

## To Honor The Environment:

### Futurism and Intercollegiate Forensics Competition

This event is “experimental” in both content and form. As Pi Kappa Delta nears its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the National Council is seeking creative and innovative ideas about the future of intercollegiate forensics competition.

**Content:** Students should prepare a ten-minute persuasive speech that addresses the impact of forensics competition on the environment and advocates a specific proposal (or a series of measures) to reduce that impact. Like all persuasive speeches, the speech should be an original speech to inspire, reinforce, or change beliefs, attitudes, values, or actions of the audience. Audio-visual aids may be used. Multiple sources of evidence or other supporting material should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

The topic of the speech could focus on any aspect of macro or micro-level environmental futurism, including, but by no means limited to, any of the following:

- Alternatives to tournament competition, or ways to reduce the environmental impact of tournament travel;
- Ideas designed to re-invigorate forensics on a local or regional basis, thus reducing travel distance or time;
- Electronic alternatives to traditional tournament competition;
- Modifications to tournament practices that would reduce environmental impacts;
- Proposals designed to create environmental offsets for forensics competition;

#### **Form:**

In form, this will be Pi Kappa Delta’s first **electronically mediated competition**. Speakers must submit their entry by uploading the complete video of their speech to Youtube and then e-mailing the link to [pvoight@gac.edu](mailto:pvoight@gac.edu). Uploading a video is not particularly complicated, but you do need to pay attention to several details. The video must be recorded and saved in a format that is commonly supported and accessible to both PC and Mac users. (This is why we require it to be posted to Youtube). Youtube has a set of very easy to follow instructions for uploading a video.

#### Steps:

- 1) Videotape the speech and download and save it in digital format (as a Quicktime file, for example).
- 2) Visit [http://www.youtube.com/create\\_account](http://www.youtube.com/create_account) and set up a user account.
- 3) Upload your speech to youtube. Youtube will give the video a unique code that links it to your account. (For example, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOzION8xjBM>).
- 4) Send an e-mail to [pvoight@gac](mailto:pvoight@gac.edu) **no later than February 1, 2010** that has “Experimental event entry” in the subject line, include the link to your youtube video, for example:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0zlON8xjbM>, as well as identifying information for you and your entry (eg: Phillip Voight, Gustavus Adolphus College).

HINT: Send the link to yourself first to make sure that it works and that the video and sound quality is acceptable to you. In the example above, your e-mail entry might look something like this:

To: <a href="mailto:pvoight@gac.edu">pvoight@gac.edu</a>
From: <a href="mailto:pvoight@gac.edu">pvoight@gac.edu</a>
Re: Experimental Event Entry

Subject:

<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0zlON8xjbM">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0zlON8xjbM</a>
From Phillip Voight, Gustavus Adolphus College

- 5) Panels will then be assembled before the tournament, and the speeches will be evaluated. The top speeches will receive awards at the NCT and will be linked to the website so that everyone can view them. They will also be displayed at the 2011 National Convention and Tournament in Portland, and the top entry will receive a \$100.00 cash prize.