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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our 1962 National Conference at Indiana State College in Terre Haute was an efficiently organized and profitable national meeting. Dr. Otis Aggertt and his three student directors, Don Morlan, Ron Snell, and Reed Stewart, had carefully planned every detail of the conference program, which included several very pleasant social events in addition to the debate and discussion divisions and the individual speaking contests.

Each chapter should begin making plans to attend the 1963 TKA National Conference to be held at Ball State College in Muncie, Indiana, April 11-13. This annual conference is by no means just another debate tournament. It is an opportunity for Tau Kappa Alpha members to become acquainted, and by sharing ideas to make TKA a more effective organization in each member school. In setting up the debate budget for next year, we inevitably must choose among tournaments. The National Conference should be given highest priority by each TKA school.

There are other spring responsibilities for each chapter. Please use this as a check list to be sure your work for the year is completed.

- Have you made a careful check of candidates to insure that your chapter has initiated all qualified students? This cannot be delayed. If we permit the qualified student to graduate without extending TKA membership to him, a grave injustice has been done. Chapter sponsors and officers are urged to give this matter their immediate attention.
- 2. Has your chapter elected its officers



Mrs. Annabel Hagood

for the 1962-63 academic year? While some chapters prefer to hold elections in the fall, there is value in a spring election so that the chapter can begin its activities with the opening of school.

3. Has you chapter compiled records on its operation this year? Have you listed the officers, the new members, and the activities of the year? If we are to preserve the history and tradition of the society, it is important that each chapter maintain accurate and complete records.

Plans made to attend the 1963 National Conference? Members initiated? Officers elected? Records compiled? Then it is time for vacation. I hope you have a pleasant summer. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

STUDENT PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The recent National Conference was a gratifying way to end a year as President of the National Student Council. With the help of your other officers, regional members of the council, and our advisor Mrs. Deldee Herman, we were able to have a series of profitable meetings.

Concerning the outcome of these meetings, let me first discuss the reception for local TKA officers. As this was the first time that such a meeting had been attempted, we were not sure how it would develop. But when one person stood to relate the various activities of his local chapter, every person there was ready to contribute to the discussion. As had been hoped, the meeting turned into a means for the communication of ideas relevant to chapter activities. The success of the meeting was seen in the number of students who voiced the hope that they could get some new activities begun on their campuses.

The recommendations of the Student Council to the new officers can be found in the minutes in this publication. For that reason, I see no need to list them again. Rather let me point up what seemed to be the basic problem. This is organization and continuity in student government. Two problems might be noted here. First, how can we get more qualified officers? Second, how can we assure competence in student council participants? Before discussing possible answers, the terms need to be defined. By qualified, we mean someone who is familiar with student work in TKA. The same can be said for competence. In order to meet



IRVIN PENFIELD

this problem, the Student Government has recommended a nominating committee to serve as a screening process. As usual, nominations for office will come from the floor. But the nominating committee, composed of the old student officers, would have selected previously two well qualified candidates for each office.

Before concluding, I would like to take this opportunity, to thank all of those who have helped me so much in the past year. It has certainly been a pleasurable experience. I would also like to wish Jim Maxwell, the new Student President, and his fellow officers the best of luck.

SECRETARY'S PAGE

PAUL D. BRANDES

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer wishes to take this opportunity to introduce to the society his assistant, James Mogus. Mr. Mogus, a junior in the College of Liberal Arts from Louisville, Ohio, was appointed as assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer in January of 1961 and has had the major responsibility for processing memberships and funds since that date. His efficiency has been largely responsible for the promptness with which orders have been processed. His willingness to remain on duty during the summer months and at holiday seasons has been of immeasurable assistance to the society.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer wishes to offer his appreciation to Professor Otis Aggertt, to Reed M. Stewart, Ronald D. Snell, and Donald B. Morlan, of Indiana State College, for the efficiency with which they handled the procedures of the National Convention. The model initiation processed fifty-three members from twenty-five different institutions. The office regrets that the Balfour Company was not able to supply four of the plaques and certificates. These are now on order and will be sent directly to the recipients as soon as they are received.

Professor Nicholas Cripe, the sponsor of the Tau Kappa Alpha chapter at Butler and currently president of the American Forensic Association, delivered a very successful speech at the awards banquet of the Sixteenth Annual National Debate Tournament at West Point. Two of our newer chapters, The Massachusetts Institute of



James Mogus

Technology and Southwest Missouri State College, were represented at the tournament, as well as the Tau Kappa Alpha schools, Brigham Young University, the University of Florida, the University of Vermont, Miami University, Purdue University, and the University of Richmond. Among the guest judges from Tau Kappa Alpha schools were Professor Albert Hingston from Pacific University, Professor Cripe of Butler, Prof. Joseph Wetherby of Duke, Prof. Dwight Freshley of Vanderbilt University, and your Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

SPEAKER OF THE YEAR AWARD, 1961

Newton M. Minow, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, has been named Tau Kappa Alpha's "Speaker-of-the-Year."

Dr. Wayne C. Eubank made the announcement at the National Conference of TKA in Terre Haute, Indiana.

From 1949 through 1958, Tau Kappa Alpha chose top speakers in as many as five broad areas of human endeavor, including religion, labor, business and commerce, national affairs, and education, scientific, and cultural activities. In 1959 the National Council of TKA passed a resolution retaining the five areas but limiting the number of Speaker-of-the-Year awards to one chosen from the most promising of the five fields.

Born in Milwaukee in 1926, Mr. Minow studied at Northwestern University, where he holds B.S. and LL.B. degrees, and has served with the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

He has been law clerk to former Supreme Court Justice Vinson, an administrative assistant to Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson, and a member of a Chicago law firm with Mr. Stevenson. President Kennedy appointed him chairman of the FCC shortly after his inauguration in 1961.

Mr. Minow, best known for his recent "TV Wasteland" speech, was chosen by the society as the Speaker-of-the-Year in the area of "educational, scientific, and cultural activities," distinguished for effective, intelligent, and responsible speaking on significant public questions during 1961.

Mr. Minow's merits as a speaker are exemplified in his "wasteland" speech, which was delivered before the annual convention of the National Association



NEWTON M. MINOW

of Broadcasters May 9, and in which he issued the following challenge:

"I invite you to sit down in front of your television set when your station goes on the air and stay there without a book, magazine, newspaper, profit and loss sheet or rating book to distract you—and keep your eyes glued to that set until the station signs off. I can assure you that you will observe a vast wasteland."

Mr. Minow concluded with a charge of responsibility to the broadcasters:

"I urge you to put the people's airwaves to the service of the people and the cause of freedom. You must help prepare a generation for great decisions. You must help a great nation fulfill its future."

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Each year Tau Kappa Alpha through its Distinguished Alumni Award attempts to recognize former members who by their careers have continued to bring honors to themselves and thus distinction to the schools from which they graduated. To be so recognized, the recipient must first be nominated by his Tau Kappa Alpha chapter and then be selected by the awards committee.

This year the awards go to two former college debaters who have truly distinguished themselves in their chosen fields.

NICHOLAS M. CRIPE, Chairman Distinguished Alumni Committee

JUDGE ELIJAH BARRETT PRETTYMAN

"Behind his warm smile and relaxed personality, there is the driving force of a man dedicated to improving the administration of justice with the dispatch of what one friend has called a practical scholar."

This is what the Washington Star had to say about Judge Elijah Barrett Prettyman at the time of his retirement as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in October of 1960.

Judge Prettyman was born in Lexington, Virginia, the son of Reverend Forrest Johnson Prettyman and Mrs. Prettyman on August 23, 1891. He graduated from Randolph-Macon College in 1910 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and in 1911 received his Master of Arts Degree. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1915 with a Bachelor of Laws Degree. The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Judge Prettyman in 1946 by Georgetown University and another by Randolph-Macon in 1961.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa and a winner of the Sutherlin Medal in 1910, Randolph-Macon's highest forensic honor, he was one of the founding members of the Virginia Chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha when a delegation from



E. BARRETT PRETTYMAN

Richmond College and Randolph-Macon met with Oswald Ryan in Richmond on the evening of December 18, 1911. An outstanding college debater, orator, and student, Elijah Barrett Prettyman went on to become an outstanding lawyer, teacher, and Judge.

Admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1915,

his practice of law in Hopewell, Virginia, was interrupted by World War I and he served in the United States Army from 1917 until 1919, being mustered out as a Captain in Infantry.

Following thirteen years of practice with a Washington law firm, Prettyman served for one year as General Counsel to the Bureau of Internal Revenue and two years as Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia. He was a member of the firm of Hewes. Prettyman, and Awalt of Washington and Hartford, Connecticut from 1936 until he was appointed to the Court of Appeals by President Truman in 1945. He was made Chief Justice of that Court in 1957. He was a member of the faculty of the Georgetown University Law School and Professor of Taxation there for nearly fifteen years.

Judge Prettyman has been President of the Washington Board of Trade and of the District of Columbia Bar Association. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees at Randolph-Macon since 1933, and of the American University since 1940.

An outstanding jurist in administration law, Prettyman delivered the Henry L. Doherty Foundation lectures at the University of Virginia Law School in 1958. He is author of Articles on Taxation and Administrative Practice of Law.

Reporting editorially *The Washing-ton* Post stated:

In Chief Judge E. Barrett Prettyman of the U. S. Supreme Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Nature combined a large measure of zeal and go-power along with the philosophic detachment of a judge. In the two years that Judge Prettyman has presided over the Court of Appeals and the Judicial Conference

of this Circuit, he has done more than any other person to correct defects in the administration of Justice.

An editorial appearing in the October 19, 1960, Washington Star commented that Judge Prettyman "became well known not only for the clarity of his legal opinions in complex cases, but for his frequent appearances at the capitol in behalf of legislation to improve the judicial machinery here and in the country at large."

Tau Kappa Alpha is indeed proud to honor as one of her distinguished alumni, Judge Elijah Barrett Prettyman, Randolph-Macon College, Class of 1910.

DR. MILLER A. F. RITCHIE

President Miller A. F. Ritchie of Pacific University grew up in the midst of speech-making, his father being a minister and his older brother being a champion college debater and orator. But he miserably failed in upholding family tradition in his first try at collegiate forensics.

That was in 1928 at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. He was a freshman, trying out for the debate team. Under the baleful eyes of three faculty judges, he went blank about half-way through his well-memorized speech and fled in shame from the platform. Nearly thirtyfour years later Dr. Ritchie is known from coast to coast as an eloquent and intellectually stimulating speaker. He credits the encouragement of Professor Julius F. Prufer, Tau Kappa Alpha Advisor for many college generations at Roanoke, as the secret of much of his success in subsequently making the debate team, gaining membership in TKA, and becoming president of the

Virginia chapter.

A native of Churchville, Virginia, where he was born on July 24, 1909, President Ritchie received his A.B. Degree from Roanoke College in 1928, his M.A. from William and Mary College in 1942, and has done advanced study at Columbia University, Florida State University, and New York University. He holds four honorary doctorates.

Dr. Ritchie is a member of the Commission on the Arts, Association of American Colleges; the Commission of Church-State-College Relationships of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities; and the Oregon Council on Crime and Delinquency. He is a Trustee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and is a Director and Vice Chairman of the Oregon Colleges Foundation.

In addition to Tau Kappa Alpha, he is a member of Alpha Phi Omega; Omicron Delta Kappa; Kappa Delta Pi; and Blue Key.

After experience in public school teaching and supervising, Dr. Ritchie entered college work on the administrative staff at his Alma Mater, Roanoke. He served as an officer in the U. S. Naval Reserve during World War II. Released from the military service in 1946, he went to the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, as an assistant professor of Education. By 1950 he had become a full professor and was named Chairman of the newly created Department of Human Relations. He became president of Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, in 1953 where he



MILLER A. F. RITCHIE

remained for six years before coming to Pacific University in 1959.

For his work in the fields of Education and Human Relations, Dr. Ritchie has been widely honored. Included are citations from the National Conference of Christians and Jews; the Urban League; the American Jewish Committee; and the Melby Award from New York University.

Tau Kappa Alpha is pleased to honor as one of her Distinguished Alumni, Dr. Miller A. F. Ritchie, President of Pacific University, graduate of Roanoke College, Class of 1932.

Left to right-Robert Roberts and Pat Hardin of the University of Alabama.

TWO-MAN DEBATE

Charles Helgesen, Western Michigan University, Director

First Place: University of Alabama Second Place: Vanderbilt University Semi-finalist: Xavier University Semi-finalist: University of Vermont

REPORT OF THE 1962 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TAU KAPPA ALPHA

Otis J. Aggertt, Director

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THE SPEAKER

WHENCE COMETH DEBATE ETHICS?

GARY L. PETERSON*

Ever since Plato firmly established the moral bases of rhetoric, the ethical nature of communication situations has been deemed important. In our day ethical evaluations were frequently made of television's Great Debates in the 1960 presidential campaign, as witnessed by the adverse criticisms about what was said and how it was presented in the debate situation. In our realm of competitive academic debating there have also been numerous statements about ethics in the discipline. Objectionable practices do occur, and the debater may have no personal awareness of ethical implications of those practices. Problems may exist because the debater has not learned moral and ethical values, particularly as these values are associated with the peculiar nature of academic debate.

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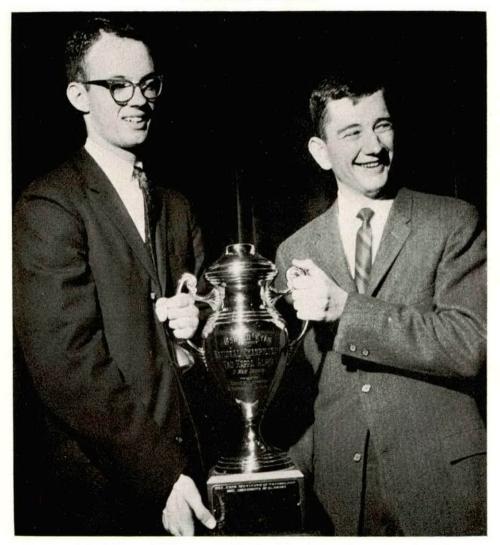
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William Trufant Foster, Argumentation and Debating (Boston, 1945), pp. 234-235, 271-277.
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OUTSTANDING TWO-MAN DEBATERS



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Raoul Alcala—United States Military Academy
Mike McGee—Butler University
Robert Roberts—University of Alabama
Joe Swabb—Muskingum College
Gilbert Tornabene—University of Vermont
Elaine Vandenbout—Western Michigan University
Marilyn Van Graber—University of Vermont
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FOUR-MAN DEBATE



Left to right—William Likosky, William Germain, Elaine Zak, and Michael Cronin of the University of Vermont.

FOUR-MAN DEBATE

KEITH MONTGOMERY, Purdue University, Director

First Place: University of Vermont

Second Place: University of Kentucky

Third Place: Wabash College

Fourth Place: University of Southern California

OUTSTANDING FOUR-MAN DEBATERS



Seated, left to right—Jim Bond, Bettye Choate, William Germain. Standing, left to right—Irwin Penfield, Warren Scoville, Deno Curris.

Jim Bond—Wabash College
Bettye Choate—University of Kentucky
Deno Curris—University of Kentucky
John DeVault—University of Florida
William Germain—University of Vermont
Charles Nagy—Western Michigan University
Irvin Penfield—University of Alabama
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DISCUSSION AWARD WINNERS



Left to right—Joe Gladden, John Jones, Bruce Anderson, Archer Smith, Don Connors, Larry Barker, Cully Clark, and Phil Emmertt.

DISCUSSION

DAVID SHEPARD, Ball State Teachers College, Director

PLAQUE WINNERS:

Leonard Clark, Wabash College Phillip Emmertt, Ohio University Joe Gladden, Emory University John Jones, Purdue University

CERTIFICATE WINNERS:

Bruce Anderson, Purdue University
Larry Barker, Ohio University
Donald Conners, Muskingum College
Nancy Grosick, Denison University
James Maxwell, Randolph-Macon College
Jack Rhodes, State University of South Dakota
Archer D. Smith III, Emory University

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING AWARD WINNERS



Left to right—Deno Curris, Robert Roberts, Leonard Clark, Pat Hardin, and Gerald Cozier.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

JAMES GOLDEN, Muskingum College, Director

PLAQUE WINNERS:

Leonard Clark, Wabash College Jerry Cozier, University of Denver Deno Curris, University of Kentucky

CERTIFICATE WINNERS:

Pat Hardin, University of Alabama Charles Marson, University of Southern California Robert Roberts, University of Alabama

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING AWARD WINNERS



Left to right—Ray McGeary, Elizabeth Maxwell, Marilyn Young, and Gloria Dotson.

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

ORVILLE JOHNSON, Earlham College, Director

PLAQUE WINNERS:

Elizabeth Maxwell, University of Alabama Raymond McGeary, Muskingum College David Schmid, Xavier University

CERTIFICATE WINNERS:

Gloria Dotson, Memphis State University Loren Walla, University of Arkansas Marilyn Young, Florida State University

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cations for those who believe that an implicit code of conduct is already in operation.

These findings, contradicting one another, led to further investigation in order to discover how active forensic organizations viewed debate conduct. State and regional high school forensic leagues, as well as regional and national college forensic organizations, were asked to report their policies with respect to ethical conduct. These groups were specifically questioned about the establishment of any codes of ethical conduct. Thirty-nine forensic organizations and societies responded to a request for information. Of this number, thirty-one were state or regional high school forensic organizations affiliated with the National University Extension Association, and eight were college. Materials received from these organizations revealed their policies toward the adoption of ethical codes, and in addition, furnished special references and comments about ethical problems in general.

Results of this survey support the typical view reflected in debate textbooks. No college forensic organization or society had adopted definite rules or codes pertaining to ethical conduct. The generally expressed view was that debaters already knew the rules, that attempts to compile codes would not be effective, nor would such codes be enforceable. Typical of policy statements are the following comments: "No formal statement of ethical standards has been established;" "No action has been taken toward establishing standards for interscholastic or intercollegiate debates;" "Principles or rules have never been formulated into writing;" "The only rules of ethics are related indirectly to regulations on tournaments."

Policy statements were sometimes accompanied by a rationale for the stand expressed by the organization. The following examples indicate the nature of such comments: "Directors customarily deal with their own debaters;" "Digressions have always been left to the judge or judges;" or, "Perhaps nothing has occurred to give reason to believe that unethical practices are occurring." Similar feelings were expressed by many high school groups. Eight organizations at the secondary school level, however, reported action taken in the direction of codes of conduct.⁵ This action took various forms, from specified codes of ethics, to instructions to judges concerning ethical conduct.

Of those organizations not reporting specific standards of conduct, many echoed the feeling that an implicit code exists and that there is no need for new measures. Such a position is reflected by these remarks: "The League does not feel it necessary to distribute or enforce such codes of ethics;" "So far as is known, there is no problem from this (unethical practice). Every speech and debate teacher has a responsibility;" "Judges must and do consider ethical con-

⁴ The national office of the high school National Forensic League reported, as did the American Forensic Association. All four college honor societies were represented, and three regional organizations replied. Honor societies reporting their policies were: Phi Rho Pi, Tau Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Rho, and Pi Kappa Delta. Regional organizations replying were: Missouri Valley Forensic League, Southern Region of the American Forensic Association, and Western Forensic Association.

⁵ The eight state forensic organizations having well-defined ethical standards: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Texas, and West Virginia. Oklahoma also reported a committee at work formulating a code.

tent in their analyses. Coaches should know of such matters . . . it is unnecessary for the state to handle them."

Some interesting innovations were reported by state organizations—usually by those groups with well-defined and explicit ethical standards. In Kansas debate clinics include sections for rules and good sportsmanship in debating. Indiana awards a sportsmanship trophy at the state finals, covering coaches' and speakers' conduct for the entire year. Michigan distributes ethical instructions to coaches, debaters, and judges. Oklahoma stresses the elimination of poor teaching which allows malpractices. These departures from the traditional handling of debate indicate an effort to regulate debate conduct and to correct what they feel are shortcomings in their respective areas.

The fact that organizations have not adopted codes of conduct should not and cannot be construed as meaning they are not interested in ethical public speaking. Tau Kappa Alpha has long been dedicated to the cultivation of "intelligent, responsible and effective speech in a free society." Other forensic groups have similar aims. But another question arises at this point. Cannot forensic organizations contribute more actively in the realm of debate conduct? In many instances at present they serve merely as a sponsor for additional forensic activities or awards.

Codes of conduct, or at least some type of ethical standards, are common to most business and professional organizations. Many speech educators wonder if such measures are needed in the debate tradition. Results of investigation undertaken for this study indicate that present sources of instruction do not adequately prepare debaters in the fundamentals of ethics—or even rules—for the debate situation. Standardized codes of conduct would appear to be helpful in establishing some semblance of uniformity in a discipline which is highly structured and formalized—and yet has no explicit rules for the contest.

Those who say there is no need for improvement would seem to be more conservative and idealistic than their positions as educators suggest. Those who maintain that an implicit code of ethics exists may wish to list ten or twelve questionable practices on a sheet of paper and ask their debate squads to judge whether or not each of the practices is ethical and allowable in debate. All forensic directors ought to examine their own activities and philosophy to see if they are adequately instructing their students in the proper philosophy of debate.

There are undoubtedly greater moral problems than the need for controlling abuses in academic debate. Ethics of communication, however, are at the grass roots of moral questions, and housecleaning can well start here. Evidence has clearly indicated some weaknesses in the debate system which ought to be corrected. This study maintains that due to inadequate instruction from textbooks, forensic organizations, and debate coaches, the practicing debater lacks a well-developed ethical philosophy to guide his conduct. We have assumed too much in the past. Our sense of responsibility should alert us to the need for elminating that mistake in the future.

⁶ "Ethics of Speech Contest," adopted by Indiana High School Forensic Association in 1959.

⁷ Official Handbook of the Oklahoma High School Speech League, rev. ed. 1959, pp. 28, 37, 38.

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL TAU KAPPA ALPHA STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

INDIANA STATE COLLEGE, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

April 18-19, 1962

The first annual meeting of the National Student Council of Tau Kappa Alpha was called to order by the president, Irvin Penfield, at 2:30 P.M., April 18, 1962, in the Formal Lounge of the Student Union Building at Indiana State College. The following responded to the roll call: Dee Fink, first vice-president; Marilyn Van Graber, second vice-president; Mary Jo Volpert, Secretary; and the regional representatives: Ira Bitz, William Likosky, Northeast Region; Len Clark, Midwest Region; Bill Reed, Southern Region; Larry Barker, Kathy Cannon, Ohio-Kentucky Region; Paul Ausherman, Jim Maxwell, Virginia Region; and Lucy Sparks, Western Region. The Mideastern Region was not represented. Mrs. Deldee Herman served as Student Council sponsor.

The president opened the meeting with a review of the year's accomplishments. Three Student Council officers attended the National Tau Kappa Alpha Council meetings in New York in December: Irvin Penfield, president; Marilyn Van Graber, second vice-president; and Mary Jo Volpert, secretary. The National Council delegated to the Student Council responsibility for certain events in connection with the 1962 National TKA Conference. (1) Provide entertainment for the dinner on April 18, and (2) Prepare the installation ceremony for the new Student Council officers. This ceremony is to be held at the banquet on April 19. The Student Council was given a budget of twenty-five dollars (\$25). During the year, Mrs. Hagood, president of the National Council of Tau Kappa Alpha, appointed a committee to study the Student Council constitution. The committee is composed of the Student Council officers, the Student Council sponsor, and Dr. Bert Bradley. As of yet no recommendations have been made by this committee.

During a discussion of convention problems, the president asked that the council members make suggestions as to how the problem of a lack of continuity between the Student Councils from year to year be solved. Suggestions were made to have a retreat for old and new officers; elect officers by mail before the national convention; each region submit a slate of officers; a nominating committee be set up; and one officer be elected for a term of two years. Van Graber moved that the president nominate a committee of three (3) to form a proposal for the requirements of student officers. The motion was passed. President Penfield appointed Mark Greenberger, Mary Jo Volpert, and himself to this committee.

The procedure for the student elections was discussed. The president explained the procedure used last year. Each candidate was allowed a two minute nominating speech, a two minute acceptance speech, and the audience was allowed two minutes to question the candidates for the offices of president, first vice-president, and second vice-president. This procedure was adopted.

It was moved by Van Graber that the Student Council recommend to the new officers that they approve the merger of Tau Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Rho and that this approval be forwarded to the National Council. Motion carried.

The president discussed the importance of the president attending the Na-

tional Council meeting in December. It was moved that a recommendation be made to the National Council that if the Student President is unable to attend the December Council meeting, he may appoint a proxy. This motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Second Student Council Meeting

The second meeting of the National Student Council of Tau Kappa Alpha was called to order at 2:30 P.M., on April 19, in the Memorial Union Building by President Penfield.

The committee to study the requirements for the national student officers presented the following recommendations:

The 1962 Student Council recommends to the new officers:

(1) That the constitution be amended to require sophomore standing for the

Secretary of the Student Council.

- (2) That there be a permanent nominating committee composed of the Student Council officers and the student president from each region. Each regional president to submit a list of nominees from his region with adequate explanation of the experience in Tau Kappa Alpha and any other experience that qualified them to hold a national office. The Student Council will select from these lists two nominees for each office. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the student elections.
- (3) That a letter be sent to each of the Regional Governors requesting that following the regional elections he send to the president of the National Student Council the name and address of the regional student president.
- (4) That they request the National Council to continue the present constitutional committee.

These recommendations were adopted.

The President recommended that a note of thanks be sent to the National Council for the cooperation they have given the Student Council this year.

Cannon made the motion that this be accepted. It was carried.

The President further recommended that the Student Council recommend to the new student officers that if it is not possible for the student president to attend the National Council meeting, the student officers in descending order be asked to attend. If this is impossible, the regional president closest to the president's region be asked to attend. Motion made and carried.

The problem of block voting in the student elections was discussed. It was noted that the present constitution provides that the elections be held in the

Student Council.

The question of what would happen to the Student Council after the possible merger with Delta Sigma Rho was discussed. It was suggested that the new student council form a committee with the officers of Delta Sigma Rho to discuss

this problem.

A discussion followed as to the merits of having a student officer from the school that will host the national convention. Greenberger moved that it be included in the recommendations of the requirements for student officers that the nominating committee be requested to give special consideration to a student from the region or school where the tournament will be held. Motion carried.

Greenberger moved that the Student Council recommend to the new officers

that the function of the first vice-president be the coordination of the student activities at the national convention and that the second vice-president be in charge of communication between the chapters. Motion carried.

It was moved that the election of student officers be in reverse order starting with the secretary. Motion lost.

The president expressed his thanks and appreciation to everyone for their cooperation through the year and at this convention.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50.

The Student Council Elections were held at 4:00 P.M., April 19. The new student officers for 1962-63 are:

PRESIDENT: James Maxwell, Randolph-Macon College FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Pat Ward, Emory University

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: Julia Poderzay, University of Utah

SECRETARY: Gloria Dotson, Memphis State College

Respectfully submitted, Mary Jo Volpert Secretary, 1961-1962

STUDENT OFFICERS FOR 1962-1963



Left to right-Pat Ward, Gloria Dotson, Julia Poderzay, James Maxwell.

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Room 609, Terre Haute House, Terre Haute, Indiana

2:45 p.m. April 18, 1962

Present were National Council members James H. McBath, H. L. Ewbank, Jr., Nicholas M. Cripe, George Adamson, Gifford Blyton, Joe C. Wetherby, Robert Huber, Charles Redding, Paul D. Brandes, W. C. Eubank, and Mrs. Annabel

Hagood.

President Hagood opened the council meeting with her report. She reviewed the correspondence concerning the transfer of the national office from Missoula to Athens, reminding the members of their decision to turn the matter over to George Lamb for whatever legal action he deemed appropriate; that Lamb had written his regret at his delay; that Lamb had written Dr. Harry K. Newburn, President of Montana State University, on March 27, 1962; that Dr. Newburn had answered on April 3, 1962; that Lamb had given his reaction to Dr. Newburn's letter in a letter to Mrs. Hagood of April 6, 1962; that Mrs. Hagood had telegraphed Lamb on April 9, 1962, asking him to forward to her papers giving Lamb power of attorney for the society; and that Mrs. Hagood had written to Dr. Newburn on April 11, 1962, advising him of this action.

President Hagood invited discussion of the agreement Tau Kappa Alpha has with other forensic groups prohibiting the offer of a charter to a group until a year and a day after it has been officially released by a group to which it formerly belonged. The case history of Mississippi Southern College was discussed, as well as that of the University of Arizona. Huber moved to amend the agreement by adding, "or one year after the administration announces its

withdrawal from the society," and his amendment was passed.

President Hagood announced that she was asking the Executive Secretary-Treasurer to prepare a status-of-the-chapters report for May 31, which would include data on chapter dues, chapter reports, numbers of initiatees for a calendar year to be decided upon by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Hagood requested the Executive Secretary-Treasurer to mail four

copies of the TKA Manual to each chapter sponsor.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Brandes presented his report. He announced that the savings account would be transferred to a 4½% interest bearing agency after interest had been declared (May 1) at its present location. He advised the fraternity that at their request, he had made the customary survey of prices on jewelry and submitted a comparison of the bids. H. L. Ewbank, Jr. moved to continue our contract relations with Balfour and the motion was passed. The envelopes which the Executive Secretary-Treasurer had been requested to furnish were circulated.

There was no official report by the chairman of the Expansion Committee.

Redding reported as chairman of the Standards Committee. He announced petitions from Elizabethtown College and Hiram College, the latter having been officially released by Pi Kappa Delta the required year and a day. Redding moved that the President be authorized to take whatever action she deems necessary to determine the status of petitions that were in process during the tenure of the preceding Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Discussions were held concerning the status of inquiries from William and Mary at Norfolk, Hampton Institute, The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina, Midwestern University, St. Mary's (Notre Dame), the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Southern Connecticut State College, Emerson College, Whittier College, and Georgetown University.

Redding moved that the chapter at Davidson College be taken off proba-

tion. The motion was passed.

Redding moved that an appropriate report form, modeled after the 1961 report form designed by President Hagood, be distributed to the chapters by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, copies of which shall be provided for the Chairman of the Standards Committee, the appropriate Regional Governor, and the submitting Chapter, said report to replace the several chapter report forms now in existence. The motion was passed.

Redding moved that a similar report form be designed for the report of the regional governors, copies to be furnished to the President, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Standards Committee. The motion

was passed.

W. C. Eubank reported, as chairman of the Committee on Time and Place, that the 1963 convention would be held in Muncie, Indiana, on April 11-13. Reports of time and place for the subsequent years were deferred, pending the success of the proposed merger of Tau Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Rho.

Wetherby presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year, September 1, 1962, to August 31, 1963. H. L. Ewbank, Jr. moved to transfer \$35.00 from the reserve to a special item named ACHS dues. The amendment was approved. Mrs. Hagood pointed out that the designation under "Travel" of NUEA should read, Committee on Discussion and Debate. The report was approved as amended. It was agreed that the expenses of W. C. Eubank in his capacity as chairman of the committee on merger should be shared equally by Delta Sigma Rho and Tau Kappa Alpha.

H. L. Ewbank, Jr. reported as Tau Kappa Alpha's representative to the Association of College Honor Societies. He reported that the annual meeting discussion was held on the following: the tax status of the honor societies; the responsibilities of the sponsors; the use of an old English electric typewriter to replace more expensive types of engravings on certificates; the possibility of modifying entrance requirements for schools with highly selective entrance requirements; the status of the junior-senior-graduate college; and a campus council of honorary societies.

Huber made a preliminary report on the 1962 conference. He was requested to have printed the proceedings which he had established so that they would serve as guidance to future local arrangements committees.

President Hagood asked the council if it understood that Tau Kappa Alpha would soon be asked to honor its agreement with Butler University concerning the Tau Kappa Alpha room at Butler. The council confirmed its understanding of the commitment and approved a campaign to raise the necessary \$3,000, with emphasis to be placed on alumni contributions as a source of funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

The second meeting of the National Council was held on April 19, 1962,

at 2:45 p.m. in Room 609 of the Terre Haute House, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Present were National Council members Gordon Wiseman, James H. Mc-Bath, Charles Redding, Nicholas M. Cripe, Oswald Ryan, Gifford Blyton, H. L. Ewbank, Jr., W. C. Eubank, Mrs. Annabel Hagood, Paul D. Brandes, Joe C. Wetherby, Charles Layton, George Adamson, and Robert Huber. Special guest was Herold Ross, President of Delta Sigma Rho.

Redding began his article by article reading of the proposed constitution of the merged honor society. Amendments were as follows:

Article I. Cripe suggested that the hyphenated name was awkward. Ryan, in expressing his approval of the merger, felt that it would be wise to retain both names. No change in the recommendation was proposed.

Article II. No changes were approved. Article III. No changes were proposed. Article IV.

Section 2, (a), (1). Redding moved to add a sub-point, [a] to read: "Competent supervision of forensics or original speaking shall be acceptable as meeting requirements for membership." Amendment approved.

Redding moved to strike lines 1, 2, and the words "faculty director" of line 3 on page 3 of the proposed constitution (Article IV, Section 2, (a), (1)) and insert, "Participation, as a student, at a high level of excellence, in at least two years of forensics or in original speaking activity." The amendment was passed.

[a] Redding moved to insert in Section 2, (a), (1), after the word "supervision," the words "as a faculty member." The amendment was passed.

Cripe moved to strike Section 2, (a), (2), and insert, "In keeping with the A.C.H.S. Constitution candidates shall have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college." Amendment passed.

Redding moved to amend Section 2, (b), by striking "the favorable vote . . . of the campus chapter," and insert, "a majority vote of the members of the campus chapter present and voting." Amendment passed.

Redding moved to amend Section 2, (b), as amended, by striking the word "vote" and inserting the word, "recommendation." Amendment passed.

Redding moved to amend Section 3 by adding after the word "membership," the words "signed by the faculty sponsor." (see line 17, page 3 of the proposed constitution). Amendment passed.

McBath moved to amend Section 3, by striking the words "has properly

filled out" and insert "completed." Amendment approved.

Redding moved to amend Section 2, (a) as amended by inserting "(or equivalent)" after the words "in at least two years of forensics." The amendment was passed 7 to 4.

H. L. Ewbank, Jr. moved to strike Section 5, (b) and insert, "Membership shall be declared solely on the basis of character and specified eligibility." Amendment passed.

Article V.

Section 3. At Layton's suggestion, the joint coordinating committee was requested to work out the status of the founders of each society as to membership on the proposed national council.

Section 5. At Brandes' suggestion, the joint coordinating committee was requested to clarify how officers of the society other than the president could be replaced in the event of resignation or removal from office before expiration of their terms of office.

Section 9. H. L. Ewbank, Jr. moved to add, after the words, "establish its own by-laws," the words, "in a manner consistent with the national constitution and by-laws." Amendment passed.

Article VI.

Section 1. Redding moved to add after the words, "shall be created by the National Council" the words, "taking into consideration the desires of the chapters." Amendment passed.

Section 2. Redding moved to add after the words, "has not been approved by the National Council," the words "or where a governor has not been elected." Amendment passed.

Section 2. Huber moved to add after the words, "by the President of the Society," the words, "with the approval of the National Council." Amendment passed.

Article VII. At the suggestion of H. L. Ewbank, Jr., the joint coordinating committee was requested to reconsider Section 5.

Article VIII. Redding moved to delete the words "by the Editor." Amendment passed.

Article IX. Redding moved to add after the words "shall be" (see page 7, line 12 of the proposed constitution) the words "published with pro and con arguments in the *Speaker and Gavel* or other suitable publication and." Amendment passed.

Redding moved to strike "15" and insert "45." Amendment passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes of the National Council meeting, April 19, 1962, at 10:15 P.M., in Room 609 of the Terre Haute House, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Present were National Council members Cripe, Hagood, Blyton, W. Eubank, Layton, Montgomery, Huber, H. L. Ewbank Jr., Wetherby, Redding, Adamson, McBath, and Brandes. Special guest, Herold Ross.

Redding continued with a reading of the by-laws of the proposed constitution.

Article I.

Section 1. Redding moved to delete the words "at the annual meeting" (see page 8, line 10 of the proposed constitution). Amendment passed.

Section 2. Redding moved to strike the words "the charter fee of fifty (50) dollars" and insert, "a charter fee to be determined by the Board of Trustees." McBath moved to amend the amendment by striking "board of Trustees" and inserting, "National Council." The amendment to the amendment approved. The amendment as amended approved.

Article II. Redding moved to strike Article II and insert the following articles: Article II—Dereliction of Duty.

Any National Officers of the Society, or any members of the National Council, may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the National Council.

Article III-Withdrawal of Charter.

Section 1. Any chapter may have its charter with drawn by a 2/3 vote of the National Council.

Section 2. Any institution may cause its charter to be withdrawn at the request of the president of the institution.

The amendment was passed, requiring subsequent articles to be renumbered.

Article IV. (formerly Article III.) Redding requested that the joint coordinating committee consider the status of institutions which do not have a department of speech. Request granted.

(b). Wetherby moved to strike "department of speech" and insert "spon-

soring department." Amendment passed.

(d). Redding moved to insert the words "and competent" after the word "interested." Amendment passed.

Redding moved to strike "who has had public speaking or forensic experience" and insert "who meets the requirements for membership as specified in this constitution (Article IV, Section 2, (a), (1), [a]."

(e). Redding moved to strike "two" and insert "three." Amendment

passed.

Redding moved that a provision be added to Article IV as follows: "Upon the recommendation of the Standards Committee and the National Council, qualifications for an active chapter may be waived for chapters already in existence at the time of the merger." Amendment passed.

Article V (formerly Article IV). Redding moved to change the title of the article to "INACTIVE STATUS OF CHAPTERS." Motion passed.

Redding moved to insert the word "active" after the words "shall be stricken from the" (see page 9, line 5 of the proposed constitution). Amendment passed.

(c). Redding moved to insert the words "and qualified" after the words

"That a responsible." Amendment passed.

Redding moved to delete the words "with forensic or public speaking training." Amendment passed.

Redding moved to delete the words, "Department of Speech" and insert "sponsoring department." Amendment passed.

Article VI (formerly Article V.) Redding moved to strike Article VI and insert the following:

The phrase "original speaking activity" shall include only active (not managerial) participation in such programs as: debate or discussion, oratory, extempore speaking, and legislative assemblies. It shall *not* be construed to include participation in dramatic productions, declamation contests, or the oral reading of poetry or prose." Amendment passed.

Article VII (formerly Article VI).

Section 2. Huber moved to strike the words "of three years." and to insert "of three years; appointment of the chairman shall be subject to the approval of the National Council." Amendment passed.

Section 3. Redding moved to amend by striking "of three years." and inserting, "of three years; appointment of the chairman shall be subject to the approval of the National Council." Amendment approved.

It was suggested that the joint coordinating council establish an Article VIII which should provide for amending the by-laws.

A straw vote of the council members present showed unanimous approval of the proposed constitution as amended.

The National Council moved that the Executive Secretary-Treasurer convey its congratulations to the joint coordinating committee on its work on the proposed constitution.

Redding moved to extend a charter to Hiram College. The motion was passed, and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer was asked to expedite the installation of the chapter with deliberate speed.

The petition of Elizabethtown College was not approved. Lynchburg College was continued on probationary status.

Huber moved that the Council permit the Awards Committee to give a Distinguished Alumni Award to Carroll Lahman of Western Michigan University, if the awards committee sees fit. The motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul D. Brandes
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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