

STATEMENT OF EDITORIAL POLICY

Welcome to Pi Kappa Delta's 50th Anniversary Convention! THE KEY of Pi Kappa Delta is your official publication for this Convention. It will appear daily and its purpose will be to keep you posted on the important events that occur. Its staff will be scurrying around gathering news; but you can help by bringing in the information too. If you have an important announcement, if you know of a colorful or interesting incident, if you have a bit of humor to share, if you have some arguments to publicize relating to issues to be brought before the Convention, bring it in to the editor, Joyn Randolph, or to the assistant editors, Chris Yarrington and Jeff Barlow.

NEW CHARTERS TO BE GRANTED

Sixteen colleges and universities have applied for charters to be granted at this 50th Anniversary Convention. The schools are: Arizona State College, Flagstaff; Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill.; Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, Ark.; McMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill.; Monot State Teachers College, Minot, N.D.; Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio; Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Va.; North Michigan College, Marquette; Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill.; Orange County State College, Fullerton, Cal.; Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven; Texas Western College, El Paso; University of Portland, Portland, Ore.; West Texas State College, Canyon; Wisconsin State College, and Institute of Technology, Platteville. Applications for these charters have come during the past two years, have been approved by the Charter Committee, and will be awarded at tonight's business meeting.

Delegates are reminded that, as stated in the January FORENSIC, all constitution amendments must be submitted to the Constitutional Revision Committee. The Committee will check the amendments for correct form before they are presented. Amendments will be presented at the Wednesday and Thursday business meetings and will be voted on the meeting following the one in which they are presented.

SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP PROPOSED

To be brought up for a first reading and discussion during the Wednesday night business meeting is a proposed amendment to the Constitution establishing scholastic eligibility standards for Pi Kappa.

The proposal is to amend Article III, Section 1, now reading "The candidate shall be a regular collegiate student in good standing" to read "The candidate shall be a regular collegiate student having a cumulative grade point average of 2.3 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent."

An amendment similar to this has been presented at various Pi Kappa national conventions since it was first proposed in 1955. At that time the standard was to be a 2.75. The motion was backed by the National Council but was defeated because of opposition in many chapters. It was feared that much of Pi Kappa's membership would be lost.

Those who back an amendment for some eligibility standards point to the fact that, though Pi Kappa Deltians consider themselves members of an honor society, we have been classified as a "recognition society". Schools qualifying for "honor" status have complied with the rules for the Association of College Honor Societies by requiring a student to be in the top 35% of his class.

The most pertinent question would be: is it desirable that Pi Kappa Delta be officially an "honor society"? Or, if objection is to the words "recognition society"--a name which was, incidentally, tagged on by ACHC because they needed a designation for non-members--perhaps we might call ourselves an "achievement society". Is it enough that members of a speech fraternity be proficient in speech, or should they be competent in many fields?

THE KEY will be taking a stand on the issue as discussion progresses and it is to be hoped that all delegates will take an active interest in the debate. The columns of THE KEY will be open to anyone wishing to express a point of view.

EVENTS OF THE DAY: TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration: University Center
8:00 p.m. First Business Meeting: Shryock Auditorium

HOURS FOR UNIVERSITY CENTER DEPARTMENTS DURING PI KAP'S CONVENTION

Bookstore: Wed. 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sat. 8:00 a.m.-12 noon

Bowling Alley:
Wed. 12 noon-closing
Thurs. 12 noon-8:00 p.m.
Fri. 12 noon-7:00 p.m.
Sat. 12 noon-closing

Cafeteria: Wed. 7:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m.
Thurs. 7:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m.
Fri. 7:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m.
Sat. 7:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m.

Information Desk:
Wed. 7:00 a.m.-closing
Thurs. 7:00 a.m.-closing
Fri. 7:00 a.m.-closing
Sat. 7:00 a.m.-closing

Oasis (Snack Bar)
Wed. 9:00 a.m.-closing
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-closing
Fri. 9:00 a.m.-closing
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-closing

Olympic Room (Pool, Ping-Pong, Cards)
Wed. 12 noon-closing
Thurs. 12 noon-8:00 p.m.
Fri. 12 noon-7:00 p.m.
Sat. 12 noon-closing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday evening: There will be an informal record dance in the Oasis Room, University Center. The dance will begin after the province meetings, or after 9:30 p.m. whichever is later.

Wednesday noon: The Province Governors' Luncheon will be held at 12:00 in the Renaissance Room, just off the Cafeteria in the University Center.

For needed information: Phone 3-2020.

NOMINEES FOR EDITOR OF THE FORENSIC AND SECRETARY-TREASURER OF PI KAP

Our constitution provides that the editor of THE FORENSIC and the Secretary-Treasurer of the fraternity shall "be nominated by the National Council and approved by the National Convention." The term of office for both is four years, although the Secretary-Treasurer may serve a second term.

The National Council will submit the following names to the Convention at the first business meeting Tuesday night: for editor of THE FORENSIC, L.A. Lawrence; for Secretary-Treasurer, L.E. Norton.

Professor L.A. (Les) Lawrence has been Associate Editor of THE FORENSIC in charge of Student Contributions for the past three and one-half years. He is director of forensics at Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana, and has served as Governor of the Province of the Northwest.

Professor Larry Norton is a past national president of Pi Kappa Delta, serving from 1957 to 1959, and is currently Chairman of the Speech Department, Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, where he has also been Dean of Men. It is felt by the Council that the position of Secretary-Treasurer demands someone with the wide and long experience in the workings of the fraternity which Professor Norton has.

According to the procedure established in the past, the Council will submit these names to the Convention. Should the Convention reject either or both names, the Council would then submit another name or names until the Convention approves one.

CONVENTION TO BE ASKED TO ENDORSE A RESOLUTION

The Speech Association of America has approved the following principle which will be presented to the Convention:

"Pi Kappa Delta joins with other professional associations in calling upon the candidates for the Presidency and other high public office to meet in public debate during the campaign of 1964."

The request comes from Prof. Austin J. Freeley, Chm., Committee on Presidential Debates.