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The new members of the National Council are:

Congratulations gentlemen. THE KEY wishes you well.

(Feel free to write in.)

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FLASH--

A reminder from Paul Steen, local Major Domo, in re THE SALMON BAKE ~~this~~ afternoon (Wednesday, April 14).

Buses will be in front of Harstad Hall at 2 p.m. (Not at 1 p.m. as indicated in the Schedule). Get there before 2 p.m. because this is the leaving time.

Be sure to have a "little orange ticket." This not only represents \$7.50 but also is your pass to "seeing the Great Northwest."

What to wear? Casual dress is the mode: sturdy walking shoes, low heels, etc.; sweat shirts - - dress warmly for it might be cool. Though ~~the~~ boat and the eating place will be covered and the sun may be warm, it will turn cold.

The itinerary: We leave at 2 p.m., take a scenic route to Seattle and Fisherman's wharf on Lake Union. There we will board boats, float through the locks into Puget Sound, and head for Blake Island where the Indian-style, open grill Salmon Bake will take place. There will be gay laughter, pleasant companionship, and some authentic Indian dancing. We will leave the Island at 8 p.m., cruise the Sound, and arrive at Tacoma about 10 p.m. Then, buses will return us to P.L.U. around 10:30 p.m.

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IMPORTANT

To all those who need transportation to train, plane, or bus - - other than those involved in the Northern Pacific Special - - final reservations for arrangements must be made by noon Wednesday, April 14. Do it now.

Globs of daffodils to the talent show. Dr. Marie Robinson of Wesleyan University announces that the Talen Show held last night was a smashing success. She expressed her gratitude to the following people for helping with the really big shew:

Robert Beh S. J. of the University of Portland
William BeMougeot of North Texas State University
Lloyd Jones of Chico State College
Gladys Kuehl of Buena Vista College
Harold Svaneoe of Luther College

She added a special thank you to Dan Davis of Morningside College for acting as Master of Ceremonies and to Kathy Simantel of Pacific Lutheran for accompanying the singers on the piano. She also stated that Professor Karl, Mr. Nordholm and his stage crew from PLU deserved special recognition for making the show possible and enjoyable.

Our special thank you to Dr. Robinson and troupe for providing a brief interlude of fun in this otherwise hectic Convention.

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STUDENT MEETINGS

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The first Student Meeting of our Convention proved to be a most enlightening experience for the 90 in attendance. Three reports were given from the fact-finding committees. Dr. Mahaffey of Linfield reported on the philosophy of Pi Kappa Delta, giving us a clearer picture of what PKD is and ought to mean to each of us. Dr. Edna Sorber of the Council Representation Committee informed us of that Committee's findings regarding the representation in the past and gave us the recommendation that representation be kept as it now stands in our constitution. Dr. John Randolph of Westminster College summarized the report on Scholastic Standing Committee and answered questions regarding the proposed new degree which the Constitution Revision Committee is working on at the present time.

The first item of new business then discussed was a proposed resolution calling for an amendment to go to the Constitution Revision Committee which read as follows that: Article 5 Division C Section 1 Part a, insert after the word one and before the word representative, the word student. Mr. Larry Cole of Fresno State College presented the resolution which did not pass because although the students seemed to favor such a policy they were not in favor of presenting it as an amendment. The reasoning of those in favor of the amendment was that by allowing the coaches to be the voting delegate, many students become apathetic to the meetings and business at hand and it was felt that this was an organization created for the students. Also it was pointed out that the coaches could belong to a graduate chapter and be represented through it.

The next item brought forth was a resolution from Mr. David Close of California Institute of Technology which passed by a vote of 53 to 37. The resolution reads as follows:

Extemporaneous Speaking rule 1 for this convention which requires that all contestants be present for the entire round is unfair in that later speakers have additional time to think about their topics and its only justification is the possibility of learning "something" and such justification is unworthy of a National Convention.

Be it moved then that notification of this resolution be sent to the proper persons to effect the necessary changes.

The two student delegates took this resolution to Mr. David Graham of the Evaluations Committee where it will be considered by him and hopefully this rule No. 1 will not appear in the next Convention of PKD.

The last item of business considered by the students proved to be most informative and rather eye-opening to the members of the National Council and others who had proposed the change in the first place. Mr. Jerry Jenkins of Southeast Missouri State presented the following resolution:

Whereas designation of the top 10% of teams in a division is the last meaningful measurement of debate ability and
Whereas attempts to divide further have on occasion led to unethical practices and

Whereas Pi Kappa Delta has previously gone on record as opposing the selection of a team as single winner in any of the divisions;
Therefore, be it resolved that the policy of selecting a team as single winner in any of the debate divisions be condemned.

The resolution was adopted by those present and was presented to the National Council for their consideration and also to the Evaluations Committee. The feeling behind the resolution appeared to be that the students felt that this Tournament is a more casual, friendly contest, that it would only cause contention to strive for a Championship trophy and felt that there was little justification in attending a non-place tournament and felt that with the keen competition it is indeed appropriate to give placement. The National Council had originally adopted the policy at the insinuated requests of the Province Governors and this writer cannot keep from wondering if maybe someone is not being represented, like maybe the students????????????????

Two resolutions were given the student representatives after the meeting and it was felt that these also should appear in THE KEY because they will be given to the National Council and are of importance to the whole body.

The first is a resolution from Warren Copeland of Macmurray College and it reads:

No local chapter of Pi Kappa Delta should discriminate in its membership on the basis of race, religion or national origin.

STUDENT MEETINGS Cont.

Presumably this "policy" is followed by most of our chapters; but if not, then this statement of policy warrants some special thought. Also presented to the representatives was a Resolution from California Institute of Technology which had appeared via letter to all chapter presidents earlier in the year. The resolution calls for the following:

Whereas, originality of analysis is a primary attribute of good debating and should be encouraged, and

Whereas, over-specificity of the affirmative argument by the resolution tends to stifle such originality,

Therefore be it resolved that we, as members of Pi Kappa Delta, urge the National Questions Selection Committee to adopt in the future only such resolutions as allow the affirmative sufficiently wide choice of ground as will stimulate originality, and

We further urge the Committee to consider not specifying the "plan" in the proposition as one means of achieving this goal, and

We ask our delegate to the Committee, Dr. Georgia Bowman, to work for and vote for only such a proposition, and

We further ask each Pi Kappa Delta Chapter to consider the above goal carefully when voting for a particular resolution.

This is clearly a resolution of interest to all debaters and we urge that if you have suggestions or questions concerning the issue to see either Dr. Bowman or the students of Cal. Tech.

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RANDOM SAMPLINGS ON THE PLU CAMPUS:

DON'T KNOCK THE POWER OF AN IDEA started by a determined handful of people and persistently repeated. It will snowball. Ask Jim McCarthy of the College of St. Thomas (Minn.). He guided the opposition to an electric power utility plan which would allegedly foul the air and water of the St. Croix River Valley and the adjacent St. Paul-Ninneapolic area. Jim coined such phrases as "cold cash versus clear cool water" and "Reddy Killowatt go ohm." This all started as a local controversy and has culminated into national concern, eliciting a series of articles by Jim Ridgeway in the NATION, as well as personal phone calls from Secretary of the Interior Udall.

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THIS SAME JIM McCARTHY is carrying on a personal project of integration. The slogan is: "Take a protestant to lunch."

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NOTE FOR THOSE WITH STRAINED BUDGETS: In the CUB snack shop a re-fill for coffee costs 5¢. Therefore, walk in, pick up a cup from the table-- and voila!! nickel coffee is back

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SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE DEBATERS. After leaving the Pi Kappa Delta convention, the Southwestern State College, Weatherford, Oklahoma debaters will return via Los Angeles where they will be the guests of Harry L. Mabry a prominent Los Angeles lawyer. Mr. Mabry, a graduate of Southwestern and an ex-debator, has set up the Mabry Forensic Award at Southwestern. This cash award is made yearly to the college's outstanding forensic member. Mr. Mabry generally flies to Oklahoma to present it. In 1959 he gave two debaters of the college a complete outfit of new clothes and airplane tickets so that they could attend the West Point National.

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NOW HEAR THIS! Speaking and judging work makes some reach for a smoke. But an SOS from Trinity Church has gone up; there is no maintenance of the Church during this vacation. Our host school is going to have to pay for maintenance because of the few forgetful Pi Kappa Deltans. So how about it?

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Dr. George Pflaum, there is a package waiting for you in the Administration Building.

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THE KEY INTERVIEWS: Dr. Paul Steen, General Arrangements Chairman.

We found him--not relaxing in a back room with his feet on a desk--but on his feet answering a stream of telephone calls and meeting with people to solve their passing problems. Asked, "What is your job?"--he replied, "Most of the work was done during the past year, leading up to the arrival of the delegations. Now my job is to keep people happy." Since the telephone hadn't rung for all of two minutes, he paused reflectively and made this interesting statement, "You know, we ought to put on another convention right away. The first one is work; the second one would be fun."

We asked him to name some of the people who are working un-noticed in the background. He was glad to cite the efforts of: Judd Doughty, assistant to Arrangement Chairman; Eric Nordholm, transportation; Abe Bassett, rooms; Vernon Utzinger, working with Roy Mahaffey on judges; David Christian, publicity and miscellaneous. He closed with this, "And don't forget to mention the invaluable assistance of Lavon Holden and Lynn Still."

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THE KEY INTERVIEWS: Mr. A. L. Lee, Tacoma attorney and part-time judge in Pi Kap contests. The friendly

= The friendly, genuine spirit of Tacoma was demonstrated at breakfast yesterday. Gil Rau of the KEY was joined for coffee by a friendly gentlemen, who offered to show him and friends around Tacoma. This was promptly done later in the day by Mr. Lee. Places visited were the beautiful lakes in the area, a scenic drive around the Sound, a waterfront drive into the downtown of Tacoma, and a view of the city from the top floor of the highest building. As a lawyer--after judging debate, extemp, and oratory--Mr. Lee said, "Debate and extemp are the most valuable contests. There isn't much of this kind of speaking anymore (referring to the oratory event). You don't talk to a jury longer than they want to listen. Almost all of the work is done in the lawyer's office before the case opens in court. Speaking before a judge and jury is pretty much limited to clarifying the facts."

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STUDENT REPS SPEAK OUT

In analyzing the Business meetings and the Student meetings which we have had thus far, it seems only fitting to say that they have been lively. (This is not meant to imply that all participants are alive or that there are not some dead heads and issues making the rounds.) However, it seems that the majority of the voting delegates are concerned with the issues as they ought to be and it is my wish that more of you should participate and voice your views. There have been several examples in recent days of those in authority not voicing the majority opinion of the students, but I think the blame rests on both parties. So, students arise and reveal your opinions, and coaches find out how your students feel before you declare: "My kids feel. . ." (it could be embarrassing.)

By the way, all those in favor of calling the National Pi Kappa Delta Convention-Tournament the "Little West Point" -- voting delegates only, please rise!

Motion is defeated!!!

Ruth Ellis, Student Rep.

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The Province Governors at their noon meeting suggested that the provision of 5 debates for admission to the degree of fraternity originated prior to tournament debating and therefore consideration should be given to increasing the standard for admission to our organization. They argued that it is possible for a team or individual to qualify for the Degree of Fraternity although losses have been awarded in all 5 rounds. It is this editor's opinion that it is the purpose of the advanced degree standings to provide recognition not only of excellence but also of improvement. If it is part of the purpose of this organization of further educational endeavors, then it must admit those interested. To my mind the requirements at present only, and should represent only, a high amount of interest on the part of the individual applying.

I am almost sure that many of you in your chapters have members who, although they may not be the best, display a greater interest in forensics than those who are extremely capable speakers. For these people the organization can be a greater educational experience than for those who are already very able.

The long history of PKD and its continued prosperity illustrate that interest, not exclusivity, is the guarantor of forensic excellence. It is my hope that this policy will not be changed.

Warren Derbridge