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FORENSIC HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS.

There are four forensic honor societies. The oldest, Delta Sigma Rho, was organized in 1906 and the youngest, Pi Kappa Delta was begun in 1912 and completed in organization in January 1913. Tau Kappa Alpha, the second in the field, was begun in 1907 and organized in 1908.

Delta Sigma Rho.

The credit for the organization of Delta Sigma Rho is shared by Professor McDermott, of the University of Minnesota, and Prof. Gordon, of the University of Iowa. These two men conceived the idea of organizing an honorary forensic fraternity at about the same time and wrote each other letters on the subject which passed somewhere in Uncle Sam's mail bags between Minneapolis and Iowa City. The upshot of their planning was that on April 13, 1906, representatives of the state universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and from Chicago and Northwestern universities met at the Stratford Hotel in Chicago and formulated plans for the organization now known as Delta Sigma Rho.

Delta Sigma Rho is organized much as the ordinary Greek letter fraternity is organized—upon a chapter basis. Individual members of the local are members of the national organization. Eligibility to membership is determined as follows: "Any person who has been an authorized and fully participating representative of a university or college having a chapter of Delta Sigma Rho or thereafter establishing one, in an intercollegiate contest of debate or oratory, shall be eligible to membership in the local chapter and may be elected by a majority vote, provided that no person representing a part of the university or college only shall be eligible."

The key of Delta Sigma Rho is a gold rhomboid with the letters Delta Sigma Rho engraved across the face. It is neat and attractive.

Delta Sigma Rho holds annual conventions. These were begun in 1907 and continue in an unbroken line to the present, a rather remarkable achievement.

From the eight universities which met to found it, Delta Sigma Rho has grown until it includes almost every large university in the country. Its chapter roll as reported for the next volume of *Intercollegiate Debates* includes the following institutions:

Allegheny College
Albion College
Beloit College

Syracuse University
University of Chicago
University of Colorado

Brown University	University of Illinois
Carleton College	University of Iowa
Colgate University	University of Kansas
Columbia University	University of Michigan
Cornell University	University of Minnesota
Dartmouth College	University of Missouri
George Washington University	University of Nebraska
Harvard University	University of North Dakota
Indiana University	University of Oklahoma
Iowa State College	University of Pennsylvania
Iowa Teachers' College	University of Texas
Knox College	University of Virginia
Leland Stanford University	Washington and Lee University
Northwestern University	Wesleyan University
Ohio State University	Western Reserve University
Ohio Wesleyan University	Williams College
Princeton University	Yale University
Swarthmore College	

Among the petitions to Delta Sigma Rho which have an excellent chance to be granted are Oberlin College, and Pennsylvania State College.

Tau Kappa Alpha.

Tau Kappa Alpha was conceived and organized by Mr. Oswald Ryan, a student of Butler College, Indiana, with the aid of Hugh Th. Miller, the Lieut. Governor of Indiana at that time (1907-8). After some preliminary work in 1907, a group of men from Butler and Wabash Colleges and DePauw University, all in Indiana, met in the spring of 1908 at the office of Mr. Miller in the Capitol building at Indianapolis and founded the Tau Kappa Alpha Forensic Fraternity.

From Indiana, Tau Kappa Alpha spread to Miami University, Oxford, and Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. At this time a change seems to have come into the policy of the organization, and as the Editor of the Forensic was informed by a member of Tau Kappa Alpha, only one chapter was established in a state from that time on. This seems to be a distinct feature of Tau Kappa Alpha—the state chapter. Forensic men from other institutions than the one at which the chapter is located are admitted. The organization also encourages the admission of prominent alumni who were forensic men in college. Based upon the state chapter idea, Tau Kappa Alpha, cannot of course have over forty-eight chapters, and at present does not have but about one third of that number. The organization has been conservative from the beginning because of its one chapter policy, wishing, of course, to enter a strong institution when it does enter a state.

The key of the organization is square and resembles the key of Phi Beta Kappa.

The chapter roll as reported to the Editor of Intercollegiate Debates and in the Public Speaking Review is :

Colorado—University of Denver.
 Indiana—Butler, DePauw, Wabash.
 Idaho—
 Louisiana—University of Louisiana.
 Massachusetts—
 Montana—University of Montana.
 New York—New York University.
 North Carolina—
 Ohio—Miami University, Muskingum College.
 Tennessee—Vanderbilt University.
 Utah—University of Utah.
 Virginia—Randolph-Macon College.
 Washington—University of Washington.
 Wisconsin—Lawrence College.

Phi Alpha Tau.

The third (not having accurate information our surmise is that it was third) organization to enter the forensic field was Phi Alpha Tau. This organization originated among the students at the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, Mass., and is at the present time the smallest organization in the field in number of chapters, having but five according to the last report received. It may, however, have added more during the school year of 1913-14. Of these chapters only two have been reported to the Editor of Intercollegiate Debates and these are located at the University of Nebraska and at Carroll College, Wisconsin.

The distinctive feature of Phi Alpha Tau is that it is not confined to orators and debaters but admits readers, and students winning places in college dramatics.

Phi Alpha Tau does not confer a key. Its members wear a badge similiar to that of other Greek letter organizations—a badge that can be pinned on the coat, tie, hat, etc.

Pi Kappa Delta.

Since the constitution and chapter roll of Pi Kappa Delta are included in this issue of the Forensic it is not necessary to give them here, as has been done in the case of the other organizations. Our chief concern here is to compare Pi Kappa Delta with the others and see where we stand.

To begin with we are last in the field, third at the present time in number of chapters with an excellent chance of being second before the school year is over because of the state chapter idea and conservative policy of Tau Kappa Alpha.

Next, we are not organized upon the local chapter basis of Delta Sigma Rho or the state chapter basis of Tau Kappa Alpha, but upon the three bases, the local, the state, and the national chapter. Our local membership is not supreme as in Delta Sigma Rho; our state chapter is composed of members of local chapters instead of being a mother chapter located at one institution in a state as in Tau Kappa Alpha. In addition we have a higher chapter, believing that if a state honor is good a national honor is even better. In this we have gone farther than Tau Kappa Alpha. We believe the state chapter idea of Tau Kappa Alpha is faulty in that the chapter is located at one institution instead of being composed of delegates from various institutions. The Indiana state chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha composed of three institutions is our idea of a state chapter.

Growing out of this difference in chapter organization is another essential difference between Pi Kappa Delta and the others. Our local chapters are composed of men who have represented their institutions once as in Delta Sigma Rho, but we have made provision for the man who has done more. For instance, an orator who wins as high as third place in a contest of six gets into the state chapter. Again a winner of a state oratorical gets into the national chapter, and a debater who has represented his institution three times winning twice gets into the national. Pi Kappa Delta gives a special distinction in the national chapter to orators who get as high as second in an interstate and to debaters who win three times. In other words we provide for three degrees, local, state, and national, and practically a fourth—national with special distinction. Also we have divided our organization into orders—debate, oratory, and instruction. We have provisions for the advancement of instructors as well as orators and debaters.

The distinctive feature of Pi Kappa Delta, then, is the degree, or graduated honor. In other words we have a progressive system of honors. And more, we have keys jewelled in a manner which tells instantly a member's standing in the society.

No other forensic society has jewelled keys or a system of increasing honors. As far as the writer knows, no other forensic society has a publication.

It has been the aim of Pi Kappa Delta to retain the best features of previous forensic organizations and get something in addition that is better. The founders of Pi Kappa Delta flatter themselves that they have done this.

Another difference between Pi Kappa Delta and the others is in policy. We do not intend to be a fraternity and run chapter houses or get into the Greek letter game. We are content to be an honor society.

Finally, the extension policy of Pi Kappa Delta is necessarily different. Delta Sigma Rho had taken practically all the state universities, etc. before we were organized. Tau Kappa Alpha

has most of the remaining state universities and large institutions. Pi Kappa Delta was organized to furnish a forensic society for the colleges. A glance at the chapter roll of Delta Sigma Rho discloses few colleges, and those few included are colleges of high position as Knox, Beloit, Swarthmore, Colgate, Williams, Dartmouth. Large colleges, these—the only small ones are Carleton, Albion, and Iowa Teachers' College. Pi Kappa Delta was organized to give the small college its opportunity. True, Pi Kappa Delta, has K. S. A. C., a large College, and Colorado A. C., another large one, but primarily we were organized for the sake of the small college, although we do not exclude the large college or university that may be attracted to our organization. We recognize that in forensic activities the small college is often the superior of the large institution, hence we believe that in entering small colleges with good forensic records we are occupying a field that is fallow, fertile and at hand.

Naturally it is the ambition of Pi Kappa Delta to become a large organization, composed of chapters in many colleges, and state chapters in many states. We aspire to be as well known as Delta Sigma Rho, and whereas it is the university organization, we propose to be the college organization. With the favorable beginning that it has had Pi Kappa Delta bids fair to realize these ambitions.

EDITORIAL

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, too, 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?

If you like the idea of having the Forensic as a live feature of our organization, if you appreciate the initial number the least bit, send in your subscription or pay your dues and make a second issue possible.

Our Vice-president, E. A. Vaughn, suggests that official letters and documents received by members of the local chapters should be read at regular chapter meetings. Good idea. If only some of the chapters would meet oftener!

How can I help Pi Kappa Delta?

Subscribe for the Forensic.

Pay your dues.

Wear a key.

Explain the significance of your key to all curious people.

Tell forensic men of other institutions about your organization.

Get a copy of the Constitution and application blanks for local organizations that might petition.

Read all of every issue of the Forensic.

Send in all changes in your address to the editor of the Forensic to be filed in the General Catalog.

Keep in touch with your local chapter at all times. See that it keeps its end up.

Boost! Boost hard!

What ought a Local Chapter to do?

It should meet regularly.

It should keep in touch with the State and National officers and with other chapters.

It should elect a reporter and send news about itself and members to the Forensic.

It should be scrupulously careful to report its new members to the General Secretary on the regular application blanks, and to the Editor of the Forensic on the catalog cards. (These blanks and cards may be obtained by application to these officers.)

It should be particular about reporting changes in order and degree of all members.

It should send a cut (Dimensions four inches by six inches) and a chapter letter to the Forensic each year for the Annual Number in June.

It should elect officers promptly and report them for publication in the Forensic.

It should hold a banquet for all Forensic men in the institution each year. (Make a hit with the Alumni by inviting them).

It should boost debate and oratory all the time, and push the standard of work done as high as possible.

It should spread information about Pi Kappa Delta among the forensic men of eligible institutions.

It should see to it that every member pays his dues, and that the dues are forwarded to the General Secretary-treasurer.

It should send a delegate to all state, province or national conventions of Pi Kappa Delta.

It should invite forensic alumni of eligible standing to graduate or alumni membership.

It should elect to honorary membership members of the faculty not of the department of public speaking who have achieved distinction for ability before audiences.

It should be on the alert at all times to strengthen the position of Pi Kappa Delta.

Query—Can all this be done by meeting once a year, or by allowing the officers to hibernate after the regular annual election?

The Next Forensic.

The plan for the next number of The Forensic is to make it an annual number—issued in June.—Get that down.

Now for business—To make this annual number a success every chapter should have a group picture taken after all the teams are made up and the orators chosen. **Remember** that this should be done as soon as possible. A cut made from the picture (Dimensions four inches by six inches) should be sent to the Editor of the Forensic or the picture should be sent with money to defray expenses of making the cut figured at fifteen cents a square inch. Next, a report or chapter letter of from three hundred to nine hundred words, should be prepared giving the oratory and debate record of the institution for the year, and an account of other important events such as banquets, special meetings of the local chapter, etc. This chapter letter should be written as soon as the last contest or debate is over. If the last events come later than May 15 or 20, write up what you do have and send it to the editor. Put your best man on this job. Be **prompt; do your part.**

Of course we can't publish this annual number without funds—Nuff sed!

National Conclave.

That Pi Kappa Delta should have a national convention before long is highly desirable. That we are hardly ready for it is perfectly evident. We do not as yet have enough chapters, or enough members in the national chapter to insure a successful gathering even at the most central place. Our chapters are too widely separated for a successful gathering also. Now what is the remedy? Well, in the first place it lies in extension. We must get new chapters and fill up the gaps between the ones we now have. In the second place we must carry on constructive organization work within Pi Kappa Delta. That is why our slogan should be "Communication." We must get together, and we must have every member of the organization intelligent about Pi Kappa Delta. There must be a complete knowledge of what is going on in the society. It is hoped that the Forensic will furnish this necessary knowledge, that officers of the local and state chapters will use

Uncle Sam's Mail Box a little between issues, and that we shall soon be a compact organization demanding a national conclave.

If enough men write the editor that they are going to attend the San Francisco and San Diego Expositions this summer to justify a conclave the next number of the Forensic will announce definite plans. What do you say? Here is an opportunity—let the editor hear from you.

Again, how would the spring of 1916 suit you—the meeting to be held in Kansas City, Topeka, Lincoln, or Des Moines, or some central point? Will each chapter take a vote on the matter and send in its preference to the Editor.

Don't forget that Pi Kappa Delta is keeping a card catalog of members and their addresses from the very beginning. When the cards arrive at your chapter annually, fill them out and return them to the National President **immediately**. The cards will be of two kinds—printed on different colored paper. One kind is for the name and details about new members of your chapter. The other kind is for the purpose of recording changes in the order, degree, address, etc. of the old members. You will not receive copies of the Forensic after this first issue unless you get on the mailing list by filling out one of these cards.

Better hold a meeting of the chapter immediately after the Forensic arrives. No time! Man alive, you have all the time there is.

Paid your dues? Yes—no—vat? Don't you want the Forensic again this year yet? Ya wohl!—Make a noise like dues once.

Have you bought a key yet? Don't you think you'd better save up and get one? It would look good on a new ribbon fob, ain't it so?

Do you like the cover design? It was given The Forensic by the Redlands Chapter and was drawn by a friend of the organization. It will be used on every cover until your chapter furnishes a design to alternate with it.

By the way, did it ever occur to you to send in contributions, local items of interest about your fellow chapter members, etc. to the Forensic. If it appeals to you, send extra cuts for the Annual Number—cuts of your college buildings, campus, debate teams, state oratorical winners, etc. We can use briefs of debates on new subjects, information about state and interstate contests, about your future debate plans, etc. It takes this sort of pep to make a good Forensic. See to it that your local chapter has a reporter. Let's make the Forensic a winner.

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