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Standing Room Only for the First Student Caucus Wednesday and

the second Student Caucus is this evening at 6:15 in Tacoma 1 in the Convention Center. Syd Van Atta and Joe Hamell, your Student National Council members have a full agenda for this eveining's meeting. Perhaps the most important item is to take nominations for an additional Student Member of the National Council. (This action will be taken in anticipation of the passagae of the Constitutional Amendment which will add another student to the council.) They would like you to note that nominees need to currently be a freshman or sophomore who can fulfill the duties of the position for two years. This means that the elected member and the member's school must make a committment to the position and the National Council meetings for the next two years. Questions? See Syd or Joe.

Expanded Store Hours

Syd and Joe have established more hours for the PKD Store, and it will also be open in the SUB at UPS. The Hours are as follows:

Thursday:

1:00 - 6:00 pm Sheraton & UPS 10:30 pm - midnite Sheraton Friday:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm UPS 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm UPS 10:30 pm - midnite Sheraton Saturday

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm Sheraton 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm UPS

Welcome!

The first business meeting celebrates our participation in Pi Kappa Delta

and last night charters were awarded to seven new member schools, and three new alumni chapters and seven reaffiations were recognized. The new chapters are:

University of Indiananpolis Wingate College Texas Southern University University of Guam Southern University University of Rhode Island Holy Names College

New alumni chapters have been established at:

Texas A & I U. of Arkansas, Monticello SE Missourl State University

Reaffiliations include:

University of Findlay
Manchester College
Northeast Louisianna Univ.
Central Methodist Univ.
Wichita State University
Southeast Oklahoma Univ.
Longwood College

Hafa Adai!

What was that answer to the role call last night from the University of Guam chapter? It is the traditional Chamorro greeting that reflects the warmth and hospitality of the tropical island paradise. It says far more than hello. It reflects a wholehearted welcome and salute. Very appropriate for the Pi Kappa Delta opening session.

West Chester's response -"Wouldn't miss this for the world." probably represents the view of all of us.

Don't Miss the Special Displays

The Province and historical displays are very impressive. Take a few minutes and feel the spirit and the history of our diverse Pi Kappa Regions. They are on the third level in the South and Center rooms.

The 1993 Elections

Robert Ridley, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of candidates for Officers. They are Bill Hill, President, Robert Littlefield, Secretary - Treasurer, and Larry Schnoor and Steve Hunt for Editor of *The Forensic*. Note that the position of President and Secretary - Treasurer are unopposed and that the Editor position is appointed by the National Council.

The competitive election will focus on the candidates for National Council. On Thursday evening each of the candidates will have five minutes to present their candidacy to the convention. The run-off election Thursday evening will narrow the slate to five candidates, to be the final slate for the election of three members on Friday evening.

The Candidates

Each of the candidates has been invited to communicate with you in The Key. Here are the statements that were submitted by press time for your consideration:

Edward S. Inch
Pacific Lutheran University
Great West Province

Tradition & Innovation. While on their surface, these two terms may seem opposed, really they are not. I believe, instead, that they offer Pi Kappa Delta with a sense of mission, purpose, and direction. We are an organization rich in tradition. I grew up in this tradition competing for Western Washington University and later directing the program at Pacific Lutheran University. These programs are strong--just as PKD is

strong--because we take great efforts never to lose sight of the past. By understanding where we have been, we as an organization have always been able to understand where we are and more importantly where we are going.

Innovation represents the direction we are going. I have been very fortunate these last two years to work with a council that is firmly grounded in PKD's rich history which simultaneously looking for ways to improve and strengthen our organization. PKD has such potential to unify and lead a fragmented forensics community and I think that we have begun to takes steps that will help our organization be a model for others across the country. We do good things here. We support each other well. This is a place where students and teachers alike share the triumphs and the pitfalls and our organization helps provide a context for our mutual development as humane beings. I want to continue along the path I have begun and I want to be a leader in the traditions and innovations that are so much a part of our growth as a community.

Scott Jensen
University of Missouri, St. Louis
Province of the Missouri

It has become clear to me from researching, interacting, and observing our activity that the mid 1990's offer tremendous opportunity for forensics activities. It is also clear to me that its enduring commitment to excellence in forensic education and competition makes Pi Kappa Delta the ideal organization to lead our activity toward growth and positive change. It is PKD's rich traditions, respected voice of reason, and fraternal bonds that make me an enthusiastic candidate for National Council.

Since my first PKD experience at a provincial tournament in Columbia, Missouri, I have dedicated myself to serving our fraternity in a variety of capacities. I have served the Province of the Missouri, as both its Lietenant - Governor and Governor,

and served the National Council through committee work. I assisted in hosting the 1989 St. Louis National Convention, participated in the most recent PKD Developmental Conference, presented several papers on PKD - sponsored Speech Communication Association Convention panels, and published research in The Forensic. I can say with pride and without hesitation that my membership and service in Pi Kappa Delta remains the highlight of my years in forensics. It is intentional that my philosophy as a forensic professional mirrors the mission of PKD. I am dedicated to a non-elitist approach to forensics that is grounded in principles of sound pedagog;lly, diversity of involvement, and broad-based service and competitive experiences. I pledge to extend this philosophy with fresh ideas, and a dedication to helping PKD seize the opportunities that are afforded us.

> Willis "Bill" Watt Fort Hays State University Province of the Plains

My involvement with Pi Kappa Delta began in 1984 as Director of Forensics. As an overview of major activities undertaken for PKD I include: (a) sponsor of the Kansas Nu Chapter, (B) two terms as Governor and one term as Secretary/Treasurer of the Plains Province, (C) presenter and panel chair at the PKD Developmental Conferences in 1991 and 1993, (E) director of the Kansas State High School Debate Tournaments in 1985 and 1992, (F) director of the Western Kansas High School Debate and Class Individual Events Kansas Tournaments, and (G) director of the Talking Tiger Debate Research Institute. These activities are listed to illustrate that I am a broad-based and experienced candidate for the National Council.

As noted at the 1993 PKD Developmental Conference, PKD needs to help maintain forensics as a part of the public forum. Towards this end the Kansas Nu Chapter initiated Dr. Edward H. Hammond, President, Fort Hays State, to the organization in the fall of 1992. Also,

several years ago the Kansas Nu Chapter began hosting the successful, noncompetitive Sunflower Debates each semester.

PKD began at Ottawa University (KS) and the Fort Hays State Kansas Nu Chapter is the fourth oldest chapter of our "international" fraternity. In closing, let me rephrase a statement from the late U. S. President, Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower who said: "the proudest thing I can say is that I'm from Abilene, Kansas." Well, as a member of PKD and a native son of Ottawa, I am pleased to be able to say: "THE PROUDEST THING I CAN SAY IS THAT I'M FROM OTTAWA, KANSAS, BIRTHPLACE OF PI KAPPA DELTA."

William A. Yaremchuk
Monmouth College
Province of the Colonies

I am the Director of Forensics and Coordinator of the Critical Discourse Program at Monmouth College, New Jersey. I have served Pi Kappa Delta as the Governor, Lt. Governor of the Province of the Colonies and hosted the 1991 PKD National Tournament and Convention.

Your representative on the PKD National Council must possess leadership qualities, have extensive knowledge of the field of forensics, be experienced in tournament management, be dedicated to planning and detail, and have a genuine concern for all members of our fraternity. As your council member, I will be able to demonstrate these qualities.

I have actively participated since 1959 as a varsity debater and have continued as a coach and tournament director to the present. The Woodrow Wilson Tournament, the New Jersey Drama Competition, the 1978 NFA Tournament, and the 1992 National Conference on Leadership represent only a few notable events that I have directed or hosted. Two NJ Governor's Awards attest to the quality of those efforts.

I advocate the establishment of a forensics assistance program, sponsorship of judging clinics, increased student representation at national and provincial levels, resolution of debate / individual events inequities, establishing procedures for obtaining corporate support for PKD operating expenses, and the creation of a PKD Newsletter.

James Norwig Louisiana Tech University Province of the Lower Mississippi

(The Handbill Guy) After the meeting last night, I made it a point to eat and sleep This is therefore being written during a brief pause in the tabroom "action."

I won't repeat what I've "done" within Pi Kap over the years - that's listed on those bright vellow handbills which Tony Allison so kindly had printed. (Thanks Tony.) I will say that it has been my pleasure to serve whenever called upon. I have turned down some opportunities to serve other organizations, but never Pi Kappa Delta. That's because I know (and after all these years as a forensics coach, I "know" very few things) that Pi Kap does represent and nurture the achievement of the highest goals of speech activities. I have had ample opportunity over many years to learn that being a council member is basically a lot of very hard work. I would be highly honored if you would give me the opportunity to work for you on National Council. I will give you the best - and my best includes the ability to listen to everyone and then make the decisions that I believe best serve the interests of this organization, the speech activity, and the students that both exist to serve.

NOTES

Express Breakfast offered at the Sheraton from 6-8 am, 4th level by the Shuttle Stop.

Sheraton's "We do pizza" extended till midnite.

Hey Sue, you forgot to include Jack in the Box on your forensic food guide.

Psst - Did anyone tell Steve he forgot to shave this morning?

The University of Rhode Island is offering geography lessons.

Rumor is that Gary Horn wanted to judge the bikini contest tonight at the student reception / pool party, but he found out that Bob Derryberry had volunteered first.

