

SCA Convention Report

Robert Littlefield, Program Coordinator

The Pi Kappa Delta National Organization participates as an active sponsor of programs for the Speech Communication Association National Convention each year. This involvement enables members of the forensic community and PKD members to participate in scholarly and pedagogical activities which reflect positively on themselves and our organization.

Dr. Mark Knapp is the SCA Vice-President responsible for planning the 1989 program for SCA. As Pi Kappa Delta's responsible planner, I have recommended the inclusion of the following seven PKD sponsored programs, with the name of the "responsible planner:"

"The Status of CEDA Debate in the United States"

Anthony Schroeder

"On the Road Again: The Future of Forensics"

Mary Gill

"Compelling Issues in Forensics"

Bob Derryberry

"The Application of Argument in the Province of Rhetoric"

Rita Whillock

"Applied Argumentation: Transferring Debate Training into Service to the Community"

Ralph Carbone

"The Art of Persuasion - The Beautiful and the Just: Papers in Honor of Raymond Yeager"

Thomas Hall

"Competitive Papers in Debate and Related Issues"

Six planners and thirty-eight contributors

The following program is co-sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta and the Forensics Division of SCA:

"The Impact of the AFA-NIET and the NFA Tournaments on the Forensic Community: A Look Back and a Look Forward"

Joyce Carey

Over the past six years, through the efforts of Michael Bartanen, Terry Cole, and myself, Pi Kappa Delta has increased the number of programs submitted and accepted annually, making the PKD the leader among the forensic honorary fraternities/associations.

There is one opportunity this year for someone to serve as respondent for a debate program at the SCA Convention. If you are interested and would not be on another program, please contact me, Robert Littlefield, so I can complete the program.

I would also ask that more coaches and individuals in PKD become involved as contributors to programs. If interested, make contacts early and submit a proposal. Those interested in developing short courses for the 1990 Convention should contact Dr. Sally Roden, Chair of the SCA Committee for short courses.

President Ray recognized Carolyn Keefe, Chair of the Evaluation Committee for a report.

Report of the Evaluation Committee

Carolyn Keefe, Chair

The Evaluation Committee of the Thirty-Sixth Biennial National Convention and Tournament submits the following report under three categories, persons, places, and things.

Persons

The Pi Kappa Delta National Council - Preservers of fraternity ideals and creative innovators, this National Council has demonstrated outstanding leadership during the biennium and this convention. The Committee warmly commends all the members for their diligence and skill in carrying out their responsibilities and especially President David Ray for coordinating the work.

Convention Hosts - Dr. Tom Preston as the local host has expended countless hours and long-term efforts to arrange this successful venture. His role has been pivotal, his work praiseworthy. Reports about the congeniality of the student hosts indicate the Midwestern hospitality rivals that of the South. The support from the host province, under the leadership of Governor Gina Lane, has also contributed significantly to the winning quality of this convention-tournament. The student members of the National Council, John Bernier and Linda Hummel, have represented their constituency with distinction.

Convention Hotel Personnel - The first impression of a national tournament occurs at the registration desk of the hotel. Amazingly, the Marriott cashier and room clerks understood the confusing variables of forensic housing. The competence, courtesy, and helpfulness shown initially has prevailed through all levels of the hotel staff.

Places

St. Louis Location - The geographical location of St. Louis has contributed to the large size of the tournament. Beyond that aspect is the appeal of the city itself. Convention delegates have expressed their delight in the Gateway to the West, its magnificent arch symbol and impressively restored Union Station. The decision to return to St. Louis after only a ten-year lapse was a wise one.

Tournament Hotel - The Marriott served as an ideal convention center. Contributing to this conclusion are many factors: proximity to the airport and UMSL; comfortable accommodations; recreational facilities; excellent restaurant and atrium food service; and sufficient, functional meeting rooms. One drawback was that the forensic-circuit, fast, cheap restaurants were not readily available to those without cars.

University of Missouri-St. Louis - The University, with its compact yet attractive campus, functioned admirably as the tournament site. The J.C. Penney Continuing Education Building provided an ample lobby for display of the schematics, and when the ballot distribution was moved to an adjoining auditorium, the congestion between rounds was decreased. The Committee thanks the host school for not only providing food services but making them available over extended periods.

Things

The National Developmental Conference - Those who were involved in this groundbreaking experience were uniform in their praise for Robert Littlefield's directing and Don Swanson's keynoting. The Committee endorses the holding of further conferences and suggests that a short wrap-up session be added to the schedule. Ways to include alumni members perhaps in a symposium or panel, should be explored.

Registration - The cordiality of greeting and the ease of registering were a testimonial to Secretary-Treasurer Harold Widvey, Convention Director Penny Kievet, and Tournament Director Michael Bartanen and their staffs.

Tournament Schedule - The Committee recognizes that all schedules make unpleasant demands upon certain groups of competitors and their judges. Perhaps if on Thursday, the competition had been placed first and the meetings scheduled for the evening, the strain would have been lessened. Time should also be slotted for a meeting of the alumni.

Tournament Events - Providing for unlimited entries and double entries met with general satisfaction. The Committee urges that if the rule prohibiting double entries in Pattern A is adopted at future tournaments, it should be strictly enforced and that a contestant should not be permitted to

compete with two duo partners. Some delegates would like to see a revival of the discussion event. Others suggested extemporaneous Lincoln-Douglas Debate. The introduction of alumni events met with satisfaction and aroused the hope that future tournaments would continue them. Improvisational pairs that enable alumni from different schools to team up has Committee support on the provision that the rules stipulate norms of good taste.

Tournament Posting - Extempers have complained that the topic postings were not adjacent to the prep room, thus causing inconvenience and time lags. Future tournaments should remedy this situation.

Tournament Management - Tournament Director Michael Bartanen and his staff adapted admirably to the increased demands placed upon them by the huge entry numbers and the first-time computerization. The Tournament ran on schedule with no more than the usual problems associated with even small tournaments.

Shuttle Bus - This service, a great boon to depleted budgets, functioned well except during the massive exodus from campus. Unless the cost is prohibitive, extra vehicles for peak periods should be provided at future tournaments. The needs of handicapped persons requiring bus service should also be considered.

Overall Evaluation

This Thirth-Sixth National PKD Convention and Tournament, hosted by the Province of the Missouri, will long be remembered for its Developmental Conference, hospitality, advantageous site and hotel, large well-managed tournament, and fraternal fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, The Evaluation Committee: Chairperson Carolyn Keefe, Vicky Bradford, Sam Cox, Deana Davis, Mark Fokken, Cindy Larson-Casselton, and Suzanne McCorkle.

President Ray, finding no objection, accepted the report of the Committee.

A delegate from the University of Mary was recognized and expressed distress about the lack of mass copies of the event pairings.

President Ray recognized Sally Roden, Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee.

Report of Resolutions Committee

Sally Roden, Chairperson

The 1989 Pi Kappa Delta Resolutions Committee presents the following eight (8) resolutions:

Resolution #1

WHEREAS, the 1989 Pi Kappa Delta National Convention and Tournament has been graciously hosted by St. Louis, Missouri,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that this convention express its appreciation to Penny Swisher Kievet, Chair of Convention Arrangements Committee, the Province of Missouri, and the City of St. Louis for providing an enjoyable and stimulating setting for the 1989 National Convention and Tournament.

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, physical facilities are extremely important for the running of a successful national convention and tournament.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that a red carnation be extended to the St. Louis Marriot management and staff for going out of their way to provide a home away from home; and

be it further resolved that the University of Missouri at St. Louis be commended for providing an excellent facility for conducting this Tournament.

Resolution #3

WHEREAS, Pi Kappa Delta approaches the 21st Century with new dedication,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that special recognition be extended to Harold Widvey, National Secretary-Treasurer, for bringing the national office into the 21st Century by the use of the computer.

Resolution #4

WHEREAS, the outstanding success of the 1989 Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament has been the result of tireless efforts and devoted service,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Convention commend the dedicated service of Tournament Director Michael Bartanen, his able staff, the event and tabulation personnel; and

be it further resolved that this Convention commend this Tournament Committee for their skills in incorporating current technology in the tabulation of the Tournament.

Resolution #5

WHEREAS, leadership is an important part of Pi Kappa Delta's future,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Convention extend best wishes to President Terry Cole and the newly elected National Council; and

be it further resolved that this Convention praise the past leadership of outgoing President David Ray for a job well done! and

be it further resolved that Pi Kappa Delta surge forward with renewed vigor in the next two years under its new leadership.

Resolution #6

WHEREAS, all members of the National Council have been unselfishly devoted to Pi Kappa Delta,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Convention express its appreciation to our National Council for services resulting in a valuable and rewarding National Tournament and Convention.

Resolution #7

WHEREAS, student membership and participation represent the very essence of this fraternity,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that this convention recognize the superior quality of the 1989 delegates and contestants; and

be it further resolved that this Convention encourage Pi Kappa Delta alumni membership as a vital part of the future of this organization.

Resolution #8

WHEREAS, the Pre-Convention Developmental Conference on the future of Pi Kappa Delta in the forensic community was deemed a success,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Convention commend the service of Robert Littlefield and his committee; and

be it further resolved that this type of activity become an integral part of every Pi Kappa Delta National Convention and Tournament.

Respectfully Submitted, The Resolutions Committee of 1989: Chairperson Sally Roden, Sandy Alspach, Kevin Davis, Bradford Kinney, and Catherine Zizik.

Sally Roden moved adoption of the report of the Resolutions Committee.

President Ray asked if there were any objections to the approval of the committee report. There being none, he declared the report adopted by unanimous consent.

President Ray presented a report on the developments surrounding the search for a place for the Pi Kappa Delta Archives. A college or university library was considered most desirable. After careful consideration, with the help of Penny Kievet and Gary Horn, the Library at William Jewell College was contacted and has agreed to maintain and preserve the historical records of Pi Kappa Delta.

Gina Lane was recognized to officially accept the charge from Pi Kappa Delta and to welcome the placing of the archives at William Jewell College.

President Ray read a letter to Pi Kappa Delta from Dr. Gordon Kingsley accepting the archives of Pi Kappa Delta in the Library of William Jewell College. President Ray noted that it was fitting that a school which was chartered in the first decade of Pi Kappa Delta and which has maintained an active chapter since 1922 and is the home of two recent presidents of Pi Kappa Delta should be the permanent preserver of our history.

President Ray recognized Tony Allison, Chair of the Nominations Committee for the final report on the election of the members of the National Council. Chairperson Allison first recognized the members of the Nominations Committee: James Zeman, Kris Bartanen, and Gina Lane. The Committee reported the three members of the order of instruction elected as members of the National Council: Michael Baratanen, Bill Hill, and Sally Roden.

President Ray recognized Michael Bartanen to announce the debate pairings for octa- and quarter-finals.

Penny Kievet was recognized to announce upcoming happenings of the convention.

President Ray asked Robert Littlefield to report briefly on the results of the Developmental Conference on the Future of Pi Kappa Delta in the Forensic Community.

Robert Littlefield offered appreciation to the presenters and participants. He gave a brief overview of topics considered and the resolutions developed during the conference. He indicated that a report of the Conference Proceedings would be prepared for publication in **The Forensic**.

President Ray, noting the hour was late and the agenda complete, declared the final business session of the Thirty-Sixth National Convention and Tournament adjourned.

**PI KAPPA DELTA
THIRTY-SIXTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION
PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION**



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Past PKD President Gary Horn told me that time would go quickly during my presidency of Pi Kap. Gary, you were right. But, they were two of my best years in forensics, and I would not trade them for anything. My years as President were not special because of the things that were done, nor the places that I went, but the people I had the privilege of associating with. Pi Kappa Deltans, of every age, are very special.



President R. David Ray

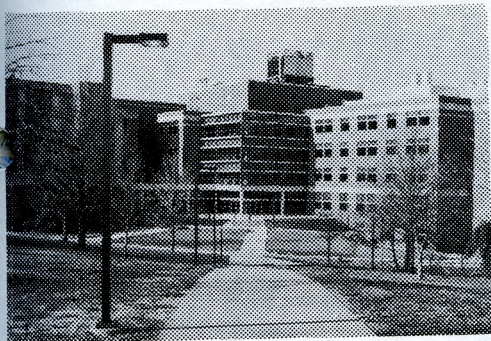
The St. Louis Convention and Tournament was everything your National Council had hoped that it would be. It had quantity and it was quality. My thanks to all who "Met us in St. Louis." All of us who met there will have fond memories of the excellent facilities on the University of Missouri at St. Louis campus, our gracious hosts at the Marriott, the beautiful sights of a dynamic city, the outstanding competition, and the fellowship that is uniquely Pi Kap. It was truly a highlight in my career.

My personal thanks to the many individuals who have given so much in time, effort, and expertise to the maintenance and advancement of Pi Kap during this term. The National Council worked tirelessly on behalf of our order. Many goals were realized by the Council including the Development Conference at the Convention, a PKD Foundation, and the Pi Kappa Delta Archives at William Jewell College. My thanks to each member of the Council.

Pi Kap has a promising future under the guidance of Terry Cole, President and Robert Littlefield, President-Elect. I am looking forward to their leadership in the coming years. I welcome the addition of Bill Hill, Jr and Sally Roden as well as the return of Michael Bartanen to the Council. A special note of thanks to Harold Widvey, National Secretary-Treasurer who was also reelected for another term. I must thank Penny Kievet for the excellent job that she has done as editor of "The Forensic" during the past two years and welcome C.T. Hanson as the new editor. Please give C.T. your support by supplying articles and news items. The Council works on behalf of all Pi Kappa Delta so I hope that you will communicate with them often.

I am excited about the potential of our organization during the next two years and I hope that you are too. I look forward to seeing all of you on the Jersey shore as we convene at Monmouth College in 1991. Make plans now!

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