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## PKD National Tournament and Convention Overview

### Judge/Critics

One necessity of a good tournament is responsible, reliable judge/critics giving good constructive criticism to students in debate and individual events. Judges must pick up their ballots and get to their rooms on time. Judges must carefully note the correct competitors, sides, speaking order, and other bookkeeping necessities on the ballot. Judges must then render a fair unbiased decision giving a win and a loss in debate and speaking rankings and ratings in either debate or individual events. Judges must then justify their decisions and give constructive criticism to the students, preferably both orally (briefly and succinctly) and on the ballot. What things were the students doing well that need to be reinforced and continued? What things were the students having problems with and how might those weaknesses possibly be overcome?

Forensics educators teach "the art of persuasion beautiful and just" by being good judge/critics. This is no easy task. Often critics are moved around all day having to hustle from round to round. Often critics need to catch a break for food or drink or other necessities. Often critics are tired from late nights and early mornings. However, the tournament can't run unless the judges pick up their ballots and fill them out correctly. And students won't learn or won't learn nearly as much as fast, unless judge/critics stay alert and do their damndest to give good decisions and to give students lots and lots of feedback on how they might improve.



PKD has some wonderful judge/critics whom we all appreciate. They deserve to be remembered and cheered. PKD also has a few judge/critics who may have forgotten how fundamental and necessary the basics of judging and critiquing are. The tournament doesn't run and the students don't learn unless the judge/critics do their job.

### Communication

PKD's continued existence and expansion is dependent on good communication. The National Council must communicate its vision to the provinces. The province governor and lieutenant governor must communicate with active chapters getting them to attend province and national tournaments and initiate new members. They must also try to get new chapters to enroll in PKD.

We have lots of channels for good communication but sometimes we don't utilize them all or use them effectively.

1. Key PKD national information and historically important information can go in **The Forensic**
2. National announcements and dated materials can go in the newsletter from PKD's executive secretary.
3. Governors and lieutenant governors should talk to national council members and to one another not only at the national tournament/convention but also at SCA and, utilizing our national mailing, phone, and E mail lists , through E mail, phone, or letter during the year. Governors , lieutenant governors, and student lieutenant governors frequently have great ideas they can and should share with one another about how to get new chapters, how to have bi or tri province tournament/conventions, about how to get new members, and about service projects on campus or in the community, etc. etc.

### Retrospective to the First Day of Competition Thursday Mr. 23, 1995

#### First Day in the Bag

Somehow it happened. The first day of competition is complete. There were a few room glitches. There were far too many last minute drops and changes. Some people didn't read too carefully that they could not double enter in pattern A. A few novice debate teams did not realize that they might indeed go twice in a row on the same side. Judges had to be procured as best possible. Ed Inch found that



"press gangs" were the best technique. But it happened and the first day is done , in the bag, finito. Thanks to all the folks who made an extra effort especially those judges who did double and triple duty!!!!!!

### **Nominees for National Council Set**

Thursday's Business Meeting set the final slate for national council. There are now five candidates for the three general positions. They are: Kevin Doss, Louisiana Tech., Jeff Hobbs, Abilene Christian University, Scott Jensen, McNeese State University, Glenda Treadaway, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, and Willis Watt, Fort Hays State University.

Read their campaign statements in **The Winter 1995 Forensic** Ask lots of questions of their province members to become informed and vote your preferences at Friday night's business meeting.

### **Booming Business at Student Store**

The student store at the University Center continues its booming business. T-shirts, sweat shirts, hats, and cups are going fast. See Colby Walker or Melissa O'Connor and buy your remembrances NOW!!!

### **Prospective Reminders for Friday March 24, Sat. March 25, and the Future**

#### **Melissa O'Connor Announces Friday Night Student Mixer**

Friday night at 10:00 PM Grand Isle Ballroom there will be a student mixer. Demonstrating their commitment to PKD, many members will take the shirts off their backs and contribute them to others (((expecting , however, another shirt in exchange in the much vaunted t-shirt exchange))) We will expect to see Colby and Melissa being among the first to take the shirts off their backs trading them to others. Always important to starving students, there will be refreshments!!!!

#### **Saturday Student Showcases**

Saturday, March 25 some of PKD's best will display their talents in forensics showcases. There will be showcases in both public address and interpretation at 9:15 A.M. and 12:45 P.M. Participants include: Tiffany Seeley Boise State University, Ben Sutherland, Wichita St. University, Amanda McClain, Ohio St. University, Tim Ennenbach, U. of Missouri-St. Louis, Mike Van Keulen, Moorhead St University, Jimmy Rubio, LSU-Shreveport, Shante Chandler, Central Missouri St



University, Mindy Myers, Bloomsburg University, Eric Wolff, Concordia College, Paul Morris, UPS, Jason Luciano, Bloomsburg University, Kevin Kleinbeck, Heidelberg College, Matt Morrow, SW Baptist University, Micah Montague, NW Nazarene, Sarah Martin, PLU, Rachel Millin, Heidelberg College, Jason Shaw, SW Baptist University, and Heath Martin- Rebecca Bryant, McNeese St. University.

**PKD has a Bid to go to Northern Kentucky University and the Drawbridge Inn for its 1997 tournament/convention.**

**Cal. St. Northridge has Forensics and Non-Forensics graduate assistantships available.**

**\$13.000 per year located in Los Angeles. Contact Don Brownlee at the Sheraton is interested in more details.**

This announcement reminds us that we badly need new, bright, energetic forensics educators. If you have the background, think about the possible career.

**Bill Hill seeks Interested Persons for Committee Assignments**

Bill Hill, PKD President Elect, is looking for a few good women and men to volunteer to serve on PKD's many committees. If you have a possible interest in tournament evaluation, professional development, nominations, alumni chapters, constitutional revision, site location, awards, history, serving on the editorial board of **The Forensic**, or whatever, please tear off the form which appears below and get it to Bill Hill

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What might you be interested in helping PKD do \_\_\_\_\_

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