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TED NELSON ELECTED PRESIDENT; NORTON, LONG TO SERVE

Dr. Theodore F. Nelson, Chairman of the Department of Speech at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., was elected National President of Pi Kappa Delta by a vote of delegations at Tuesday's business sessions in the UR Chapel. Given the post of Vice-President in the preferential election for the two top posts in the PKD organization was Lawrence E. Norton, Director of Forensics at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.

Unanimous approval viva voce was given to the recommendation of Mr Emmett Long, Director of Forensics at George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, Calif., to fill the four-year post of Editor of the Forensic. With the passage of a constitutional amendment at the same session, the editor became an ex officio member, and to be present at, the National Council.

Dr. Nelson, President-elect of PKD, holds the BA degree from Gustavus Adolphus College, the MA degree from the University of Minnesota, and the Ph D degree from the State University of Iowa.

Elected to the National Council at the Stillwater Convention in 1951, Dr. Nelson has proven to be a popular officer on the Council. He has served as Vice-President of PKD since 1953, and is former Governor of the Province of the Upper Mississippi.

Dr. Nelson, who has a son competing here in the tournament, stated today, "I realize the vastness of the responsibility of being National President of PKD, and I will do my best to further its fine reputation."

Vice-President-elect of the speech organization is Dr. Larry Norton, who holds the BA degree from Carleton College, the MA degree from the State University of Iowa, and the Ph D degree from the University of Wisconsin. He was host to the national convention in 1949, and was elected to the National Council in 1951.

Dr. Norton will serve as chairman of the National Question Committee for '55 and '56. He has served as PKD rep on the committee for three years. He is chairman of the finance committee of the American Forensic Association.

Elected to fill the post of Editor, by recommendation of the Nomination Committee is Emmett Long of Pepperdine. Mr. Long has been coach at Pepperdine since 1948. He was a charter member of the California Zeta chapter when it was formed there in 1942.

The printing of the Forensic will be moved to Los Angeles.

AMENDMENTS LOOM AS HOT ISSUE IN FLOOR DEBATE

Quick defeat of the constitutional amendment which would have set a minimum grade point level for PKD members, Tuesday, indicates a heated discussion of a controversial proposal to create a new "Order of Curricular Speech", said President John Randolph today. "However, the Council believes firmly in the principle embodied in the proposal," he said. "If it is not passed at Redlands, we believe that it will be passed at a later convention. We hope the convention will give the proposal its most thoughtful consideration."

After 50 minutes of debate on the floor on the amendment to prevent the two student members of the National Council from being contest participants, the convention took these actions:

(1) referred to committee the much-altered amendment to avoid Council-contest conflicts; (2) amended the constitution to create the new "Public Relations and Research Committee; (3) made the Editor of the Forensic an ex-officio non-voting member of the National Council, and (4) killed the proposed amendment which would require all students in PKD to maintain at least a B- average.

"Pi Kappa Delta was hurt by this action," Emmett Long, Editor-elect of the Forensic said today. "In some colleges, PKD is not allowed on campus because it does not have this requirement, which other honoraries do have," the Pepperdine coach concluded.

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TOURS ON TAP

Eight busses will leave the UR campus at 11 am today, carrying 278 delegates not due back until midnight.

Leaving from the Chapel, the busses will carry speakers to three destinations in Southern California.

Tour number one will carry 80 to the Balboa-Laguna Beach area where facilities for recreation include ocean swimming, an amusement park, bay cruises, and dancing at the Rendezvous Ballroom that evening. The bus will return home to campus at exactly 10:30 pm. Women must be in their dorms within 15 minutes after the arrival of the busses on campus again. There is room for 5 to 10 more persons on Balboa tour, if arrangements are made HL 101, immediately.

Tour number two will take 26 to the ABC television studios for "lunch with the stars", a visit to the Joe Graydon Show, and free time in downtown Hollywood.

Persons not taking the tour through the ABC studios will also ride in that bus to Hollywood.

Tour number three will take 222 to the CBS studios and Farmers' Market. The Tennessee Ernie Show is on this agenda. Both Hollywood tours will let the delegates off at a central place in Hollywood, near the Palladium, where 68 will attend that night, to be picked up at that spot at 10:30 pm.

Tanner Tours and other amusements will be available in Hollywood.

Those persons wishing to come back some way other than the bus must give their name to the bus driver, and is subject to the same curfew rule as the others.

Dress will be sport.

NOTE

To facilitate the tours leaving on time, Wednesday morning rounds have been moved up one-half hour. Oratory will be held at 18 am. Debate Round V will be held at 9:30 am.

A CONTEST is being held to determine who can guess what that little wire box on the stage at HL 101 is. It's either:
a. a wastebasket; b. an orange crate;
c. a very coarse sieve; or d. a NEWS box to put information for The KEY, in.
Now, take a guess!

AMENDMENTS

"It would give us more prestige in many large colleges, where their societies are divided into groups, honorary and academic. Many colleges ~~not~~ have this ruling in their local chapters. A satisfactory recognition of the ~~academic~~ status of a student would place this organization in both categories," stated Miss Ethel Kaump, chairman of the Constitutional amendments committee, and National councilwoman.

Attack on the measure was very widespread from the floor. "Good scholarship goes with good debating," one delegate said. "I can think of no quicker way of killing the chapter," concluded another.

With debate on this amendment ended abruptly, many delegates see little chance of the next proposal's passing. "We have had brought to our attention the necessity of having a policy we can be proud of, in these changing times," S. Treas. D.J. Nabors contributed. He cited the attacks on speech contests being made by the Northwest Crediting Agency, as a reason for the change to the division of orders. "Pi Kappa Delta would disappear overnight if contests were abolished as this agency seeks," he said.

Vice-President-elect Larry Norton favors a change in the amendment. He is hoping, he said, to incorporate requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities. The difficulty seems to be in laying down definite standards or requirements by which to evaluate entrance to PKD by way of extra-curricular activities."

"We should make it possible for individual chapters to broaden their membership," added Long, "but in our case, it doesn't apply." Emmett Long said the real reason behind the move is fear of other organizations, such as a reputed new curricular speech organization being planned.

"We believe in competitive speech. We believe in classroom speech, and both are important in the training of a speaker," commented Miss Kaump. "Many fine speakers add quality to a local program; all cannot enter intercollegiate activities."

Debate on the creating of a new Order for membership is slated for the business meeting, Friday at 2:30 pm.

TOUGH LIFE!

Twelve National Councilmen, their wives, and the Convention Directors will have a cushy time of it today: A very private, intimate tour of MGM studios has been arranged, and will be part of their "seeing the sights." If those sights include Ava Gardner, it would be well worth the 2000 miles, one commented.