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WELCOME TO THE PI KAPPA DELTA'S NATIONAL TOURNAMENT AND CONVENTION

The 34th Biennial National Convention and Tournament of Pi Kappa Delta began Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. with a meeting of the National Council checking final details. Registration for the convention and tournament started at noon and proceeded until 6:00 p.m. on the 20th of March.

All totaled 705 contestants, coaches, judges, and guests are registered, representing 27 states and 96 undergraduate PKD chapters and 10 alumni chapters.

The Province of the Lower Mississippi is the best represented with 23 chapters present, next is the Province of the Missouri with 12 chapters present.

The 33rd Biennial National Convention and Tournament hosted 731 individuals representing 110 chapters.

The four days of activities include convention programs and a national tournament. Thursday afternoon from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. two convention programs concerning individual contest speaking will be presented at the Hilton. On Friday afternoon from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. one convention program concerning debate will be presented in the Hilton.

The tournament will be on the campus of the University of Arkansas. Tournament headquarters is in Kimpel Hall. Ballots are to be picked up and returned in the lobby of Kimpel. The cafeteria across from Kimpel will be open daily from 9:00 to 5:00. Transportation has been arranged from the front of the Hilton Hotel to the campus. Buses will start at 7:15. There will be a bus in front of the hotel approximately every 20 minutes. The time for the last bus from the campus back to the Hilton is published in the convention program.

The activities also include province and national meeting and social activities. Dances are scheduled for three evenings and a Awards Banquet at the Fayetteville Fairgrounds.

President and Vice-President Nominations

According to the Constitution of Pi Kappa Delta the three faculty Council members and the current Vice President are candidates for the offices. The candidates are Terry W. Cole, Gary Horn, Robert S. Littlefield, and R. David Ray. The following are comments about the four candidates.

TERRY W. COLE, Appalachian State University

Having been a PKD member since I was an undergraduate at California State University, Fresno, I am proud to continue my involvement in the fraternity as a coach at Appalachian State University in North Carolina (where I am completing my thirteenth year in forensics). I am equally proud to be a candidate for President / Vice-President in this organization.

I believe, I offer Pi Kappa Delta experience and a strong commitment to the ideals of "The art of persuasion beautiful and just". I am completing my second term on the national council as Charter and Standards Chairman. During my tenure PKD has welcomed 25 new chapters, 6 alumni chapters and a half dozen or so re-affiliations. I am proud of this record and the record of the Councils on which I have served. I would continue to work for the growth of our organization and its continued commitment to a broad based forensics philosophy always mindful that we exist for the educational and competitive growth of our students.

I currently coach both a college and a high school forensics program. I do so because I believe most strongly that forensics is one of the best co-curricula activities our young people can participate in. PKD represents the best philosophical foundation to the activity. If honored with election, I would continue to work with all of my energy for a strong organization capable of meeting the needs of its members and enhancing its commitment to "The art of persuasion beautiful and just".

GARY HORN, Southwestern College

Gary Horn has been affiliated with Pi Kappa Delta and coached for twenty-one years at Southwestern College. He received a B.A. in Speech Education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, an M.S. from Pittsburg State University, and has taken additional course work at North Texas State University.

Currently, Horn holds the rank of Professor, is Director of Debate and Forensics, and Chairman of the Speech Department at Southwestern College.

Horn serves on the Board of Trustees at Southwestern College. He is a past President of the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) and the founder and co-director of the "National Junior Varsity Debate Tournament."

Professor Horn stated "Pi Kappa Delta, is in my opinion, the hope for the future of the forensics community because it is open to all philosophies. The oath of Pi Kappa Delta best illustrates my feelings about the organization when it states: 'I will be fair, honest and courteous.' To me Pi Kappa Delta best promotes all three in the forensic world. In the 21 years I have spent in forensics and debate my experience with Pi Kappa Delta has been the highlight of it all. I am especially honored to a candidate for the offices of President and Vice-President."

R. DAVID RAY, University of Arkansas at Monticello

R. David Ray has been coaching for seventeen years at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and chartered their Pi Kappa Delta program. This is his fifteenth year as Director of the program. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Texas Tech University. Ray has taken additional course work at the University of Arkansas and the University of Mississippi.

Ray holds the rank of Assistant Professor and has served his department as chairman. He has co-authored with Ted Frank Business and Professional Speech Communication for Prentice Hall in 1979. He has served on the Executive Council of the Southern Forensic Association, and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Communication Studies.

"My Philosophy on the importance of effective oral communication is pretty well summed up in the statement of Pericles nearly twenty-five centuries ago: 'One who forms a judgement on any point, but cannot explain himself clearly . . . might as well never have thought at all on the subject.' The forensic activity provides most appropriately the competitive situations and pressures to sharpen the oral communicative skills needed for success in our fast paced and highly competitive society. Those of us who support this activity can be very proud of the opportunities we afford students to successfully meet the demands of a productive citizenship in a democratic society.

I am especially proud to be a part of Pi Kappa Delta because of the premium that the organization places upon attainable quality for those who choose to participate. Pi Kappa Delta is special because it blends competitive activities and establishes a healthy social climate that is both supportive and instructional. Thousands of young people, faculty and those supportive of forensics have been honored by association and recognition through memberships in Pi Kappa Delta. It is an honor for me to be to be a candidate for the



offices of President and Vice-President.

ROBERT S. LITTLEFIELD, North Dakota State University

By Dr. C. T. Hanson, NDSU

As a candidate for national office in Pi Kappa Delta, Dr. Robert Littlefield brings to this occasion a life-long commitment of personal service and immense personal dedication. Littlefield has been an active participant in Pi Kappa Delta from his earliest possible days as an undergraduate participant of Highest Distinction to the current time where he is now recognized as a coach of Highest Distinction and is now serving as this year's National Tournament Director. Having the ability to communicate with our membership in a clear and concise manner is a matter of crucial importance for those that we select to serve as national officers.

Having served on the National Council the past two years, Littlefield has dedicated much of his time and effort to helping promote unity and strength in our organization. Littlefield has, in our own Province, worked to ensure that all of the member chapters would have an opportunity to remain active in our national convention by organizing our schools to pool our resources and travel together as a means of keeping costs at a minimum.

In addition to promoting PKD both nationally and regionally, he has managed to complete his Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota, assumed the responsibility as Chairperson for the organizing and administering the new Department of Mass Communication, Speech Communication, and Theatre Arts. He and his wife, Kathy and daughter Lindsey have recently welcomed into their own a baby boy, named Brady. He has also found the time and energy to crank out a number of scholarly articles.

Robert Littlefield's strength as a candidate stems from three sources: first, his commitment to improving and strengthening PKD; his overwhelming capacity to be a productive worker, and his strong appreciation for the traditions of Pi Kappa Delta. As I professional colleague, I both appreciate Robert's personal dedication to our field of Speech Communication and his strong commitment to PKD. I heartily endorse and support Dr. Robert Littlefield's candidacy for President / Vice-President.

HAROLD WIDVEY

NOMINATED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SECRETARY TREASURER POST

Harold Widvey has been nominated by the National Council for the office of National Secretary/Treasurer of Pi Kappa Delta. The nomination must be approved by a vote of the membership.

Dr. Widvey holds the rank of Professor of Speech at South Dakota State University. He is a former editor of The FORENSIC of Pi Kappa Delta.

Dr. Widvey has submitted the following statement. "Pi Kappa Delta has been part of my life since I became a member in the late 1950's. It has provided a place for the kind of forensics program which has always seemed valuable to me. Pi Kappa Delta has given me a feeling of success through the honors granted to squads which I have coached. It is the one organization which has given me more than I have given it. I owe PKD whatever I can give it. I hope that my experience in school administration will provide the basic skills needed for the position. I am ready to give the time to learn what I need to know to do the job.

I think the most important goal for Pi Kappa Delta is to rebuild its treasury. I feel that a long term goal should be to develop a sizeable trust fund, one large enough to provide income to cover the fixed costs of Pi Kappa Delta. An immediate need exists to complete our application as a "non profit organization" and to secure corporate support for Pi Kappa Delta.

Your vote of confidence is appreciated.

Jack Starr Nominated by National Council For
PI KAPPA DELTA Historian

Jack Starr has been nominated by the National Council for the office of Historian of Pi Kappa Delta. The nomination must be approved by a vote of the membership.

Dr. Starr is a Professor in the Department of Speech Communication and Theatre at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse.

Starr established the Lambda Chapter on the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse in 1968. He has served as Governor of the Province of the Upper Mississippi. He was elected to the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta at the Philadelphia convention in 1975.

As a National Council member, Starr has served as Province coordinator, Chaired the Constitutional Revisions Committee and served as National Tournament Director for Gatlinburg, KY. Starr has served a Vice-President for 2 terms and as National President, 1981 - 1983.

Dr. Starr stated, "The perspective of the Historian's office serves a valuable function for our organization. Not only does it help us trace our roots, it provides us with a needed focus for evaluating our progress and future goals and directives. I feel that it would be an interesting task to follow the evolution of our ideas and procedures while continuing to serve the national organization.

I would appreciate your vote of confidence.

Anthony Schroeder Nominated by National Council For a Second
Term as Editor of
THE FORENSIC OF PI KAPPA DELTA.

Anthony B. Schroeder has been nominated by the National Council for a second term of office as editor of The FORENSIC of Pi Kappa Delta. The nomination must be approved by a vote of the membership.

Dr. Anthony B. Schroeder is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communicative Arts and Sciences at Eastern New Mexico University. In addition to his role as Director of Debate and Forensics, he is also Chair of the Graduate Committee, Chair of the Use of Human Subjects Committee and Graduate Coordinator for the Department.

"I am very honored to be asked a second time to serve as Editor of the Journal. I and the National Council have made many significant changes in the Journal. I hope you the members of the fraternity are pleased. I am interested in your input. Please send me scholarly articles, chapter news items, photos, and or issues to be expressed in the PKD Forum. I am Editor at your pleasure and am trying to please both the readers and the writers.

I would appreciate your vote of confidence.

The office for the KEY is room 206 (YELL ROOM) in the Hilton. Please bring your copy or materials for the membership to this room. If I am out, slide the copy under the door.

Pi Kappa Delta, this is your day, make it a good one!

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