

# **PI KAPPA DELTA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

## **March 20-23, 1991**

### **Eatontown, New Jersey**

Dear Colleagues:

The Pi Kappa Delta National Council invites you and your chapter to participate in the National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta, March 20-23, 1991, at Eatontown, New Jersey.

The Convention Hotel will be the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel and the room rate will be \$64.00 for 1-4 occupants. Rollaways are available at a cost of \$5.00/night. The Convention rate is available both for people coming early for the professional Conference and for people wishing to stay an extra night to sightsee. The Sheraton is a beautiful hotel and an excellent convention facility. Deadline for hotel reservation is March 1.

The tournament will be held on the campus of Monmouth College. Monmouth has made an outstanding effort in preparing for this event and you will find a wonderful tournament setting with rounds located in close proximity to headquarters and eating facilities. The convention will provide bus service from the convention hotel to the tournament.

There will be special events in addition to the traditional PKD Convention activities. An opening night reception; the Pi Kappa Delta National Developmental Conference; "Forensic Forums," a Speech Showcase; and an Oral History event are all activities you may participate in adding to the traditionally outstanding tournament and important convention business.

The National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta is one of the oldest traditions of American forensics. We hope you will join us for good competition; good friends; and good cheer!

Sincerely,

Michael D. Bartanen  
Tournament Director  
206-535-7764 - Office  
206-265-6064 - Home  
206-536-5063 - Fax

## Special Reminders

- 1. Each contestant must be a PKD member or have filed a membership application with the Secretary-Treasurer, including payment of the \$20 fee. A verification of the membership will be mailed to you within days of receiving memberships at the National Office.
- 2. Note the formula on the entry blank as well as in THE FORENSIC for the number of judges required. Judging assignments will be made prior to your arrival in Eatontown. Remember, there are a few hired judges available but you must make arrangements directly with the Tournament Director.
- 3. Chapters should send at least one delegate to the Convention. A delegate is not required to participate in contests. Each contestant and one sponsor from each college attending must pay the appropriate registration fee. The fee for each extra judge/guest/alumni contestant is \$17.50.
- 4. Each chapter will make its own housing and transportation arrangements. Return your reservation card directly to the Sheraton Eatontown by March 1, 1991.
- 5. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, at the Sheraton. Harold Widvey and I will be on hand to register you and your students.
- 6. You are cordially invited to attend the Professional Development Conference. Details are in this issue of THE FORENSIC.
- 7. A confirmation of entries will be sent upon receipt of registration forms. All communication regarding the tournament should be addressed to Michael Bar-tanen, Department of Communication and Theatre, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447.
- 8. **CHAPTERS NOT ATTENDING THE CONVENTION MAY VOTE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT BY ABSENTEE BALLOT. ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS INDICATED BY THE SECRETARY-TREASURER. THE SECRETARY-TREASURER WILL MAIL INFORMATION ABOUT ABSENTEE VOTING TO ALL CHAPTERS THIS FALL.**



# PI KAPPA DELTA NATIONAL CONVENTION AND TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## General:

### 1. CONVENTION AND TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES:

Each Contestant and Director:	\$35.00 - Convention registration
Each Additional judge/alumni/guest:	\$17.50 - Convention registration
Each Debate team:	\$15.00 - entry fee
Each Individual Event slot:	\$ 5.00 - entry fee
Each Participant in Professional Development Conference:	\$20.00 (incl. lunch)
Each Student participant in Conference:	free (excluding lunch and materials)
Late Drop fee:	\$15.00/slot or debate entry
Each Oral History entry:	free

2. Each student delegate/participant must be an undergraduate student in good standing who has not completed eight semesters of forensics participation. Each delegate/participant must be a PKD member or have filed a membership application with the National Secretary-Treasurer.

3. All tournament entries must be **POSTMARKED** and sent to the Tournament Director by March 1, 1991. **YOU MAY FAX YOUR ENTRY, AND ANY NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. THE FAX NUMBER IS: 206-536-5063.** A school cancelling or dropping entries after March 8, 1991, will be obligated for full fees.

4. ANY CHANGES OR DROPS SHOULD BE **PROMPTLY COMMUNICATED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, BEFORE YOU TRAVEL TO THE TOURNAMENT.** YOU MAY REACH THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR PRIOR TO MARCH 17TH AT THE OFFICE OR FAX TELEPHONES LISED ABOVE. AFTER MARCH 17TH, CHANGES OR DROPS SHOULD BE TELEPHONED TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT THE CONVENTION HOTEL. **PLEASE TELL ME YOUR DROPS AND CHANGES PROMPTLY. THIS WILL GREATLY FACILITATE TOURNAMENT SCEDULING.**

5. ANY CHAPTER MAKING A DROP AFTER **MARCH 17TH, 1991, 5:00 PST,** WILL BE CHARGED A **NUISANCE FEE** OF \$15.00 PER SLOT OR TEAM IN ADDITION TO BEING CHAGED THE ENTRY FEE FOR THAT SLOT OR TEAM.

6. All questions regarding tournament events not covered by the rules will be decided by the contest committee and the contest chairman. Tournament rules questions should be directed to Dr. Michael Bartanen, Department of Communication & Theatre, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447.

## Judges:

1. All competing chapters must provide judges covering the number of slots (except for alumni slots) entered by the chapter. A judge covers:

- (a) Nine IE slots, or
- (b) Two debate entries and Five IE slots, or
- (c) One debate entry and Seven IE slots

An Alumnus, entered in alumni competition, covers:

- (a) Six IE slots, or
- (b) Two debate entries, or
- (c) One debate entry and three IE slots, or
- (d) MAY BE A HIRED JUDGE FOR SIX ROUNDS AT \$10.00/ROUND.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF HIRED JUDGES MAY BE AVAILABLE AT THE RATE OF \$15/UNCOVERED ENTRY IN DEBATE. ONLY REQUESTS MADE DIRECTLY TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL BE CONSIDERED AND SUCH HIRED JUDGES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED BASIS.

2. All judges are to be available up to nine rounds, regardless of the size of their entry. Judges may indicate their willingness to judge additional rounds at the rate of \$10/round.

### Awards:

1. Gold plaques will be awarded to individual and team winners of superior ratings (top 10%). Silver plaques will be awarded to individual and team winners of excellent ratings (next 20%).

2. Sweepstakes points will be awarded to each chapter participating according to the following formula:

Team Debate	Superior 10 points	L-D & IE's:	Superior 5 points
& Oral History:	Excellent 8 points		Excellent 4 points
	Good 6 points		Good 3 points
	Particip. 2 points		Particip. 1 point

Each school may earn a maximum of one participation point in each individual event or two participation points in each debate division if they earn no ratings in that division. More than one entry from a school may earn superior, excellent or good ratings.

## DEBATE GENERAL RULES

### Divisions and Entries:

1. Open, Junior and Novice CEDA; Open NDT; Open L-D.
2. Any student may enter open division. A student in their first year of college competition or freshmen and sophomores may enter junior division. Only students with less than two semesters of college or high school debate may enter the novice division.



3. A school may enter any number of debate entries, subject to meeting their judging requirements.

### **Matching and Other Logistics:**

1. Every team/entry will debate six preliminary rounds with an equal number of debates on each side of the resolution. Standard CEDA elimination round standards will be used to determine elimination round contestants.

2. Teams/entries will not debate teams/entries from their province during the pre-matched rounds. Teams/entries will not be judged by judges from their province during preliminary rounds or elimination rounds. Guest or hired judges from the Province of the Colonies may judge teams from that Province if the judge does not have a current school affiliation.

3. **CEDA:** These divisions will use the 2nd Semester topic. Time limits will be 8-3-5 with 8 minutes prep time.

4. **L-D:** This division will debate the topic: **RESOLVED: THAT THE U.S. SHOULD SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE DEFENSE SPENDING.** Time limits: 6-3-7-3-4-6-3, with 3 minutes prep time.

5. **NDT:** This division will debate the 1990-91 NDT topic. Time limits will be 10-3-5 with 10 minutes prep time.

## **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS GENERAL RULES**

### **Divisions and Entries:**

1. Each chapter may enter any number of contestants in any event subject to meeting their judging commitments.

2. Contestants may enter one event in Pattern A and two events in Patterns B and C. The tournament will not make special arrangements for double-entered contestants.

3. Contestants may not use the same presentation in more than one event. All speeches (manuscripts or outlines) in all prepared events must be made available to the tournament committee upon request. All speeches must not have been presented in competition prior to the current school year.

### **Rounds and Logistics:**

1. There will be three rounds in each event. Each contestant must participate in all rounds to receive a final rating. Individual events will be computer-matched using a random schematic. Contestants will be posted by their school code and their last name.

## 2. CONFLICT PATTERNS:

Pattern A: Extemp, Duo, Informative, Argument Analysis

Pattern B: Prose, Impromptu, Persuasive

Pattern C: Poetry, Drama, STE, Communication Analysis

3. There will be two judges in each section in each round. Judges will provide time signals to contestants in extemp, impromptu and argument analysis. Judges will not reveal rankings or decisions to the contestants.

4. **INFORMATIVE SPEAKING:** An original, factual speech by the student on a realistic subject to fulfill the general aim to inform the audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time is 10 minutes including introduction.

5. **EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING:** Contestants will be given three topics in the general area of current events, choose one, and have 30 minutes to prepare a speech that is the original work of the student. Maximum time is 7 minutes. Limited notes are permitted.

6. **DUO INTERPRETATION:** A cutting from a humorous or serious play involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. This material may be drawn from stage, screen or radio. This is not an acting event. Thus, no costumes, props, lighting, etc. are to be used. Presentation is from the manuscript and the focus should be off-stage and not to each other. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

7. **ARGUMENT ANALYSIS:** (Experimental Event). The contestant will analyze the argumentative components of a selected discourse and demonstrate an understanding of the reasoning process. At a significant period before the round, participants will be given an argumentative artifact, such as an advertisement or editorial. Students may use any argumentative method to analyze the discourse. The speech will be extemporaneous with limited notes permitted. All contestants will analyze the same discourse, so students may not listen to prior contestants in the round. Maximum time limit: 7 minutes.

8. **PROSE INTERPRETATION** A selection of prose material of literary merit which may be drawn from more than one source. Play cuttings are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time is 10 minutes including introductions.

9. **IMPROMPTU SPEAKING:** Topics will be proverbs. Speakers will be given a topic sheet with two topics, and then have 7 minutes to prepare and deliver a speech with at least 4 minutes spent speaking. Limited notes are permitted. Speakers must wait outside of the room prior to speaking.

10. **PERSUASIVE SPEAKING:** An original speech to inspire, reinforce or change beliefs, attitudes, values or actions of an audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time is 10 minutes.

11. **POETRY INTERPRETATION:** A selection or selections of poetry of literary merit which may be drawn from more than one source. Play cuttings are prohibited. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.



**12. DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION:** A cutting which represents one or more characters from a play or plays of literary merit. This material may be drawn from stage, screen or radio. Use of manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes including introduction.

**13. SPEECH TO ENTERTAIN:** An original humorous speech designed to exhibit sound speech composition, thematic coherence, direct communicative public speaking skills, and good taste. The speech should not resemble a night club act, an impersonation, or a comic dialogue. Audio-visual aids are optional. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

**14. COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS:** An original speech designed to offer an explanation and/or evaluation of a communication even such as a speech, speaker, movement, poem, poster, film, campaign, etc., through the use of rhetorical principles. Audio-visual aids are optional. Manuscripts are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

## **ALUMNI SPEAKING EVENTS GENERAL RULES**

### **Entries:**

1. Each chapter may enter up to five contestants in the alumni speaking events competitions. Directors of Forensics, Speech Department faculty, and graduate assistants coaching forensics events are not eligible for alumni competition. Each alumni contestant may enter one of the events offered.
2. Contestants must have been undergraduate members of Pi Kappa Delta in order to participate in the Alumni Division.

### **Rules and Logistics:**

1. All speeches must not have been delivered in competition prior to the 1990-91 school year. Manuscripts or outlines of speeches in prepared events must be available to the tournament committee upon request.
2. Alumni may help cover a chapter's judging commitment or be hired by the tournament to judge during rounds they are not competing.
3. There will be three rounds of competition in each event. A contestant must participate in all rounds to receive a final rating.
4. The Alumni interpretation event will correspond in the schedule with Group A events; the Alumni Persuasive speaking event will correspond with Group B events; the Alumni L-D Debate event will correspond with Group C events.
5. Judging for all alumni events will be done by two judges drawn from Chapter voting delegates. Voting delegates will not judge in patterns they are competing in.
6. Awards will follow the standard PKD formula. Alumni competition will not count toward team sweepstakes.

- 7. ORAL INTERPRETATION:** A 10 minute prose, poetry or drama presentation from one or more sources. Manuscript is required.
- 8. PERSUASIVE SPEAKING:** A 10 minute speech designed to change or reinforce attitudes, beliefs, or actions. A maximum of 100 quoted words permitted. Manuscripts and audio-visual aids are optional.
- 9. LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE:** Time limits: 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 with 3 minutes prep time. Topic: "Resolved: that significant changes in American Higher education would be desirable."

## **SPECIAL CONVENTION/TOURNAMENT EVENTS**

**1. Forensic Roundtables:** We invite you to participate in various forensics Roundtable discussions during the Friday and Saturday tournament schedule. These roundtables are an attempt to "add" something new to the Convention/Tournament experience. There will be two sets of roundtables, each one presented twice, to give people an opportunity to participate even if they have a competition round. The schedule:

**ROUNDTABLE PERIOD ONE: Friday, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Monmouth campus.** Rooms will be posted.

### **GRADUATE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES IN SPEECH COMMUNICATION** Roundtable A, Chair: C.T. Hanson

PKD Schools with graduate programs and/or graduate assistantship positions will be available to talk with students about their program, admission requirements and the opportunities available.

### **CONVERSATIONS WITH PAST PRESIDENTS** Roundtable B, Chair: R. David Ray

Former National Presidents of PKD will be invited to participate in an informal discussions with students and coaches about their experiences in forensics; issues facing the organizations; and other topics of interest.

### **JUDGING JUDGES: WHAT IS A GOOD FORENSIC CRITIC?** Roundtable C: Chair: Terry Cole

An open discussion about the characteristics of forensics judges and the various judging techniques and philosophies judges use. Are judges predictable? How do judges choose the kinds of criteria they use to evaluate speeches and debates? Is there a "right" method?



**MEET THE CANDIDATES****Roundtable D: Chair: Robert Littlefield**

A chance to interact with the nominated candidates for the PKD National Council. One of the most important functions of the National Convention is selection of three National Council members.

**Roundtable Period Two: 2:00 and 3:30****EXCHANGING IDEAS ON IMPROVING LOCAL CHAPTERS****Roundtable E: Chair: Sally Roden**

Chapter sponsors, officers, and members can exchange ideas on recruiting members; raising money; promoting the fraternity on campus. How can chapters be more visible? Can the PKD chapter be a method of fundraising to support tournament attendance and other activities? Are there on-campus activities that people could participate in?

**"IF I WERE THE EMPEROR OF FORENSICS"****Roundtable F: Chair: Bill Hill**

Students and coaches can brainstorm ideas for improving the convention, tournament, or forensics in general. Everyone has an opinion about the strengths and weaknesses of the forensic activity. What are some improvements that should be made? How can the PKD convention better serve the needs of chapters, students, and faculty?

**SUCCESSFUL COACHES AND COMPETITORS SHARE THEIR SECRETS****Roundtable G: Chair: Gary Horn**

Some successful coaches and competitors will be invited to give brief presentations about techniques they use to achieve success. An open discussion will follow where the audience will be invited to contribute their ideas.

**Roundtable Period Three: Saturday, 9:30 a.m.****CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORENSIC STUDENTS:  
AN ALUMNI VIEWPOINT****Roundtable H: Chair: Carolyn Keefe**

PKD alumni will be invited to discuss how forensic skills prepare students for various career opportunities. Why is forensics training valuable for career preparation? Are there applications other than just the obvious careers such as law? What aspects of forensics training are the most valuable?

**2. Forensic Showcase:** On Saturday, at 12:30 p.m. during the second debate elimination round, three of the "superior" award winners in persuasive speaking will be invited to present their speech again in a public performance. Three special critics will then give an oral critique of the speeches. The purpose of this event is to showcase excellent speeches and give the audience insight into the characteristics of excellent speaking.

**3. Oral History:** As a special contest, each chapter is invited to enter the event of Oral History. **NO ENTRY FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS EVENT.**

*Description:* An original presentation designed to highlight the history of Pi Kappa Delta. Each chapter may submit one videotaped discussion or presentation of some aspect of PKD history. This discussion or presentation might cover a topic such as: an important event in PKD history; a biography or eulogy of some important person; an interview with some person; or the history of a chapter or province. The presentation need not be one of these subjects.

*Rules:* The presentation or discussion must include a minimum of three people. The name of the chapter submitting the tape should be written clearly on the tape label. Presentation may use audio or visual aids. No reference to the identity of the chapter should be on the tape. Tapes will become the property of the PKD Historian and added to the Archives. Time limit: 20 minutes. Tapes will be submitted at registration and judging will be done by a special panel of judges. This event will earn the same sweepstakes points and awards as team debate.

*Criteria for evaluation:* Presentations will be evaluated using criteria such as: historical significance of the subject; clarity in analysis, reasoning; contribution of the presentation to furthering the history of the organization; and presentational continuity (how interesting the presentation is; how well the presentation flows; how well audio and visual aids are integrated into the presentation).

## 1991 TOURNAMENT AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, March 20, 1991

10:00 - 11:00	Registration for Professional Developmental Conference - Ballroom Foyer
11:00 - noon	Professional Developmental Conference Luncheon
12:00 - 4:30 p.m.	PI KAPPA DELTA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
1:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Convention Registration - Ballroom Foyer Argument Analysis Round 1 topics posted
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Opening Reception - Ballroom
7:30 p.m.	First General Business Session - Ballroom



**Thursday, March 21, 1991** - All Tournament events will be at Monmouth College. There will be regular shuttle service from the Sheraton Lobby to campus. A schedule will be announced and posted.

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast - Sheraton
7:30 a.m.	Extemp draw - Anacon A - Monmouth Union
8:00 a.m.	Round 1, Pattern A
9:30 a.m.	Round 1, Pattern B
11:00 a.m.	Round 1, Pattern C
Noon	Province Governor's Luncheon - Sheraton
12:30 p.m.	Round 1, Debate
2:15 p.m.	Round 2, Debate
4:00 p.m.	Round 3, Debate
7:00 p.m.	Province Meetings - at Sheraton
	Lower Mississippi ----- Ocean/Monmouth
	Northwest ----- Eatontown
	Plains ----- Neptune
	Southeast ----- Ballroom C
	Northern Lights ----- Ballroom B
	Colonies ----- Ballroom A
	Lakes ----- Amphitheater
	Missouri ----- Atlantic
	Pacific ----- Room 424
8:00 p.m.	Second General Business Session - Ballroom

**Friday, March 22, 1991** - Roundtable meetings will be held on the Monmouth campus. Rooms will be announced and posted.

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast - Sheraton
8:00 a.m.	Round 4 - Debate
9:00 a.m.	Extemp draw - Anacon A - Monmouth Union
9:30 a.m.	Round 2, Pattern A, Forensic Roundtables 1-A
11:00 a.m.	Round 5 - Debate, Forensic Roundtables 1 -B
12:30 p.m.	Round 2, Pattern B Past Presidents & Student Lieutenant Governor's Luncheon
2:00 p.m.	Round 6 - Debate, Forensic Roundtables 2-A
3:30 p.m.	Round 2, Pattern C, Forensic Roundtables 2-B
5:00 p.m.	Debate Elimination 1, Province Officer Training Session - Ocean/Monmouth, Sheraton
7:00 p.m.	Province Meetings - SAME ROOMS AS THURSDAY
8:00 p.m.	Third General Business Session - Ballroom

**Saturday, March 23, 1991** - "Alumni Saturday" - PKD Alumni will be special guests of the Convention and there will be special events for them. Rooms for Forensic Showcase and Oral History will be announced and posted.

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast - Sheraton
7:30 a.m.	Extemp Draw - Anacon A, Monmouth Union
8:00 a.m.	Round 3 - Pattern A
9:30 a.m.	Round 3 - Pattern B - Roundtable 3
11:00 a.m.	Round 3 - Pattern C
12:30 p.m.	Debate Elimination 2 - <i>Forensic Showcase: Superior Persuasive Speeches</i>
2:00 p.m.	Debate Elimination 3 - <i>Oral History Round</i>
3:30 p.m.	Debate Elimination 4 - <i>Alumni Caucus</i> - Atlantic Room, Sheraton
6:30 p.m.	No-Host Social Hour - Ballroom Foyer
7:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet - Ballroom

## PI KAPPA DELTA NATIONAL CONVENTION AND TOURNAMENT

March 20-23, 1991

Monmouth College, Host

### Bus Service

**Arrival:**

Newark Airport

to

Eatontown Sheraton

Wednesday, March 20

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Departure:**

Eatontown Sheraton

to

Newark Airport

Sunday, March 24

6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**Rate:**

\$8:00 per person (one-way)

**Bus Pickup:**

Terminals A, B, and C

Lower Level, Transportation

Courtyard, Bus Lane #13

**Overflow Hotel:**

Envoy Inn

11 Central Plaza

Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

(Exit 105 Garden State Parkway)

1-201-389-4646



## CHAPTER CHALLENGE NEARS 1990 GOAL

■ The Chapter Challenge goal of \$2,400.00 for 1990 is within reach, with nearly \$2,000 being raised by undergraduate and alumni chapters. Chapters were challenged to raise \$100.00 on the undergraduate level, and \$250.00 on the alumni level to contribute to a scholarship fund for Pi Kappa Delta members.

The goal of the Chapter Challenge is to raise scholarship funds enabling PKD to offer a scholarship to a student from each province. Efforts to raise funds for these scholarships and other projects will accelerate following the formal ratification of the Endowment Fund by the National Convention in March 1991.

**It is not too late for a chapter or individual to participate in this first fundraising effort.** Simply write a letter to the PKD National Office, Harold Widvey, Secretary-Treasurer, Department of Speech, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD 57007-1197. Indicate the amount of your pledge (\$100.00 or \$250.00) and suggest how and when you will pay it. Checks or money orders should be made out to "PKD Chapter Challenge." All chapters participating in the 1990 Chapter Challenge will receive a special award at the National Convention in New Jersey.

## BOB DERRYBERRY SELECTED FOR THE E.R. NICHOLS AWARD FOR 1990

■ The Awards Committee of Pi Kappa Delta is pleased to announce that Bob Derryberry, Southwest Baptist University, has been selected as the recipient of the E.R. Nichols Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Furtherance of the Forensics Discipline for 1990. The award is also known as the award to the Outstanding Forensics Educator of the Year. The award was presented at the November SCA Convention in Chicago.

# **HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS**

## **As the National Convention nears, take time to reflect on our roots.**

C.T. Hanson, Editor

By Egbert Ray Nichols,  
First National President of Pi Kappa Delta

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### **I. THE PERIOD OF CORRESPONDENCE**

■ **A. Beginnings.** (1) There are ten founders of the national forensic honor society, Pi Kappa Delta. Before me as I write are their names signed in ratification of the first Constitution on a page of typewritten paper now somewhat battered and torn. How did these ten men get the idea of Pi Kappa Delta, how were they brought together in this common purpose, and how did they come to affix their signatures to a constitution establishing such an organization?

The history of Pi Kappa Delta properly begins with the birth and growth of the idea rather than with the documentary evidence of its existence. The first concept, which resulted in the creation of Pi Kappa Delta, was the realization of the need for some reward or honor for orators and debaters in the smaller colleges. Although this idea was present but dormant in the minds of many persons, it came to two of the founders of Pi Kappa Delta — John A. Shields and Egbert Ray Nichols — in a more vigorous way and came to them almost simultaneously. The plan of Pi Kappa Delta was the logical outgrowth of this first concept — a forensic need.

In the autumn of 1911 Shields was a Junior at Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas, and Nichols, who had been professor of English for two years (1909-11) at Ottawa University, began his work at Ripon College, Wisconsin, as head of Composition and Public Speaking. The two were friends and kept in touch with each other by occasional letters.

In the football season Nichols made a trip to Lawrence College at Appleton, Wisconsin, with a number of debaters who accompanied the football team. These debaters and their new Public Speaking teacher sought out the debaters and Professor F. Wesley Orr, of Lawrence College, and began to exchange notes. Lawrence College had just been admitted to Tau Kappa Alpha and several of the debaters wore their keys. Upon inquiry the Ripon men found what Tau Kappa Alpha was and intended to be. The Ripon men wanted to be in a forensic honor organization. The Lawrence men said that they would be glad to take them into their chapter. Naturally the Ripon men suggested that they would like to have a chapter of their own. They were met with the response that Tau Kappa Alpha granted but one chapter in a state, that Lawrence had that chapter, and that it was intended that other debaters come in through their chapter. The Ripon men were confronted with a curious anomaly — a state chapter existing as a local chapter. It did not appeal to them. After talking it over, Nichols



suggested that a new organization was an obvious need. There was some talk of the possibility of launching a new national organization. The matter rested there for a time.

(2) First Movement in Kansas. A few weeks later Shields wrote to Nichols saying that Ottawa was seeking some method of honoring its orators and debaters and asking for suggestions. With the experience at Lawrence in mind, Nichols replied that the thing to do was to form an honor society which could award a key, suggesting that such an organization might be both state and national. Shields, answering that it was a good idea and that he had thought something of the sort was needed, undertook to sound out the other colleges of Kansas when the oratorical association delegates got together. Here again the matter rested for a time.

When the delegates to the Kansas State Prohibition Oratorical Association, the I.P.A., assembled at Manhattan, Kansas, with the Agricultural College as host, Shields found unexpected aid. A student of that college, Edgar A. Vaughn, proposed that they organize an honor society for orators and debaters. Vaughn in speaking of the beginnings of Pi Kappa Delta says:

"The minutes of the Prohibition Oratorical held at Manhattan will show that Shields made a motion to have a committee appointed to the end of creating an honor society for debaters and orators. They will show further that I was made chairman of that committee, that Shields was appointed on it, and that C.J. Boddy, of Kansas Wesleyan, was the third and inactive member, since his college was 'agin fraternity lodges,' as one student there expressed it. You know they took considerable time to look us over before they came in. Shields' motion was made after I had conferred with the head of our English department, who said that he thought that there was one already in the field and that he saw no use of another. You will recall that at that time the small colleges had no chance whatever for a chapter in the other society. Well, I called Shields out and introduced myself to him and told him my plan. He asked some questions and made the motion at the close of the afternoon session, whereupon the committee was appointed. The reason that he was selected was that it was K.S.A.C.'s first participation in the Prohibition Contest and I had been told that Shields was the power behind the throne. He proved to be so."

Shields tells the story of these early activities looking towards Pi Kappa Delta, as follows:

"The first definite step taken toward the organization of Pi Kappa Delta was the State Contest of the Kansas Prohibition Oratorical Association held in Manhattan, Kansas, in the spring of 1912, when Messrs. John A. Shields, of Ottawa University, and E.A. Vaughan, of Kansas Agricultural, were recognized as representatives of that association, without direct responsibility to the organization, to take action in the matter of founding a fraternity which was to have no connection with the Association.

"Already some agitation had been carried on at a number of colleges, and a temporary organization was even formed at Ripon College, Wisconsin. A little later, Messrs. Shields and Vaughan invited Mr. C.J. Boddy, of Kansas Wesleyan University, to join them in their endeavor to organize the fraternity, the matter being informally placed before the Kansas Oratorical Association (Old Line)

at its meeting in Winfeld, Kansas, in March, 1912. Mr. A.L. Crookham, of Southwestern College, was added to the committee. These gentlemen in due time, with mutual consent of the entire number, were added to the list and joined to the committee of National Founders: Messrs. E.R. Nichols, Ripon College, Wisconsin; H.O. Pritchard, Cotner College, Nebraska; P.C. Somerville, Illinois Wesleyan; J.H. Krenmyre, Iowa Wesleyan; Daniel C. Lockwood, College of Emporia, Kansas, and Frank P. Johnson, Morningside College, Iowa."

(3) The Wisconsin Organization. In the meantime Nichols had thought the idea over and hearing from Shields that Kansas was favorable to the proposal to organize an honor society, he called his men together and formed a local honor society for Ripon College. Nichols was appointed to confer with Shields, of Ottawa University, and with Representatives of other colleges in the Middle West for the purpose of working up an interstate organization.

(4) Origin of the Name Pi Kappa Delta. At a later meeting of the Ripon organization Lowell P. Goodrich reported three names, all of which were suggested by his sister, Grace Goodrich, an accomplished student in Greek. Of the three names, Pi Kappa Delta was chosen as being the superior in euphony and in motto, since it was composed of the initial letters of the phrase "Peitho Kale Dikaia." Thus the honor of naming the new forensic organization soon to become a power in oratorical and debating circles in American college life goes to a college girl just beginning a teaching career. At this meeting of the Ripon men, Arthur J. Martin reported that he and Nichols had drawn a rough sketch of a key and that now that a name had been chosen, he would write the jewelers for key designs. Nichols reported that he had written P.C. Somerville of Illinois Wesleyan, M.M. Maynard of Monmouth College, Illinois, E.C. Griffith of William Jewell College, Missouri, H.O. Pritchard of Cotner College, Nebraska, and Charles A. Marsh of Morningside College, Iowa, and that all favored the idea. He reported that Shields of Ottawa University had written that the Kansas colleges had a definite movement for an organization under way. It was voted that Nichols cooperate with Shields and merge the two movements into one. Maynard, Sutherland and Nichols were appointed to draft a constitution.

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