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CONSTITUTION OF PI KAPPA DELTA

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ARTICLE I—NAME

1. The name of this Honorary Forensic Society shall be "Pi Kappa Delta" the initial letters of the Greek phrase signifying "the art of persuasion beautiful and just." The name shall be written thus: on all insignia of the organization.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of this organization to stimulate progress in, and to promote the interests of intercollegiate oratory, debate, and public speaking by encouraging a spirit of intercollegiate fellowship, of brotherly co-operation and interest, and by conferring upon deserving candidates a badge of distinction, proficiency and honor varied and graduated according to merit and achievement.

ARTICLE III—ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

1. **Eligibility.** Eligibility to membership in this society shall be determined as follows: The candidate shall be a regular collegiate student in good standing or a graduate of an institution of college rank and shall have won first honors in a recognized local oratorical contest, or shall have represented his college in a recognized intercollegiate oratorical contest or debate, or shall be an instructor in public speaking or a coach of oratory or debate in a recognized college.

2. **Recognition.** Recognized institutions, oratorical contests, and debates shall be determined as follows: All institutions maintaining Local chapters of Pi Kappa Delta shall be considered as recognized institutions. A Local chapter may get the competing institutions in its state recognized by petitioning the National Council for such action. All state oratorical contests in which a majority of the recognized institutions of the state shall participate shall be considered as recognized state contests. All local contests preliminary to, and all Interstate or National contests subsequent to such recognized state contests shall be considered as recognized contests. Other local oratorical contests may be recognized by a special vote of the National Council.

3. **Application.** Each candidate for membership in this society shall make application in writing on the official blank. The Local Chapter shall then make an investigation of the eligibility of the candidate and, upon favorable report shall admit the applicant to membership. The application shall then be forwarded to the National Treasurer with a statement of its acceptance by the Local Chapter, together with the initiation fee as provided in Article V., Division A, Section 6. The National Treasurer shall immediately notify the National Secretary, who shall issue a certificate of membership; the appli-

cant shall then become a regular member of the society, and shall be given the standing to which he is eligible.

ARTICLE IV—DIVISIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this society shall be of four classes, three orders, and four degrees.

Division A—The Classes

The classes shall be (1) Active, (2) Inactive, (3) Graduate, and (4) Honorary.

1. **Active.** Only college students and instructors in Public Speaking or debate and oratory coaches, actively engaged as such, shall be eligible to admission as Active members. (Active members shall be of four grades, local, state, interstate, and national, and members shall be assigned a grading by the Welfare Committee upon a basis of activity within Pi Kappa Delta.)

2. **Inactive.** Only former active members shall constitute the Inactive Class of this organization. There shall be two divisions of Inactive members: (1) those Inactive because of non-attendance at the institution of learning in which their chapter is established, and (2) those Inactive by order of the Local, State or National chapters. An Inactive member of the first division shall become active upon his return to school. An Inactive member of the second division may become active upon payment of all dues and assessments that are due and unpaid by him at the time of his transference to the Inactive last, and upon payment of his membership dues for the current year, together with an additional re-instatement fee of Fifty Cents.

3. **Graduate.** Only former Active members, who have graduated from a recognized educational institution of collegiate rank, shall constitute the Graduate Class of this organization. Graduate members who pay the regular subscription price to the Forensic shall retain the privileges of Active members.

4. **Honorary.** Only college professors and educators, other than in public speaking, and Alumni or former students of collegiate rank who have achieved distinction in public address shall be eligible to admission as Honorary members.

Division B—Orders

The Orders shall be (1) Oratory, (2) Debate, (3) Instruction. The members of this society who are admitted because of achievement in Oratory shall be of the Order of Oratory; because of achievement in Debate shall be of the Order of Debate; because of achievement in Instruction shall be of the Order of Instruction. A member may be of one, two, or three orders, depending upon his qualifications.

Division C—Degrees

The degrees shall be (1) the Degree of Fraternity, (2) the Degree of Proficiency, (3) the Degree of Honor, and (4) the Degree of Special Distinction

1. **Degree of Fraternity.** All members of this society shall be members of the Degree of Fraternity, and the requirements for eligibility to this degree shall be the same as the eligibility requirements for admission to Pi Kappa Delta.

2. **Degree of Proficiency.** All members of the Degree of Proficiency shall be members of the Degree of Fraternity. Eligibility to membership in the Degree of Proficiency shall be determined as follows: If of the Order of Oratory, the candidate shall have won as high as third place in a recognized intercollegiate contest of at least six or more contestants, as high as second

place in a contest of less than six contestants. If of the Order of Debate, the candidate shall have been a member of two debate teams, participating in recognized Intercollegiate Debates, one of which shall have been a winning team. If of the Order of Instruction, the candidate shall have instructed in Public Speaking, at least five members of the Degree of Proficiency.

3. Degree of Honor. All members of the Degree of Honor shall be members of the Degrees of Fraternity and Proficiency. Eligibility to membership in the Degree of Honor shall be determined as follows: If of the Order of Oratory, the candidate shall have won first honors in a recognized intercollegiate oratorical contest. If of the Order of Debate, the candidate shall have been a member of three debate teams participating in recognized intercollegiate debates, two of which have been winning teams (it being permissible to substitute participation in a recognized intercollegiate oratorical contest for one debate, and to count third in a contest of six or more contestants and second in a contest of less than six as a winning debate for the candidate.) If of the Order of Instruction, the candidate shall have instructed in Public Speaking at least five members of the Degree of Honor.

4. Degree of Special Distinction. All members of the Degree of Special Distinction shall be members of the Degrees of Fraternity, Proficiency, and Honor. Eligibility to membership in the Degree of Special Distinction shall be determined as follows: If of the Order of Oratory the candidate shall have won first or second honors in a recognized inter-state oratorical contest. If of the Order of Debate, the candidate shall have been a member of four debate teams, participating in recognized intercollegiate debates, three of which shall have been winning teams. (It being permissible to substitute the winning of a recognized intercollegiate oratorical contest of four competitors for one winning debate and of six or more competitors for two winning debates.) If of the order of instruction the candidate shall have instructed in Public Speaking at least five members of the Degree of Special Distinction.

Change in Standing. Any member of this organization who after his admission to membership may become eligible to a different Class, additional Orders, or to a higher Degree shall have his standing in the organization changed, upon application to the National Secretary on the official form, and upon sending his key to the National Treasurer to be exchanged for an official key of his new standing.

ARTICLE V—ORGANIZATION

Pi Kappa Delta shall be composed of three division: The Local Chapter, the State Organization, and the National Organization.

Division A—The Local Chapter

1. Local Chapter. A Local Chapter shall be composed of five or more persons eligible to membership in this society as provided in Article III, Section 1. A Local Chapter may be established in any recognized college or university. Local Chapters may be of two kinds: Active and Graduate or Alumni. Alumni chapters shall differ from Active Local Chapters in that they may be established outside of educational institutions, and shall not be allowed to take in members who have not previously been members in good standing of Active Chapters.

2. Charter. A Charter bearing the seal of the organization and signed by the National President and Secretary shall be granted to each Local Chapter of this society upon its organization as such. The charters shall be duplicates of the standard form, filed as such with the National Historian.

3. Size of Chapter. No Local Chapter shall be allowed to retain its Charter if its Active membership for any school year falls below five. The

membership on May 15th shall be considered as the membership for the current year. Each chapter shall report on its membership to the National President on or before this date, and upon failure to do so may be suspended.

4. Activities of Local Chapter. The Local Chapter shall have full charge of all its activities within the limits of this constitution, and the rules and regulations of the State and National organizations.

5. Voting Power. Each Local Chapter shall have one vote in the affairs of the State and National organizations. This vote may be delegated to a representative in case of conventions and conclaves and shall be a majority vote of chapter members in case of referendum.

6. Fees. The membership fee of active members shall be One Dollar and Fifty Cents a year, payable on or before November 1st of each school year. The initiation fee of members of all classes shall be One Dollar and Fifty Cents. The payment of the initiation or annual membership fee shall entitle the member to receive The Forensic for that school year without further charge. The Charter fee, payable upon the establishment of the Chapter, shall be Five Dollars. Members of the Order of Instruction shall not be required to pay dues other than the regular initiation fee.

7. Officers. Each Local Chapter shall elect officers at least once each year. The following officers must be included in the list of Local Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Reporter or Corresponding Secretary.

8. Local Chapter Finances. The Local Chapter shall have the power to levy such assessments on its Active members as it may choose. Non-payment of annual membership dues shall cause the delinquent member to be transferred, without notice, to Inactive membership. Non-payment of assessments shall render the delinquent member liable to be transferred to Inactive membership at the option of the Local Chapter, due notice of such transfer being given to the National Secretary.

8. Responsibility. The President of the Local Chapter shall be the responsible head of the local organization as far as its relations with the State and National organizations are concerned, and he shall be responsible for the fulfillment of the requirements of this constitution, and the regulations of the State and National organizations.

10. Expulsion. The Local Chapter shall have power to expel any member. Notice of such expulsion shall be sent to the National Secretary on the official form, accompanied by the key of the member expelled. An expelled member may be re-admitted to membership by a unanimous vote of the Local Chapter.

11. Transference of Membership. Any Active member in good standing may transfer his membership from one Local Chapter to another by securing a provisional dismissal from the chapter of which he is a member, provided such dismissal is accepted in due form by another chapter and forwarded to the National Secretary, or is forwarded to the National Secretary in connection with a petition for a new chapter.

12. Duties. Each Local Chapter shall provide itself with a local constitution, shall meet regularly, shall initiate new members annually using the obligation and ceremony provided by the National Organization, shall report new members, and changes in standing of members to the National President, Treasurer, and Secretary, shall collect membership fees promptly, and forward them to the National Treasurer, and shall send an annual chapter letter to the Editor of The Forensic.

Division B—The State Organization

State Organizations or State Chapters of Pi Kappa Delta may exist in

states which have two or more Local Chapters. Such state organizations shall provide for a State Convention, a State Council, and a State General Chapter.

1. State Convention. The State Convention shall be composed of duly authorized delegates of the Local Chapters and shall sit annually at the time and place selected by the State Council. Local Chapters shall have equal voice and voting privileges in the State Convention. The State Convention may work under any rules or constitution that it desires to adopt which are in harmony with the letter and spirit of this constitution and the regulations of the National Organization.

2. The State Council. The State Council shall be composed of the State Officers, elected by the State Convention. The State Council shall act for the State Convention when the latter is not in session. It shall be the duty of the State Council to look after the interests of Pi Kappa Delta within its jurisdiction, to promote a spirit of friendly co-operation and harmony in forensic affairs, and to look after the membership of the General Chapter of the State.

3. The State General Chapter. Each State in which Pi Kappa Delta has chapters shall have a General Chapter. Members of suspended and abandoned chapters shall be transferred to membership in the General Chapter. The State Council may propose to the State Convention or to the Chapters by referendum names of persons, eligible to the Degree of Proficiency and to membership in the State General Chapter, who are students or instructors in Public Speaking in recognized institutions of learning not having Local Chapters of Pi Kappa Delta. The applications of such members shall be filed with the National Secretary, and the regular initiation fees and membership dues shall be paid to the National Treasurer. Members of the General Chapter shall have the right to wear the insignia of Pi Kappa Delta, and may elect a delegate to the State and National Conventions to represent the General Chapter. Members of the General Chapter may vote in Referendum elections under the same rules as those applying to the Local Chapters. The State Council shall be the officers of the State General Chapter.

Division C—The National Organization

The National Organization shall be a federation of the Local Chapters of Pi Kappa Delta. It shall hold the supreme executive, legislative and judicial power and shall be the source of all authority in this society, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this constitution. It shall not be a secret society. The National organization shall be composed of the National Convention, the National Council, the Standing Committees and the National General Chapter.

1. The National Convention. (a) Representation. Each Active Local Chapter shall be entitled to one representative in the National Convention. Each Alumni Chapter and the Graduate members of each Active Local Chapter shall be entitled to one representative in the National Convention. State General Chapters and the National General Chapter, when their membership comprises ten or more shall be entitled to one delegate each to the National Convention. Members of the National Council shall each be entitled to a vote in the National Convention.

(b) Quorum. A quorum of the National Convention shall consist of delegates, either Active or Graduate, from a majority of the Local Chapters.

(c) Time and Place. The National Convention shall assemble bi-ennially at the call of the National President at the time and place chosen by the last

National Convention, or if not thus designated as selected by the National Council.

(d) **Powers.** In the National Convention shall be vested the supreme powers given to the National Organization. The actions, rules, and regulations of the National Convention shall be binding upon all Local Chapters, State Organizations or other subordinate organizations within Pi Kappa Delta. It shall elect the National Officers and may delegate to them such of its powers as it shall deem necessary or expedient. It shall have power to lay assessments upon the Local Chapters apportioned equally upon the individual members of the society. It shall have power to expel a member upon just cause or upon flagrant violation of the provisions of this constitution or of the obligation given at the time of admission into Pi Kappa Delta. It shall have the power of granting Local Chapters upon petition, except as otherwise provided in this constitution. It shall have power to vote expenditures from the National Treasury.

2. The National Council. The National Council shall be composed of the Officers of the National Organization elected by the National Convention.

(a) **Eligibility.** Any Active member of Pi Kappa Delta who is in good standing shall be eligible to the National Council.

(b) **Powers.** The National Council shall act for the National Convention when the later is not in session and shall be responsible to the National Convention, except when acting upon instructions obtained from the Local Chapters by referendum. The Council may call a referendum upon its own initiative or at the request of three Local Chapters. The National Council shall have the power of final action in admitting Local Chapters upon petition, except when such petitions are received within a period of six weeks before the time set for the National Convention. The National Council shall have power to vote expenditures from the National Treasury to pay the legitimate bills of the society and indebtedness incurred by action of the National Convention.

3. Officers and Duties. The officers of the National Organization of Pi Kappa Delta shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian. They shall be elected for a term of two years and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected.

(a) **President.** The National President shall be the executive head and shall preside at all meetings of the National Council and Convention. The out-going President shall be temporary chairman of the National Convention and the in-coming President shall be permanent chairman. The President shall edit the Forensic.

(b) **Vice-President.** The National Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in case of absence, resignation, or vacancy. The Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Charter Committee.

(c) **Secretary.** The National Secretary shall keep the minutes of the National Convention and of the National Council. He shall file all applications for membership and shall keep a complete record of the standing of each member. He shall have charge of the issuing of all charters and membership certificates. He shall confer at regular intervals with the National Treasurer, shall receive fees for him and co-operate in advancing the financial condition of the treasury by aiding in the collection of charter fees and membership fees. He shall make a report to the convention on the number and standing of members of the entire organization and of Local Chapters.

(d) **Treasurer.** The National Treasurer shall collect the charter fees, membership fees and initiatory fees. He shall keep a complete record of

the finances, supplies, etc., of the organization, and shall have charge of the issuing of keys to individual members. He shall confer at regular intervals with the National Secretary and co-operate with him in matters depending upon financial transactions. He shall make a report of the finances at least once each year for publication in *The Forensic*, and for submission to the National Convention. He shall give bond upon request of the National Council or National Convention, and his accounts shall be audited at each convention.

(e) **Historian.** The National Historian shall keep all documents and records pertaining to the growth and history of Pi Kappa Delta. He shall keep a file of all the publications of the society, and record notable achievements of its members or significant services to Pi Kappa Delta.

4. **Appointive Officers and Committees.** The National President shall have the power to appoint at any time such officers and committees as he shall deem necessary to the welfare and advancement of the society.

(a) **Provinces.** The Local Chapters and State Organizations shall be assigned to the supervision of Province Officers, and such officers when appointed by the National President shall constitute an Advisory or Welfare Committee. The Province Officer shall be directly responsible to the National President for the condition of his Province. It shall be his duty to see that each chapter in his jurisdiction keeps its work going properly, makes its reports of newly elected members, and of changes in standing of members, etc. He shall be the field representative of Pi Kappa Delta in his jurisdiction and shall when possible visit the chapters, help to organize locals to petition Pi Kappa Delta in institutions not yet entered, and install chapters when charters are granted.

(b) **Legal Advisor.**—The National President shall appoint a legal advisor to the society with whom the National Treasurer and National Council may consult in making contracts and agreements and in transacting legal business.

5. **Standing Committees.** (a) **The Charter Committee.** The National President shall appoint a Charter Committee composed of two or more members to act with the Vice-President, who shall be Chairman of the Committee. It shall be the function of this committee to investigate local organizations petitioning Pi Kappa Delta, to pass upon the petitions and make recommendations to the National Council, National Convention, or National Organization concerning them.

(b) **Publicity Committee.** A Publicity Committee shall be appointed during each presidential administration, whose duty it shall be to advance the interests of Pi Kappa Delta by furnishing information about the society and its doings to newspapers, year books, fraternity publications, etc. Each Local Chapter shall have a Publicity Officer, whose duty it shall be to cooperate with this committee.

6. **National General Chapter.** The National Organization shall maintain a General Chapter into whose membership it may assign members of suspended and abandoned chapters which do not fall under the jurisdiction of an existing State General Chapter. The National Council and the National Convention may elect to membership in the General Chapter persons eligible to membership in Pi Kappa Delta under the terms provided in Article III of this Constitution. Members of the National General Chapter shall have the same rights as those granted to members of the State General Chapters in Article V., b 3.

ARTICLE VI—OFFICIAL KEY

1. The official badge of Pi Kappa Delta shall be an honorary gold key, a duplicate of the official key filed with the Historian of the society as such.

2. **Key Description.** The Key shall denote Degree, Order, and distinction of membership, in the following manner: The distinguishing mark of the Degree of Fraternity key shall be an Opal set in the eye; of the Degree of Proficiency shall be a Pearl set in the eye; of the Degree of Honor shall be an Emerald set in the eye; of the Degree of Special Distinction, shall be a Diamond set in the eye. The distinguishing mark of the Order of Oratory shall be an Opal set in the upper center; of the Order of Debate shall be a Pearl set in the upper center; of the Order of Instruction shall be an Emerald set in the upper center; of Honorary membership, shall be a Sapphire set in the upper center; of two orders shall be a Turquoise set in the upper center; of three orders shall be a Diamond set in the upper center.

4. **Key Regulations.** Pi Kappa Delta keys in good condition and unengraved shall be exchangeable for other keys, or may have other sets inserted, upon application to the National Treasurer and the payment by the owner of the key of the cost of exchanging or additional jewelling. It shall be a misdemeanor for any member to accept a Pi Kappa Delta Key except through the National Treasurer, or to exchange keys or jewels except through the National Treasurer or on his written consent. It shall be cause for the expulsion of any member if he shall voluntarily permit any one not eligible to his standing in Pi Kappa Delta to wear his key. All keys shall be numbered and records kept of them by the National Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII—THE FORENSIC

1. This society shall publish a magazine devoted to the interests of the organization, which shall be known as "The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta." The magazine shall contain the official papers of the society, news of its work and progress, general forensic news and articles such as briefs of debates, reports of oratorical contests and debates, and such other material as shall be suitable for a forensic magazine. The President shall be its Editor in Chief, and shall have direct charge of it, subject to the general supervision of the National Council and Convention. Subscription shall be free to all Active members of this society, and in applying for membership the candidate also understands that he is subscribing for this magazine. The subscription price of the magazine shall be fixed by the National Council.

ARTICLE VIII—GRAND CATALOG

1. The National President shall keep a Grand Catalog of the names of members of Pi Kappa Delta, with a record of the Class, Orders, Degree, Graduation year, Key number, Chapter and address. The President of each Local Chapter shall send this information annually, or oftener if requested, to the President on the official catalog forms. The National President shall compare this information with the reports of the National Secretary and verify, and shall then file the catalog form in the Grand Catalog.

ARTICLE IX—PROCEDURE

1. **Petition for Local Chapter.** The petition shall be made on the official blank. It may be received by any member of the society but shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Charter Committee, the National Vice-President. The petition shall be accompanied by a college information blank and by individual application blanks filled out by the signers of the petition. The petition should also be accompanied by a photograph of the petitioning group,

by a catalogue of the college or university represented by the petitioners and pictures of its grounds and buildings, and by endorsements of chapters or members of Pi Kappa Delta. (In case of Alumni chapters no college information blank, etc., shall be required.)

The Vice-President shall see that the blanks are properly filled out and that the petitioners are eligible, after which he shall forward a list of the names and qualifications of the individual petitioners, with pictures and full information, to the other members of the Charter Committee. (In case of an Alumni Chapter a statement of the facts concerning the proposed chapter shall be sent.) Each member of the Charter Committee shall vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of recommending the acceptance of the petition and the granting of a charter, and send his vote to the Chairman. Before casting his own vote the Chairman shall consult the Local Chapters in the jurisdiction in which it is proposed to install the new chapter and ascertain their attitude. If the attitude of the Charter Committee is favorable and the Local Chapters concerned make no objection, he shall recommend to the National Council that the charter be granted.

The National Council shall take final action. Should the attitude of the Charter Committee be unfavorable, the Chairman shall notify the person who sent in the petition to the Committee. (If the Charter Committee is favorable and any of the Local Chapters in the jurisdiction are opposed the Chairman shall place the petition, without recommendation, before the National Council for final action. In such cases the National Council may take a referendum vote of the Local Chapters if it shall see fit to do so, or place the matter before the next National Convention.)

When a charter has been granted by the National organization or Local Chapters in referendum or convention, the National Secretary shall notify the Local petitioner. Upon receipt of this notification the members of the new Local Chapter shall send the charter fee and dues as provided in Article V., Section 6, to the National Treasurer. He shall notify the National Secretary, who shall then make a full report of the standing of all new members to the National President for filing in the Grand Catalog. The National President shall immediately appoint a member of the society to install the new chapter, and the National Secretary shall then forward the certificates of membership and the charter to the installing officer.

2. Installation. The National Secretary shall furnish each new chapter with a copy of the Installation Ceremony and full instructions concerning the rules and regulations of the society and the obligations of the Local Chapter to Pi Kappa Delta. The new chapter shall pay the expenses of the officer sent to conduct the installation ceremony.

3. Annual Initiation Ceremony. It shall be the practice of each chapter to require all new members to take the initiatory obligation. A ritual initiation, approved by the National Organization, may be given each new member but such initiations shall not be secret.

ARTICLE X—RULES OF ORDER

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority of this society in Parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE XI—AMENDMENTS

1. This Constitution may be amended at a regular National Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, or by a three-fourths vote in a referendum initiated by the National Council and taken as provided for in Article V., Division C, Section 2 (b).

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The Installation of Oklahoma A. & M. Chapter

Dr. John R. MacArthur of the English Department of Kansas State Agriculture College, our National Secretary, installed the Oklahoma Agricultural College Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta September 30th, 1916.

He arrived in Stillwater about noon of the 30th, and was met at the train by Brothers French and Skinner, President and Secretary of the chapter. During the afternoon Brother MacArthur initiated these two so that they could help him put on the ceremony, which requires a team of three, in the evening.

Promptly at 7 o'clock in the evening the chapter met in the reception room of the President of the college, and the initiation ceremony, adopted by the Convention last spring (and, which, by the way, was largely the work of Dr. MacArthur,) was put on.

Dr. MacArthur reports simply that the ceremony was successful and impressive, and that afterward the chapter went to the Women's Hall, where a reception and dinner were given.

The dinner was attended by the President of the college and by several of the professors and their wives, a fact which makes the entrance of Pi Kappa Delta into Oklahoma A. & M. particularly auspicious. Dr. MacArthur wrote *The Forensic* that he was made to feel that the authorities of the college were thoroughly in favor of a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and that the entire affair passed most pleasantly. He added that he was greatly pleased with the size and character of the institution, and that the young people taken into Pi Kappa Delta were an excellent group, earnest, and loyal to the interests of oratory and debating.

The dinner was served for the new chapter by the Domestic Science Department of the college, another instance of co-operation which was pleasing.

The only disappointing thing was the absence of Professor Isadore Samuels, the organizer of the chapter, who had gone to Columbia on leave of absence to continue his graduate work. He has been succeeded at Oklahoma by a new coach, who hails from the University of Texas Pi Kappa Delta

will be glad to welcome him when the new chapter confers membership upon him.

The Morningside Chapter

The National Council, upon the recommendation of the Charter Committee, has just granted a charter to the group of petitioners at Morningside College.

Morningside is a Methodist College, located at Sioux City, Iowa. It has about three hundred students, an excellent plant and a substantial endowment. Its future is assured and its past has been useful.

Morningside has always been an able college in Forensic work, its debaters and orators having won many honors for the institution. Last year Morningside won over Dakota Wesleyan and St. Olaf in a triangular. Its debate record with Coe and Teacher's college of Iowa was an excellent one. In oratory, Morningside produced Johnson, who won the Peace Contest in Iowa about the time Pi Kappa Delta was organized and who took second in the old line contest out of fifteen contestants.

Johnson was a charter member of Pi Kappa Delta, a national founder, and organized a local chapter at Morningside, which for some reason only partly affiliated with the national organization and then gave up the ghost.

A new local was formed at Morningside last spring by Prof. Charles A. Marsh, who has the department of Public Speaking there, for the purpose of petitioning Pi Kappa Delta. This local has been granted a charter and as soon as arrangements can be perfected it will be installed. Welcome, Morningside, and luck to you!

Kansas Normal Petitions

A letter to the Editor of The Forensic from Prof. F. L. Gilson, head of the Department of Public Speaking at Kansas Normal of Emporia, informs the order through these pages that the Teachers of Kansas have organized a local society and are on the point of petitioning for a charter in Pi Kappa Delta.

By the time this issue of The Forensic is out a petition will be in the hands of the Charter Committee and the Kansas Chapters will be voting on the admission of this institution.

The Kansas or Emporia Normal, as it is called, is a Teachers' College rather than a normal. It has the right (granted by the state) to give the B. A. and B. S. degrees, and in reality gives the regular four years' college work. Seemingly it is upon a foundation similar to that of Iowa Teachers' College to which Delta Sigma Rho granted a charter some time ago.

The Kansas Normal is a rather large institution, has an excellent plant and is kept up by the state. It belongs to the Kansas College Conference in Athletics, debates K. S. A. C. in dual debate annually, and competes in a Normal school oratorical contest, and in the Women's oratorical of Kansas, if the writer has been correctly informed. The institution is in every way worthy of favorable consideration by the Chapters of Pi Kappa Delta.

Procedure In Pi Kappa Delta

Applicants for charter and for membership in Pi Kappa Delta and new officers of chapters often are in doubt as to where to send the blanks they fill out, and to whom reports should be made.

Applications for charter go first to the Chairman of the Charter Committee.

Vice-President E. A. Vaughan. After the Charter Committee has passed on the applications they are sent to the National President. He takes a poll of the Council upon the recommendation of the Charter Committee. The papers go from him to the National Treasurer, then to the National Secretary and finally to the National Historian.

Application blanks of individual members for membership and for promotion go first to the National Treasurer, then to the National Secretary. Each takes off the data necessary for the catalogue of members which he keeps. The Treasurer collects the dues upon receipt of the application blanks, and the Secretary issues the membership certificates when the blanks reach him.

Application for membership in the General Chapter may be received by any member of the National Council. Each application is voted upon by the National Council, except in cases where they are put before the National Convention.

Application for charters are put before the convention when made near the time of convention.

The President requires annual reports from the chapters each year in order to get the subscription list and addresses correct for the mailing list of The Forensic. He also keeps a card catalogue of members and of their orders, degrees, addresses, etc.

Harold R. Husted of Sioux Falls will be Pi Kappa Delta's one representative in the National Prohibition contest at Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28. However, M. C. Smithson, one of the Pacific Coast representatives, will probably make application for membership in the National General Chapter before the contest takes place.

Kansas State College has met Iowa State College in a dual debate already this year, winning on the affirmative and losing on the negative. K. S. A. C. will hold ten more debates this year.

South Dakota Wesleyan has entered a quadrangular contest with Huron, Yankton and Sioux Falls Colleges for this year. Nebraska Wesleyan will also be met. The co-eds will meet Morningside and University of South Dakota.

The University of Redlands will hold ten debates during the year, two of them for girls. The three regular oratorical contests will be entered. A benefit play will be put on each year to raise money for a debate trip East in alternate years. Redlands will have a team in the East at the time of the next Pi Kappa Delta Convention if plans carry.

The Fairmount Chapter gave Secretary MacArthur a banquet while on his way to install the chapter at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Finding that he was obliged to change trains and spend the night in their city the members of the Fairmount Chapter turned loose a little of the right kind of pep, and did their best to make our Secretary enjoy himself while in Wichita.

The National Treasurer reports that Pi Kappa Delta members must buy over fifty keys within the next sixteen months for us to make good on our contract with the fraternity jeweler. As we have sold nearly fifty in the last six months we have hopes. Over 150 Pi Kappa Delta Keys are now in the hands of members. Have you yours yet? By the way, the new Key is a beauty.

Any one desiring printed stationery and correspondence cards with the Key or Seal of the fraternity may get them by ordering through Miss Jessie J. Nye, Newton, Kansas.

Tau Kappa Alpha is holding its biennial convention at Indianapolis the 29th and 30th of this month.

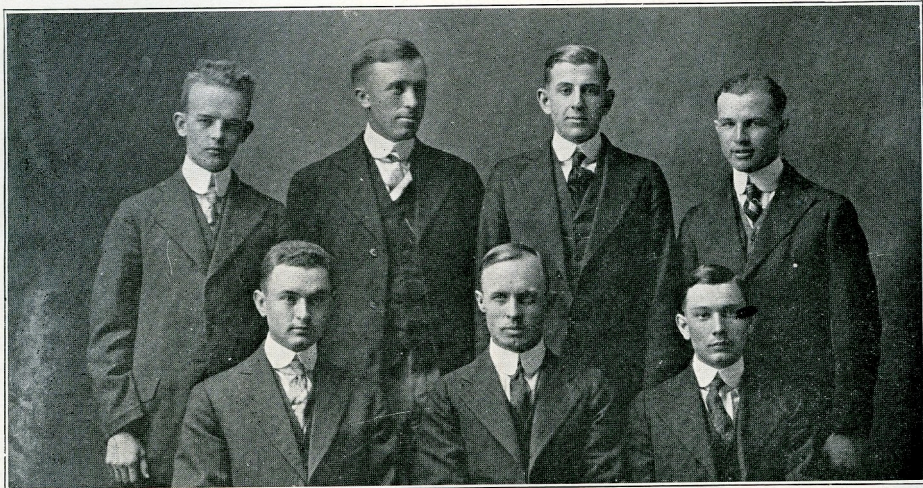
Banta's Greek Exchange, in its Directory of Greek letter organizations, classifies Phi Alpha Tau as a fraternity, and Delta Sigma Rho, Tau Kappa Alpha, and Pi Kappa Delta as honorary societies. This classification would seem to be correct as the three use honorary keys and Phi Alpha Tau has a pin.

Delta Sigma Rho will hold its convention at New Haven, Conn., May 3, 4 and 5, 1917.

The Forensic acknowledges the receipt of Banta's Greek Exchange, The Speaker of Tau Kappa Alpha, and The Communicator of Phi Delta Chi.

As we go to press inquiries from two institutions concerning the necessary procedure to get into Pi Kappa Delta come to hand. If they develop properly into applications the February Forensic will carry full information.

If you have not subscribed to The Forensic, better do so before the February issue. There is big news afoot in The Forensic world which will come out in one of the forthcoming numbers—that is, as soon as the editor dares to "release" it.



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TOP ROW—LEFT TO RIGHT—WITHINGTON, HAYES, DAVIS, DUGGAR
BOTTOM ROW—CORY, VAUGHAN, WELLS.



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