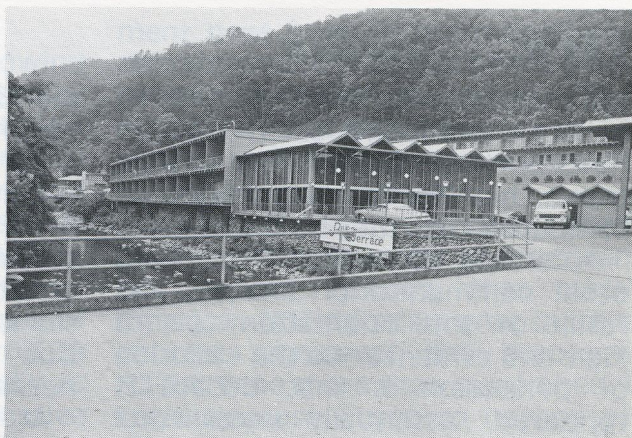


Come to Gatlinburg and the Great Smoky Mountains



April 1-4, 1981



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systematically annihilated at both debaters and judges today seem to function more like automatic, electronic, high-speed, data-processing computers than they do like persons.

According to Walter Fisher and other communication analysts, the result of this orientation toward logic and evidence—to the exclusion of persuasion—is that debate is rendered "essentially unrealistic," thus, "void of rhetorical value." Extending the phrase popularized (though not coined) by David K. Berlo that "meanings are not in words but in people." I would posit that arguments are not to be found in evidence cards or on flow pads or in any other of the debate game pieces for that matter. Rather, arguments are to be found in other players—in people and in the conceptual choices they make. In short, if our debating is to have any rhetorical value, we must somehow embrace a system which forces us to surrender a bit of our speedy, jargon-filled elitism and which encourages us to bother to seek out all available means of persuasion in bending and adapting to the listener needs of at least the reasonably educated non-debater.

A second undesirable aspect of debate practiced as a mere game is that it is almost criminally negligent in fulfilling the tremendous practical training debate could potentially provide. In trying to transfer our skills from the Candyland playing board to the gameboard of Life, veteran debaters like myself who have debated for eight years are discovering that argumentation which wins the approval of a debate coach in a round may not help us win the election, sell the car, convert our fellow men to Christianity, or sway the jury. In fact, the only relevance of many current debate practices

seems to be to train debaters to become coaches and judges . . . in order to train more debaters to become more coaches and judges? What we need is to encourage a system which teaches and uses debate techniques that will win decisions, not only at the tournament, but more crucially, decisions necessary for success in life.

At this point, I do want to emphasize that I see nothing wrong with enjoying indulgence in the keen sporting instinct which is an integral part of debate as we all have grown to love it. To debate partly for the game is challenging and exciting. But to debate **only** for the game is repulsive. For debate involves reality and thus should deal with truth rather than pointless jests (like "melting the polar ice-caps"), with things rather than playthings.

Unfortunately, academic debate has become less and less an activity relevant to reality. And still more unfortunate is the fact that this failing of competitive debate seems to be inherent within the specific structure of NDT. Proposed debate reforms within NDT have focused almost exclusively on merely encouraging debaters to "refuse to conform to inhuman delivery habits, while admonishing judges to use critiques to penalize the same type of debate "malpractices." But setting goals has done little and really can do little toward insuring organized implementation of tangible reforms in debate. Harris and Smith, in fact, correctly label most debate reform proposals as "pragmatically unacceptable" because sporadic efforts by scattered individual participants will not likely effect change in an ongoing closed system such as NDT debate. In other words, most presently-proposed debate reforms

lack plan-meet-need qualities.

Therefore, I propose the following two solutions to be implemented by any and all necessary means. PLANK I—Debaters and coaches alike should band together to strengthen and promote CEDA debate. CEDA stands for the Cross-Examination Debate Association and in its four years of existence the number of colleges and universities participating in CEDA debate has grown phenomenally as CEDA is the only debate alternative to NDT in the nation.

What are the reasons for the dramatic growth of CEDA? Well, CEDA has several advantages over NDT. First, because the CEDA topic is not published until late October, evidence overload is significantly decreased. Second, by encouraging the use of lay judges, CEDA strives to make the judge and audience, rather than a paper argument, the center of the debate. As a result, CEDA debate is often characterized by some decrease in the rate of speaking, less reliance on evidence, and a decrease in the number of separate arguments with increased clarification by debaters on how an argument helps win a particular issue for the debater's team. Such deviations from traditional debate style are not to be regarded as ends in themselves so much as they should be considered means to the end of adapting to different persons in a concentrated effort to effectively persuade them. In short, CEDA specializes in training speakers, rather than talkers.

Now I know that the idea of utilizing relatively inexperienced judges to force audience adaptation may, at the outset, mortify many true-blue NDTer's. But lay judges do not **have** to be incompetent. In fact, studies made at NDT nationals in the 60's have shown that non-debate coaches used as judges at the tourna-

ment have been in the majority in decisions more than half of the time. As Samuel Butler elucidated: "The public may not know enough to be experts, but they do know enough to judge between them."

In much the same way that Oxford debaters have laughed at American NDT debate, I know that many American NDT debaters emit quite a chortle whenever the acronym "CEDA" is no more than mentioned. I know because I used to be one of those NDTer's chortlers who took part in such cruel snickering.

But CEDA is no longer anything to snicker at. For CEDA is currently debated with great eloquence and expertise by debaters from some of the most academically prestigious universities in our country's west and southwest. And though the midwest and east presently remain relatively isolated from the reforming influence of this debate alternative, quantitatively and qualitatively CEDA continues to increase in significance every year. But CEDA still needs our nurturing help and that is the essence of Plank I. As coaches and debaters, it is time we include and enter CEDA divisions in our tournaments across the nation, especially in the midwest and east; and it is time we stop the vicious degradation of CEDA as a "sub-novice" form of debate.

PLANK II—Debate teams should periodically sponsor on-campus public debate forums with a significant feature being questions from the floor. On my own college's campus, Wheaton College, I know that the initiation of such forums this year has not only enlightened students on topics of real world importance, but also I think these forums have alerted and further convinced most of our team as debaters that we have to deal with more than dozens of sterile arguments—we

must deal with the broader notions of live people.

You know, with the limitations of this short discourse I hope I have not come off as an overzealous crusader rampaging to have all existing debate games thrown onto a giant bonfire and burned. On the contrary, my sincerest desire is to help rescue debate before it burns itself out, as NDT seems to be doing, and becomes but another obscure entry in the encyclopedia of curious games and pastimes. For as the late Alexander Meiklejohn stated: "It seems to me that stronger than any other group, tougher in intellectual fiber, keener in intellectual interest and better equipped to battle with coming problems, are the college debaters."

I believe in that potential. That is why before I cash in my chips ending my many happy years in the game and before this game is up not only for me but for hundreds like me, I am making this one last play to persuade you to make debate more than just a game. Will I win or lose? I don't know. It's your move.

Cheryl J. Smith
Wheaton College

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reserve have been held back as a part of the rebate plan. Three thousand dollars more, which will be charged to operating expenses, will be for this last Summer's Council Meeting and will not be charged to the convention as in past years. As a result, the registration fee will be reduced to \$25.00. Thus I hope you will not be misled by the amount listed in the reserve. We really have a need to increase our membership this year so that the convention can pay for itself.

Registration forms for the convention will be sent out during the first week of January 1981. Included will be the registration form, a housing

form, and information on travel. Both the registration and housing forms will carry deadlines, and they will be adhered to strictly.

One more word about deadlines. The absolute deadline for sending in memberships to be considered for rebate of registration fee at the convention is MARCH 1ST. Any memberships received in this office after March 1, 1981, will not be credited to the chapter for consideration in the reduction of the registration fee. Memberships will be accepted after that date according to normal procedures. We welcome them and hope that will continue to come in after that date.

SUMMARY:

Membership fees: \$15.00, accompanied by Form A

Chapter fees: \$15.00 for the year 1980-81, payable now.

March 1, 1981: Deadline for memberships to arrive in this office, to be computed for registration fee rebate.

Our hope is that you will be planning all of this year to be at Gatlinburg to make decisions affecting the future of Pi Kappa Delta, to compete, and to participate in the fellowship that only a National Pi Kappa Delta Convention can afford.

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nement, recognition as an outstanding forensics director in the west by the University of California at Los Angeles national tournament, a certificate of appreciation from the Idaho State Board of Education, and a similar honor from the ISU Athletics Department.

Corbin has held national leadership positions in both the American Institute of Parliamentarians, and Pi Kappa Delta. Regionally he has boosted debate with efforts in the college Gem State Jamboree, and the high school Blacksnake Forensic

Tournament.

Ironically Corbin did not plan to be a debate coach. Instead he was interested in business and economics. However, his teaching duties at Classen High School, Oklahoma City, Okla., which included debate, eventually earned him a graduate assistantship in debate at the University of Denver. There he earned his master's degree in public address and eventually landed the position at Idaho State University.

He comments that all of his years at ISU have been good ones, and that it's difficult to single out particular highlights. His wife of 39 years, Aileen F. Corbin is looking forward to the move to Missouri because, "it is close to her territory," he notes. She was reared in Emporia, Kan.

Council Adopts Change Proposals

The National Council of Pi Kappa Delta at its summer 1980 meeting passed a number of resolutions which if given final adoption by the organization would make significant changes.

Council Member Larry Richardson indicated a need to develop leadership exists in the organization and indicated that the Province of the Northwest had had some success in nurturing the potential of its members through conferences and help sessions. Further discussion among the members of the council indicated a need for improved communication between the provinces and the National Council. There also seemed to be a lack of communication among the various provinces. A three-part proposal was enacted designed to improve the operation of the National Council and improve internal communication in Pi Kappa Delta:

1. The National Council will meet to begin its work in the sum-

mer immediately following the National Convention-Tournament.

2. A conference of province governors will be sought for the day immediately following the National Convention.

3. A plan will be developed to provide help and information to the new coaches who become chapter sponsors so that they can be effective in maintaining their local chapters.

President Roger Hufford appointed council members Richardson, Tom Harte, and Gary Horn as a task force to prepare plans through which the last two items of the resolution could be implemented. The first item is at the discretion of the National Council.

The Council approved the group of proposed amendments reported by Larry Richardson, chairperson of the Committee on the Constitution. These will be printed in the Winter edition of **The Forensic**. The one most likely to be construed as a major change deals with modifying the compulsory attendance rule for National Conventions. The proposal would provide a modification of the set of requirements for maintaining chapter charters.

The Council acted to place a petitioned amendment, limiting the power of the Editor of **The Forensic** to edit chapter news, with other amendments to be placed before the convention

In other action, the Council authorized the presentation of a charter to Trenton State College at the 1981 Convention. The presentation had been postponed at the last PKD Convention. The Council also considered current inquiries and criticisms and provided responses. The final action established a site selection committee for the 1983 National Convention and invited provinces to submit their invitations.

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52356 Jeffrey D. Besougloff
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52350 Paul T. LaPrise
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52370 Denelle Emerson

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52374 Dana Pratt
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52376 Mary Jo Walsh
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52382 Pete Miller
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ing, program support, and judging. Speeches on the arts and sciences of persuasion, audience appeal, and speech criticism.

A closely related area needing attention is that of public relations and publicity. Include in this our own fraternal relations in terms of recognition and support of efforts to build the fraternity. At the national convention there has usually been one alumni award. Many times the recipient has not been present to receive it, and the award soon passes from memory. We need more alumni awards, perhaps in various areas such as business, law, politics, education. And the provinces might establish a program of alumni awards.

Also, the undergraduate chapter might make better use of the honorary member status provided for in our constitution. And, perhaps, we might copy some of the ideas of college athletic programs in establishing undergraduate chapter awards for "most valuable," "greatest improvement," or others; certainly forensic minds should be able to show some imaginative ideas.

And why not awards at province and national conventions for the chapter with the most registrations, the one which came the greatest distance, the one with the highest percentage of members in attendance. These have often been items in **The Key**, but a little emphasis and flair would not be misplaced.

An extra special blue-ribbon award at each national for the province which has the highest percentage for former chapters receiving new charter at re-activated chapters would be appropriate.

The task of restoring chapters will not be an easy task; it ought to call forth the best efforts of a fraternal

organization, with all that implies. A real test of the "Art of Persuasion, Beautiful and Just" will be our ability to persuade former chapters to re-activate.

John M. Burt
Bloomington, IL

Editorial . . . from page 5

year:

1. The length of the report is not the first consideration. A few brief paragraphs can convey pride in your chapter's achievements and report goals which are being attempted on your campus.

2. If your time as a reporter or sponsor is limited, simply record a few facts that you would like included in your report and the editors will finalize the message from your chapter.

3. Make the story as inclusive as possible by mentioning as many participants and achievements as you can meaningfully discuss in the report. Consider the possibility of submitting more frequent reports with a different focus on emphasis in each story.

4. Give emphasis to special campus and province projects which may spark the interest of others within the national fraternity.

5. When possible, highlight events and achievements with pictures which are labeled accurately with correct spelling of names. Dr. Widvey appreciates receiving sharp, black and white, glossy or smooth matte pictures.

6. Think about the projected publication of your report and record events in language which will accurately record your activities.

7. Humanize the chapter message with humorous incidents or details which may help us to laugh together while working and competing.

8. Try to reveal your best self and the best image of your chapter in

the report. The news should demonstrate good taste and ethical dimensions essential in responsible communication.

9. As the report is evaluated, ask if it says what you want it to communicate about your chapter. Welcome help and insight from colleagues.

10. Remember that the chapter report is a communicative experience which should be meaningful to the sender and the intended receivers of the message which you want to convey.

11. Share a report from your chapter during the coming academic year.

FINANCIAL REPORT
1979-1980

RECEIPTS

Certificates, Decals, Misc. Income,	
Membership Fees	\$ 8,274.06
Chapter Fees	1,725.00
Forensic	184.00
Charter Fees	60.00
Wooden Key and Triangle	25.00
PKD Keys and Rings	539.72
1979 National Convention	162.30
1980 Province Conventions,	
Medals & Certificates	325.00
Refund from Questions Committee .	156.85
Repayment of NSF Checks	61.50
Bank Balance July 31, 1979	8,895.93
	<u>\$20,409.36</u>

EXPENDITURES

Forensic	\$ 1,601.62
PKD Keys and Rings	270.27
Secretary's Office and Supplies	3,454.72
Postage, Telephone and Printing . . .	953.20
National President's Office	300.00
Question's Committee	541.14
Accountant's Fee	50.00
Returned NSF Checks	137.00
1980 National Convention	621.00
Purchase of Certificate of Deposit . .	5,000.00
Petty Cash	73.63
Bank Balance July 31, 1980	7,406.78
	<u>\$20,409.36</u>

ASSETS ON HAND

Savings Account Including Interest . \$	543.64
Six-Month Certificate of Deposit . . .	13,104.26
90-Day Certificate of Deposit	5,000.00
Bank Balance July 31, 1980	7,406.78
TOTAL	\$26,054.68

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From the Editor . . .

I have attended a meeting of the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta. I am impressed! The election process has provided us with a group of competent people. As one would expect from a group sharing forensic activity backgrounds, there is much talk, occasional argument, and effective discussion and sound decisions are reached. It was a meeting in which the best ideas prevailed and personal agenda were set aside. Our host was Tony Allison, Member of the Council, and his Pi Kappa Delta Chapter at Cameron University. Thanks Tony! I have learned what is meant by Southern hospitality.

Three decisions of this council should make Pi Kappa Delta a stronger organization. The first established a professional concerns session to be held in conjunction with the National Convention. For the Gatlinburg Convention, the day before contest events were chosen. While this may not secure the largest participation or audience at this convention, it establishes a precedent for us to follow. The second significant action focuses on expanding the opportunities for communication within Pi Kappa Delta through conferences with province governors. The aim is to increase the impact of good programs and ideas beyond the provinces where they are initiated and to generate leadership from within the membership of our fraternity. The third action created a committee to work on site selection, both for choosing a site for the 1983 convention and for improving the approach to site selection for the future. I hope they have your support.

Pi Kappa Deltans will find Gatlinburg and the Great Smoky Mountains an interesting area. I drove over there from our National Council

Meeting in Lawton, Oklahoma. The trip by car puts one in touch with desert, forest, farms, flatlands, hills, and mountains. You'll cross the rivers and find the towns that country music celebrates. You'll see the contrasts of the rural South and the spreading industrialization. That contrast is evident in the short drive from Knoxville to Gatlinburg. Be warned, the tourist industry is there in full force. For five miles before you enter Great Smoky Mountains National park from the Knoxville direction, the road is lined with attractions to amaze you and every sort of food service from elegant restaurant to sandwich shop. Gatlinburg has excellent accommodations. While the River Terrace Motel offers the most economical rates in the area because we have guaranteed them guests, there are a number of other motels within easy walking distance. This means there should be a place to stay for everyone who wants to be there.

We found motels were abundant and rooms available without reservations on the routes we traveled in August. We're convinced that Gatlinburg will be a great place for a convention, both going and coming back.

One of our "Points of View" in this issue offers a student debater's criticism of debate practices which have developed. Cheryl Smith thinks that CEDA debate and audience debates could bring some improvement. **The Forensic** needs the reaction of others. There are many elements in debate practice which are not inherent flaws, and some practices seen as flaws by one person may be regarded as strengths by others. I would like to have some responses to Cheryl Smith for the Winter edition of **The Forensic**.

One of the complaints I have heard from Pi Kappa Deltans is the absence of an annual PKD national tournament. Some say that having one would kill province activities. Perhaps we should consider an alternative: In the years without a National Convention we could sponsor a tournament of province champions. Such a tournament held on a campus in the central United States would provide an opportunity for PKD national competition and awards each year. In the province tournament years, it would keep expenses low for many chapters and might be a less costly national event if it could be hosted by a campus. The opportunity for competition beyond the province might encourage increased participation at province meets.

I have resolved to have **The Forensic** out on time this year. The National Council approved a change in the dating. The October issue is now the "Fall" issue, January becomes "Winter," March becomes "Spring," and May becomes "Summer." This is not the first change in designated dates. Volume 1, Number 1 carries a

February date. Date changes were common until 1930. The new designation is a response to changes in school calendars and practices in PKD. With a late March or early April convention, it becomes impossible to have the editing and printing completed for May delivery. Using less precise datelines will also allow an editor to do his work at "slack" times in the school year. We want you to understand the reasons for the change.

Finally let me echo Bob Derryberry. We want and appreciate your chapter news. We'll need pictures to add more interest. Those who have been consistent in reporting continue to have our thanks. We want to hear from the rest of you!

Financial . . . from page 21

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I have examined the books and records of Pi Kappa Delta Forensic Fraternity for the period of August 1, 1979, to July 31, 1980, inclusive. The foregoing statement is prepared in conjunction with Theodore O. H. Karl, according to established from and is a true and correct report of the financial status as of this date.

August 7, 1980

Dianne Mayhew, C.P.A.

ARTICLES NEEDED

We need good articles based on research. We would welcome your material on any area of debate or individual events. Submit articles to:

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