



# PRESIDENT WELCOMES 524! 1855

With an Official 524 reporting for business and competition, the Nineteenth Biennial Pi Kappa Delta National Convention opened in the UR Chapel as President John Randolph extended the official "Welcome!" today.

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Also favored by the members of the Council is a proposal to limit membership to students with at least a B-grade point average. This revision would help Pi Kap meet the requirements of the National Society for Honorary Fraternities which Pi Kappa Delta would profit in joining, Randolph said.

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Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, was the largest representation with 12 delegates reporting. But the undisputed champion is Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., whose mentor, former National President, "Hap" Mahaffey, brought his contingent of 11 over 1100 miles to attend. The Linfield group also enjoyed some competition, in Stockton, on the way down.

Nine out of ten schools from the state of Oklahoma are participating in this convention, the first ever to be held this far west.

A total of 111 chapters nationwide are here, bringing an average of 4.72 delegates apiece. The longest distance travelled by any school was covered by Wake Forest College, of Wake Forest, N. C. Reporting 100% at Roll Call, was the Province of the Pacific, covering Arizona and California, with every member chapter in attendance. From the Province of the Northwest, only an auto accident prevented perfect attendance as the delegates from St. Martin's College, Olympia, Wash., were stopped on the way. (see story this page)

Called "the largest convention since 1949," the old taboo that said no one would attend a confab this far west is at last broken, stated President John Randolph.

As "It must be the climate," concluded the President.

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A telegram arrived today stating that the students from St. Martin's College had been involved in an automobile accident and would not be able to attend the convention. The KEY has been unable to obtain details of the accident or information regarding the condition of the four St. Martin delegates. We will give you that information just as soon as it is available.

...will be the next President of Pi Kappa Delta? For the story on the four candidates, see page two.

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# PI KAP GROWS BY 8 CHAPTERS

Eight charters went on the rolls of Pi Kap today, as seven new colleges were awarded their chapter memberships, and one chapter was given reinstatement.

Reinstated at the opening session of the Convention was the chapter at McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois. McKendree has six delegates attending.

New charters were awarded to Chico State College, Calif., Southern State College, Ark., Upland College, Calif., Black Hills State Teachers College, S. D., Southeast Louisiana State College, La., Los Angeles State College, Calif., Whitman College, Wash.

President Randolph, Charter committee chairman Roy D. Murphy, and the entire National Council extend congratulations.

## FOUR VIE

Election of the National President and Vice-President to serve for the next two years will be an important item of business for the delegates this week.

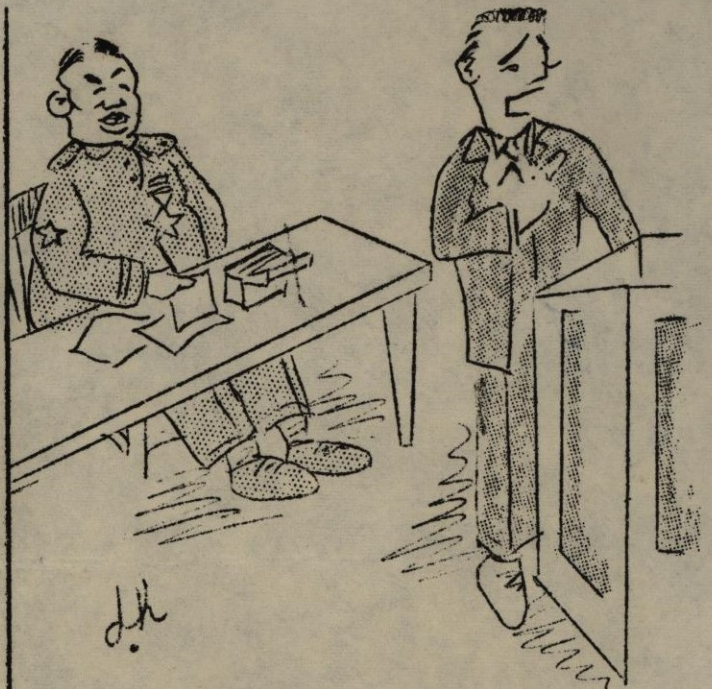
Contending for these offices will be the four eligible National Councilmen, Ted Nelson, Larry Norton, Ethel Kaump, and Roy Murphy.

...is from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and now holds the office of National Vice-President. Dr. Nelson is past Governor of the Province of the Upper Mississippi, and was elected to the National Council at the Stillwater, Okla., convention in 1951.

hails from Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., and is former Governor of the Province of Illinois. He was host to the National Convention in 1949. He was elected to the National Council in 1951,

former Governor of the Province of the Province of the Lakes, represents McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill. Miss Kaump was elected to the National Council in 1953, while serving as hostess to the 1953 Convention at Kalamazoo College.

is from Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La., is past Associate Editor of The Forensic, and was Governor of the Province of the Lower Mississippi. Mr. Murphy was elected to the Council in 1953.



"...AND I'M SURE MY COLLEAGUE WILL AGREE ON THIS CONTENTION..."

## NOTES—

### VERBOTEN

...is parking on Ad Hill reminds Dr. E.R. Moulton, of Redlands. Ample parking is provided by the Student Union and behind the Ad bldg. When the curb says "Reserved" it's reserved!

UR Dean of Women reminded women delegates today that 11 pm is closing time for dorm doors. Exceptions: Wednesday night, for the Hollywood trip, and Friday night, for the dance. On Wednesday, women must be in by 15 minutes after the bus arrives back; on Friday, the hour will be 1 am.

### MAIL

...will be left on the alphabetized slots in the main floor, Ad bldg. foyer.

### CLEANING

See George Armstrong of the Redlands delegation for one-day cleaning service, or leave the clothes with your name and room in rm. 219 Cort.

### SAY—

Rumor has it that many of the 524 delegates attending the confab had something to say the least--interesting experiences on the way here. The KEY would be interested in these experiences. (not for blackmail, just for publication) Drop your notes, suggestions, views on such topics as the proposed constitutional amendments in the "news" box, HL 101.

## ARMY SENDS DELEGATE

"Delegate-at-large" to the Convention is a young man representing not a college, but a Battalion!

Corporal Ramon G. Cortines, 1st Field Artillery Battalion, Ft. Ord, Calif., has been granted permission by the brass to participate in the National Convention.

Formerly of Alpha Chapter, Pasadena, he was elected the "Superior"

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