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GREETINGS TO YANKTON

The South Dakota Gamma Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta was installed at Yankton College, Yankton, South Dakota, on Monday, February 17, 1919. The installation was performed by Brother Lee Saltow of the Iowa Delta Chapter. Professor Chas. A. Marsh, the National Secretary, was to have been the installing officer, but serious illness prevented him from acting. According to the new brothers at Yankton, Mr. Saltow made an able substitute.

There were twenty-four charter members in the new chapter, but only thirteen were there for the ceremony. The others will be initiated at Commencement time. The following are the members: H. C. Stallard (Pres.), Carolyn Burgess (V. Pres.), L. A. Young (Sec. & Treas.), Mildred Yule, Marjory Miller, Harry A. Robinson, Mae Horn, Reinhart Nordness, Hazel McElwain, L. A. Robinson, Marie McDonough, E. E. Stevens, Ruby Grimmes, Charles Slowey, Roland Sanders, Elsie Hooper, Florence Watwood, Chas. Alseth, R. C. Rowell, Esther Hoyer, Neva Underhill, Lewis Morrison, John B. Reese. Professor H. Titt has been admitted since Installation.

Yankton College has an enviable record in forensics. At the present time the situation there is thriving. The new chapter promises to make a record for itself.

After the Installation services a banquet was held in the Yankton Congregational Church. The following were the toasts: "Welcome to Pi Kappa Delta," President H. K. Warren; Response, Lee Saltow, Morningside College; "Our College in Debate," Coach V. C. Montgomery; "Our College in Oratory", Professor G. H. Durand; "The Future of Forensics", Marie McDonough; "And So Forth," Harry A. Robinson, '11. Toastmaster, H. C. Stallard.

The National Council and all the Chapters of Pi Kappa Delta extend to this our new chapter heartiest greetings and best wishes. May they ever cherish the high ideals of our Order and put them into practice in their own lives and in the life of the institution in which they are located.

EDITORIAL

"We don't seem to feel that we belong to a national organization!" This was the remark made to the Editor by a bright and enthusiastic member of one of our strongest local chapters. Her remark is worthy of the greatest consideration. How are we to promote that broader feeling that sense of membership in a growing progressive body, with ideals which if realized are going to make an immense contribution to our individual, community, and national life? We must have a chance to react upon one another. But how to do it? Some of our chapters have a chance to do so in the contests, oratorical or debating, which they have with one another. But no one chapter meets in this way the representatives of more than three or four chapters, at best. We should undoubtedly make the most of these occasions of meeting. Do we always do so? Is the coming of orators or debaters from a college which has a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta always on occasion for the local chapter to meet with these men, to get to know them better, to compare notes with them, to test their experiences in the light of Pi Kappa Delta standards. Not always, we fear. We know at least one case in which a visiting team composed entirely of Pi Kappa Delta brothers came, saw, and were conquered, all without a single word of greeting from the members of the local chapter. In fact, as the visitors said afterwards, they would never have known that there was a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta at that institution. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

But, granted that every chapter which has the chance to become acquainted through forensic contests with three or four others makes the most of this chance, will this be all that is necessary to develop the national feeling? How close, for example, does California Alpha feel to Michigan Alpha? Georgraphically, these two are the farthest apart of our chapters. How can we bring them close together in spirit? The Editor feels that this must be done through the Forensic. The regular writing of the chapter letter giving all the news of the local body, all the successes, defeats, activities, plans, new ideas, will furnish the Editor with material to pass on to the organization as a whole. At the beginning of the year, we asked all chapters in colleges which have a student publication to arrange, if possible, for an exchange with the Forensic. Just three chapters have done this: Illinois Beta, Kansas Delta, and Michigan Alpha. The Editor wishes to express his thanks to these chapters, and to say, furthermore, that it has enabled him to keep in closer touch with these chapters than with any others. One or two other chapters have promised to arrange for an exchange, but no papers have reached us. The Kalamazoo College Index, The Southwestern Collegian, and the Eureka College Pegasus come regularly and give not only the forensic news but keep us in touch in a most helpful way with the life of those institutions. Surely most of our chapters are located in colleges which have either a weekly or monthly record of the student life. If so, won't you please make an effort to arrange for an exchange? We believe that it will help greatly to promote the national sense that we lack.

A word regarding publicity. Modesty, in moderation, is a great virtue. Sometimes, we fear, the members of Pi Kappa Delta are so retiring that no one knows that their chapter exists. When the local chapter is behind forensic activities, let it be known. See that articles or stories in the college or town press contain some mention of Pi Kappa Delta and the part that it is playing in these activities.

How about our programs and policies? Has your chapter outlined anything definite for this spring? What movements are you getting behind? How are you using your gift of Persuasion? In these days of reconstruction there is a wonderful field for the persuader. Where are we standing on the League of Nations? On Bolshevism in the United States? The United States Public Health Service is urging an organized campaign of education

in order to protect our American youth from veneral disease in order that the period of demobilization may not mean a period of demoralization. Is not this a movement in which some of our number may fittingly take part? Let us have regular meetings at which we make definite programs—not too large ones—then let us meet to see how far we have carried this program out.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE PETITIONS

The National Council has received a petition for a local chapter at Westminster College, Fayette, Missouri. The petitioners submit a most creditable forensic record. Westminster is recognized as one of the best colleges in Missouri.

PITHY POINTERS FROM PAINTER

Extracts from Letters of our National Treasurer

Pi Kappa Delta has weathered the storm and has grown during the storm. New chapters are being admitted. Old members are gradually working away from war activities and are getting back to college life. The Pi Kappa Delta home fires have been burning, and now should blaze a bit. If your particular fire has been only a smudge during the Great War, better put in a little pep somewhere. The War is over, almost, and we should now take up the old tasks where we left them.

Local membership dues of $1.50 for each member for the year ending June 15, 1919, are NOW payable to the National Treasurer and should be sent in. This matter is URGENT. All applications for membership go first to the National Treasurer.

Urge all members to procure keys. Arrange for a banquet. Pledge debaters and orators when they qualify as representatives, and later arrange for a proper initiation ceremony. Get the rituals from the National Secretary.

And, again, GET THE DUES! People are interested in what they pay for. Engage the lively interest of each member with a gentle touching talk.

I am cashier of a small and fiercely growing bank in a wheat growing country, the Lake Basin, 23 miles northwest of Billings on a new branch of the Northern Pacific Railway. The road is still in the construction stage, and we have no express or mail service by it.

Have you sent the National President your chapter letter?

Pi Kappa Delta has come through the War somewhat battered, because a great many of our members answered the first call of the government, and a few have answered the Last Call. But the idea of our Order—graduated reward of merit—is as strong and bright as ever, and will before long be more widely distributed.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

(Editorial from The Simpsonian, May 13, 1918)

Argument or persuasion is a necessary qualification for a great orator; but when both are combined, the greatest perfection is reached. Further, for power in any form, the orator must be backed up by a strong moral character and integrity that is unquestioned. All other qualities are only aids.

Is there any other activity in college life that offers so many inducements and promises such enviable results as does forensics? The man or woman who scales the heights of logic and batters down the bulwarks of unsound reasoning in the rostrum of debate is better fitted to stand unscathed in the great conflict in society. The man who grips his audience by the virility of his discourse and in a flood of passionate feeling flings abroad his message on the platform of oratory has the training of a leader. The command of sentences and of personality gained has put him head and shoulder above his fellow men.

Many men in the privacy of their homes or in the association of close friends can discourse with versatility, but are unable to stand before a multitude and address it. This is one of the peculiar gifts of an orator or of a debater. He must throw his personality into the hearts of his audience and win them with his argument. What greater gift could a man have than that of being able to walk among his fellows and of knowing that should the occasion arise, he can stand before them and address them with assurance in his powers. This is the ideal for which Simpson stands, now and forever.

The February number of the Eureka College 'Pegasus' contains this delightful reminiscence from the catalogue of that institution for the year 1859-1860:

"All extravagant tastes are discouraged, and in order to counteract unnecessary expenditures for dress, young ladies are requested to adopt the following uniform: For Summer—Pink dresses of calico, gingham or lawn; buff sunbonnets and black silk aprons. On Sundays—White sunbonnets with pink bows and white aprons. The senior class may wear white bonnets with blue bows, and on Commencement Day, white dresses. For Winter—Dresses of green calico, delaine or merino; green bonnets and black silk aprons."

The editor of 'Pegasus' expresses the hope that all the underclass women were brunettes and all senior women blondes.

The article gives a most entertaining account of the formation of a women's literary society in Eureka College in those early days.

The 'Pegasus' is an unusually attractive magazine, reflecting the life of an extremely wholesome, progressive, and alive college.

NEWS NOTES

Arthur Ollivier, of Iowa Alpha, is editor of the Iowa Wesleyan News.

Oklahoma Alpha is planning to give keys to its members. An excellent custom to establish.

Paul O. Sandmeyer, of Iowa Alpha, was severely wounded by a machine gun in the Battle of the Argonne.

Eureka College has held her final preliminiaries for her Annual Triangular Debate and is hard at work. All power to her!

Albert Gilman, Jr., of South Dakota Beta, is now attending Illinois Wesleyan and has affiliated himself with the chapter there.

We have received a cordial letter from Brother J. H. Krenmyre, our former Historian. He is now located at North English, Iowa.

The Oklahoma Legislature has voted the A. & M. three new buildings. These should mean much for the development of the institution.

The return of Professor C. C. Harbison to Kansas Epsilon has created enthusiasm for things forensic both in the chapter and in the college.

Colorado Alpha is also planning to entertain all those who have shown interest in the tryouts for debate. Colorado Alpha has the right spirit.

Illinois Alpha has the loyal support of seven alumni members who live in Bloomington and who always attend the annual initiation and banquet.

P. O. Davis and L. T. Wells, charter members of Alabama Alpha, are now connected with the Extension service of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

The women of Kansas Delta (Southwestern) meet teams from the Pittsburg Normal and the Kansas State Agricultural College in a triangular debate in April.

We are greatly grieved to hear from Kansas Epsilon of the death of Brother Tom A. Kirk. In him Pi Kappa Delta has lost a most loyal and enthusiastic member.

The Ninth Edition of Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities is now in preparation. Since the last issue, Pi Kappa Delta's chapter roll has just about doubled itself.

Fairmount College, although it has not a large schedule of intercollegiate forensic contests, in placing much emphasis upon intersociety debates and oratory. This will lay a firm foundation for next year's work.

Inquiries have been made concerning Pi Kappa Delta stationery and pennants. The National Officers do not keep these in stock, but the President can make arrangements regarding stationery with chapters desiring it.

Richard Bacigalupo, of Michigan Alpha, recently returned from service, is business manager of the Kalamazoo College Junior Annual. He also has been elected Associate editor of the Index and will handle the athletic news of the college.

Professor Chas. A. Marsh, our National Secretary, suffered a relapse after recovery from Influenza. He was ordered for a month to a sanitarium. As the Forensic goes to press, we are glad to announce that he has returned to Morningside College much improved in health.

Iowa Epsilon reports a splendid schedule of debates for this spring and expects that Simpson will live up to her reputation. Their women debate with Penn, and their men with Grace and Luther. Simpson has also a strong series of intersociety debates and oratorical contests.

Cuts of Harry Carpenter and Marian Graybiel of Michigan Alpha adorn the front page of the Kalamazoo College Index of February 27. These two members of our organization were chosen as representatives of their institution in the State Oratorical Contest on March 7th., each winning third place.

Marian Graybiel, of Michigan Alpha, has been elected assistant manager of Oratory. The Kalamazoo 1919 program of oratory and debate is going to be a big one, hence the election. The assistant manager made a reputation for herself in this line of work while a student in high school and is well qualified to act.

Hilton Ira Jones of the South Dakota Alpha Chapter is now head of the department of Chemistry at the Oklahoma A. & M. College. The Oklahoma Alpha Chapter is to be congratulated upon having two such men as Brother Jones and Brother Pelsma. They are making plans for a vigorous after the war program.

Kansas Gamma finds herself in good condition. She has nine active members and expects to initiate a number of new members this spring. The

Kansas Aggies have a Pentangular Men's Debate with Ottawa, Washburn, Baker, and the College of Emporia. The subject is the League of Nations. They also debate the Iowa Aggies on the Single Tax question.

Here's a capital idea. Colorado Alpha has invented a new office, that of Collegian reporter, whose official duty it is to arouse interest in debate by frequent press notices. Black type headings often appear announcing approaching debating events. In this way the Colorado Agricultural College at large becomes aware that Pi Kappa Delta is present and pegging away.

In a recent meeting, the Forensic Council of Southwestern College decided, so far as it was concerned, to continue the Old Line Oratorical Contest as a State Contest rather than as a local contest. The latter arrangement has been urged by some of the colleges concerned. Southwestern's objection to the change was that if it was made, the contestants could not be admitted to Pi Kappa Delta.

Since the close of the War, Oratory has not come into its own quite so well as Debate. In several institutions, the regular annual oratorical contests have not been conducted. The Missouri Valley contest was cancelled because only two of the eight institutions were able to send representatives. Washburn College is among those not holding its regular oratorical contest. The South Dakota State Oratorical will not be held.

Huron, although getting a late start, expects a good year. She has a triangular debate on Compulsory Military Training with Yankton and South Dakota Wesleyan, and her women debate with the same institutions on the subject of Immigration. These three colleges also have a triangular interacademy debate. South Dakota is not holding her state oratorical contest this year, but all the Pi Kappa Delta institutions are holding their local contests.

Harry B. Summers, a charter member of Kansas Epsilon, is head of the department of History and Economisc in the Burlington, Ia., High School. He is anxious to get in touch with members of our organizations who are in high school work in Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois. As he is in charge of debate activities, he would like to schedule debates between high schools with Pi Kappa Delta coaches. Brother Summers has scheduled already something like eleven debates including a five day trip through Missouri and Illinois. This strikes us as showing a splendid spirit and one worthy of encouragement and imitation.

The following letter from the Dean of the Graduate School of Yale University is a tribute to the sterling work done by a loyal member of Pi Kappa Delta who, though a busy college president, has never lost interest in our forensic organization:

Dear President Pritchard: The copy of the catalogue of Eureka College was duly received. I congratulate you on the way in which you are bringing up the standard of instruction as shown by the action of the University of Illinois. With best wishes, believe me

Yours most sincerely

W. L. CROSS, Dean.

SUBJECTS OF DEBATES AND ORATIONS ENGAGED IN BY PI KAPPA DELTA INSTITUTIONS OR THEIR OPPONENTS

DEBATES

Resolved; That the Government should continue to operate all state and interstate roads under the plan outlined by W. G. McAdoo.

Hope-Alma-Olivet

Resolved; That after the present war, an international police force be created to preserve peace.

Kalamazoo

Resolved; That a League of Nations is a practical means of assuring peace.

Washburn—Kansas Aggies (Women)

Resolved; That the Federal Government should require at least one year of Military Training of all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 21.

Huron

Resolved; That at the close of the present war, the terms of peace should provide for disarmament of the individual nations under some form of Peace League.

Colorado Aggies—Wyoming

Resolved; That Capital and Labor should be compelled by law to settle their disputes by Arbitration.

Colorado Aggies—Denver University

Resolved; That Universal Compulsory Military Training should be adopted by the United States.

Iowa Wesleyan—Upper Iowa

Resolved; That a course of two years' Military Training should be required in all colleges and universities.

Simpson—Penn—Parsons

Resolved; That it would be to the best interests of the people of the United States to organize a separate labor party.

Colorado Aggies—Colorado Teachers
Wyoming—Denver University

ORATIONS

"Child Labor"	Simpson
"Industrial Democracy"	Simpson
"Our Fellow Citizen, the Negro"	Simpson
"Our Responsibility"	Upper Iowa
"America's Opportunity"	Parsons
"The Last Battle"	Ellsworth
"The Medium of Purchase" (2)	Morningside
"The Man with a Country"	Cornell
"The Policy that Failed" (1)	Buena Vista
"Beyond the Camouflage"	Penn
"The Unfinished Task"	Huron
"Civilization"	Huron
"Bolshevism"	Huron
"The Question of the Hour"	Huron
"The Church"	Huron
"The League of Peace"	Huron
"The American Flag"	Iowa Weslayan
"The Pitfalls of Peace"	Iowa Wesleyan
"The Pentcost of Calamity"	Kalamazoo
"America—The Good Samaritan"	Kalamazoo
"The Hope of an Oppressed Nation"	Kalamazoo
"Victory's Call to Arms"	Kalamazoo
"The New Conflict"	Kalamazoo
"The Czecho-Slovaks"	Kalamazoo
"The Challenge"	Kalamazoo
"The Bulwark of the Nation"	Kalamazoo
"The New Menace"	Kansas Aggies

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