



# THE KEY

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## What is the Key?

The Key is a daily bulletin of vital, not so vital, reverent, irreverent news notes and observations. The Key is published daily by the Editor of The Forensic, Don Swanson. Copies will be available each day at the tournament headquarters desk in the lobby of the Student Union Building and the lobby of the Sheraton Hotel.

You are invited to submit information, special announcements, recognitions, commentary, etc. for inclusion in The Key. Submit to "Don Swanson - The Key" and leave at the tournament headquarters desk in the Student Union Building, or at the Sheraton Hotel main desk. Questions? Call Don Swanson at the Sheraton.

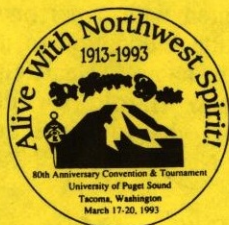
of forensics at this biannual event. Note the developmental conference, the student, coach, and alumni caucuses, the forensic forums, the showcases, the displays, the special social events, the gala awards banquet, the unique competitive events, and the national and province convention meetings.

## Do You Really Want to Know What's Happening?

Don't be confused by the plethora of activities and events. Find out about them this evening. Students attend the first Student Caucus and coaches and judges attend the coaches and judges meeting this evening. Both are at 7 pm. in the Convention Center adjacent to the Sheraton.

## The Tournament is Unique

The national tournament institutes competition in student congress this year. Even though it is a new event there are 53 entries. It is being held in Thompson 124, and 126 which are large rooms to allow for a large audience. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Note that the resolutions to be considered by the congress are listed on page 5 of the Convention Program. Not only is this exciting competition, but the participants will be debating resolutions that are crucial to the future of Pi Kappa Delta.



## What is Pi Kappa Delta Nationals?

Since the National Pi Kappa Delta Convention and Tournament is a biannual affair the vast majority of students, and many coaches, are attending their first event of this sort. If you've never been to a PKD Nationals, be sure to take a few minutes to carefully read your convention program and recognize the unique features. This is far more than just another national tournament. It is a celebration of all of our forensic efforts, energies, aspirations, and accomplishments over the past two years. The aura of history, the tradition of striving for excellence under the Pi Kappa Delta motto, "the art of persuasion, beautiful and just," pervades all of the routine and special activities of this convention and tournament. We perform, celebrate, analyze and modify the art

Individual event competitors you will discover that in most events you will receive five ballots. That means that you will have two rounds with two judges and one round with one ballot.

To say this is a "big" tournament is an understatement. Tournament Director Bill Hill reports that there are about 630 participants. There are 1012 individual event slots and debate participation is larger than at the last PKD National. In 1993 there are 25 open debate teams, 32 junior division teams, 30 novice teams, and 52 Lincoln-Douglas debaters.



### Catching the Shuttle

To catch the shuttle from the Sheraton: Go out of the Sheraton on the fourth level to the front of the Convention Center. Look for a Mayflower school bus or for a van with a PKD tournament logo on it. Note the shuttle schedule on pages 1 and 2 of your Convention Program.

Morning and midday shuttles will leave the Sheraton on the hour and half hour and will leave campus on the quarter hours; evening shuttles will leave campus on the hour and half hour and leave the Sheraton on the quarter hours.

### Sustenance

We all know that the Northwest is known for its superb seafood, but alas we are also all traveling on forensic budgets. But no one should leave the Puget Sound region without sampling some of the bounty of the sea. Ask any of the people from the Northwest and they will be happy to guide you to some fine places to eat. Attend the Northwest reception from 5 to 7 this evening for "a taste of the Northwest" compliments of the Northwest Province Chapters. And pay particular attention to "Sue's Guide" to places to eat. It's in your registration packet and it is a very handy reference compiled by the UPS Assistant Director of Forensics and Forensic Food Connoisseur, Sue Balter. By the way the UPS SUB food service is really pretty good.

### The Pi Kappa Delta Store

Wow, check out the commemorative pins that carry the official convention logo, a real bargain at \$5 and sports bottles at \$2.50! Quantities are limited so get your convention souvenirs early. The T-shirts, sweat shirts, baseball caps, and coffee mugs are always popular items. Syd and Joe, your student national council members have made a very special effort to offer the kind of things that have real appeal. In past years some PKD participants have been disappointed when the store sold out of what they wanted. So our advice is don't try to wait until Friday or Saturday to make your purchases. The store is located at the Sheraton North conference room and preliminary plans are to have it open from 10 am to 2 pm each day, and also for an hour before all business meetings and a half hour after each business meeting.

### Messages

There is Personal information bulletin board provided for messages. It is across from the

judge's table at tournament headquarters in the Board Room of the Student Center.

### Developmental Conference Studies Challenges

Forty-five forensic educators are participating today in the third Pi Kappa Delta Developmental Conference. The theme in 1993 is to study the challenges facing forensics and Pi Kappa Delta. Scholars will present papers and discuss the challenge of judging, returning debate to the public arena, serving culturally diverse students and involving alumni in Pi Kappa Delta. Professor Bob Derryberry of Southwest Baptist University delivers the keynote address.

### Necrology Service moved

Pi Kappa Delta members who have passed away since the last convention will be honored at this brief special service at 4:00 pm Wednesday in Tacoma 4. It was moved to this location from the room listed in your program in order to provide adequate space.

### Harold Widvey Honored by the National Council

At the Tuesday evening meeting the National Council recognized Harold Widvey for his long and devoted service to the council. He was presented with a personal gift and the council made a donation to the endowment fund in his name. Heartfelt thanks were expressed to Harold for doing what is undoubtedly the toughest and most time consuming National Council Task.

### The Business Meeting Tonight

As we kick off this 80th anniversary Convention there will be some special welcomes, introduction of nominees for offices, and the chartering of exciting new chapters. Refer to page 6 of your Convention Program for tonight's agenda. 8:00 pm in the Tacoma Ballroom at the Sheraton.

### Looking Ahead to Thursday

Thursday we get serious about competition by starting early with individual events, two rounds of student congress, and three rounds of debate. In the evening we have our first Province meetings, our second business meeting and end late with the pool party and student reception.