



# Phi Delta Kappa

## University of Kentucky Chapter #037

### February, 2000 Newsletter



## From The President's Pen.... By Robb Gaskins

Greetings! I hope everyone had a peaceful and joyous winter break. As for myself, having some extra time with my wife and children, a little bit of time to relax, and a chance to watch more football in the course of a few days than I did in the past five months has me feeling rejuvenated and ready to help make some great things happen this spring.

The first big event of the spring for PDK is our February meeting. This meeting is on Tuesday, February 15, from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the UK Student Center, Room 228. The meeting will feature a discussion about school/higher education collaboration led by Dr. Harriette Arrington and Dr. Sharon Brennan from the University of Kentucky, and Karen Brittain from Squires Elementary School. They will discuss their efforts to build mutually beneficial relationships between schools and the university. They will share their insights into what has been effective, what has been challenging, how they have addressed these challenges, and the ways in which they have worked to maintain strong and productive collaborations. This will be a fascinating discussion and I look forward to seeing you there!

Our next big event is our March meeting. On Tuesday, March 21, from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., in Room 228 of the UK Student Center, we will have our second session of the year focused on "Innovations in Teaching." This meeting will feature Dr. Deneese Jones, Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Professor of Literacy Education at UK, and Claude Christian, Todd Savage, and Naah Yemeh, three doctoral students in the College of Education. They will lead a discussion of their research related to Complex Instruction - an innovative approach to creating equity in cooperative group settings. This is an approach that can help transform your classroom and/or school into a more just and harmonious environment. Be sure not to miss this meeting!

Our final meeting of the year is Tuesday, April 18 (at the same time and place as the previous meetings). This meeting is a celebration devoted to Member Initiation and Chapter Awards, and it is a great way to close the year. Remember to send your recommendations for new members to Gary Schroeder.

In closing, we have a great schedule of meetings for the spring. Be sure to put all three of these meetings on your calendar. Your presence will make our discussions that much richer and our informal conversations that much more enjoyable. In addition, I am confident that you will learn a lot of great ideas from these meetings. See you at the meetings!

## And Now A Word from Our District VIII Representative.... Al Cinson

As District VIII Representative for Kentucky, I would like to invite people to contribute recipes for publication. The five states that are in District VIII will all be submitting receipts for this outstanding cookbook.

I know we have some really good cooks and a lot of wonderful Kentucky recipes that could be shared with others in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Because of the southern region where we live, I know we will come up with a great cookbook.

This is a district project. Any PDK people out there with really good recipes please submit them to your chapter President or to Al Cinson, 701 E. Main Street, Lexington, Ky 40502, fax to (606) 281-0257 or email to: acinson@fayette.k12.ky.us.

Include those with an especially interesting history or a family favorite. You can include text with your recipe and we will publish that along with the recipe. Each chapter receives points for contributions to the cookbook, so please get those recipes turned in soon!

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### It's time for the nominations for Outstanding Dissertation.

The dissertation must have been completed between 1 September 1998 and 31 August 2000 in education or on a topic related to education. Application forms are available from Jane Clark Lindle, Ph.D., e-mail: jclind00@pop.uky.edu or 257-7845. Our chapter may submit up to three candidates for this award.



## \*\*\* HERE'S THE PRESS RELEASE WHICH WENT OUT AFTER THE ELECTION OF UK'S EVE PROFFITT AS PDK PRESIDENT-ELECT \*\*\*

### KENTUCKY EDUCATOR PRESIDENT-ELECT OF PHI DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL

Bloomington, IN - Eve Proffitt, a consultant, trainer, and director for the Kentucky School Boards Association, has been elected president-elect of Phi Delta Kappa International, the 110,000-member professional organization for men and women in education.

Proffitt was elected at Phi Delta Kappa's Second Legislative Council in Bloomington, Indiana, on Friday, October 22. She will serve two years on the organization's board of directors as president-elect before beginning her term as international president in 2001. Richard L. Kolowski, president of Phi Delta Kappa, noted, "It's been a pleasure working on the board of directors with Eve Proffitt over the past four years. Her energy, creativity, insight, and commitment to Phi Delta Kappa will serve us well in addressing the challenges and opportunities as we approach our 100th anniversary in 2006. I look forward to the opportunity to continue working with her during the next four years."

One emphasis for her term will be to develop educational leadership for the future by connecting young educators and potential educators to Phi Delta Kappa through mentoring programs and Future Educators of America clubs. "There also is a need for us to broaden our horizons through technology and services to our members," Proffitt said.

Commenting on her election, George Kersey Jr., Phi Delta Kappa's executive director, noted, "Eve Proffitt is the second woman in our history to be named president-elect. Her election came on the 25th anniversary of the organization's decision to eliminate the gender barrier and admit women. Her work in public policy, her first-hand knowledge of schools, and her awareness of students with special needs have uniquely prepared her for her role."

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## Eve Proffitt... continued from pg 2

Proffitt has been a teacher, director of special education, building principal, district instructional supervisor, and adjunct professor. She has been recognized as "Outstanding Educational Administrator," Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) Fellow, and Regional Service Center Associate. She has been active in her community, serving as past president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bluegrass and on the boards of Living Arts and Science Center, United Way, Junior League of Lexington, and Bluegrass Comprehensive Care. She has been active in Phi Delta Kappa since 1981, serving as her local chapter's foundation representative, vice president and president. For the past four years, she has served as an international vice president of the organization.



### The Foundation Representative's Sounding Board.. by Linda Holbrook

#### 20/20 Club Reminder....

Join our collective support of the PDK Foundation. It is the foundation that provides scholarships, publishes on timely topics, supports seminars/institutes, and sponsors a number of other meaningful activities.

A \$5.00 gift is requested; a larger gift will, of course, be appreciated.

You have already received your pledge card or found one enclosed with your newsletter.

**Please mail this, by June 30, to**

**Linda Holbrook  
RSC 5, Alumni Gym #6  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40506-0029**

### DID YOU KNOW?? That Phi Delta Kappa sponsors many kinds of insurance plans...

Since I've been a member of Phi Delta Kappa (forever, it seems), I've been taking advantage of the affordable insurance plans which the organization sponsors. I was surprised to learn, the other day, that many Kappans aren't aware of this benefit of membership. In particular, I like the professional liability plans, of which one is for employed educators, and the other for Kappans working as independent educators.

Becky Bailey is the Insurance Clerk at the International Headquarters. If you have any questions, you might want to call her in Bloomington, at 800/766-1156. Becky sent me a set of brochures on the insurance plans, and I'll have them with me at the next meetings, if you are interested.

*by Gary Schroeder, VP, Membership*

FYI... the plans available are:

- Term Life
- \$1 Million / \$2 Million Professional Liability (for employed educators)
- \$1 Million / \$3 Million Private Practice Professional Liability
- Long Term Care Insurance Evaluation Service
- Disability Income Protection
- \$500,000 New Cancer Plan
- \$2 Million Major Medical Plan
- Personal Auto

### It's Nominating Time!!

Why not consider joining the UK Phi Delta Kappa chapter team? There's no better way to learn more about the organization and get involved.

The local chapter officers are:

President, Vice President for membership, Vice President for programs, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Research Representative, Historian, PDK Foundation Representative

Some positions may seem to be intimidating, but others really can be learned on the job.

If you have any interest in increasing your involvement with a dynamic, comprehensive educational organization...

**call Robb Gaskins, at 257-7852.  
Or email... rgask01@pop.uky.edu.**

Phi Delta Kappa International Announces  
UK PDK Membership Recognition  
Awards

Phi Delta Kappa is pleased to announce that the following UK Chapter Kappans have achieved recognition for years of membership, as of December 1, 1999.

**FIVE YEAR MEMBERS:**

Susan Chambers Cantrell	Beverly W. Dean
James Robin Fitzpatrick	Diana Fleser
Ann R. Garrity	Lori Michelle Graham
Minnie Carol McKee	Carla Lamar Ray
Phyllis Maze Roberts	Donald Snead
Phyllis M. Vincent	Diana Rhea Deen

**TEN YEAR MEMBERS**

Deborah F. Bell	Alvan Cordell Hadley, Jr
Helen Tew Robinson	Alan Jay Siegel
Tanya Sisk White	Martha Smith Worful

**FIFTEEN YEAR MEMBERS**

Cathy Crum Bell	Michael Clinton Carr
David Alan Shepard	
Michelle Eloise Waggoner	

**TWENTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Jewell Deene Ellis	James E. Pack
Mary Eve Proffitt	Shirley Raines
Margarita Suzanne Rupp	Martha J. Woelfel

**TWENTY FIVE YEAR MEMBERS**

Joseph J. Harris, III	Wanda Sue Lewis
Louise Schifferli Musser	

**THIRTY YEAR MEMBERS**

J. Clyde Taylor

**THIRTY FIVE YEAR MEMBERS**

Kendall Vernon Boggs  
Charles H. Quillings

**FORTY YEAR MEMBERS**

Charles Leland Smith  
Richard T. Stofer, Jr.

PHI DELTA KAPPA MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2000

*ISSUES IN SCHOOL/HIGHER  
EDUCATION  
COLLABORATION*

Dr. Harriette Arrington  
Dr. Sharon Brennan  
Karen Brittain

*The Squires Elementary School  
Experience*

Room 228 UK Student Center  
5:00 – 6:30 P.M.  
Refreshments Served

PHI DELTA KAPPA MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2000

*INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING:  
COMPLEX INSTRUCTION*

Dr. Deneese Jones  
Claude Christian  
Todd Savage  
Naah Yemeh

*An Innovative Approach to  
Creating Equity in Cooperative  
Group Settings*

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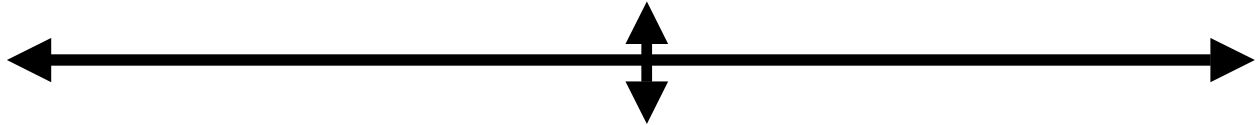


## So, where do you park on UK's campus ???



Room 228 is in the new section of the UK Student Center. Taking the stairway up from the Visitor Center, directly across from the UK Bookstore, Room 228 is located on the outside, main windows, overlooking the UK side courtyard. Visitors may park in three areas.

1. **In the parking structure on Limestone/High Street.** Parking in the parking structure costs \$1.00 per hour. Visitors parking in the structure should park on the third level and walk across Limestone using the overpass pedway. Entering the student center from the pedway side, walk all the way through the student center, through the food court, and on to Rm 228.
2. **Behind UK Memorial Coliseum.** Enter the parking lot from Rose Street. There is a gate, but it is open starting at 4:30. Parking here is free.
3. **On the street.** There are some parking spaces on Limestone in front of the student center. **Visitors without UK parking permits may NOT park in the small parking lot between the student center and the Singletary Center.**



### SCHROEDER'S PICKS FROM THE KAPPAN.....

Many Kappans receive the Phi Delta KAPPAN as a benefit of membership, but don't really "get into it" on a regular basis, and so miss some of the gems in every issue. In particular I'm referring to two columnists: Anne C. Lewis, who writes the "Washington Commentary" column, and Chris Piphon who writes "Stateline." Both of these columnists are old pros who really ought to be on the education versions of *Washington Week in Review* or *Comment on Kentucky*. I met Anne Lewis in Murray, when she participated in the Murray State Chapter's professional development seminar, and her wit and down-to-earth manner charmed me.

The January 2000 issue contained a front page article "New and Better Forms of Teacher Compensation" which I went to immediately. It wasn't quite what I thought it would be, but it DID provide a careful analysis of some important efforts to relate teacher assessment to salary schedules.

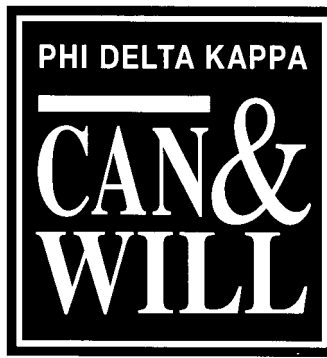
Science and the Religion Wars is the "theme" for February's Kappan. Mano Singham provides a thoughtful analysis of the current context of the eternal dilemma facing educators, and there is a spirited "He-Said,, They Said" point counterpoint set of articles by Alan Singer, Gilbert Sewall, Elliott Wright, Thomas Likona, and Warren Nord. I found the Singham piece easier to read, but the Singer, Sewall, Wright, Likona, and Nord dialog is important in trying to keep up with the variety of strongly held positions which we all encounter.

Again, as I suggested in the last newsletter... the Gerald Bracey *Research* column every month really should be required reading for educators.

That's all folks... keep reading the KAPPAN.

**If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.**

**Henry David Thoreau**



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**PHI DELTA KAPPA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

**Who Can Apply?**

- Professional Educators in all areas and at all levels
- Students—undergraduates pursuing a degree for licensure or certification in education, student teachers, graduate students

**What are the different types of membership?**

PDK offers two types of membership. The first is called regular membership. This membership is open to professional educators, individuals in education-related fields, graduate students and student teachers. Regular members are entitled to all membership services and benefits, voting privileges and the right to hold volunteer leadership positions. A second type of membership is offered to undergraduate students who are embarked on a course leading toward certification/licensure in education. This is an introductory membership. It is for one year only, and it is not renewable. Undergraduate students are not initiated into PDK, do not have voting privileges, and can not hold official leadership positions.

**What does it cost to join the UK Phi Delta Kappa Chapter?**

**Regular members pay \$50.00 on initiation. This includes \$35.00 PDK dues, \$10.00 chapter dues and \$5.00 initiation fee.**

**Undergraduate members pay \$22.50 upon joining. This includes \$17.50 PDK dues, and \$5.00 chapter dues.**

Email the Membership Chair, Gary Schroeder at **Gschr1@pop.uky.edu** (*the 1 in Gschr1 is a numeral 1*) for additional information or to **nominate yourself for membership** (after which you will be contacted to be sponsored by a member).