina State, Macomb, Transylvania, Olivet, St. Olaf, Linsfeld, Trinity, Carthage, Macalester and Montana State. It is well to send your applications for membership and initiation fees as early in the year as possible. Students sometimes run out of money along towards commencement time.

We shall appreciate it greatly if you will send in your entries for the national contests early. The rules require that they shall be sent not later than March 12, but do not wait until then; send them as soon as possible. If you are uncertain who will represent your chapter in any given event put in more than one name, (more than two or three names for a debate team), or leave the space for the name blank and send the names later.

Notice that copies of all orations are to be sent to the secretary not later than March 1. Plan now to get all local contests and try-outs over before that time.

Notice also the new rule which limits the number of debaters that can be used on a single team to three. Since we use two speakers on a team that means that you may have one debater who sticks to the affirmative, another who sticks to the negative and a third who takes both sides of the question. You may, of course enter two only and have them both switch from one side to the other round by round. This rule was voted by the coaches in their meeting at Tulsa.

Our Island chapter, the University of Puerto Rico, has been having even a harder struggle than some of our mainland groups. A year ago last summer the Island was swept by a devastating hurricane. That fall the students voted all their extra

student association funds for the Rehabilitation Program of the Islands. This was a worthy thing to do, but it made it impossible for them to carry out their forensic program for last year. This year they hope to be able to send a team over to the Mainland for a tour and to take in the convention while they are here.

Our latest membership certificate, No. 12203, Kenneth Lord, Montana Beta; our latest key order Gerald Wallace, Idaho Alpha, No. 8984.

If you haven't ordered your copy of Winning Debates, Orations and Speeches, Vol. IV, the Tulsa convention winners, now is the time to act. Order from Noble & Nbole, 76 Fifth Ave., New York; price \$1.50 to Pi Kappa Delta members.



Kansas Iota, College of Emporia, is carrying through an extensive forensic program. It began by sponsoring a freshman sophomore debate with twenty-five dollars in prizes. It was represented in the Winfield tournament, met Kansas Aggies in a radio debate January 2, and is sending four representatives to Lexington. It is also sponsoring state-wide invitation high school and junior college tournaments in January and February. —CHARLES CARSON, Secretary, Kansas Iota.



Emporia Teachers, Kansas Zeta, opened its forensic season with an audience decision women's debate with the University of Missouri, and has held practice debates with Colorado Teachers and Kansas Aggies. It also entered eight teams in the Winfield tournament.—*The Bulletin*.



Wake Forest and North Carolina State opened their forensic season with a no-decision discussion on adopting the NRA principles as a permanent governmental policy.—*The Old Gold and Black*.



Ted Hatlen of the University of Redlands won the Men's Extempore Contest at Linfield held in conjunction with the Practice Debate Tournament which was non-decision and went for six rounds.

Results of Debate Question Survey

The annual survey of the questions being debated this season which was taken for the debate annual edited by Professor E. R. Nichols of Redlands reveals up to the Christmas holidays the following results:

One hundred colleges reported. Of these sixty-four will debate the Pi Kappa Delta question of Increasing the Powers of the President. The question second in popularity is the NRA which registered with twenty-eight colleges. Control of Radio Broadcasting, The National High School subject, is third with nineteen adherents. Dictatorship with various statements such as Hitlerism, the Nazi Program, etc., is a close fourth with sixteen institutions using it.

The rest of the subjects have seven votes or less, as follows:
7—Big Navy, Inflation.

5—The A. A. A., Government Ownership of Banks.

6—Federal Grants for Education, Recognition of Russia, Stabilization of the Dollar.

4—Japanese Policy in the Orient, Private vs. Government Ownership of Public Utilities, Socialized Medicine.

3—Bratt Method of Liquor Control, Capital Punishment for kidnapers, Disarmament, New Leisure is a Menace.

2—Anti-War Pledge, Guarantee of Bank Deposits, Crime Control, County Unit System of Government, Divorce, Hydro-Electric Power, Monroe Doctrine, Socialism, War Debts.

1—Boycott of German Goods, Centralized Banking, Centralization of Government, Chicago Plan of Education, Free Trade, Honesty in Public Life, Intercollegiate vs. Intra-mural Athletics, New Political Party, Old Age Pensions, Philippine Independence, Regional vs. State Government, Short Ballot, Intervention by U. S., Universal Suffrage, Western Hemisphere League of Nations.

Combining Inflation and Stabilization of the Dollar, since they are so similar, gives 13 votes which puts the money question in fifth place.

The survey reveals how powerful an influence the annual selection by Pi Kappa Delta is, and what subjects without that assistance prove popular on their own merits. The questions that are most prominent owe their standing to their heavy fol-

lowing in the east central and eastern states where the influence of Pi Kappa Delta is least. Stabilization and Inflation, however, are being debated mostly in the Middle West where the Pi Kappa Delta question prevails.



Debate Tournaments

Some idea of the popularity of debate tournaments is indicated by the following list, although this list does not pretend to be complete.

The Southwestern College invitation debate tournament at Winfield, Kansas, December 8-9. There were seventy-two teams in the men's senior division, fifty in the women's, and sixty-four in the junior college section. In all there were more than five hundred visitors from fifty-three colleges in seven states. It required five hundred forty-two debates to complete the contests.

The Redlands invitation tournament at Redlands, California, December 8-9. Seventy-four men's and twenty-four women's teams took part in the tournament. In addition there were contests for both men and women in oratory and extempore speaking.

The Illinois State Normal University pre-season invitation debate tournament at Bloomington, January 25-7.

Tournament for inexperienced debaters in Kansas City. This was a closed tournament open only to a limited number of invited colleges.

The Missouri Valley College tournament at Marshall, Missouri.

The Arkansas College tournament at Batesville, December 8-9.

The Linfield tournament at McMinnville, Oregon, the last of November. This was a non-decision tournament with about sixteen teams from California, Washington and Oregon participating. There was also an extemporaneous speaking contest.

A Kansas senior college tournament in debate, oratory and extemporaneous speaking to be held at Winfield, March 9-10.

Winfield Convention Largest Ever

The largest practice forensic meet ever held in the United States is the title given to the fifth annual Southwestern College debate tournament at Winfield, Kansas, December 8-9. One hundred eighty-six teams representing fifty-three colleges in seven states took part in the men's, women's, and junior college tournaments. There were over five hundred out-of-town people in Winfield for this tournament.

Southwestern Missouri State Teachers College of Springfield won the men's tournament by defeating Oklahoma Teachers of Edmond.

Misses Nora Geeslin and Nellie Jillson of Northwest State Teachers College of Alva, Oklahoma, won the women's tournament. The Pike sisters, Mildred and Vivian, of Southwestern, were runners-up.

Hutchinson Junior College of Kansas won both first and second place in the junior college tournament.

Dr. J. Thompson Baker handled the tournament in his usual efficient manner. Dr. T. M. Beaird, University of Oklahoma, spoke to the four hundred people who attended the final banquet. Dr. Beaird is national chairman of the debate committee of the National Educational Association which directs the high school debating of the nation.

Mariam Gealey and Jeanette Manning, California Delta, won the women's debate tournament at the Redlands annual forensic invitational tournament. Redlands and the University of Southern California tied in the men's tournament. There were ninety-eight teams representing Utah, Arizona, and California.—*The Pacific Weekly*.

Carl Dallinger of Park and Marian Bennet of Southwest Teachers College tied for first place in the Missouri oratorical contest. One of the nine speakers was a negro representing a negro college.—*The Park Stylus*.

The Kansas Nu chapter of the Teachers College of Fort Hays sponsored its fourth annual high school debate tournament December 15-16.—*State College Leader*.

The St. Thomas debating season was opened with an impressive and interesting international-intercollegiate debate the night of November 28. In the St. Thomas auditorium, Robert Sheran and Lloyd Keogan of St. Thomas College debated Alastair Sharpe and Michael Barkway of Cambridge University in a non-decision debate on the subject, "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the essential features of the British System of Radio Control."

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Coach Orton of the College of the Pacific, has already scheduled seventy-one debates with institutions extending from Leland Stanford, University of Washington, Harvard, New York, Pennsylvania, West Ontario, Ottawa, and Montreal, Tulane, Texas, and others in between. The debates scheduled are in addition to those in which his debaters will participate at the different tournaments they have or are to enter.—*The Pacific Weekly*.

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Sixty-five students participated in the intramural forensic contests conducted by former national president, George R. R. Pflaum, at Emporia Teachers. Oscar Anderson and Olive Cook won the extempore contests, and Camille Marshall the women's oratory.—*The Bulletin*.

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The University of Southern California women's squad gained permission from their university authorities to attend the Pi Kappa Delta Tournament at Lexington and they are terrifically disappointed to find that the ruling passed at Tulsa makes them ineligible.

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Dr. J. Thompson Baker asks if Southwestern's program last year of one hundred thirty-two debates with thirty-eight colleges doesn't win the record for the most debates during one season.

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Linfield, Oregon Alpha, debated Stanford on the question "Resolved: That the salvation of the world lies in democracy rather than in dictatorship."—*The Linfield Review*.

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Iowa Teachers, Parsons, Simpson, and Drake, in the order given, won honors in the state Peace oratorical contest.—*Drake Times-Delphic*.

Nebraska Zeta and Delta, Kearney Teachers and Hastings, opened their forensic seasons November 27 with a practice debate.—*The Antelope*.

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The Expression department at Louisiana College produced the one-act play, "The Submerged Submarine," to help the local P. K. D. chapter raise a convention fund.—*The Wildcat*.

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By defeating the nine men contestants, Miss Gertrude Gantz won the Lay oratorical contest, twenty dollars, and the right to represent the college. "Doors Without Keys" was the title of her oration.—*The Yankton Student*.

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The Iowa Peace oratorical contest was expanded this year by the addition of an extemporaneous speaking contest. In oratory the victors were State Teachers, Parsons, and Simpson. State Teachers and Penn tied for first in the extempore with Luther third.—*The Central Ray*.

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California Epsilon, UCLA, conducted a debate tournament for those who had never before debated. Sixteen men's and six women's teams took part in the contests. Each team debated every Monday afternoon. There were three practice rounds before eliminations began. The question was the California sales tax.—ALICE WASS, Secretary, California Epsilon.

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The depression is making records in economical operation popular. On a budget of \$113 Trinity, Texas Beta, ran through a schedule of fifty-three debates. Coaches and students furnished transportation at the cost of gasoline, local people cooperated with rooms for visitors at low rates, and several tournaments were entered. This year six percent of the student body of three hundred is on the debate squad.

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Northeast Missouri Teachers began its forensic season with a debate against Cambridge University on the British radio system. It has also conducted a freshman and a high school debate tournament. It is planning an open forum debate with Westminster and expects to send teams to tournaments in Bloomington, Illinois, and Kansas City, Missouri, as well as to the convention tournaments at Lexington.—*The Northeast Missourian*.