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## NEXT CONVENTION AT PEORIA

After long deliberation and much discussion, the National Council has decided to accept the invitation of the Illinois Delta chapter to hold the Fifth Biennial Convention at the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria. It will take place about the last week in March, 1924. It was hard for the Council to refuse the extremely cordial invitations of several of the other chapters. There were, however, a number of things to be considered. One was the absolute necessity of holding this Convention nearer to the large group of chapters in the east and south which have come into Pi Kappa Delta in the past three years. The first two conventions were held in Kansas and the second two in Iowa. Since then our geographical center has shifted in a southeasterly direction. The Illinois Delta chapter, backed by the Institute and by the Peoria Chamber of Commerce, promises to play the part of host in such a way that those attending the Convention will long remember it. They will have to do wonders to eclipse the records set by Simpson and Morningside; but, then, Peoria has a reputation for hospitality.

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## CHAPTER AND COACH

We sometimes wonder if the members of our Order of Instruction realize how important they are to the local chapter to which they belong. The record of our chapters is interesting. One year a certain chapter—Idaho Alpha, let us say—is one of our most alive chapters. Requests for names of officers and graduate chapter members, for the number of Forensics required are answered promptly, dues are paid early in the year, chapter letters are sent on the date set. We feel that Idaho Alpha is a tower of strength in Pi Kappa Delta. One short year passes and the story is entirely different. None of these things happens. The National Officers can obtain no response from Idaho Alpha. The chapter, apparently, is as dead

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as the proverbial door nail. What has happened? Usually it is this. The group of officers who have been doing business in a businesslike way have graduated. Those newly elected may lack interest or may lack experience. Often they do not know what is to be done. But in many of these cases the Coach—a member of Pi Kappa Delta—is still there, but does not interest himself in the least in the chapter. It may arrive on the verge of suspension by the National Council but apparently this comes not nigh unto him. We submit that such conduct on the part of members of the Order of Instruction is deplorable and reprehensible. We do not approve of the coach assuming to himself all the powers of local officers—far from it—but he should have a warm and close interest in the chapter and its workings and should know when chapter officers are not performing their duties. His encouragement and interest will do wonders in keeping the record of the chapter clear. If the coach is far-seeing, he will realize that it is to his own best interests to have the local chapter a live one for it will go a long way towards lightening his burden and will create a spirit of enthusiasm for things forensic that will mean much to him.

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### GREETINGS

We announce with pleasure the granting of chapters to Gustavus Adolphus and to Hamline Colleges as Minnesota Gamma and Delta, to Coe College as Iowa Theta, to Newberry College as South Carolina Gamma, and to Sterling College as Kansas Lambda. The first two new chapters round out the society in the State of Minnesota in a most admirable way. The quartette of colleges there—Macalester, St. Olaf, Gustavus Adolphus, and Hamline—represents a most excellent tradition educationally and forensically. Coe is a large college and will materially aid the Iowa group. Newberry adds another chapter to that most interesting and thoroughly alive nest of chapters in the Southeast. Sterling is such a wide awake school and has distinguished itself to such an extent forensically that the Kansas chapters felt that it was worthy of a place in that largest of state groups. To all these chapters we extend heartiest greetings. You have a great work to do with us in Pi Kappa Delta. May we be an inspiration to you and you to us.

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### THE CHAPTER LETTERS

Be sure to read the chapter letters! We have received from them more encouragement and inspiration to further endeavor than we have experienced in a long time. If anyone doubts the real vitality and enthusiasm of Pi Kappa Delta, let him go through the record of work done by our chapters and forever after hold his peace. As this Order of ours grows and the ideals for which it stands prevail more and more, we can see the wonderful possibilities of service that are offered to us. Every year more men and women are fitted by their forensic work for more efficient leadership and citizenship. Is not this worth while? Few chapters that realize the aims of Pi Kappa Delta will be content to remain idle but will strive to build their groups up and to further the objects that we so highly prize.

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### HIGH SCHOOL JUDGES

We are much interested to know that Kansas Gamma at the Kansas Agricultural College is sending out members of its chapter as judges of high school debates in the nearby towns. This strikes us as an excellent idea. There are very few judges better qualified to act than college men in the upper classes who are thoroughly acquainted with the theory and practice of debate. This scheme will be tried elsewhere, we hope.



## THE DIVISIONAL CONVENTION

Any lingering doubts that we may have had regarding these gatherings to be held in the years between the conventions have been completely dispelled by the reports that have come to us of the divisional convention which has met. In another part of this number we are printing the account of the Southwest Divisional Convention held at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. We are sure that it will be read with great interest by all members of our Order. Reflections of this meeting will be found in letters from the chapters which had representatives at it. There is no doubt but that such conventions are going to do a very great deal to build up the smaller units of Pi Kappa Delta. As the organization grows larger and larger, the value of the smaller group will become more apparent. The enthusiasm and the spirit of cooperation and friendliness which were manifest at Winfield were most commendable. Reports have not yet reached us of the other similar conventions which were to be held; but from the preparations which were being made for them we are confident that the same results will be obtained.

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## VITALIZING DEBATE

We have often wondered whether, in addition to the single proposition chosen each year for the whole society, it might not be worth while to debate issues which are more distinctly local. In times of election, might it not be highly interesting to the public to have teams of college debaters present the opposite sides of the burning question of the day? If need be, such a debate might be made a part of the program of a political meeting. Why not? So also with extemporaneous speaking. Half a dozen men from different colleges presenting various phases of a party platform at a political meeting would probably give better speeches than many speakers at such meetings give. In addition, they would have the stimulating experience of speaking to a good audience and to one which really wished to hear what they had to say.

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## OUR ALUMNI

As Commencement draws near, a number of our local chapters are planning banquets and initiations for old debaters and orators who may be revisiting their Alma Mater. We commend this practice most highly. There could be no finer way of retaining the interest of the Alumni who have represented in days gone by their college in oratory and debate than by electing them to graduate membership in Pi Kappa Delta. Many of these men will have distinguished themselves in public life. Their forensic experience will have aided their success. You will receive from them a stimulus that will be of the highest value.

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Zeta Kappa Psi, the National Women's Honorary Forensic Society, held a most successful convention last November at the Iowa State Teachers' College in Cedar Falls. The society is steadily growing, having chapters at the Kansas State Agricultural College, University of Oregon, University of Minnesota, Iowa State Teachers' College, Kansas State Teachers' College (Emporia) and the Oregon Agricultural College.

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The Manitou Messenger of St. Olaf College, Minnesota, issued recently an excellent forensic edition. The St. Olaf debaters have won every contest they have entered this year. A debate between their two teams was sent over the radio. This, we believe, is the first instance of the kind.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER OF PI KAPPA DELTA

Fiscal Year April 1, 1922, to March 31, 1923

## RECEIPTS

Chapter	Dues	Keys	D.S.R.	Fines	Refund	Total
1. Ottawa .....	\$36.00	\$22.20	....	\$1.00	....	\$59.20
2. Iowa Wesleyan .....	40.00	63.03	....	1.00	....	104.03
3. Washburn .....	34.00	53.83	....	....	....	87.83
4. Nebraska Wesleyan ..	12.00	56.44	\$11.00	....	\$3.75	79.44
5. Ripon .....	8.00	20.92	16.13	....	....	45.05
6. Illinois Wesleyan ..	28.00	41.03	....	....	....	69.03
7. Kansas State A. C..	24.00	36.58	....	....	....	60.58
8. Central (Iowa) .....	16.00	53.10	....	....	....	69.10
9. Redlands .....	2.00	46.91	22.50	1.00	....	72.41
10. Occidental .....	30.00	35.44	....	....	....	65.44
11. Colorado Agri. Col..	30.00	90.18	19.35	....	....	139.53
12. Southwestern (Kan.)	60.00	61.59	....	....	5.80	121.59
13. Eureka .....	....	....	....	1.00	....	1.00
14. Dakota Wesleyan ..	16.00	34.38	....	....	....	50.38
15. Des Moines .....	44.00	35.20	....	....	....	79.20
16. Fairmount .....	48.00	....	....	2.00	....	50.00
17. Oklahoma Agri. Col..	18.00	11.25	....	....	....	29.25
18. Ks.S.Teach.Col.(Emp)	12.00	62.93	....	....	....	74.93
19. Morningside .....	2.00	43.17	....	....	....	45.17
20. Huron .....	16.00	49.97	....	....	....	65.97
21. Colo. Teachers' Col..	12.00	41.65	....	....	....	53.65
22. Kalamazoo .....	38.80	106.56	6.00	1.00	8.80	152.36
23. Simpson .....	34.00	21.31	14.93	.50	....	70.74
24. Yankton .....	22.00	10.46	10.90	....	4.00	43.36
25. Westminster .....	9.00	11.30	....	....	....	20.30
26. Parsons .....	21.00	45.57	....	....	1.00	66.57
27. Sioux Falls .....	24.00	68.68	....	1.00	....	93.68
28. So. Dakota S. C. ....	30.00	23.28	....	....	12.00	53.28
29. Tulsa .....	7.00	....	....	....	....	7.00
30. Cotner .....	6.00	27.29	....	....	....	33.29
31. Doane .....	6.00	12.04	....	2.00	....	20.04
32. Hastings .....	....	23.86	....	....	....	23.86
33. Park .....	40.00	79.00	....	....	.79	119.00
34. Colby .....	12.00	45.08	....	....	....	57.08
35. Carthage .....	32.00	49.93	....	....	....	81.93
36. Macalester .....	28.00	30.35	....	....	....	58.35
37. Kansas Wesleyan ...	12.00	36.61	....	....	....	48.61
38. Wofford .....	18.00	19.27	....	1.00	....	38.27
39. Bradley Polytechnic.	22.00	39.96	....	....	....	61.96
40. Montana Wesleyan ..	26.00	50.75	....	.50	....	77.25
41. Baldwin-Wallace ....	22.00	9.67	....	....	....	31.67
42. Central (Missouri) ..	26.00	12.58	....	....	....	38.58
43. Heidelberg .....	8.00	34.23	19.00	....	....	61.23
44. Georgetown .....	12.00	35.64	....	....	....	47.64
45. Montana Agri. Col..	17.50	17.76	....	....	....	35.26
46. Ks. St. T. Col. (Pitt)	6.00	6.80	3.00	2.00	....	15.80
47. Olivet .....	10.00	15.00	....	....	....	25.00
48. Hope .....	22.00	35.07	....	....	....	57.07
49. Michigan Agri. Col..	20.00	15.69	....	....	....	35.69
50. Franklin .....	14.00	22.99	....	1.00	....	37.99
51. California Inst. Tec..	64.00	55.53	....	....	....	119.53



Chapter	Dues	Keys	D.S.R.	Fines	Refund	Total
52. Southwestern (Tex.)	26.00	50.47	....	....	....	76.47
53. Hedding .....	28.00	46.04	....	....	....	74.04
54. Mich. State Norm...	30.00	14.11	....	....	....	44.11
55. Grand Island .....	12.00	44.18	....	....	....	56.18
56. No. Nor. & Ind. Sch.	52.00	96.65	....	....	....	148.65
57. Maryville .....	24.00	46.32	....	....	....	70.32
58. William Jewell .....	30.00	91.39	....	....	....	121.39
59. College of Puget S..	36.00	12.03	....	....	....	48.03
60. Hiram .....	12.00	41.84	....	....	2.00	53.84
61. Monmouth .....	24.00	36.58	....	....	....	60.58
62. Grove City .....	60.00	108.29	....	....	10.24	168.29
63. College of Emporia..	24.00	....	....	1.00	....	25.00
64. Upper Iowa .....	54.00	131.07	....	....	....	185.07
65. Baker .....	2.00	109.58	....	....	7.08	111.58
66. Oklahoma Baptist ..	8.00	30.93	....	1.00	....	39.93
67. Presbyterian .....	36.00	....	....	1.00	....	37.00
68. Missouri Wesleyan ..	24.00	20.92	....	1.00	....	45.92
69. Saint Olaf .....	28.00	49.43	....	....	....	77.43
70. College of Pacific...	38.00	36.39	....	1.00	....	75.39
71. Tusculum .....	36.00	39.46	....	....	....	75.46
72. University of Akron.	24.00	....	....	1.00	....	25.00
73. Northwestern Teach.	58.00	23.78	....	1.00	....	82.78
74. Culver-Stockton ....	32.00	13.32	....	....	....	45.32
75. Centre .....	24.00	....	....	1.00	....	25.00
76. Sterling .....	42.00	52.31	....	....	16.00	94.31
77. Gustavus Adolphus..	30.00	....	....	....	....	30.00
78. Coe .....	28.00	....	....	....	....	28.00
79. Newberry .....	36.00	....	....	....	....	36.00
80. Hamline .....	32.00	....	....	....	....	32.00
81. Highland Park .....	....	5.23	....	....	....	5.23
82. General .....	2.00	13.35	....	....	....	15.35
Totals .....	\$1989.30	\$2935.73	\$122.81	\$21.00	\$73.46	\$5068.84

## EXPENDITURES

L. G. Balfour Co., for keys.....	\$2316.09
Delta Sigma Rho .....	154.14
G. W. Finley, First Vice-President .....	3.50
Charles A. Marsh, President .....	112.33
John R. Macarthur, Editor of the Forensic .....	92.06
E. R. Nichols, Historian .....	22.30
J. F. Newman Co., for keys .....	232.15
Redlands Daily Facts, for printings and supplies .....	1039.92
Refunded to chapters on overpayments .....	73.46
Stenographic help, office of the secretary-treasurer .....	600.00
Supplies and postage, office of the secretary .....	228.48
Total .....	\$4874.43
Balance on hand April 1, 1922.....	\$1480.69
Received from Chapters .....	5068.84
Received from L. G. Balfour Co. for advertising.....	14.00

Total receipts ..... \$6,563.53  
Total expenditures ..... 4874.43

Balance on hand April 1, 1923 ..... \$1689.10

(Signed) ALFRED WESTFALL,

National Secretary-Treasurer Pi Kappa Delta.



## CHAPTER LETTERS

### CALIFORNIA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

The admission of eight new members swells the membership of the California Alpha Chapter to a total of twenty-four this year, leaving five others to be voted in after later debates.

The University of Redlands has experienced another successful forensic season, with Redlands debaters winning eight out of eleven debates participated in to date. The men's varsity teams took second place in the Southern California Public Speaking Conference, newly organized this year. Fred Ford, president of the California Alpha Chapter, was chosen secretary-treasurer of the Conference at the time of its organization.

The debating season includes a total of seventeen intercollegiate debates, of which three are inter-state contests. The first of these has been held, with Simpson college of Indianola, Iowa, and was won by the local combination by a unanimous decision.

On May 11 and 12 the local chapter will stage the "Adventures of Lady Ursula," at the local opera house, to raise funds for the fifth biennial Eastern debate trip in 1924 to the national convention.

On May 5 the local chapter will be host to the Beta and the Gamma chapters at a joint banquet and initiation ceremony for new members.

GEORGE BROWN,  
Cor. Secy.

### CALIFORNIA BETA—OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE

The California Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta has had a very successful year. We feel especially proud for this is our first year, inasmuch as our chapter was installed only in May, 1922. This year we have had two complete schedules of debates with the other institutions of Southern California. This year interest has been particularly lively in forensic activity at Occidental. We attribute this enthusiasm to Pi Kappa Delta for it has stimulated such work as all students are anxious to become eligible to this fast growing organization. Occidental won the women's oratorical contest this year and we are proud of our Pi Kappa Delta woman who displayed such good work. Our chapter has pledged four new members and we expect to increase this number before the close of the college year. We are looking forward to our annual banquet at which time all of the chapters of Pi Kappa Delta unite, thus strengthening the feeling of brotherhood between the chapters in Southern California. We wish that it were possible to meet our other brothers located elsewhere.

EDWARD A. L. JAMES,  
President.

### CALIFORNIA GAMMA—CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The California Gamma chapter at the California Institute of Technology, in the second year of its existence, finds itself firmly enthroned as the champion and sponsor of forensic activities. At the beginning of the year, our membership numbered twenty undergraduate men and Dr. Macarthur, our head forensic coach. Since that time, two of our men have left college to return next year.

The forensic program which is coming to a close soon is a very ambitious one. This year, C. I. T. representatives will have taken part in Extemporaneous Speaking, Debate, and Oratorical contests of the Southern California Inter-collegiate Forensic Conference composed of seven colleges and universities in addition to meeting a visiting debate team from the East.

Brother Harold Beck represented C. I. T. in the first Inter-collegiate Extemporaneous Speaking contest to be held in Southern California. He placed fourth among the contestants of the seven institutions participating. Our chapter is favorably disposed toward such contests and will exert every influence to perpetuate them.

Because of the greater benefit to students as a whole, the Gamma chapter has always favored the extensive as against the intensive system of debate. As a result of adhering to this policy, C. I. T. will have engaged in no less than seven varsity and three freshman contests, one of which is a triangular debate, and will have put nineteen men into the field. Of the nine debates staged thus far, four have resulted in victories; and with the strongest team left, we feel confident of breaking even for the season. Most of our debates were on the Pi Kappa Delta question. However, the question, "Resolved that the U. S. should join the League of Nations," was debated by two teams.

We are not neglecting oratory, either. The institute was represented in the



Hamburger Oratorical staged in Los Angeles in January. There will be four or five Pi Kappa Delta men among those competing in the local Conger Peace Prize Oratorical which carries awards of \$50 and \$25. And finally, we are expecting a Pi Kappa Delta man to represent C. I. T. in the Southern California Inter-collegiate Oratorical which is to be held at the University of Redlands on April 27.

The Gamma chapter has assumed the entire responsibility for the support of the C. I. T. forensic program. We undertook a sale of season tickets and from the proceeds paid the expenses incident to bringing the Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, team to Pasadena for a debate. The Simpson team won by a 2-1 decision. We are glad that we had the opportunity to be host to Professor Dennis and three of his boys who helped make the last convention the success that it was. And right here we wish to say that Gamma chapter is working hard in order to send a representative to the convention next winter.

We have been meeting for semi-social gatherings once a month. These meetings have proved to be a pleasurable way in which to promote and discuss forensic policies. At present, we are looking forward to the union gathering of Pi Kappa Delta chapters in Southern California which is to be held at Redlands this spring.

FRED J. Groat,  
President.

### CALIFORNIA DELTA—COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC

We were installed December 7, by Brother Leo Sievert, of California Alpha, and even before that time, the influence of the chapter, with its national associations, was felt. We have planned the biggest and heaviest schedule ever attempted here, and we have won two of the first three. The first of our schedule of seventeen was won by Pacific against San Jose State Teachers College, two to one, with the affirmative of the P. K. D. question. The second was lost to Hastings (U. Cal.) Law School, by popular vote of 24 to 40. Hastings sent against us two graduate students, to say nothing of a practicing attorney. The third was won from Professor Dennis' team of Simpson men, with the negative of the P. K. D. question, by an expert decision rendered by Coach Arnold Perstein of California. Nine debates on our own floor, including Williamette, Colorado Aggies, Occidental, Brigham Young, and two State Teachers Colleges—eight away from home, including Nevada, Redlands, Pomona, Southern California—how is that for the first year of our chapter? Over five times the schedule of any previous year, and our most experienced man has had two debates. Watch us go!!!

O. E. NORTON,  
Pres. Cal. D.

### COLORADO ALPHA—COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

We feel this year to have been one of the most successful in our history. Although it will be hard to excel the wonderful record of 1921-1922, when four of our men took the biggest debating trip and won twelve out of fifteen contests, we are "going hard" on this season's trip. Orrin Pierson, Harold Lewis, and Austin Cazaly will represent the school in a two weeks' expedition starting April 4, and debating teams at Montana State, Montana Wesleyan, Gonzagas College, (Washington), University of Southern California, and Pomona College (California).

So far our girls' team, debating on "The Cancellation of the Allied War Debt" question, has had three contests, with Colorado State Teachers College, and Wyoming University. Only one debate was held with the former while with Wyoming they debated both Affirmative and Negative. Of these, they won one and lost two, but the decisions were all of them very close, so they are not at all discouraged. The men have debated here with Washington State College on "The Adoption of Industrial Courts in the Various States of the Union," winning in this case, while they have also debated with Montana State, Denver University, and State Teachers College on the "Adoption of the Cabinet System of Government in the United States." This, by the way, is the question to be debated by the men on the trip.

ORRIN T. PIERSON,  
President.

### COLORADO BETA—COLORADO TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Colorado Beta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is very much alive. We began the year with six active members but are having good increase during the season. We will initiate into the order this spring six women and six men. This will bring our total membership, counting honorary members, up to twenty-one. Our debate schedule has consisted of two triangles; the men's taking in Colorado Agricultural College and the University of Denver, and the women's, Colo-



rado Agricultural College and the University of Wyoming; and a debate with Simpson College. Pi Kappa Delta here has had for its local task the sending out of judges for state and county high school league debates in this part of Colorado. We have often been called upon to furnish two or three teams of judges over a single week end.

MERYL HARPER,  
President.

### ILLINOIS BETA—EUREKA COLLEGE

Debating activities in Eureka College were seriously handicapped this year from the beginning of the season because our coach, President L. O. Lehman, had to devote most of his time to the Eureka College Endowment Campaign. We scheduled a triangular debate, however, with Illinois Wesleyan and Bradley Polytechnic for March 22 on the question: "Resolved, That the United States should enter the League of Nations." Just when we were beginning concentrated work on this debate, our much beloved President Lehman died from typhoid fever, brought on by overwork on the Endowment Campaign, leaving us without a coach. Professor O. D. Morrison, of the history department, who had never debated himself, took up the task of coaching us. We won the triangular debate, securing a two to one decision in each place. A dual debate pending with Normal University was cancelled because of our lack of a coach. We are planning to make a far different record for Illinois Beta next year. Interclass debates are being planned to be held under the auspices of Pi Kappa Delta, as we have no literary societies to develop new material. All of this year's team will be in college next year and with a new coach behind us, "Watch our smoke!"

DURWARD V. SANDIFER.

### ILLINOIS GAMMA—CARTHAGE COLLEGE

This has been a very satisfactory year for debate at Carthage. Our schedule has not been a very heavy one, but has aroused a great deal of interest. Our men's teams have won a dual debate with Penn College (Oskaloosa, Iowa), and have tied for first place in a triangle with Culver-Stockton and Parsons. Our girls' team will debate Monmouth girls, and our Freshmen will debate the Freshmen teams of Illinois College. A men's dual debate with Parsons will complete the season. Plans are being formulated to make next year the greatest year in forensics in the history of Carthage College. A new debating society will be organized and steps are being taken to introduce oratory at Carthage. Each October heralds in debating with a Freshman-Sophomore debate. The winning class is awarded the Beckman Debate Cup, a large silver cup presented by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Beckman, of Carthage.

Fraternally,

W. G. ARBAUGH,  
President Illinois Gamma.

### ILLINOIS ZETA—MONMOUTH COLLEGE, MONMOUTH

The Zeta Chapter of Monmouth College was installed May, 1922. This is the first chapter of Pi Kappa Delta which has only women as members. Monmouth College had a debating fraternity for men, but the women felt that they too ought to have a society for encouraging forensics. The chapter began the year with four charter members and two members from Epsilon Chapter of Hedding College. An increased interest was fostered in women's debates, bringing more out for tryouts. The chapter was much encouraged by the quality of the new members of the teams. Our first clash is April 13, with Carthage College in a dual debate. On April 20 the regular Parsons-Northwestern-Monmouth triangle will be held. "Government Ownership and Operation of the Coal Mines" is the subject of both debates. Eight women will have a chance to debate, as in place of having two alternates, we expect to give every girl a chance to debate once. For the first time in a number of years a woman is to be Orator of the Senior Class. We hope to have Intercollegiate Oratorical Contests for women in the future.

Fraternally,

CHARLOTTE M. CUMMINGS,  
President.

### IOWA BETA—CENTRAL COLLEGE

Iowa Beta of Central College is just one year old. It is not large but very active and through its activity has fitted seven more students for membership in Pi Kappa Delta. We have sent our orators to the state contests both for men and for women. We have had four intercollegiate debates, winning three. It was in debate that our activity gave us material for growth which will insure a larger number next year, even though we lose three of our old members by graduation. Later in the year we shall take part in the State Peace Contest



and we hope to send representatives to the divisional convention of the Pi Kappa Delta schools of southern Iowa and northern Missouri. Our coming together has usually been in the form of a serious and somewhat hurried business meeting; but once we had an exclusive Pi Kappa Delta luncheon and once we acted as hosts at an informal reception after an intercollegiate debate. These are the simple annals of the efforts and accomplishments of our one short year of existence.

ELIZABETH GRAHAM,  
Reporter.

### IOWA GAMMA—DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

The Iowa Gamma Chapter at Des Moines University is looking forward to an active forensic season. At the present time we have five men's debates scheduled. These include contests with Dakota Wesleyan, Nebraska Wesleyan, William Jewell and a dual debate with Morningside. In addition to this, a girls' team has been selected to represent Des Moines University in a triangular debate with Morningside and State Teachers' College. Three Pi Kappa Delta men of our chapter tried out for the teams, and all were successful in making places. George C. Conrad and Earl S. Kalp represent our chapter on the affirmative team and Cecil L. McLaughlin on the negative. Our Pi Kappa Delta organization has selected a medal to be awarded, at its own expense, to the winner of the Junior-Senior Oratorical Contest, which is an event of the Commencement Season. Des Moines University is merely pioneering in forensic activity, but we hope through the aid of our Pi Kappa Delta Chapter to stimulate a greater interest in forensic activity and promote to a greater degree, debating and oratorical contests.

Fraternally yours,

EARL S. KALP,  
Secretary.

### IOWA DELTA—MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

This year we had a very active intercollegiate schedule, both in Oratory and Debate. We opened the season early with a dual debate and had two others for the men. For the latter ones we used the official question and found it one of the best and most interesting propositions debated in years. Another interesting debate was our girls' triangular with the State Teachers College and Des Moines U. We lost but three during the whole year. We were represented in both the men's and women's State Oratorical Contests. In the men's event we had the honor to win second in the Oratorical and third in the extemporaneous speaking contest. We expect to be represented in the Provincial contest to be held on April 19 and 20. During the year 13 new members have fulfilled the requirements although all of them have not yet been given the degree. To those who think 13 is an unlucky number we invite to watch us next year and we will prove that it is the best number in the list. We are proud of our record in view of the fact that so many have taken part in the events.

GIFFORD ALT,  
Secretary.

### IOWA EPSILON—SIMPSON COLLEGE

The Iowa Epsilon Chapter benefited greatly this year from the National Convention of last year. It pays for any chapter to entertain the National Pi Kappa Delta Convention. Our Forensic plans were quite ambitious for this year. Besides our usual home debates we planned an extensive debate trip of 6250 miles through the Southwest, Pacific Coast States and the Northwest, debating enroute fifteen different schools. The team is now, at this writing, making the trip. They are taking, in most cases, the affirmative side of the Pi Kappa Delta question. The coach and three men are making the trip, only two men debating at any one time. The team has won so far four debates and hopes to roll up a few more victories before they reach home. The Simpson man, Walter Dillon, won first place in the Iowa State Oratorical Contest, and this entitles Simpson to the Western Divisional Inter-state Oratorical Contest where seven state orators will compete. The men placing first, second and third on this contest will compete in the Final Interstate contest at Evanston, with a similar number from the Eastern Divisional Interstate contest. On the whole we hope to win our share of Forensic victories for the year 1922-23.

Yours fraternally,

W. C. DENNIS.

### IOWA ZETA—PARSONS COLLEGE

The Iowa Zeta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Parsons College under the leadership of Professor Fred G. Bale, is boosting forensics this year more than ever before. Every interclass and intercollegiate forensic activity is sponsored and



controlled by Pi Kappa Delta. This year, for the first time, the college is presenting the keys to those taking part in forensics, and when the degree of special distinction is reached, the college presents the new set. Two of our members get special distinction. During this season the boys' and girls' debate teams have each had two triangular debates. The boys had also two dual debates. Pi Kappa Delta has distributed fifteen hundred debate bulletins containing pictures of the debaters, the coach and the college president, and also a write-up about each one. A copy was sent to each of the Pi Kappa Delta colleges. The Iowa Zeta chapter has been well represented in intercollegiate contests. Orators and extemporaneous speakers were sent to both men's and women's contests. Parsons had the presidency of the women's state forensic association. One of the Pi Kappa Delta men was president of the men's interstate oratorical association. Next year one of the members is secretary of the state forensic association. Professor Fred G. Bale is the president of the Peace Association in Iowa. The state Peace contest will be held in May. Because of the interest which has been aroused in forensics Parsons and Pi Kappa Delta are looking forward to a successful year in 1923-1924.

Fraternally yours,

BESSIE CLARK,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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#### IOWA ETA—UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Considering the fact that we had no experienced students entered in intercollegiate forensics, Iowa Eta has had a very good year. In debate we lost to Baker University's three fine gentlemen. In the men's oratorical contests we won fourth in each of the extemporaneous and "old line" encounters. The women were equally good, with the extemporaneous speaker winning third place. Most of the contestants of this year will be graduating in June or else will be teaching next year. I am sure that Pi Kappa Delta has been a help in enlisting the interest of many of the contestants.

C. B. SWANEY,  
President.

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#### IOWA THETA—COE COLLEGE

The Coe chapter is a baby member of Pi Kappa Delta. As this is written, the chapter has not yet been installed although we expect this to be done within the present month. The chapter will replace Gamma Sigma, a local forensic organization founded in 1919. The charter roll will include twelve members while five other men who have met the requirements for membership will be initiated before the close of the college year. The past year has seen a revival of debating at Coe as far as victories are concerned, and although six of the eight men who participated in the year's debates had had no previous varsity experience, four of the six debates were won. The negative team, on the question of federal ownership of the coal mines, composed of George Simpson, James Laurie and Don Datisman, won from Buena Vista and Grinnell colleges, and Drake university while the affirmative team, of Theodore Wintz, Horace Butterfield and Daniel Kerr won one of its three debates with the same colleges. James Gable and Donald Allen were used on the two teams in the first debate, with Buena Vista. Pi Kappa Delta is now preparing for the Bever oratorical contest and the Dows essay contest, while plans are being completed for an extemporaneous speaking contest to be held under auspices of the fraternity. With none of this year's debaters to be lost by graduation, Prof. H. F. Schory, debate coach and vice-president of the Midwest college association for forensic work, is looking forward to a very successful season for next winter.

DON DATISMAN,  
President, Coe Chapter.

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#### KANSAS ALPHA—OTTAWA UNIVERSITY

The Pi Kappa Delta chapter in Ottawa University has been working faithfully and the interest in forensics, which was lagging temporarily, has revived again. While we were not represented in the State Oratorical Contest this year, we fully expect that an Ottawa man will be heard from in the next contest. The increased interest in debate has been shown by increased support of forensics. The inter-class debate aroused unusual interest, and the inter-society debate to be held soon bids fair to be an exciting contest. The forensic year is not over yet, as we have two men's debates that have not been held. The girls' teams, in a Triangular debate between Pittsburg, Park and Ottawa, lost one and won one. The men, in the Pentangular debates between Park, College of Emporia, William Jewell, Baker and Ottawa, on the Pi Kappa Delta question, have lost one and won one. The Kansas Alpha chapter is proud of its position at the head of the charter roll, and hopes to continue to be an enthusiastic member and to help the organization grow. We hope to see, after another decade, not



seventy-five charters, but nearly two hundred. We are celebrating our tenth birthday this spring, and are sure that all the other chapters join in praise of this organization, organized here ten years ago.

Fraternally yours,

THEODORE R. PALMQUIST,  
President.

## KANSAS GAMMA—KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Pi Kappa Delta at the Kansas State Agricultural College has inaugurated a new feature this year—that of judging high school debates. The English Department was swamped with requests for judges, so P. K. D. offered assistance, and has made the decision in a score of debates within a seventy-five mile radius of Manhattan. The sixteen active members are now looking forward to the outdoor initiation of ten leather lunged pledges. Chapter meetings are held once a month, with two men acting as hosts for dinner, after which the business meeting is held. The college enlarged its debating schedule this year, due to the establishment of the Varsity Activity Fee, whereby every student pays twenty-five cents for debate and oratory. This makes it possible, for the first time, to send a debate team to Colorado Agricultural College, and an orator and a debate team to the Montana State College. These debates are in addition to the customary men's dual contest with Iowa State College and the Kansas State Normal, and the women's dual match with Kansas University and the State Normal. The Kansas Aggies have been victors in five out of six contests held to date. In the Missouri Valley Oratorical contest at St. Louis our orator (P. K. D.) placed third. P. K. D. is not the only organization interested in promoting forensics as there is a strong chapter of Zeta Kappa Psi, women's forensic fraternity, and eight active college literary societies of over fifty members apiece. The literary societies have an annual oratorical contest, and an elimination series of debates, in which each society enters an affirmative and a negative team of three members each. Pi Kappa Delta men take a leading part in these activities. Hearty greetings to the other chapters and to our national officers.

Fraternally,

J. W. FARMER.

## KANSAS DELTA—SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

The membership of Southwestern Pi Kappa Delta Chapter has been largely increased during the present year, and much more interest in it is manifested by the student body. The activity in Forensics this year has been marked. So far twelve intercollegiate debates have been held, in which our members have taken part. All these debates have been on the Pi Kappa Delta question Local oratorical contests for both men and women have been held and the winner in each goes to the State Contest. The big event of the year was the three days Regional Pi Kappa Delta Convention held here March 14-16. Visiting teams from twelve colleges were present and took part. A tournament debate was staged by ten teams representing as many colleges, and proved most interesting and instructive. There was an extemporaneous debate between teams of two colleges. Oratorical contests for both men and women were held. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and plans for a permanent organization of this regional Pi Kappa Delta conference or league or whatever it may be called. At this convention, the following resolution was adopted unanimously, after full discussion: "Resolved, That this Convention of Pi Kappa Delta hereby goes on record as favoring wherever and whenever possible the use of the one Critic Judge in all debates." This, we believe, is the first Pi Kappa Delta convention of this kind ever held, and all felt it was well worth while, and unanimously decided to endeavor to make it a regular and permanent affair.

Sincerely,

J. THOMPSON BAKER,  
Professor of Public Speaking and Coach of Debate and Oratory.

## KANSAS EPSILON—FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE

Fairmount has this year upheld her remarkable forensic record of the past. The debate team has won the Southern Division of the Kansas Intercollegiate Debating League, winning sixteen out of eighteen possible judges' decisions. In the Southwest District Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, held at Southwestern College, Winfield, March 14-16, Fairmount won first in oratory and second in the debate tournament. Professor C. C. Harbison, whose record in Fairmount has made him famous as a debate and oratory coach throughout the west, was elected first President of the Southwest District of Pi Kappa Delta. In the Kansas State Old Line Oratorical Contest, in which Fairmount last year won National honors, D. B. Cudworth this year won second place. The debate teams, Ted Haugh and G. V. Kelley, affirmative, and Frank Lamb and Arthur (241)



Tenney, negative, will debate McPherson, winner of the Northern Division, for state honors, in a short time. Fairmount's women representatives will participate in a no-decision debate with Southwestern College, and in the Kansas State Women's Oratorical Contest, in which Fairmount has won first place the last two years. The Epsilon Chapter will have fourteen or more members at the close of the present year.

Yours for Pi Kappa Delta,

G. VERNON KELLEY.

### KANSAS ZETA—KANSAS STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Kansas Zeta Chapter, Pi Kappa Delta, at the Kansas State Teachers' College, Emporia, Kansas, closed the debate activities for the year against K. S. A. C. on March 22. We have enjoyed a splendid year. The season started off with class debates as try-outs for the teams. The "pep" for debate was the best it has been for years and much new material was discovered, which means that we will be right here next year to make all opponents hustle. All men who made the teams for the first time this year will be back in school next year. R. C. Maul, the president of Zeta chapter this year, carried the biggest load, working in three debates on three different questions. His winnings here qualify him for Special Distinction. Maul is the first man to gain this honor since the chapter was installed. The biggest single achievement of the year was perhaps in the Tournament at Winfield. There we took first in the Women's Oratorical, won the extemporaneous debate, and went to the second round in the tournament debates. We consider the tournament a great success and are looking forward to its repetition.

### KANSAS ETA—KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

The Kansas Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Delta is in the third year of its existence, the last charter member graduating this year. Our organization this spring will be the strongest since its inception and next year we expect a marked increase over this year due to the organization in this school of a Women's Debate League. This week we are publishing a forensic edition of "The Advance," our official college publication. This has not been done heretofore and we expect an added impetus to result from this effort. We have not been so successful in our forensic activities as usual, but we expect to retrieve our fortunes next year. We were represented in the Pi Kappa Delta regional convention held at Southwestern College in March, by our "Old Line" orator, Mr. Burrell. We also entertained the Kansas Intercollegiate Oratorical Association here on the 23rd of March, our orator having ranked third in thought and composition out of a total of twelve colleges represented. We are looking forward to a happy and prosperous year.

Fraternally,

PAUL BURRELL,  
Cor. Secy.

### KANSAS THETA—STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS

Kansas Theta chapter opened the season with a triangular girls' debate with Ottawa University and Park College, winning both unanimously. Next the affirmative team debating the P. K. D. question defeated Kansas City University unanimously. Next the negative team entering the Provincial tournament was defeated two to one by Fairmount. They then defeated unanimously Kansas City University. A judgeless debate was held with Kansas Wesleyan. On April 4th a debate will be held with Missouri Wesleyan at Pittsburg. Mr. Ray Boyer won the State Teachers' College Oratorical contest and will represent Kansas in the interstate contest held at Cedar Falls, Iowa, on May 4th. Our season, therefore, has been very successful. Keys will be presented to all debaters by the College.

J. R. PELSMAN,  
President.

### KANSAS IOTA—COLLEGE OF EMPORIA

Since the institution of Iota Chapter of the Pi Kappa Delta at the College of Emporia in May of last year the chapter has accomplished very little outside of the regular forensic activities of the year. About the most important work of the society so far has been the interest which it has aroused in the various forensic activities. The first chapter event of the school year (1922-23) was a banquet given the Zeta Chapter of the Kansas State Teachers' College of Emporia in appreciation for the work they did in instituting the Iota chapter here. This banquet brought about a closer relationship between the two colleges and various phases of the forensic work were discussed. In November the Pi Kappa Delta had charge of the annual Freshman-Sophomore debate. Three men from each class were selected. The decision went to the upper class. The women of the



organization met and defeated both Washburn and Southwestern in a triangular debate. They also won the dual debate from the Kansas State Teachers' College of Emporia. The men lost their dual debate with the men from K. S. T. C. The pentangular debates with Park College, William Jewell, Ottawa, Baker and C. of E. are dated in April. A local oratorical contest was held in January and the winner selected to represent the Iota Chapter in the state contest. A manuscript was sent in to the judges of thought and composition. While the Iota Chapter is yet young, it is going strong and will no doubt have a permanent place in the College life from now on. Most likely this chapter will stand high in the intercollegiate contests for this year. If our chapter can be of any service to the "Forensic" at any time, we are willing to co-operate to the best of our ability.

Sincerely,

RALPH HANNON,  
Secretary.

## KANSAS KAPPA—BAKER UNIVERSITY

Baker is up to her usual form in debate, winning six out of seven, five of which were unanimous.

Feb. 26 Harold Case and V. A. Nickel debated Upper Iowa University at Fayette. Feb. 28 Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa. Each time giving the resident team its choice of sides.

March 14, 15 and 16 The Pi Kappa Delta tournament in oratory, impromptu debate and debate on the Pi Kappa Delta question at Winfield, Kansas, winning unanimously the Pi Kappa Delta question and receiving honorable mention in oratory. This is the third and last year of our pentangular debate. The first two gave us two out of three decisions with both Ottawa University and William Jewell. We have yet to debate:

April 10 Park College at Baker.

April 13 College of Emporia at Emporia. Leland Mann our orator with his oration, "The Challenge of the Orient," won honorable mention at Salina, Kansas, March 23, in the Kansas Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest.

Baker sends fraternal greetings to all.

JANET GIBBON,  
Cor. Secy.

## KANSAS LAMBDA—STERLING COLLEGE

To all chapters of Pi Kappa Delta, greetings from Kansas' newest chapter. Although we have just been granted a charter, there have already appeared many evidences of the benefits to be derived from the fraternity. Kansas Lambda Chapter began with eight charter members. Five more are now eligible for membership. Three debates were held on the cabinet parliamentary system of government with the following colleges: McPherson, Kansas Wesleyan, and Bethany. In the old Line State Oratorical Association, a member of Kansas Lambda won fourth place out of twelve colleges entered. The chapter at Sterling is certainly serving to put the College on the map in forensic. Every member is a live wire anxious to get the most from the organizations and most of all anxious to maintain the standards and ideals of the fraternity. Why would it not be well to include in the chapter letter more plans and methods which each chapter uses on its campus instead of or in addition to the present practice of enumerating activities. Since we are a new chapter we can see wherein such a letter would be both interesting and helpful.

Fraternally,

JOHN O. SNOOK.

## KENTUCKY BETA—CENTRE COLLEGE

This has been a very successful year for Pi Kappa Delta at Centre College. Although the organization here has had the difficulties of its first year to meet, it has brought credit to itself. The leadership in forensic activities has been almost wholly in the hands of Pi Kappa Delta men. Brothers A. C. and E. C. Newlin were two of the three winners in the annual Ernst Debate. In the twenty-second of February oratorical contest between the societies, the Deinologian Literary Society was represented by Brother A. C. Newlin and the Chamberlain Literary Society by Brother Paul Watson. Brother Watson was fortunate enough to be the winner and represented Centre College in the state oratorical contest at Winchester. In the inter-collegiate debates we were equally well represented. Brother A. C. Newlin was a member of the debating team which won from Berea College. The team which debated against Georgetown College was made up entirely of Pi Kappa Delta men. Through the efforts of the Kentucky Beta chapter, a greater number of new men have tried out for and made the debating teams at Centre than ever before. This will make it possible for us to take in a number of good men at the initiation which is to be held in the



near future. Only one man will be lost through graduation; and with the new blood and the success of the organization this year behind us, we are looking forward to higher attainments. We were honored recently by the election of Brother A. C. Newlin to the presidency of the Deinologian Society.

Fraternally,

E. C. NEWLIN, Jr.,  
President.

### MAINE ALPHA—COLBY COLLEGE

Last year our chapter enjoyed the most prosperous year in its history. Three dual debates were held with New England colleges and a western trip was taken on which our team won six out of its ten debates. A majority of our men were lost by graduation. Last fall the few who remained took up the reins, determined to make this year a banner year for the chapter. But a disastrous fire in which four students lost their lives put a stop to all college activities for a time. After mid year exams were over work was started on the question: Resolved, that the French occupation of the Ruhr Valley is justifiable. A number of new men with a small nucleus of veterans are delving into the depths of European problems. Dual debates are arranged with the University of Maine, New Hampshire State College, and Clark College for the coming month. And so, although 1923 will not be so big a year as we should like to have made it in the way of an extensive program, still the Pi Kappa Delta ideal of the real benefit to be derived from forensic work leads us to true effort, in the knowledge that the work done this year will lay a foundation for greater success next year.

J. LESLIE DUNSTAN,  
Correspondent.

### MICHIGAN ALPHA—KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

The past year has been one of intense activity and of unusual success for the forensic activities and the Michigan Alpha Chapter in Kalamazoo College. We have not as we have in years past been successful in bringing in new chapters to Pi Kappa Delta. But we have encouraged several schools and they will probably be admitted during the coming year. We had as coaches this year, Miss Mildred Tanis for Oratory, and Dr. Elmer C. Griffith for Debate. Miss Tanis is a graduate of Kalamazoo College and won first honors in the State Contest of the Michigan Oratorical League in 1919. Dr. Griffith had a fine record as a debate coach before coming to Kalamazoo and continued the good work this year. Kalamazoo College again had three complete debate squads in the field. The All-Fresh teams split even in a triangular debate with the freshmen of Albion and Hillsdale Colleges. The Woman's Varsity teams made a good showing in their debates. The Men's Varsity teams won the State Debating Championship under the Michigan Debating League by a very comfortable margin. They only lost two judges' decisions and did not lose a debate in the Championship series. This newly formed Michigan Debating League is largely the result of Kalamazoo's endeavor. Kalamazoo last year urged the formation of such a league. This year we wrote to all colleges in the Michigan Oratorical League and suggested that this matter be considered at the fall meeting of Oratorical managers. At this meeting a temporary agreement was drawn up calling for debates to decide the State Championship. The Kalamazoo representative was made Chairman of the Constitution Committee. A Constitution was submitted this year at the time of the Oratorical contest and was ratified by all eight colleges of the Michigan Oratorical League. This new Michigan Debating League is affiliated with the Michigan Oratorical league, and meetings will be held together. As a result of our activity, the Kalamazoo manager will be the first President of the Michigan Debating League. We have fourteen new members and several who earned advanced standing. None of our debaters graduated this year so we look forward to another successful year next year. The Michigan Alpha Chapter may be depended upon to continue to boost Pi Kappa Delta and all forensic activity.

VERN W. BUNNELL,  
Secretary.

### MICHIGAN BETA—OLIVET COLLEGE

Michigan Beta? Still here and going stronger all the time. For one thing, at the beginning of this year the college authorities turned over to us the control of all forensic work on the campus. Last year oratory was handled by a local branch of the Michigan Oratorical League and debating was managed by our coach. But now we are doing all this—only modesty keeps us from saying how. In oratory Pi Kappa Delta had a chapel session turned over to it one day last fall at which time the proposition was shown to the student body. If Olivet was to do anything forensically, candidates were necessary. We had a goodly number out for the preliminary oratorical contest, selected our two representa-