

ARE YOU IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR CHARTER?

The business of $\Pi K \Delta$ is carried on by its national conventions which are held every two years. Without these conventions the society could not exist, for they adopt its policies, select its national officers, and direct its activities. It is therefore the duty of every chapter to attend these conventions and to take some share in the work of the organization. The chapter which does not do this is living on charity, for it receives the benefits of the efforts and sacrifices of the other chapters without contributing anything to keep the society a going concern.

Because a few chapters have not understood this and have taken the attitude that whether or not they attend is a personal matter which concerns them alone, the Fifth National Convention passed some amendments to the constitution which require chapters to attend at least every other convention to hold its charter. This was not voted in the sense that it was a penalty on any chapter, but out of the feeling that a chapter which does not attend the conventions misses the best that the society can contribute to the betterment of its forensic activities, and the conviction that the society could not be 100 per cent efficient, unless each chapter was doing its share.

The society has no desire to lose any of the chapters it has. It takes great pride in the fact that it has lost only two chapters during its life, a record which can be approached by few honorary or social fraternities. It does not feel that the obligation thus imposed is an unreasonable one. But lest any chapter should overlook this it prints below the sections of the constitution which apply to attendance on the convention and the names of the chapters which are bound to attend this convention by the provisions of these sections. Many of these chapters already have their plans made to send delegations. This list is printed in the desire to save any mistakes.

Article 5, Division A, Section 13: Any chapter failing to have a delegate at the first national convention after the granting of its charter, or any chapter failing to have a delegate at two consecutive convention shall have its charter suspended. Any charter thus suspended can be regranted only by action of a national convention before which some delegate of the institution appears in person.

Article 9, Section 2: All institutions petitioning for a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta shall obligate themselves to send a delegate to the first National Convention following the granting of their petition.

The following institutions, because they were not represented at the Fifth National convention, must have delegates at the Sixth or forfeit their charters:

Arkansas

Beta—Ouachita

California

Beta—Occidental

Delta—Pacific

Connecticut

Alpha—Agricultural College

Illinois

Gamma—Carthage

Kansas

Iota—College of Emporia

Nu—Teachers of Hayes

Kentucky

Alpha—Georgetown

Gamma—Wesleyan

Maine

Alpha—Colby

Michigan

Delta—State College

Minnesota

Gamma—Gustavus Adolphus

Missouri

Gamma—Central

Delta—William Jewell

Epsilon—Wesleyan

Montana

Beta—State College

North Dakota

Alpha—Jamestown

Nebraska

Gamma—Doane

Delta—Hastings

Epsilon—Grand Island

Ohio

Alpha—Baldwin-Wallace

Beta—Heidelberg

Delta—Akron

Oklahoma

Beta—Tulsa

Gamma—Baptist University

Delta—Northwestern Teachers

Epsilon—Oklahoma City

Oregon

Alpha—Linfield

Pennsylvania

Alpha—Grove City

South Carolina

Alpha—Wofford

Gamma—Newberry

South Dakota

Delta—State College

Zeta—Northern Teachers

Tennessee

Beta—Tusculum

Texas

Alpha—Southwestern

Washington

Alpha—College of Pudget Sound

Wisconsin

Beta—Carroll

The following institutions, because they were granted charters under the amended constitution requiring them to attend the next following convention, must have delegates at the Sixth convention, and have obligated themselves to have them there in accepting their charter.

Colorado

Gamma—Western State

Iowa

Dubuque

Kentucky

Delta—Transylvania

Louisiana

Alpha—Louisiana

Missouri

Eta—Central Teachers

North Carolina

Alpha—State College

Ohio

Epsilon—Otterbein

Texas

Beta—Trinity

Gamma—East Texas Teachers

Delta—Howard Payne

Epsilon—Baylor

PI KAPPA DELTA RADIO PROGRAM FEBRUARY 24

The Colorado Alpha and Beta chapters of $\Pi K \Delta$, who are acting as hosts for the Sixth National Convention, have arranged with Station KOA of Denver to broadcast a program February 24, as one of the preliminaries to the convention. KOA is one of the General Electric Company's three powerful stations. It uses a 323 meter wave length and can be picked up readily in any state in the union. This program is being broadcasted as part of the welcome the Colorado chapters are extending to the others and should be received by each chapter. The program will begin at 8:00 o'clock mountain time and will last approximately two hours.

It was hoped when the program was being arranged, that the Colorado chapters could speak more of the convention, tell about their plans, and call the roll of chapters. This cannot be permitted, however, as the programs for this great station are picked up all over North America by millions of people and must therefore be planned to appeal to the large audience. There will be some things of particular forensic interest, however. We suggest a radio party by each chapter the evening of February 24.

The program, in which the musical conservatories of the two colleges are cooperating, is as follows:

BY THE COLORADO STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

1. Trio Op. 90 Dvorak
Where My Caravan Has Rested Lohr
Elegia from Trio Op. 32 A. Arensky
College String Trio
2. To Watch O'er Thee Pinsuti
Settin' Aroun' the Fire Parks
Say I've Got a Little Brother Kratz
State Teachers College Male Quartette
3. Saxophone—Valse Vanite Rudy Wiedoeft
Mrs. Lester E. Opp
4. Serenade Victor Herbert
Trio in D Major, No. 1, Op. 56 Cadman
Forgotten Eugene Cowles
College String Trio
5. Cello—The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise Seitz
Kashmiri Song Woodward-Finden
Lester E. Opp
6. Ah, Love But a Day Protheroe
The Pilot Protheroe
Hymn to the Night Tipton
J. Allen Grubb—Tenor
7. Address—The Epic of the Cowboy W. O. Orr
(This is the oration Mr. Orr will use in the national contest
as the representative of the Colorado Alpha chapter.)
8. Concertante for Four Violins L. Maurer
First violin—Editha Todd
Second violin—Dorothy Milne
Third violin—Myrna Louise Sydnor
Fourth violin—Violette Finley
Piano—Mrs. O. T. Worth

9. Violin Solos—

- Ave MariaSchubert
 Gavotte Beethoven
 In the Time of RosesReichardt
 RondinoEddie Brown

Editha Todd

(Miss Todd, who is a member of the Colorado Alpha chapter,
 won third place in the women's oratorical contest at the Fifth
 National Convention at Peoria.)

BY THE COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE CONSERVATORY
 OF MUSIC

10. Piano Solo—Staccato EtudeRubinstein
 Lois Jones
11. Baritone Solo—Arm, Arm, Ye Brave (Judas Maccabaeus)—Handel
 Where E'er You Walk (Seleme)Handel
 Paul Crist
 Mrs. Alexander Emslie, Accompanist
12. Bass Solo—Honour and Arms (Samson)Handel
 Who Treads the Path of Duty (Magic Flute) ..Mozart
 Alexander Emslie
 Mrs. Alexander Emslie, Accompanist
13. Violin Solo—Polonaise Brillante, Op. 21Wienlawski
 Clarence James
 Alberta Getchell, Accompanist
14. Vocal Duet—Graceful Consort (Creation).....Handel
 Soprano—Dorothy Becker
 Bass—Alexander Emslie
 Accompanist—Alberta Getchell
15. Soprano Solo—Day and NightHildreth
 The PoolHildreth
 Dorothy Becker
 Alberta Getchell, Accompanist
16. Address—Winter Sports
 Alfred Westfall, National President
17. College Song Service-Getchell
 Aggie Singers

DEBATE COACHES

Here are some of the debate coaches who will attend the national convention in Estes Park. We are in hopes that the debate coach from every chapter can attend and shall be glad to receive the names of any others who plan to be there. This list does not pretend to be complete, but is all that we have to date.

California

W. C. Dennis, Redlands.
W. H. Veatch and Charles M. Marsh, University of California, Southern Branch.

Colorado

Harvey H. DeWeerd, Colorado Agricultural College
H. M. Randall, Colorado Teachers College
Caroline Mattingly, Western State

Illinois

James J. Fiderlick, Illinois Wesleyan.

Iowa

Dorothy Scholl, Central
Edith Whitaker, Simpson.
C. B. Swaney, Upper Iowa
Roy M. Smith, Western Union
Dale Welch, Dubuque

Kansas

R. H. Ritchie, Ottawa
H. B. Summers, Kansas State Agricultural College.
Geo. R. R. Pflaum, Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia.
J. R. Pelsma, Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg
J. H. Lawrence, College of Emporia
Clarence E. Mitchell, Sterling
Martin Holcomb, Bethany
James Start, Kansas State Teachers College of Hayes.

Michigan

F. B. McKay, Michigan State Normal College

Minnesota

Chas. S. Templer, Hamline

Missouri

J. M. Moore, Park
P. Casper Harvey, William Jewell
B. W. Folsom, Missouri Wesleyan

Montana

A. F. Taylor, Intermountain Union
J. Wheeler Barger, Montana State

Nebraska

Enid Miller, Nebraska Wesleyan
Franklin Knower, Hastings

North Carolina

C. C. Cunningham, State College

Ohio

Hana D. Hopkins, Heidelberg

Oklahoma

H. H. Anderson, Oklahoma A. and M.
Newyll S. Sawyer, Oklahoma Baptist

South Dakota

F. W. Lambertson, Dakota Wesleyan
H. Gilkinson, Yankton
Geo. McCarty, South Dakota State
Hugo A. Carlson, Augustana

Texas

W. Dwight Wentz, Southwestern
O. E. Winebrenner, Howard-Payne

Wisconsin

H. B. Body, Ripon

REDUCED FARE FOR THE CONVENTION

The railroad officers have officially acted upon our petition for reduced fares for the convention. The fares will be granted under the terms which apply to all such requests. Please note them carefully.

First, 250 must attend who have certificates showing purchase of one way fares of not less than 67 cents. (The earlier announcement that 150 would assure us of the convention rates was an error due to incorrect information given by a lower railroad official. The smallest number for which the railroads can issue a special fare is 250.)

Second, delegates must return by the same route they came to secure the special fare. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Third, the only stop-over privileges allowed are those allowed on the usual one way ticket.

Fourth, if you have to follow an out of the way route to carry on some debates, you can call for a certificate for the last part of the journey. For example, if you are coming from California to Estes Park by way of Washington and Oregon where you have some debates, you can perhaps plan to come thru Salt Lake City and return the same way. You can then get the benefits of the special fare from Salt Lake City and back by asking for a certificate when you buy your ticket there.

Fifth, even tho you can not return the same way you came and cannot therefore benefit by the special fare, get your certificate. No one can get the special fare unless 250 certificates are presented. You can help the others secure this special rate.

Please read the following directions carefully. They are supplied by the railroad officials. In case of question, apply to your own railroad agent or write to the National Secretary, Mr. Finley.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A reduction of one and one-half for the round-trip on the "Certificate Plan" will apply for members (also dependent members of their families) attending the meeting of $\Pi K \Delta$ to be held at Estes Park, Colorado. The arrangement will apply from the following territory:

All states in which there are chapters.

The following directions are submitted:

1. Tickets at the normal one-way tariff fare for the going journey may be bought on any of the following dates (but not on any other date). March 22-28. Certificates will be honored showing the purchase of going tickets to Denver, Longmont, Lyons, Loveland, Greeley and Fort Collins.

2. Be sure when purchasing your going ticket to ask the ticket agent for a certificate. Do not make the mistake of asking for a receipt. If, however, it is impossible to get a certificate from the local ticket agent, a receipt will be satisfactory and should be secured when ticket is purchased. See that the ticket reads to the point where the convention is to be held and no other. See that your certificate is stamped with the same date as your ticket. Sign your name to the certificate or receipts in ink. Show this to the ticket agent.

3. Call at the railroad station for ticket and certificate at least 30 minutes before departure of train.

4. Certificates are not kept at all stations. Ask your home

station whether you can procure certificates and through tickets to the place of meeting. If not, buy a local ticket to nearest point where a certificate and through ticket to place of meeting can be bought.

5. Immediately upon your arrival at the meeting, present your certificate to the endorsing officer, Mr. G. W. Finley, as the reduced fare for the return journey will not apply unless you are properly identified as provided for by the certificate.

6. No refund of fare will be made on account of failure to either obtain a proper certificate, or on account of failure to have the certificates validated.

7. It must be understood that the reduction for the return journey is not guaranteed, but is contingent on an attendance of not less than 250 members of the organization and dependent members of their families at the meeting holding regularly issued certificates from ticket agents at starting points showing payment of normal one-way tariff fare of not less than 67 cents on the going trip.

8. If the necessary minimum of 250 regularly issued certificates are presented to the Joint Agent, and your certificate is validated, you will be entitled to a return ticket via the same route as the going journey at one-half of the normal one-way tariff fare from place of meeting to point at which your certificate was issued up to and including April 5.

9. Return tickets issued at the reduced fare will not be good on any limited train on which such reduced fare transportation is not honored.

EUREKA COLLEGE DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Eureka College, of Eureka, Illinois, is not only a producer of championship basketball teams, but also of championship debate teams. Last year marked the organization of the Illinois Intercollegiate Debate League, in which Eureka took initial steps, and marked also the winning of its first championship by Eureka.

The League is composed of nine Illinois colleges: Augustana, of Rock Island; Bradley, of Peoria; Eureka; Illinois, of Jacksonville; Lombard, of Galesburg; Monmouth; State Normal, of Normal; Northwestern, of Naperville; and Illinois Wesleyan, of Bloomington. Each college participated in four debates, the championship being awarded to the school receiving the largest number of judges' decisions. Eureka and Augustana each gained nine out of a possible twelve, in the four scheduled debates. In the final debate for the championship, held at Lombard, Eureka won a two-to-one decision and the championship.

Eureka College has a most enviable record in debate. Beginning in 1907, from which time a consecutive record is available, Eureka has won 31 debates and lost 16. With the exception of 1910-12 and 1923, her debaters have won at least one debate every year.

The Eureka Illinois Beta Chapter of $\Pi\kappa\Delta$, national forensic honor fraternity, has grown rapidly in membership during the past several years. The Eureka chapter was installed on May 1, 1916, during the presidency of Dr. H. O. Pritchard, who was active himself in debating circles while in Eureka. Ten men became charter members of the society.

Today there are twenty members now in college, more than a score who have graduated, and several students who have not yet been initiated into the organization. To be eligible for membership to IIKΔ, a student must have taken part in at least one intercollegiate debate.

During the past season, Eureka has trained more teams and engaged in more debates than ever before. Two varsity teams, two girls' teams and two freshman-sophomore teams engaged in ten debates and were victorious in seven.—Contributed.

RULES FOR CONVENTION CONTESTS

ORATORY

These rules shall govern both the Men's Oratorical Contest and the Women's Oratorical Contest.

1. **CONTESTANTS.** Each Pi Kappa Delta Chapter may enter an orator in each contest, who shall be an active member of the chapter he or she represents.

2. **ESTRANCE FEE.** Each chapter shall pay an entrance fee of one dollar for each orator entered.

3. **ORATIONS.** Orations shall not exceed 1500 words in length, and shall not contain more than 150 words of quotation. All quotations shall be indicated by the proper marks. Each contestant shall send a typewritten copy of his oration to the National Secretary together with the entrance fee of one dollar, not later than March 15, 1926. The National Secretary shall examine each oration to determine its eligibility under this rule.

4. **PRELIMINARY CONTESTS.** Preliminary contests shall be held simultaneously, the number of such contests being determined by the number of contestants entered, it being provided that not more than eight speakers shall appear on one program. The National Council shall determine the arrangement of schools in the preliminary contests.

5. **FINAL CONTESTS.** The number of speakers appearing in the final contests shall be determined by the National Council in accordance with the number of preliminary contests held.

6. **TIME OF CONTESTS.** The time for holding each contest shall be determined by the National Council and shall be announced in the printed program of the convention.

7. **JUDGES.** Each contest shall be decided by three or more disinterested judges to be chosen by the National Council.

8. **METHOD OF JUDGING.** Judges shall mark on general excellency, including thought, composition and delivery, giving each orator a grade between the percents of 75 and 100. No judge shall give any two orators the same grade.

Members of the National Council shall tabulate the ballots and determine the results. The markings of each judge shall be ranked 1, 2, 3, etc. Any orator ranked first by a majority of the judges shall be awarded first place.

If no orator is thus ranked first, all the rankings of each orator shall be totaled and the orator having the lowest sum of ranks shall be awarded first place. The orator having second lowest sum of ranks shall be awarded second and the orator having the next lowest sum of ranks shall be awarded third place. In case of a tie, the rankings shall be made again by omitting the contestants not concerned in the first three places, and the tie thus broken.

9. PRIZES. The winner of first place in each final contest shall be awarded a gold medal; the winner of second place shall be awarded a silver medal, and the winner of the third place shall be awarded a bronze medal. The college represented by the winner of first place shall be awarded a silver trophy cup.

All arrangements for the contests not covered by the above rules shall be in the hands of the National Council.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECHES

These rules shall govern both the Men's Extempore Speaking Contest and the Women's Extempore Speaking Contest.

1. CONTESTANTS. Each IKA Chapter may enter a contestant in each contest, who shall be an active member of the chapter he or she represents.

2. ENTRANCE FEE. Each chapter shall pay an entrance fee of one dollar for each contestant entered. Notice of intention to enter the contests, together with the fees, shall be sent to the National Secretary not later than March 15, 1926.

3. SUBJECTS. At least two months before the convention the National Council shall announce a general subject for each contest.

4. SUB-TOPICS. A disinterested party chosen by the National Council shall divide each general subject into ten sub-topics. These sub-topics shall be kept sealed until the time for the contests. One hour before the beginning of each contest the contestants shall by lot select sub-topics. Each speaker shall confine his discussion to the sub-topic chosen.

5. PRELIMINARY CONTESTS. Preliminary contests shall be held simultaneously, the number of such contests being determined by the number of contestants entered, it being provided that not more than eight speakers shall appear on one program. The National Council shall determine the arrangement of schools in the preliminary contests. No contestant shall be permitted to hear the other speakers in any preliminary contest.

6. FINAL CONTESTS. The number of speakers in the final contests shall be determined by the National Council in accordance with the number of preliminary contests held. No contestant shall be permitted to speak in the final contest upon the same sub-topic upon which he spoke in the preliminary contest.

7. TIME OF CONTESTS. The time for holding each contest shall be determined by the National Council and shall be announced in the printed program of the Convention.

8. **LENGTH OF SPEECHES.** Speeches shall be not less than eight minutes nor more than ten minutes in length. Each speaker shall be given a warning by the time-keeper at the expiration of eight minutes.

9. **NOTES AND QUOTED MATTER.** No speaker shall be permitted to take upon the platform more than one hundred words of notes. No speaker shall use more than two hundred words of quoted matter. Quotations may be either read or memorized.

10. **JUDGES.** Each contest shall be decided by three or more disinterested judges chosen by the National Council and in accordance with the rules for judging prescribed for the National Oratorical Contests.

11. **PRIZES.** Prizes similar to the ones given in the National Oratorical Contests shall be awarded to the winners of the first three places in each Extempore Speaking Contest.

All arrangements for the contests not covered by the above rules shall be in the hands of the National Council.

DEBATE TOURNAMENT

These rules shall govern both the Men's Debating Tournament and the Women's Debating Tournament.

1. **CONTESTANTS.** Each $\Pi K \Delta$ chapter may enter one or two teams in each contest. The members of these teams shall be active members of the chapter they represent.

2. **ENTRANCE FEE.** Each chapter shall pay an entrance fee of one dollar for each team entered. Notice of intention to enter the contest, together with the fees, shall be sent to the National Secretary not later than March 15, 1926.

3. **QUESTION.** The official $\Pi K \Delta$ question shall be used in all of the debates.

4. **SPEECHES.** Each debater shall have two speeches, one of ten minutes and one of five. The affirmative shall speak first in the first speeches, and the negative first in the second speeches.

5. **ELIMINATION.** The debates shall be conducted upon the elimination plan. A team must be defeated twice to be eliminated. The arrangement of the debates in all the contests shall be in charge of the National Council.

6. **SIDES.** Each team must debate on both sides of the question. After the first series the National Council shall attempt, as far as possible, to schedule each team in each succeeding debate for the side of the question opposite to the one it last debated.

7. **PERSONNEL.** The personnel of a team may be changed during the tournament, but such changes must be announced before a team is assigned its side in the next debate.

8. **JUDGES.** Each debate shall be decided by competent judges selected by the National Council.

9. **SCOUTING.** The tournament will be open. Debaters are not prohibited from attending other debates during the tournament.

10. PRIZES. Prizes similar to the ones given in the National Oratorical Contests shall be awarded to the members of the winning teams of the first three places in each debating tournament.

All arrangements for the tournaments not governed by the above rules shall be in the hands of the National Council.

GETTING GOOD FROM THE CONVENTION

"We are planning to send two debaters to the national convention," writes Professor A. A. Hopkins of the Oklahoma Baptists.

"We had also hoped that one could enter oratory and the other extempore speaking, but we note your warning in the last FORENSIC against this because of schedule difficulties. There is also the point of handicap to the student who is trying to excel in two lines. Still we might be willing to hazard this latter if the scheduling could be handled.

"It seems to me that in view of the cost of travel it would be better to spread the contests over enough time to permit double entering, rather than to make necessary the sending of another man. It would cost much less to keep the two men there an extra day or two than to send a third man. Like many others we find it necessary to economize. Does it seem to you at all feasible to try to make such provisions as I indicate for double entries?"

As we suggested before, a man can enter more than one contest. We shall do all that we can to make it possible for him to appear in both lines. With so many things to handle, there are great dangers of conflict. Where there are such conflicts, we can not permit them to hold up the whole program. The chances are that no one man will get beyond the preliminaries in more than one line, anyway.

There is such a thing as being too close to the trees to see the forest. A man who works himself to death trying to compete in everything will miss much of the best of the convention and wear himself out into the bargain. It would be better for him to concentrate his efforts along one line, go as far as he can in that, and then have time to take in as much of the convention as possible. The value of the convention will not be in the contests, but in the plans for bettering forensics which each delegate can carry home and put to work on his own campus.

It will be possible for a man to compete in more than one line, but it will not be advisable. This advice comes from those who have been most closely in contact with previous conventions. It is given with the idea of helping each institution and each delegate to get the greatest benefit from the convention.

The Editor's Personal Page

Where inconsistencies cease from troubling and logic is at rest.

The first the Retort Courteous; the second the Quip Modest; the third the Reply Churlish, the fourth the Reproof Valiant; the fifth the Counter-check Quarrelsome; the sixth the Lie with Circumstance; the seventh the Lie Direct.—*As You Like It.*

"There is no true orator who is not a hero."—*Emerson.*

FAMOUS ARGUMENTS OF HISTORY

Job, versus Eliphaz, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar.

Socrates versus Xantippe

Cicero versus Cataline.

Luther versus the Diet of Worms.

"Johnny, I'm not going to speak to you again. If you don't get that coal right now, I'll take the stick to you."

"A knock-down argument 'tis but a word and a blow."—*Dryden-Amphytryon.*

"In arguing, too, the parson own'd his skill,
For even though vanquished he could argue still."

Goldsmith—"The Deserted Village."

"Be calm in arguing; for fierceness makes
Error a fault, and truth discourtesy."

Herbert—"Temple".

There was a young lady from Park
Who thot debating a lark.
She argued so late
With her very best date
They had to go home in the dark.

Recently the papers carried a story of two ladies who held up a bank in South Dakota. The ladies, unfortunately for themselves, began their operations in the county where the public welfare is safeguarded by our worthy national counsel, J. D. Coon. Since the event Mr. Coon has received letters from all over the United States advising him as to what he should do with the ladies.

THE FORENSIC suggests that he bring them to the national convention. They would prove useful in a number of ways.

As they have demonstrated their ability to collect funds, they could assist the National Treasurer in collecting fines and dues from some of the refractory chapters. The one with the big gun and the nervous trigger finger would make an admirable judge to use for those debaters who like to argue with the judge over the decision. Perhaps if they were appointed chaperones for the convention, we should not be troubled with the pesky young gentleman who thinks it smart to stay out late.

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COLLEGE ENGAGEMENTS

"May a man permit the girl to whom he is engaged to wear his $\Pi K \Delta$ key?" writes a member who evidently has serious intentions.

The answer is that there is a distinct difference between a social fraternity and an honorary society. The custom of using fraternity pins to indicate engagements is well established in college circles. There can be no objection to the custom. A fraternity does not admit women. If a girl appears wearing a fraternity pin, no one accuses her of attempting to masquerade as a fraternity member.

The badge of an honorary society is presented as a reward for some achievement. The man who wears it indicates that he has the right to that distinction. $\Pi K \Delta$ admits both men and women to membership. A girl who wore the key of the man to whom she was engaged would expose herself to criticism, for those who knew that she was not eligible to wear the key might think she was pretending to an honor she did not deserve. For this reason it has never been customary in college circles to use the emblems of honorary organizations to indicate an engagement, and this is particularly true of the emblems of organizations which admit both men and women.

Furthermore our own constitution expressly prohibits it. Article VI, Section 3: "It shall be cause for expulsion of any member if he shall voluntarily permit anyone not eligible to his standing in Pi Kappa Delta to wear his key."

WATCH US GROW

J. H. Neff, Iowa Eta, Upper Iowa University, recently received membership card No. 5556.

The last key issued is No. 3576. Clifford Roach, Kansas Eta- Kansas Wesleyan University, is now wearing it.