

the pool of ideas and experiences which we call classical rhetoric . . . Aristotle refers to character as having proof value **while the speaker is speaking**, for he says, "as a rule we trust men of probity more and more quickly about things in general, while on points outside the realms of exact knowledge where opinion is divided, we trust them absolutely. This trust should be created by the speech itself . . . We might almost affirm that this character of the speaker is the most potent of all the means of persuasion."

The qualities of character which win confidence are intelligence, integrity, and good will. The hearer trusts the man who is intelligent, honest, and concerned about the hearer's welfare, for he senses that his advice is most likely to be sound and productive of good for the hearer. We judge whether or not a speaker possesses these abilities and attitudes. Some of our judgments are reasoned, conscious. Others are below the threshold of consciousness. They are "feelings" based on clues and cues. Since these are unconscious, they are probably most influential in determining our opinions of the speaker . . .

Aristotle's discussion of delivery and style is most pertinent to us as debaters. Style must be appropriate to the subject and the emotional state of the audience. Vocabulary should be simple. These qualities suggest sincerity. While he does not treat delivery at length, he says that the voice must suggest sincerity, not affectation, and "action must be that of a man who realizes the import of what he is saying."

He also advises against "trying to stun the audience with sound and fury."

Cicero, the Roman orator-statesman, and Quintilian, the Roman teacher of rhetoric, agree with Aristotle that the character of the able man is persuasive, and that such character cannot be simulated. They suggest that mildness or "decorum" is an important part of persuasive character. They advocate wise use of humor, Cicero emphasizes the need for directness of gaze, and both insist that the speaker's character is revealed through voice and action. Quintilian says that "character is in some mysterious way revealed through voice and action."

In short, good speech habits reveal and enhance good character, and good character is persuasive.

We see from these glimpses of the concept of ethical proof that it is a most promising source of information and inspiration to the college student who would make his speech persuasive. He can best do so by making himself an "able man," a person of good character, able to use well the fundamentals of speech.

*Editor's Note: The foregoing article, which seems pertinent to the current debate generation, appeared in **The Forensic** of 30 years ago – March, 1945.*

Footnotes

1. O'Neill, J.M., "The Juryman's Vote in Debate," **Quarterly Journal of Speech**, Oct., 1917, p. 326ff.; 346 ff.; Jan., 1918, p. 76 ff.

And Don't Shoot Off Your Mouth

*"Flux de Bouche" is the interesting title of an article in the May, 1939 **Forensic**, written by J. R. Pelsma. Pelsma was at that time coach at Pittsburg (Kans.) Teachers College. He gives some good advice on how to avoid "a flood of the mouth."*

"Too many speeches show insufficient preparation, both general and specific. There is no background of facts, no deep, prolonged study & no premeditation. Too many speeches are impromptu, and the results are words, words, words; ranting, ranting, ranting; nothing, nothing, nothing! . . .

"One does not sing a solo without years of

general preparation and days of specific practice. But one arises to speak at the drop of a hat. Our speech standards should be raised to equal those in music . . .

"However well a speaker may be informed on his subject and however profound his study and research, unless the facts are logically arranged, clearly and persuasively presented, the speech will not fulfill its purpose . . .

"Speeches are most boring to those who realize how much more interesting and effective they might be."

The Secretary's Page

Theo. O.F. Karl

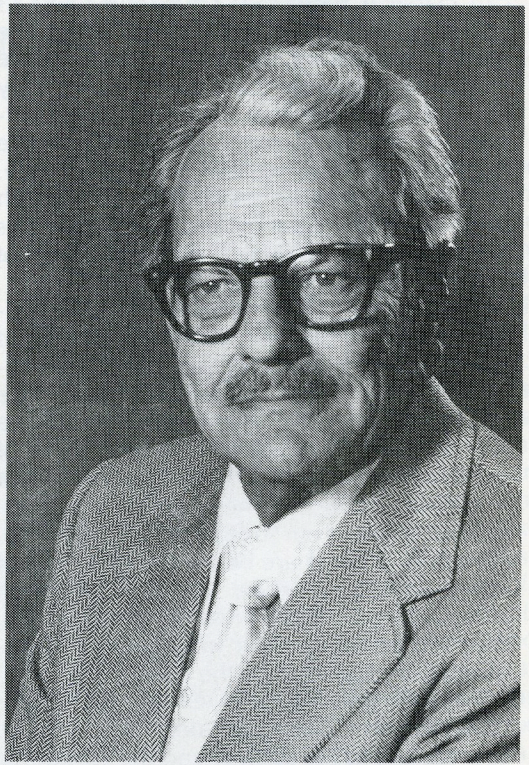
There is a possibility that some of you will receive this issue before you leave for Philadelphia. Maybe you will be reading it during your pilgrimage to one of the real historic sites of our nation.

The very fact of the site and the times should cause most to pause and think of the 200 years of history granted our country. The particular generations of which we are a part seem to seek times and events in history which strongly relate to the particular problems and successes of each of our generations. Some reflection and investigation should reveal that it is not too difficult to find these relationships, and even parallels.

Yes, each generation present at this convention has been or is witness to wars, peace, recession, prosperity, violence within and without, love, hate, mediocrity, and superior effort. To quote — "Twas ever thus."

We feel that Pi Kappa Delta as well has had an illustrious history, with its higher and sometimes lower levels. One wonders what has kept our fraternity in the forefront of forensic activity. Much of its success is due to the history carved out by idealistic predecessors, carried on by the present elders, the moving to the front of younger believers, and last but not least the students, all of whom have believed and do believe that such persuasion can and should be beautiful and just.

If the convention at Philadelphia can leave this as a residue, and those at home can be infected with some of this feeling, then all the time, effort, and money spent to attend will have been well spent. Perhaps it will be that more people will understand that effort and time spent on improvement is well worth while; and that most of us, regardless of generation, are positive and hopeful; and that much of what we think of as good can in some cases return, and in others continue to be determined by effort and persuasion.



It is our opinion that regardless of what convention or tournament you might attend, more of the real meaning of and learning about what we like to call togetherness, while still retaining our individuality, can be experienced at the National Pi Kappa Delta Convention. This is the reason for the existence of such a convention and tournament, in the hope that the enthusiasm will go back to the local chapter. This is where the heart of the entire organization exists. The national organization is interested in doing what the chapters want done, and to serve them in the best way possible.

There is a strong belief that debate is one of the best intellectual games yet devised, and that individual speaking provides the forum for generations to help shape the heritage of the future of our education and country.

The national office is here to serve, and the constant hope is that in some small way we can help bring an even greater enthusiasm for communication, and through it persuasion to those ideals for which our history as a country and a fraternity stand.

Have a great spring, and let us hear from you.

After Dinner Speaking

Sarah Caulkins

Now that speaking to entertain has come into the Pi Kappa Delta fold as a national tournament event this year, one must ask the question, "How do you do it?" Sara Caulkins of Kirkland, Ariz., gave some good advice in an article entitled, "After Dinner Speaking," published in **The Forensic** of March, 1955.

... First of all, the after dinner speaker often has to get his audience into a spirit of play. This is usually not a difficult task, but persons must be prepared for humor, for things are funny only when one is in a spirit of fun or play. Show the audience that you enjoy what you are doing. Be genial and good natured. Such an attitude is contagious and goes far in creating the desired atmosphere.

To a group in an extreme spirit of fun, prepared to laugh, almost anything is funny. Notice the way an audience often laughs when a TV or radio comedian merely opens his mouth or says something completely without humor. Most TV or radio audiences are "warmed-up" or put in a spirit of play before the program goes on the air.

Different speakers accomplish this warmup in different ways, of course. All an audience has to do is look at some speakers and they are ready to laugh. Other speakers must work a little to get their audiences into laughing moods.

The after dinner speaker is usually limited in time and wishes to accomplish the task of moving his audience from one emotional mood to another as quickly as possible. Whereas movement is essential to any good speech it is a primary requisite of the entertaining speech.

The very fact that the audience knows the speaker is there to make everyone laugh is often all that is required. Then if the speaker can catch his audience by surprise (surprise is one of the most important elements of humor) with a really good joke — and follow it very quickly with another, he has his audience. Use your good jokes to start the audience laughing. If some are weak, save them for the time when the audience is laughing at anything.

A very important point to remember is that

humor to be really funny and enjoyable should be fresh and timely. A joke once heard and laughed at is seldom appreciated as much the next time. Therefore the necessity of using humor that is fresh and new — or old enough to have passed from the conscious memories of most of the persons present.

Humor usually needs to be timely to be fully appreciated, for with the passing of the years, it loses its fields of associations. Notice how the popular comedians snatch on current events as the focal point of their humor, and then consider: how many persons today would find a joke about W.P.A. shovels funny?

A speaker should never crack jokes about or treat with levity anything which the listeners reverence highly, take very seriously, or about which they feel too intensely. In other words, don't tell jokes about drunks at a brewers' convention or at the meeting of a temperance league.

A little humor may go a long way, so it is best for the after dinner speaker to be brief in most situations. Hard laughter is exhausting (but refreshing) and the keen edge of a sense of humor is quickly dulled. Thus it is usually best to make a brief but brilliant appearance. Quit while the audience is still laughing heartily and can regret quite sincerely that the speech is over ...

Regardless of the primary purpose of the speech, a central idea which serves as a thread running through the entire speech is an organizational requirement. In the inspirational and informative speech, the central idea is nearer the surface because direct awareness of it by the audience is more essential to accomplish the speaker's purpose.

If it is necessary to give an inspirational or informational talk in the after dinner situation, the speaker can make at least a part of his ideas linger in the minds of at least some of his audience by being as brief and as humorous as the subject will allow him to be.

It requires a little preparatory work and some practice, but give after dinner speaking a try the next time an opportunity presents itself. You will find it not only fun for the audience, but also fun for you.

CHAPTER NOTES . . .

Edited by Jerry Winsor

PROVINCE 1 1 Chapter Reporting

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN

Reporter: Christy Ketelhut

Nebraska Wesleyan closed out 1974 with a successful first semester. Participants garnered 15 trophies. Members contributed the following to the "haul:" Northwest Missouri State — Christy Ketelhut and Karla Mason, fourth in senior debate; Christy, second in oratory. South Dakota State — same team second in senior debate; Karla third in oratory; Christy first in oratory and oral interp. The remaining trophies were gained by beginning debaters who placed first, second, and fourth at the Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensics Association Amateur Tournament, second and third at South Dakota State, third at Creighton University, and third in experimental debate at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Wesleyan also won the sweepstakes trophy at South Dakota State.

The 1975 goal is to break last season's records of 37 trophies. In pursuit of this, members braved rain, snow, sleet, and all sorts of bad things to attend the Longview Community College "Fun Tournament." The trip was not in vain as they carried home first in poetry interpretation (Landi Magnuson), second in prose interp (Christy) second and third in oratory (Karla and Christy), and third in after-dinner speaking (Landi). Visiting Director of Forensics Miss Mary Anne Adams also received a special coaches' award.

In spite of this, NWU forensics is not all work. Members held a pizza party and composed a squad letter to Forensics Director Dr. Alice Jaswal, who is spending the year in Stuttgart, Germany. Dr. Jaswal recently began teaching public speaking at an American army base in Stuttgart. She and her family will return to the States in August.

PROVINCE 2 1 Chapter Reporting

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE
MISSOURI

The college winterim found debaters scattered in off-campus programs, but they assembled often enough to keep in practice and attend some tournaments. First event of the second semester was the winning of sweepstakes at the Longview Community College Individual Events tournament.

The Blizzard tournament, held the middle weekend in February, had a new feature this year: readers' theatre.

Kevin Hopkins has been elected chapter president for the rest of the year, since former president John Shank has a final semester appointment as a legislative assistant in Jefferson City.

PROVINCE 4 1 Chapter Reporting

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS
CALIFORNIA

Reporter: William Southworth

The University of Redlands is currently enjoying its most successful year. Seniors Bill Smelko and Greg Ballard have thus far taken second place at MIT in October, third place at the Kentucky Round-Robin in October and just recently placed second at the UCLA Invitational. In addition Ballard was top speaker at the Georgetown Invitational and was third speaker at the Catholic Round-Robin and at UCLA and was second speaker at MIT.

Another Redlands team, comprised of seniors Pat Webb and Konrad Clark, have managed an even more impressive record. Clark and Webb won the Peachtree Invitational at Emory in November and two weeks later won the Georgetown Invitational. In addition they took second place at the Dixie Classic at Wake Forest and second place at the University of North Carolina Invitational. Webb has similarly managed a string of speaker awards with second speaker honors at North Carolina and Georgetown, third place honors at Houston and Wake Forest. So far there have been major national invitationals and Redlands has been in the final round of six of them. The squad is looking forward to upcoming tournaments at Utah, Boston College, Harvard, and Northwestern.

PROVINCE 5
3 Chapters Reporting

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE
SOUTH DAKOTA

The Augustana College forensic squad for the fourth consecutive year was rated in the top 10 in the National Sweepstakes competition among colleges with fewer than 2,500 students for the 1973-74 season.

The squad maintained a busy schedule as they entered tournaments throughout the nation. They competed in the Top of the Rockies Tournament at the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Wyoming, the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Emporia-Kansas State College, St. Olaf, Mankato State, Central Michigan State, University of Houston, Wichita State University, Notre Dame, University of Southern California, University of California at Los Angeles, and tournaments at South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota.

The success in all the forensic tournaments was primarily due to the combined efforts of John Eickman, Doug Coull, Debbie Sittig, Ann Goltz, Paul Klousia, Paul Mundt, Mari Sorenson, and forensic director Prof. Jerry Winsor.

Pi Kappa Delta officers for Augustana are Deb Sittig, president; John Eickman, vice-president; Ann Goltz, secretary; and Roxanne Karl, treasurer.

DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Dr. Mike Turchen

Dakota Wesleyan University enjoyed their annual PKD picnic and trips which included traveling to USD, SDSU, and Mankato State during the first semester. They attended the third annual High School Oral Interpretation Workshop in which over 200 students and coaches from 20 high schools participated. Dr. Charles Sandifer, Highline Community College, Midway, Wash. was guest lecturer and performer.

PKD new officers are Keith McVay, president and Bob Swank, vice-president. Kenrad Pederson was named outstanding forensic student and was enrolled in the Seminary at Washington D.C. and tournaments in adjoining states.

MAYVILLE STATE COLLEGE
NORTH DAKOTA
Reporter: Glenn Stocker

Dakota Epsilon Chapter at Mayville State College suffered through another long winter season. One bit of warmth came when Chapter President David Olson won first place in oratory at the Mankato State College Tournament in January. They did end up being snowed in for three days at Mankato, however, so they didn't win 'em all.

The chapter has been actively raising funds and new memberships. Two Fifties-style rock dances brought in some cash for scholarships, and a significant increase in college enrollment brought several new people into the group. President Dave is known on campus as Greasy Dave, the World's Worst D.J.

Colan Hanson, PKD graduate in 1969, is now assistant forensics director at Illinois State University. Another PKD grad, Martin Grindeland, is in Mass Communication at Illinois State. In the fall quarter of 1975 Dave Olson will begin M.A. work at North Dakota State University and assist PKD Chapter Sponsor E. James Ubbelohde in debate and forensics.



David Olson, Dakota Epsilon president and trophy grabber, admires his collection.

PROVINCE 6

1 Chapter Reporting

STATE COLLEGE OF ARKANSAS

Reporter: Oliver Lewis

The Arkansas Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta co-sponsored the appearance of Philip McDonagh and Davi Warren from Oxford University, England, on the SCA campus Nov. 5-6. During their two day stay the British debaters met informally with students and faculty, were guests of the college president at a dinner, and participated in a public debate on the topic of moral and political censorship.

The SCA debaters have traveled to Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, as well as in-state meets thus far this year in preparation for the big trip to Philadelphia.

PROVINCE 7

2 Chapters Reporting

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Gil Rau

Now sporting a new beard is Dr. David Ling, director of forensics. The only faculty member without a beard in the public address area of the department is Dr. Gilbert Rau, PKD adviser. He is thinking about starting a mustache, though.

Officers Steve Marsh, president; Rudy Serra, vice-president; and Lou Hanoian, secretary-treasurer, are leading the chapter in an active program. The chapter is about to undertake money-raising projects to augment the budget for the coming national convention.

Linda Wilson represents PKD on the student advisory council of the speech department; this council meets with the chairman of the department for the improvement of courses and instruction.

Eight new members were recently initiated. A second initiation will be conducted this spring.

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY OHIO

Reporter: James Edward Sayer

The Ohio Sigma Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at Wright State University continued its active forensic involvement into the current winter quarter after experiencing a hectic and successful quarter during the fall. During that time, WSU "forensians" competed in 11 debate and forensic tournaments, involving 31 students, and bringing home a good amount

of "hardware" and beneficial tournament experience.

In October, WSU debaters captured second place at the University of Akron Debate Tournament; and I.E. speakers garnered several awards, including the second place sweepstakes trophy at the Heidelberg College Individual Events Tournament.

In November, the debaters won fifth place at the Thiel College Debate Tournament and sixth place at the Otterbein College "Turkey" Debate Tournament. In addition, I.E. speakers continued to do well at the individual events tournaments hosted by Butler University, Parkersburg Community College, and Bowling Green State University. Dr. William Rickert, Director of Individual Events and Associate Director of Forensics, is pleased that 10 individuals have now qualified for competition in the IE national championships to be held in April.

Besides this great amount of tournament activity, WSU speakers were involved in working with the local high school forensics circuit and added a Speakers' Bureau to their activities. Under this program, area clubs are able to take advantage of top-notch inter-collegiate speakers to staff their various group programs and presentations, and the students gain the experience of speaking before varied audiences.

The local PKD chapter planned a large initiation ceremony in preparation for the National Convention in Philadelphia.

PROVINCE 8

3 Chapters Reporting

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN — EAU CLAIRE

Reporter: Grace Walsh

Wisconsin Zeta 216 at Eau Claire has its usual busy schedule. On campus last fall, Pi Kappa Delta sponsored a forensic workshop, a discussion clinic, and an interstate debate tournament for high school students. During the second semester, they hosted a winter debate classic tournament, the 31st Individual Events Speech Meet, and the District Debate Tournament for High Schools. They are also great supporters of the Summer Institute Program at the university which is now planning its 15 consecutive year of operation. This institute is scheduled for June 23 through July 5. Members of the fraternity might tell their interested young friends to look into the offerings of this institute where all teaching mem-

bers of the faculty are good members of Pi Kappa Delta and where many future members of our fraternity get their interest in forensics stimulated.

Caroline Welch has a graduate assistantship at the University of Southern California this year. Eric Van Ert is a graduate assistant at Southwest Louisiana. Coach Walsh continues with her usual velocity of activities. She has just returned from a trip to the Caribbean and she will have some new episodes to tell in her travel talks. The chapter has serviced a large number of civic organizations with programs — women's clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, faculty organizations, and religious organizations have had an opportunity to see what is being done in the training of the forensic squad at Eau Claire.

The officers of Pi Kappa Delta for the year are: Steve Schmucki, president; Brad Myers, vice-president; Jane Paul, secretary; Paul Ritchie, treasurer; Mary Nutting, historian.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN— OSHKOSH

Reporter: Dean Kuhlman

Wisconsin Gamma Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh began the 1974-75 year with the return of the *Spokesman*. After a couple years of dormancy, the newsletter again went out to all former members of Gamma Chapter to help promote better communications between the members. The response has been very good.

The chapter also sponsors a scholarship fund for new members of the debate team. The scholarship will be used for the purchase of texts for each semester. They hope that this will be the beginning of some rebuilding in the program.

UW-O sponsored a novice debate tournament the weekend of Feb. 15-16. They also have been working on raising capital for PKD Nationals in Philadelphia. Their spring pledge class will be initiated in late April or early May. Again they have a large pledge class.

Outstanding PKD graduates include: Ron Carlson in San Diego and Brian Steffel in Arizona, both studying law, Steve Alderton at the University of Indiana studying communications, and Tom Luljak, who was named the Outstanding Newsmen in Wisconsin.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN — RIVER FALLS

Reporter: Carol Ciaccio

The majority of students who participated in forensics at the U.W.-R.F. in '73-'74 were new to the campus. The coach and the newly-elected sponsor of the Wisconsin Delta Chapter, Gary R. Dostal, was also new to River Falls. For this reason, the success achieved by the group came as a surprise to all involved. The team amassed 39 awards, three of them being sweepstakes. By the end of the year, hopes were high for the '74-'75 competitive year.

This year's team has attended 12 tournaments and expects to attend at least four more in addition to nationals. The record, as it stands, is 28 awards, two being sweepstakes. In addition to participation in inter-collegiate forensics, the Delta Chapter has sponsored a high school debate clinic, a high school debate tournament Feb. 1, and a high school forensic tournament Feb. 22.

The newly elected officers for the '74-'75 year were: Diane Oswald, president; Phil Brenizer, vice-pres.; and Carol Ciaccio, secretary/treasurer. Gary Dostal acts as sponsor and was also elected at the close of last year by the Upper Mississippi Province as lieutenant governor.

PROVINCE 9 2 Chapters Reporting

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY VIRGINIA

Reporter: Stu Kimmeth

Old Dominion University has opened with a new sponsor and a new chapter president. Dr. Charles Kneupper is in his first year at ODU, and William Holloran succeeded to the presidency after the resignation of newlywed Gayle Falconer.

ODU had a relatively successful first semester placing at tournaments at Washington and Lee, the University of Pennsylvania, and Southern Connecticut State College. SCSC was clearly the high point of the first semester as Larry Stepp and Bill Holloran won the varsity division. Bill Parrish and Larry Stepp were first and second speakers in the varsity division. In I.E., Gayle Falconer placed second in persuasive speaking, and Bill Holloran was fifth in impromptu.

We started the spring semester with trips to William and Mary, and Bowling Green's Forensics Honorary before hosting our own "Chivalry" Forensic Tournament Feb. 21-22.

TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Melissa McDonald

Tennessee Delta Chapter entertained members and alumni at a breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 19, preceding Tennessee Tech's homecoming parade and festivities.

More than 60 present and past members enjoyed good food and fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pinkerton. The Pinkertons were promoters of speech at Tennessee Tech for many years when Mr. Pinkerton was Tech's forensic coach. Now retired, the Pinkertons still support PKD in many ways, including a scholarship fund for outstanding speakers.

The breakfast reunited many members who had not seen each other for several years. One lady was heard to exclaim to her husband, "That's my old debate partner! Turning to her ex-partner, she continued, "I wouldn't have known you anywhere just to see you — but I could never forget your voice!"

All in all, the event was a huge success, and Tennessee Delta Chapter hopes to make the homecoming breakfast an annual affair.

Province 10 2 Chapters Reporting

LEWIS AND CLARK COLLEGE OREGON

The Pioneers of Lewis and Clark started this forensic year by electing new officers: Mark Olsen, president; Mike Krieger, vice-president; Bruce Maland, treasurer; and Kim Fernandez, secretary.

The Beta Chapter began the 1974-75 season with the Wyoming-Colorado swing, one team "getting out" at each tournament. Next in line were tournies at Pacific, Gonzaga, and Western States, all of which ended with the Pioneers capturing a sweepstakes. At the University of Oregon and at Washington State University, LC debaters grabbed second places. Mark Olsen and Bruce Maland made quarterfinals at the Air Force tournament, highlighting that competitive experience. In a learning experience, Lewis and Clark also attended the UCLA-USC swing, with Olsen and Maland garnering first and third in extemp.

The LC forensics squad also traveled to Utah, Western Washington, and Heart of America.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON

Reporter: Robert Adeline

This has been a year of rebuilding at Pacific Lutheran University, as well as being an active and outstanding one thus far.

The chapter opened the forensic season sponsoring the annual Student Congress early in October. This event involved high schoolers from throughout the State of Washington and was patterned after the State's authentic Congress.

Throughout the year, Pi Kappa Delta has been involved in exchange debates with the Toastmasters at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary. Those debate topics have ranged from prison reform to the pardoning of former Pres. Nixon.

PLU's chapter then sponsored the all-campus oratory contest, and has planned a similar interpretation contest this spring.

Primary interest however, then turned to the Washington State High School Debate Tournament, held the weekend of Feb. 21. The tournament involves the state's top high school debaters and has become a highly prestigious event in recent years. Money raised at the tournament helped send the chapter to the National in Philadelphia.



High School Student Congress chairman Ray Heacox (right), H.S. Tournament director Jim Clymer (back) and chapter president John Collins (left) surround Director of Forensics Virginia Eman as they count money in their attempt to "wheel and deal" their way to Philadelphia.

The EDITOR Signs Off

From the very first issue of **The Forensic** (February, 1915) we excerpt a portion of the editorial. Today's national secretary-treasurer, Ted Karl, is still giving the same admonitions found in paragraph 2.

"Pi Kappa Delta has made a fine record thus far. Eleven locals and a state chapter in less than two years isn't so bad considering that we have done nothing in the way of advertising the fact that our organization existed outside of an occasional letter or a brief notice in some college paper. We are soon to have more chapters, by the way.

"'Communication' is the slogan adopted by the Kansas State Chapter. Let's make it National. 'Communication' — why that is the sole reason for **The Forensic**. Do you know that it has taken an immense amount of 'communication' to make this first issue possible, and that the editor has failed often, after repeated attempts, to get responses out of the chapters. Hammer up beside this motto, 'Communication,' another practical one. 'Write now.' There is a directory of Pi Kappa Delta on the inside back cover. Why don't you use it?"

The directory is now inside the front cover; the chapter directory at the back of every January issue. Unfortunately, that directory is not entirely complete or accurate, because some chapter sponsors fail to respond not only to the fall letter, but also to communications from Province governors and the Province Coordinator.

Not all chapters or students or sponsors are placid and happy. There are complaints from time to time, and even more often, fine new ideas that should be circulated. But complaints that are only grumbles over coffee at some tournament, and new ideas that stop with "we really ought to do something like that sometime" do not get results, because the communication lines are never built. So take the advice that Egbert Ray Nichols gave members of Pi Kappa Delta 60 years ago. "Write now."



Eloquence is logic on fire.

Author unknown

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