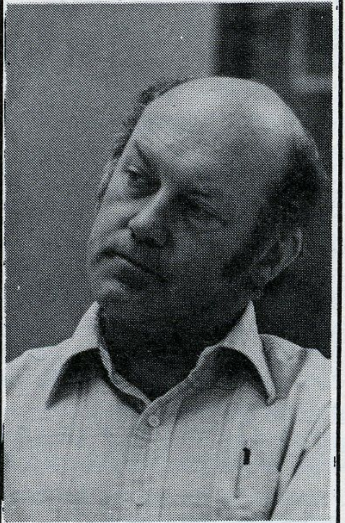
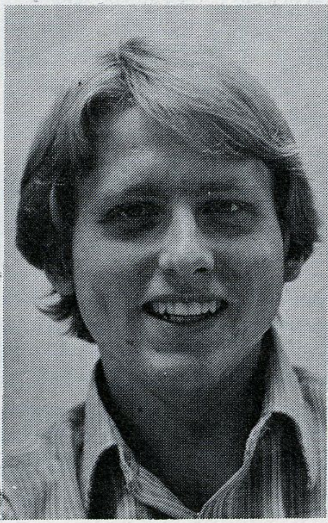
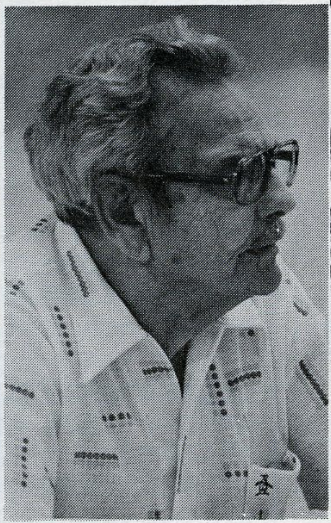
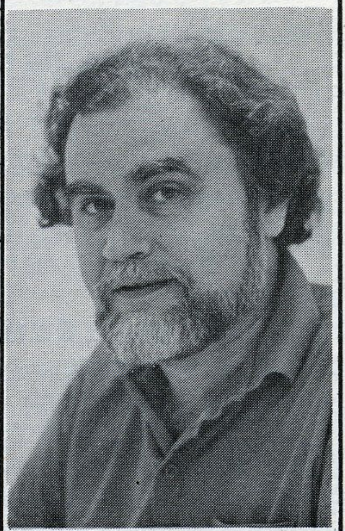
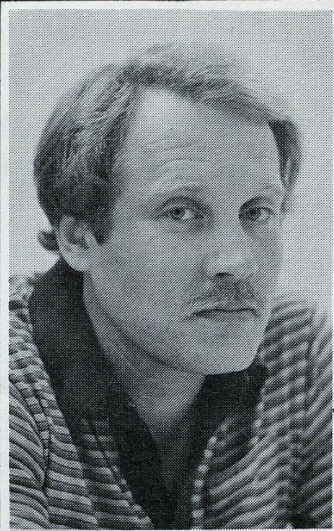
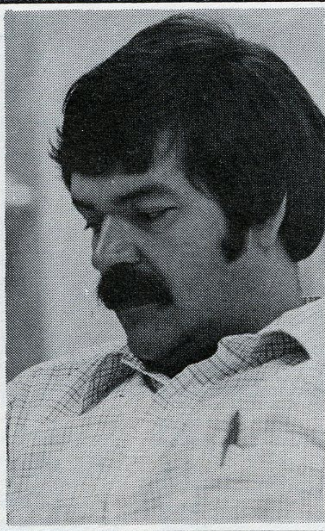
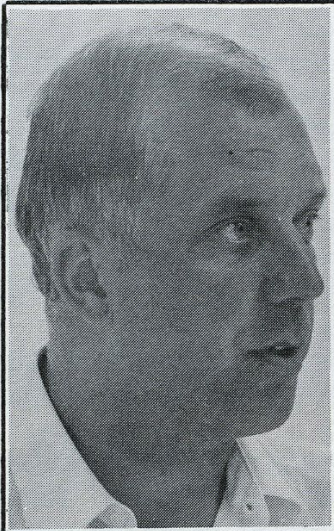


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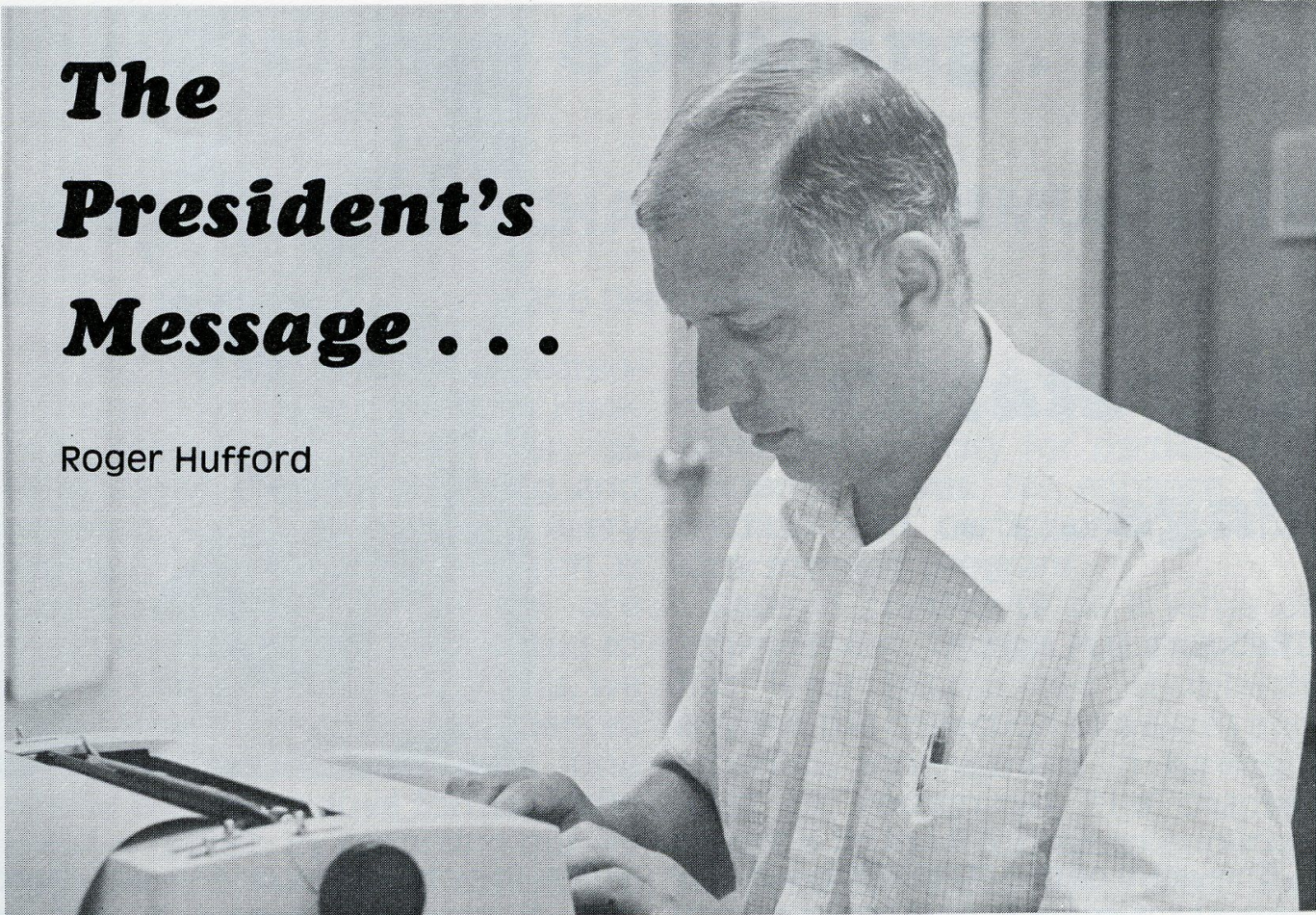
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The President's Message . . .

Roger Hufford



Love Boat

One prime time TV offering this year takes viewers on a pleasure cruise each week. A group of strangers get together in a new environment. Before the cruise is over, lives have been changed - new romances, new approaches to vexing problems, even whole new personalities emerge, from the chance to start fresh with a group of strangers in exotic surroundings.

Floating is not a necessary component. A well-designed forensic tournament can work the same magic. Stimulating intellectual competition should add something to the festivities, and knowing you share common interests with most of the

strangers ought to intrigue you. Pi Kappa Delta's 1981 convention will take place in exotic surroundings (we can tell you in the next issue which exotic surroundings), will bring together like-minded strangers, and should be an experience you will always remember.

Unlike **Love Boat**, we cannot guarantee a new romance (though it has happened), or that you will live happily ever after. But we can say you will have the opportunity to meet new people, encounter new ideas, and rise to the challenge of new opponents and new judges. What you gain from the experience will depend on how well you have prepared yourself - for the competition, for the sight-seeing, and for the intangibles that have long led doctors to prescribe an ocean voyage for those who have grown weary of the daily grind. We are still excited by such prospects, and hope you will plan to be aboard.

COVER: These members of the National Council, plus one, considered the issues that arose at the summer meeting held in Lawton, Oklahoma. Top row: Roger Hufford, Gary Horn, and Tony Allison. Middle row: Tom Harte, Larry Norton, Gaylen Stanley, and Jack Starr. Bottom row: Margaret Greynolds, Theodore O. H. Karl, Mike Gray, and Larry Richardson.

Secretary's Page . . .

Theodore O.H. Karl



This issue of the FORENSIC has many important reports and notices, each of which is of great importance to Pi Kappa Delta members. Please read it carefully. The National Council met last August 11-13 in Lawton, Oklahoma, at Cameron University, and some decisions were made which may well affect the future of the entire organization. This page will restrict itself to the matters which pertain to this office. Once again a convention year begins. Plans should be made to attend the convention in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, by every chapter. Activities and events have been planned to make it a very exciting four days. Attending the convention means that every student attending must be a member of Pi Kappa Delta with paid up dues. Membership applications should be sent to this office with the \$15.00 membership fee as soon as the student is qualified. A rebate plan has been formulated, of which you are aware, which will affect the registration fee at the convention.

On or about September 1, 1980, the Fall Report blank, as well as the in-

voice for the chapter fee was sent out. If your Fall Report is sent in quickly, we will have the opportunity to check our records and allow this office to be as accurate as possible when the time comes to verify the registration forms for the convention. The chapter fee of \$15.00 is also important, since it will also affect the rebate plan at the time of registration at the convention. If your invoice carries the amount of \$30.00, it means we have no records of your having paid for the year 1979-80, and that \$15.00 of that amount is for 1980-81.

In this issue will also be found the audited financial report of the Treasurer. This will give you a picture of our financial situation as of August 1, 1980.

The number of memberships, as well as the chapter fees paid, remained about the same as for last year. With some really serious budget cuts and savings in various areas of fraternity operations, we have been able to stay in the black. Please be advised that \$2,600.00 of the funds shown in

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Editorially Speaking . . .

WHEN FORENSIC CHAPTERS COMMUNICATE

Bob Derryberry

Pi Kappa Delta members repeatedly affirm that individuals with ideas must communicate! Further, as students of effective thinking and speaking, we need to utilize every oral and written channel which is available to us. Since we are members of a fraternity devoted to developing communication skills, we benefit by sharing our experiences with the entire fraternity. One helpful communicative format is the chapter report. By reporting our activities and thinking, we contribute to the strength and philosophy of our fraternity and the total forensic community.

Planning and publishing a chapter report will produce clear benefits which more than compensate for the time devoted to preparation. Consider the rewards which even a brief story can bring to your chapter and the fraternity.

Preparing a chapter report can motivate valuable internal evaluations. When a reporter asks "What can I say about us?," chapter members and the forensic director are called upon to summarize and evaluate forensic activities. Such an exercise may generate purposeful talk about forensic directions and goals. Preparing a "public report" can encourage individuals and chapters to engage in helpful self-evaluation.

A chapter report performs a needed public relations function which serves chapter members, the local forensic program, the province, and the national fraternity. A magic cord is often struck when a local ad-

ministrator reads a report from his or her university in **The Forensic**. Deserved publicity for participating students serves to enhance the credibility of participants and the local forensic program.

Reports contribute to a sense of achievement. Though Pi Kappa Delta has long recognized standards beyond the collection of awards and trophies, achievement in forensics must be recognized. The chapter report is an ideal format to publicize successes, victories, and experiments. Experiences, travel, learning, and awards that are earned convey that a chapter is alive and working. A clear lesson from the "athletic world" is that publicity strengthens a program. Some wisdom is evident in an old maxim about achievement: "He who toots not his own horn, the same shall not be tooted."

Reports enhance forensic pride and strengthen chapter unity. The alert reporter can mention new members, achievers, travelers, officers, and attainments or contributions of graduates. Students who attempt new events and projects, or the service performed by a local chapter can comprise the "heart" of a report. A picture not only publicizes a new slate of officers or a victorious season, but it records and unifies a group which changes quickly from year to year.

Now that advantages of preparing a chapter report have been reviewed, note a few suggestions and reminders for preparing your chapter reports during the coming

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REPORTS FROM RELIABLE SOURCES

Contest Rules Changes Approved

The National Council of Pi Kappa Delta approved rule changes for debate and individual events and increased allowable entries at its summer 1980 meeting.

The limits on entries were increased to allow two teams in each of the areas of team debate and two individuals in Lincoln-Douglas debate. Individual events entries are increased to three in each event. However, entrants may not enter two events which are scheduled at the same time.

Debate will continue to include Championship, Traditional and Lincoln-Douglas divisions. CEDA debate will also be offered if approved by the Cross Examination Debate Association.

Individual events are increased from six to eight. The tournament will continue to include oratory, extemporaneous speaking, oral interpretation of prose and poetry, informative speaking, and speaking to entertain. Two added events are dramatic duo and impromptu speaking.

Rules were changed for two events. Cross-examination in extemporaneous speaking was eliminated. In the interpretation events, readers may use the same material in each round instead of being required to prepare two programs. The Council asked Tournament Chairperson Jack Starr to establish rules for new events and revise rules for existing events so they do not conflict with those which contestants follow other major tournaments. Complete rules will appear in the Winter issue of **The Forensic**. Tournament entry forms will be mailed in January, 1981.

Council Approves Convention Budget

The budget for the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention, approved by the National Council at its summer meeting, calls for expenditures of \$12,828 and income of \$12,500, based on estimated attendance of 500 members. Nine items are included in the cost estimates:

Expense	
Banquet, 500 at \$12.00 plus guest.	\$ 6,168.00
Official Convention Travel	2,000.00
Telephone, Postage, Printing	750.00
Medals for Awards	350.00
Continental Breakfasts	1,500.00
Local Expense	500.00
Security	60.00
Secretary-Treasurer's	
Conv. Supplies	500.00
Contingency Reserve	1,000.00
Total	\$12,828.00

Income	
500 registrants at \$25.00	\$12,500.00

The budget as approved allows a reduction of the entry fee. The 1979 fee was \$40.00 per person. The reduction results from charging some expenses to the general fund which had traditionally been considered as convention expense. The largest single item transferred out of the convention expense was the cost of the summer meeting of the National Council, a nearly \$4000.00 item. An actual saving will result from the decision of the National Council to authorize payment of convention travel expense for Council Members only when they are required to arrive at the convention site early and cannot travel with a forensic squad. The amount budgeted for such expense is \$1500.00 less than last convention. An accounting change will

remove items stocked for sale to members from the convention expense statement. The savings and transfer of expense items to other accounts allows funding of the convention costs at \$25.00 figure.

Southeast Province Promises Benefits at Gatlinburg in April 1981

Galen Stanley, Student Member of the National and Margaret Greynolds of Georgetown College, province coordinator, assured the PKD National Council that all needed services and some added benefits will be available for the National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, April 1-4, 1981, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Arrangements are being made to provide transportation at a reasonable cost for those who fly to Knoxville, the nearest major airport. Those who choose other public transportation will also have commuting service available.

The province will host a dance on one of the nights of the convention. They have also offered to print the convention program and will contact local firms who wish to welcome Pi Kappa Delta to the Great Smoky Mountains.

Tournament Fees Will Reflect Rebate

President Roger Hufford's plan to allow dues rebate to be applied to tournament entry fees at the 1981 Convention will be available as announced earlier.

The rebate plan will allow a five-dollar reduction in a chapter's tournament fees for each membership which reaches the National Secretary-Treasurer in good order by March 1, 1981. Allowance for the rebate has been built into the

budget estimates for the tournament and the general fund.

Professional Activities Day Established for Convention

The National Council adopted President Roger Hufford's proposal for a professional activities day at the PKD National Convention in Gatlinburg. Walter Murrish, whom Hufford has designated to serve as Research Chairman in his behalf, will be asked to set up the program planned for April 1, 1981, before other convention activities begin.

The program will include papers and other reports of research. There will also be opportunity for professional exchange of ideas. The program is a response to member requests for greater emphasis on professional concerns at the national meetings of Pi Kappa Delta.

Topics Selected for Individual Debate

The National Council selected the "National Off-Topic Topic" and the topic which placed second among the same group for Lincoln-Douglas debate at the 1981 National Tournament.

The first topic is "Resolved: that censorship is a greater moral evil than pornography." The second topic reads: "Resolved: that United States Government foreign espionage activities since 1960 have done on balance more harm than good." The Council authorized Jack Starr to modify the wording if necessary, possibly by substituting "covert operations" for "espionage activities." The final wording will be announced in the Winter issue of **The Forensic**.

Starr Plans Tight Convention Schedule

Jack Starr, PKD vice-president and tournament events chairperson, presented a tournament schedule which includes eight rounds of debate in four separate divisions, four rounds of discussion, and three rounds each of eight individual events.

The debate divisions include championship, traditional, Lincoln-Douglas, and CEDA, if approved by the sponsoring Cross Examination Debate Association.

Discussion will return to a more traditional format and will probably use the "National Intercollegiate Discussion Question."

Individual events selected through action of the last national convention are prose interpretation, poetry interpretation, dramatic duo, extemporaneous speaking, informative speaking, impromptu, oratory, and speaking to entertain. Topic areas for extemporaneous speaking and impromptu will be established and will be announced with the tournament information in the Winter edition of **The Forensic**. Some limits or guidelines will be established for the interpretation events; however, the requirement that separate selections be prepared for rounds one and two has been eliminated.

The schedule, as approved on August 14, 1980, by the National Council, calls for student lieutenant governors and province governors to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 1981. Following those meetings, the provinces will meet at 7:00 p.m. The first business session of the convention is set for 8:00 on April 1.

On the three subsequent days of the convention, meetings of students and of special groups are scheduled from 8:00-9:30 a.m. in conjunction with a continental

breakfast. No lunch hour is scheduled, but events are planned to allow individuals time for a lunch period between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Extemp. draw is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. each of the three days. Individual events rounds begin daily at 9:30 a.m. Rounds are one and one-half hours for all events. Dinner hour is from 6:30-7:30 p.m., followed by meetings of the convention or of the provinces. The awards Banquet is set at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4.

Corbin Retires From ISU

William N. Corbin, who closes a 25 year career at Idaho State University as debate coach and associate professor of speech, is packing with him a host of honors and awards conferred by appreciative students and colleagues.

Although retiring from ISU, Corbin will teach debate as an associate professor at Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, Mo., starting next fall.

Before going, Corbin has been through a round of dinners, luncheons, and ceremonies all in recognition of his achievements. Among recent honors is a hardwood chair from the ISU Alumni Association given on rare occasions for outstanding service; the ISU Mortarboard's December 1979 Professor of the Month, establishment of the William N. Corbin Scholarship Fund, initiated by ISU debate team students, a highest distinction award from Pi Kappa Delta, an Appreciation for Service award from area high school debate coaches, Outstanding Forensic Director award from the Yellowstone Valley Invitational Tour-

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From the Student Member of the National Council

Gaylen Stanley



To all members of Pi Kappa Delta:

As we move into this convention year, many issues still run through our minds from St. Louis. I realize the main issue has been costs, for many forensic budgets have been cut, and costs of travelling are increasing. This summer, the National Council tried to economize in every possible way. We were quite fortunate to receive free housing at Cameron University for our summer meeting. This is only one of the ways the Council has tried to reduce spending. We all feel that the students should not have to pay for benefits they do not receive. I feel the present Council has succeeded in cutting costs without taking anything away from the members of Pi Kappa Delta. This is the first year of the rebate plan, and we hope that everyone will try to take advantage of it. Before it can be successful, everyone must understand it. If you have any questions, feel free to ask any member of the National Council. I feel the rebate can be very helpful to many schools with limited forensic budgets.

One of the primary targets of the National Council was to cut the registration fee from \$40 to \$25. We have done this, and also included three continental breakfasts and a banquet. The breakfasts are important because each will have its own specific purpose. One will be a chance to meet the past presidents

of Pi Kappa Delta, another will be a chance for students to meet the candidates for National Council, and the last will be the Student Meeting. (Don't worry coaches, during the student breakfasts, we will serve you breakfasts somewhere else.) These breakfasts will be an excellent chance for students to voice their opinions about forensics and Pi Kappa Delta. Since the convention has been shortened by one day, the schedule has to very condensed in order to fit in all the events, plus two new ones, into three days. Although we will all be very busy, we still hope to keep this a convention, and not just another National Tournament.

There are many ways the students can become more involved in Pi Kappa Delta. We all need to realize that student members are as important as faculty members. What students think **is** important to the National Council. Any questions or ideas are welcome. I learned this summer that the present Council is very receptive to new ideas. Feel free to write any of us, for we are your elected representatives. As one of the student representatives, I want to be able to convey your ideas and your opinions. Please let me know how you feel. Whether an opinion is from one person or an entire province, all are worth hearing.

I hope to see you all in Gatlinburg,
Gaylen

Points of View . . .

Debate: The Game Is Up for Me

According to Guinness, the manufacturer of the most popular game in America is Parker Brothers with "Monopoly." But America's colleges and universities cannot be far behind as manufacturers of what has been for years one of the most often-played intellectual games for students: intercollegiate debate.

In the early 60's, a feature writer for a metropolitan newspaper attended his first college debate tournament and in his subsequent article he described the debate game as a "polite form of mental mayhem characterized by yards and yards of yakety-yak."

Today's debate game is not total mayhem, however. The game has certain rules, unwritten though they may be. A paraphrased version of several of University of Maryland coach Stephen Wood's rules of the game are as follows:

RULE ONE—DELIVERY—One shall achieve successful, that is 'winning' debate delivery by bending over a table with one hand grasping the furthest edge and the other alternating between being in the debater's pocket, shifting through evidence, and making meaningless gestures; while the debater audibly sucks in vast quantities of air and speaks in an affected Eastern (Harvard) accent at speeds approaching the incomprehensibility barrier.

RULE TWO—EVIDENCE—To be a winning debater, one shall scare any reasoning right out of his opposition by lugging in five catalogue cases, 14 fileboxes, two briefcases (filled with the latest in computer cards, of course), and three gophers to help

him move from round to round. **COROLLARY TO RULE TWO**—The best of debaters soon learns to keep all of his **real** evidence in the various pockets of his three-piece suit so it will not get lost in five cat cases and 14 fileboxes.

RULE THREE—STYLE—When confronted with a choice between using reason and reading a blurby quote from a quasi-qualified source to make a point, a winning debater shall always choose the latter strategy. Reason: a fool in print is worth two debaters in a round.

It is the evolution of game rules like these that has made debate the target of more attacks than any other area within the speech field. But the debate about debate is certainly now new to his decade, nor is it even unique to this century. Two thousand years ago, Protagoras, the "father of debate" was lampooned for neglecting the dialectic in favor of a group of speeches for and against a resolution. And indeed the verbal wars about debate have continued through our present day. Today, Oxford debaters attend our tournaments and nearly go into convulsions laughing at us. For in the words of the 1972 visiting Englishmen, American debate typically involves "four machines with voice boxes shouting into a dictaphone that automatically writes out their speeches, adds up the sub-points and computes the winner."

This leads me to the first of two deleterious effects of our modern debating game. The human-to-human persuasion element is being

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More Points of View

PKD Needs to Restore Inactive Chapters

One of the constantly dreary reports at recent National Conventions has been that of the Charter and Standards Committee when numerous schools are placed on probation, continued on probation, or have their charters revoked. In contrast far fewer schools are restored to full standing.

A multi-year effort to restore former chapters to active status ought to be PRIORITY ONE in PKD's future plans. It cannot be a program that starts and stops with each biennial convention. It must be a commitment by the National Convention that has a long range target date such as the up-coming 75th anniversary. And it should be a highly coordinated program on national, province, and local levels, including undergraduate and alumni chapters.

At the present time the Charter and Standards Committee changes most of its membership every two years. There ought to be a gentlemen's agreement that at least one person shall be a continuing member who both because of personal conviction and assignment will devote his major effort to the task of restoring former chapters to full status.

The member of the National Council serving as Province Co-ordinator should also be involved with this task. And, the Alumni Advisor would assist in securing the help of individual alumni who wish to see their former chapters restored to full status.

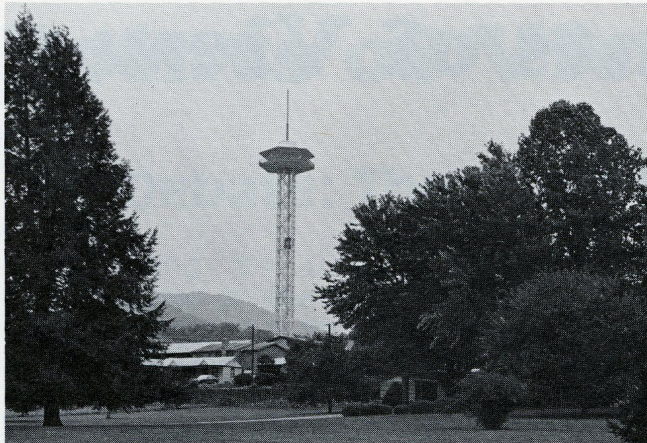
On the Province level the Governor, or an appointee, should have a major concern. Perhaps the Province might also establish the position of Alumni Advisor.

In addition a **goal** ought to be set. Let us assume that the 75th anniversary celebration would be in 1987 on the national level and 1988 on the province. If each Province established a goal of restoring (on average) three chapters in each biennium, there would be the possibility of bringing back over 100 chapters by the 75th anniversary. That would be a wonderful achievement.

A Special Council on Re-Activation could be established with membership from those mentioned earlier. The first task would be to identify the reasons that chapters failed to meet their commitments. Then a map might be prepared for each province showing the location of all chapters, active, probationary, and defunct. This would enable everyone to pinpoint areas when presently active chapters might be in sufficiently close proximity to defunct chapters to offer assistance in re-activating them.

One complaint I recall hearing was that province convention/tournament was simply "another tournament" where the same schools met once again. Why not structure a province meet around fraternity concerns. Debates on specific proposals for PKD's future. Discussion rounds on problems of tournament schedul-

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Come to Gatlinburg and the Great Smoky Mountains



April 1-4, 1981



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