



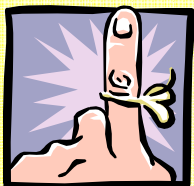
Chapter Newsletter

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May 10, 2006

Upcoming Events & Reminders:

- * **June 10, 2006**— Chapter Monthly reports and Chapter News Summary due by 5:00 p.m. EST
- * **May 15, 2006:** — Gamma Iota Sigma Walk-a-thon money is due to the Grand Chapter.
- * **June 30, 2006:** — Submission deadline for ALL Gamma Iota Sigma Awards and Scholarships.
- * **August 25 - 27, 2006** — 6th Annual Presidents Conference in Columbus, OH
- * **October 12 - 14, 2006** — 35th Annual International Management Conference in Indianapolis, IN.



Management Conference Update

With the summer months soon upon us is responsible for making their reservations and many of you getting ready to head home make sure you mark your calendars for the 35th Annual Management Conference. It is sure to be a great time in Indianapolis. So mark October 12-14, 2006 on your calendar and plan to join us for some food, fun and fraternalism.



We will be staying at the Marriott Indianapolis East in Indianapolis, IN. The hotel registration deadline is September 18, 2006. The room rate is \$109.00 per room up to 4 people. Each person/chapter

more information as it becomes available on our web site www.gammiotasigma.org

Thank you to our conference sponsors

(as of 5.10.06)

St. Paul Travelers

How to Prepare for the workplace - Part two

By Dr. Caitlin Williams (Part One is available in the March Issue of the GIS Chapter Newsletter)

6. Think of technology as a friend

This point may seem obvious, but some people shy away from learning more about technology. The bottom line is: the future belongs to those who are computer-savy. Every industry and virtually every position will continue to be shaped by technological advances.

When asked what differentiates candidates, Mr. Knowdell says that having computer skills is a key factor. Technophobes should realize that computers aren't an end in themselves, but a way of doing business faster and smarter. "Think of the computer as a writing or communication tool," says Mr. Knowdell. Viewed in this light, computer comfort becomes another strength in your portfolio.

7. Think unmet needs

If you don't agree with the dictum, "think like a free agent," you should. Always be on the lookout for unmet needs in your organization and industry or in other fields and think how you might be able to fill them. This advice is true whether you're an employee, manager or consultant to a firm. Companies are hungry for executives who have a "heads-up"

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How to Prepare for the workplace - Part two

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attitude and can help them tap into new markets.

The workplace wants employees who are qualified to "get the work done that needs doing," says Mr. Bridges. With its focus on getting work done, the workplace may offer employees in their 40s and 50s advantages over other age groups. Older workers "have all kinds of tacit knowledge that younger workers don't have," says Mr. Bridges. "This knowledge may not be on their resume, but they have [it] to draw on. They have all the skills and may be able to produce results that the younger candidate can't [because of less experience]."

Work on your strengths by observing your organization and field. What services or products haven't been developed yet? Which current offerings aren't fully leveraged? Ask yourself daily how you can use your wide array of skills to add value by filling an unmet business need.

8. Think learning for life

The workplace of the future is the workplace of the lifelong learner. In the high-tech field, for instance, "candidates have to want to learn all the time, not just get their degree and say they're finished," says Mr. Eng.

Traditional learning models have to change as well. You must be a fast learner who can apply information to change quickly, says Kathleen Razi, executive coach, creativity consultant and president of Razi & Associates in Cleveland. "Individuals who demonstrate curiosity, eagerness and a willingness to learn will be assets to any organization," she says.

9. Think relationships

The days of the solitary engineer working alone in a cubicle are long gone. The workplace requires more interdependency than ever. This means not just communicating with others in your field or who share your perspective but also with employees in different disciplines and with different skills. "This extends, particularly for technical and professional people, to having to work with teams that cross boundaries in an international sense," says Ms. Jarratt. Such teams "cross cultural and time boundaries," she adds.

Having good team skills, including conflict resolution, negotiating and group process abilities, also is critical, says Peggy Simonsen, author of "Promoting a Development Culture in Your Organization" (Davies-Black) and president of Career Directions in Rolling Meadows, Ill. "We lump it all together under interpersonal skills, but that doesn't quite cover it," she says. "Just because someone is nice and friendly doesn't mean they're good at dealing with conflict."

Most workplaces are organized into teams, so the ability to solve problems in groups is important, says Ms. Simonsen. There's also a growing need for team-leadership skills, including project management capabilities. Review your teamwork and building abilities. Reflect back on projects you've been involved in at work, in your community or as a volunteer. Did you notice any team strengths? How can you further enhance them?

10. Think change agent

This skill isn't just limited to organizational development consultants. In fact, it's critical to have it regardless of the kind of work you do, says Larry Lippitt of Lippitt/Carter Consulting in Ann Arbor, Mich., which helps organizations to strategize, plan and design action plans for the future. Increasingly, more executives want to take on this role and manage change in their organizations, he says.

"For more than 15 years, we've been teaching consultants change-agent skills, and now we're now seeing managers and leaders who want these same skills," he says. You can enhance your change-agent skills by observing and learning from companies that are successfully implementing system-wide changes. Also, subscribe to and read magazines about organizational development and change, and engage in training that can help you think in new and different ways.

Dr. Caitlin Williams is a researcher, writer and speaker on workplace issues and trends through her company, Work Matters, in Westlake, Ohio.

June 30, 2006: — Submission deadline for **ALL** Gamma Iota Sigma Awards and Scholarships. Information can be found at www.gammiotasingma.org.

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The Crossroads of GIS:



Racing Toward Tomorrow
35th Annual International Management Conference

October 12-14, 2006
 Indianapolis, Indiana

**Hosted by the Alpha Epsilon Chapter,
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Presidents' Conference 2006

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The Presidents' Conference is sponsored by the Grand Chapter for the training of collegiate Chapter Presidents.

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Be sure to visit www.gammaiotasigma.org to view the job opportunities and internships that are posted on the website.

Chapter News regarding April Activities

We want to remind everyone that it is **required** that every chapter submit a monthly report and a chapter news brief to the Grand Chapter. You can find the guidelines for the submissions on page 13 of this newsletter and the recommended templates for both the Monthly Report and Chapter News on the website www.gammatasigma.org/membersonly or email Melinda and she will email them to you.

ALPHA THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

ZETA GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

ETA UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

<u>Membership Report</u>	<u>Number</u>
Current Chapter Members	111
New Members	2
Alumni Members	0
Other	0
Total	113

Summary of Programs Held

- On April 11th and 18th GIS/IS made our transition of officers and recognized our exiting officers for their exceptional work that was put forth this past year. At the Spring Banquet, Bob Mathis, CEO of Peachtree Planning Corporation.

Upcoming Activities

- April 11 – GIS/IS Spring Banquet (New Members Inducted)
- April 18 – Officer Transition
- April 24 – UGA Night at RIMS in Honolulu
- May 1 – Spring Classes end
- May 13 – Spring Commencement

LAMBDA UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

NU CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
CURRENT MEMBERS	14
RENEWING MEMBERS	0
NEW MEMBERS	0
TOTAL AS OF 11/30/05	14
INACTIVE MEMBERS	0
ALUMNI MEMBERS	135
OTHER MEMBERS	0
TOTAL	149

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS HELD:

On April 10th, Matt Benander, a GIS graduate and employee of Auto Owners Insurance Company, came to CMU campus as our guest speaker. He spoke of his position and the job requirements at Auto Owners. Gave useful advise about attaining an internship and preparing for the exams.

On April 25th, our Advisor Dr. Thomas Miles hosted a barbeque at his private home. Members of Kappa Mu Epsilon, a statistics major fraternity, mathematic majors, and mathematic department professors were in attendance along with Gamma members. This gathering provided a social environment for interaction between fraternities, majors, and professors. Activities involved socializing, frisbee, and football toss. Also, as a tradition, gifts were presented to the four graduating seniors.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS PLANNED:

No upcoming events are planned for next month.

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UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT-STORRS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT NUMBER

Current Members	33
New Members	2
Alumni Members	14
Other	0
Total	49

On **April 1st**, the results of the election were posted.

On **April 4th**, several members attended a database workshop as an introduction to MS Access.

On **April 4th**, members attended a chapter meeting to discuss upcoming events.

On **April 6th**, several members participated in co-ed flag football playoff game.

On **April 18th**, members attended a chapter meeting to discuss the upcoming social event and to vote on the amended Constitution.

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On **April 11th**, President **Heather Nathan** and Web Master **Elizabeth Hatherley** met with faculty advisor **Louis Lombardi** to discuss next year's career fair details.

On **April 25th**, President **Heather Nathan** and Vice President **David Liner** met with faculty advisor **Louis Lombardi** to discuss next year's career fair details.

On **April 25th**, members attended an end of the year banquet.

On **April 28th**, President **Heather Nathan**, Vice President **David Liner**, and Web Master **Elizabeth Hatherley** met with faculty advisor **Louis Lombardi** to discuss next year's career fair details.

Special upcoming events:

Dinner	June 15
Bowling & Pizza	June 27
Social	July 7
Dinner	July 13
Movie & Dinner	July 28
Dinner	August 11

OMICRON ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

PI MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

RHO APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

SIGMA TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Current chapter members (paid)	275
New members	0
Alumni	776
Other	<u>80</u>
Total	1131

During April, Sigma Chapter hosted presentations by *Distinguished Guest Lecturers*, Cathy Reineke, Risk Manager of Savers, Inc. and Risk Manager in Residence from the Spencer Educational Foundation, John Haldeman II, Managing Director and Branch Office Manager of Guy Carpenter, and Mark Hinkley, Executive Vice President of OdysseyRe. The speakers lectured about various topics ranging from daily risks, their experiences in the industry, and many other industry issues.

On April 4, the Sigma Chapter held its Eighteenth Annual Awards for Excellence Luncheon. The luncheon recognizes the academic achievement of students in the Risk, Insurance, and Healthcare Management department while providing a networking opportunity for alumni and industry representatives. The keynote speaker was Joseph Frick, President and CEO of Independence Blue Cross. He spoke about the recent difficulties with the healthcare market, what lies ahead in employer sponsored health plans, and the crises with prescription drugs.

On April 7, Temple University's Actuarial Science Department in conjunction with the Sigma Chapter hosted a high school math competition. The event began at 9:00 AM and ended at 2:30 PM with the awarding of all individuals and groups. While the students were taking exams in the morning their respective teachers attended a workshop hosted by Actuarial Science major and Sigma Chapter member, Joe Milicia. During this workshop, Sigma Chapter Vice President of Finance, Ben Faust, spoke about Gamma Iota Sigma and the opportunities it presents to Risk Management & Insurance and Actuarial Science majors. The top 12 students participated in an individual lightning round and the top 3 groups participated in a group Jeopardy round. The overall goal of the event was to recruit the top math students into the Actuarial Science major at Temple University. 23 high schools were in attendance, Marple Newtown, Henderson, Hatboro-Horsham, Kennedy Kendrick, Herriton, Wissahickon, Salesianum, Audubon, Perkiomen, Souderton, Strath Haven, Akiba Hebrew Academy, Lower Merion, Cherry Hill East, Cinnaminsin, Archmere Academy, Methacton, West Chester East, Merion-Mercy, Holy Cross, Lansdale Catholic, Archbishop Wood, and Radnor, with a total of 164 high school students.

On April 19, the Sigma Chapter hosted its Second Annual Member Date Auction. The Date Auction was held at a local bar and grille on campus. Twenty-two members of the Sigma Chapter were auctioned off for thirty minute dates with the highest bidder; all proceeds were raised to benefit the United Way via donation to the Gamma Iota Sigma International Walk-a-thon. In total, the Sigma Chapter was able to gross \$1,530 and will donate all profits to the Walk. All were treated to free appetizers and drinks specials.

On April 29, the Sigma Chapter held its Fifteenth Annual Dinner at the Courtyard Marriot in Philadelphia. At the dinner, new members were initiated, members who had received Membership with Academic Distinction were recognized, and Outstanding Committee Members, Non-Member of the Year, and Member of the Year were announced as well as recognized achievements from the past academic year.

Special upcoming events:
End of the Semester Party

May 5

TAU HOWARD UNIVERSITY

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Current Members	22
New Members	0
Alumni Members	8
Other	2
TOTAL	32

On **April 28th**, most of Gamma was in attendance to the annual Maximilian Wallach Awards Luncheon. It is an event in which Gamma, our corporate sponsors, and faculty get the opportunity to celebrate in unison the achievements of distinguished individuals in the insurance industry. Gamma members played a critical role throughout the two hour event. Gamma's logo was placed on the agenda for the program.

PHI BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

April 6th – Gamma Iota Sigma Luncheon –
We catered a luncheon from Olive Garden.

April 20th - Cookout at Dr. Avila's house.
17 members attended the end of year cookout at Dr. Avila's house.

Two members, Alicia May and Tamara Bleke were selected as Anita Benedetti Student Involvement Program Participants to the Annual RIMS Conference April 23-27th.

PSI EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

OMEGA MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

The April 2006 slate of activities show that Omega Chapter wound up the Spring 2006 semester in fine fashion. We had two General Meetings and we staged our Initiation Banquet, which involved 8 alumni, 8 industry people and 12 initiates, in addition to the current members and university people who were there. Our alumni remain heavily involved with the chapter as they showed up in force for our golf tournament (12), Initiation Banquet (8), and Career Fair (6). Our chapter received favorable publicity in April in the student newspaper at MTSU for (a) the Quiz Bowl and (b) a member getting a large scholarship. We honored the winner of the Outstanding Professor in the COB award at our Initiation Banquet, and 17 members helped at the Chair of Insurance Golf Tournament. We held a Career Fair which 25 companies attended. We elected new officers in April, and will soon see 19 of our members graduate.

ALPHA ALPHA OLIVET COLLEGE

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Current Chapter Members	88
Inactive Members	0
New Members	4
Alumni	210
Advisors	2
Other (associate & honorary)	35
Total	335

On April 1st the Alpha Alpha Chapter hosted the NAPSLO Extreme Risk Takers Symposium in Chicago in which 75 students

from 8 different chapters attended.

On April 5th The Olivet College Insurance Program Advisory Committee was held, in which Advisors Carol Breed and Mike Hubbel attended with members Craig Carpenter, James Lile, Janet Stam, Gabe Pringle, Ashley London, Matt Jezior, and Josh Hart.

On April 5th Honor's Convocation was held. President Craig Carpenter announced all of the Insurance Program award winners.

On April 12th the new officer Installation was held in which 23 officers were initiated. The Alpha Alpha Chapter also held a pig roast open to the college and an Easter Egg Hunt for the community.

April 22-27, 7 members and 1 advisor attended the RIMS Annual meeting in Hawaii. While there members Craig Carpenter and Gabe Pringle received the Anita Benedetti Scholarship.

On April 29th member Dan Bonnell was recognized in *The County Journal* for being the senior class speaker.

During the month of April the Spencer Educational Foundation Inc. newsletter came out announcing members Craig Carpenter and Deyan Kozhuharov as scholarship winners. Also, was in the Michigan Agent magazine for receiving the Shawn Brown Scholarship.

Special upcoming events: May

CMUA Meeting 10

RIMS Meeting 18

ALPHA BETA PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

ALPHA GAMMA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

ALPHA DELTA LaSALLE UNIVERSITY

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Current chapter members	14
Inactive Members	4
New members	0
Alumni	201
Other	
Total	219

Alpha Delta Chapter wraps up the academic year and says goodbye and best wishes to 5 of its members who will graduate on May 14, 2006. Three members were recently informed that they are recipients of the 100th Anniversary Scholarship presented by the Insurance Society of Philadelphia. Formal recognition will occur at the Society's Annual Awards Banquet scheduled for June 28.

Plans are underway for programming for the 2006-2007 academic year. During the summer months, a fundraising effort will be planned to finance the trip to the annual management conference. The 6th Annual Risk Manager in Residence Program will be held in late October/early November.

ALPHA EPSILON INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

**ALPHA ETA
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY/SACRAMENTO**

**ALPHA THETA
ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ALPHA IOTA
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY**

**ALPHA KAPPA
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**

Membership Report	Number
Current chapter members	90
Inactive members	0
New members	6
Alumni	0
Other	0
Total	90

On **April 10, 2006** the Katie School of Insurance held its annual Katie School Symposium. At the symposium were a number of different companies in the insurance industry, like State Farm and Country Companies. The different companies held a number of different seminars for members of the industry and students to participate in. Finally there was a lunch with a guest speaker that was from the actuarial industry. More than a dozen Gamma Iota Sigma students participated in the lunch and symposium.

The week of **April 22-26, 2006** the Katie School of Insurance sent 13 Gamma Iota Sigma students to the annual RIMS conference in Hawaii. At the conference the students were able to sit in a number of different educational sessions and walk around the convention floor. Also while at the conference the students were able to practice their networking skills by talking with people in the field of risk management and insurance. The students were also able to sit in at conference breakfasts and lunches where many top people in risk management spoke.

On **May 9, 2006** ten Gamma Iota Sigma members went to the local monthly RIMS chapter meeting here in Central Illinois. At the meeting the students took a tour of the City of Bloomington's Water Treatment Plant. While on this tour they were able to get a look at the facility and talk about the different risks that the plant might be facing and how they are currently handling the risks they are exposed to.

**ALPHA LAMBDA
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT	NUMBER
Current Members	9
New Members	2
Alumni Members	183
Advisors	2
Other	15
Total	211

Summary of Programs Held:

April 4th, guest speaker Mrs. Claire Meade, a graduate from MSU insurance program and Gamma Iota Sigma alumni, was our new speaker for the April 4th organizational meeting. Mrs. Meade was instrumental in the starting of Alpha Lambda in 1993. **Banner displayed at meeting.**

April 12th-14th, the annual field trip that included Chubb, Aon and Westrope. Topics included getting into the insurance and maintaining their careers in the insurance industry once they've graduated.

April 29th, COBA Awards Banquet for scholarship recipients.

April 30th, this month we had two new members sign up for the organization.

Special upcoming events:

May 1st	STAR Awards for student organizations (Student Talent and Achievement Recognition)
May 3rd	MSU May Day
May 8th	Officer Meeting (plans are being made for golf tournament this fall as a fundraiser).
May 19th	Commencement, Hammons Student Center

ALPHA MU VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Current Members	40
New Members	1
Renewal Members	
Alumni Members	
Other	
Total	<u>41</u>

4/4 - GIS Meeting

4/13 - VA Rims

4/18 - CPCU

4/18 - VCU School of Business Awards: Davis Ratcliffe Insurance Award goes to Jennifer Hopson

The Davis Ratcliffe Insurance Award has been presented annually since 1972. This award is named for the late Davis Ratcliffe, a former insurance industry executive who established the insurance program at Virginia Commonwealth University in 1969. After teaching insurance courses at Virginia Commonwealth University for two years Mr. Ratcliffe created the award in 1971 upon his retirement to White Stone, Virginia. In 2003, Mr. Ratcliffe's family endowed the award to insure its continuation.

The award is given annually to that student who exhibits strong character, scholastic achievement in insurance courses, and demonstrates an interest in a career in the insurance industry.

This year's recipient, Jennifer Hopson possesses all of these characteristics. Jennifer is a Finance major with an Insurance and Risk Management concentration and will graduate in May and has accepted employment with St. Paul Travelers as an underwriter. While attending VCU, was an intern with the Auditor of Public Accounts. Jennifer is the recipient of the Richmond Chapter of CPCU 2006 Scholarship award, the Virginia Risk and Insurance society Scholarship and from the national Risk and Insurance Society, the prestigious Anita Benedetti Award. She has been very active in Gamma Iota Sigma, the RM and Insurance Business Fraternity, currently serving as secretary.

It is a great pleasure to present the 2006 Davis Ratcliffe Insurance Award to Jennifer Hopson.

4/20 - GIS Mtg and Speaker - Dave Maddox, Risk Mgr - VCU

4/21-23 - Risk Theory Seminar - Hosted by Dr. Etti Baranoff, VCU - Risk & Insurance Studies Center, and GIS

4/21 - National Rims Conference down. New recruiting strategies were developed. Twelve members were in attendance. The banner was displayed.

**ALPHA NU
OHIO UNIVERSITY**

**ALPHA XI
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ALPHA OMICRON
UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD**

**ALPHA PI
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**

**ALPHA RHO
FANSHAWE COLLEGE**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT NUMBER

Current Members	23
Alumni Members	44
Other	2
Total	69

Summary of Programs Held:

April 3 – 7, 2006 students wrote their national exams for the Insurance Institute of Canada. Due to the hectic schedule of exam week the chapter meeting was cancelled.

April 11, 2006 was election day for the 2006-2007 executive for the Alpha Rho Chapter. There were three candidates for president and the successful candidate was Stephanie Kulich. Other executive positions was filled as follows; Executive VP Angela Gillespie, Treasurer Erin Moran, VP Fundraising Hayley Hutcheon, VP Alumni and Industry Relations John Podolinsky and Webmaster Ryan Bennett. Other positions are available and will be filled in a subsequent election next fall.

April 18, 2006 was the induction ceremony for new members. Advisor Cyndi Hornby, President Candice Morrish and VP Recruitment Addison Zeigler performed the induction ceremony for all new members. Membership certificates from the Grand Chapter were awarded as the members were induction. Following that there was a swearing in ceremony for next year's new executive. The meeting was rounded out with pizza for all members.

The winning team from the February Road Rally attended the luncheon on April 18, 2006 as part of their prize package.

April 19, 2006 was the 5th annual Battle for Supremacy Team Trivia competition. There were a total of 9 teams competing this year. Aside from the two student teams, other teams present were from brokerages and insurance companies from the London area. For the first time this year we had an alumni team made up of members from last year, although many of the members of other teams were also alumni from Alpha Rho. Congratulations go out to the First Year Insurance Student's team who won the event this year. Members included Alpha Rho president elect Stephanie Kulich, Angela Gillespie, Erin Moran, Hayley Hutcheon and Ryan Bennett.

Final exam week at Fanshawe College ran from April 24-28, 2006 and meetings were cancelled during that time.

Special Upcoming Events

- May 8, 2006 Summer Semester starts
- June 2, 2006 – London Insurance Brokers Association Golf Tournament
- June 7, 2006 – 741 Elgin Air Cadet Awards Dinner
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**ALPHA SIGMA
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA/MONROE**

**ALPHA TAU
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA/CHARLOTTE**

**ALPHA UPSILON
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON**

**ALPHA PHI
OLD DOMINION UNVIERSITY**

**ALPHA CHI
BRADLEY UNIVERSITY**

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Current chapter members	23
Inactive Members	0
New members	0
Alumni	?
Other	<u>0</u>
Total	23

On May 3, 2006, the Alpha Chi chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma at Bradley University held its last meeting of the semester by throwing a surprise party for our Advisor Dr. Lisa Gardner who is leaving Bradley University over the summer. It was held at a local restaurant with almost all members present. Everyone was extremely appreciative of her and will miss her deeply. The members looked forward to seeing each other again in the fall.

**ALPHA PSI
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS**

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Current chapter members	49
Inactive Members	0
New members	0
Alumni	?
Other	<u>0</u>
Total	49

APRIL 6, 2006: Chapter meeting was held. Our speaker on this day was Greg Golden from AON Truck Group. Mr. Golden discussed his line of business, as well as passed around information packets for the members. The packets included industry information and information about the company. He also opened up the meeting for a question and answer session in which the members participated. THE BANNER WAS DISPLAYED.

APRIL 13, 2006: Chapter meeting was held. At this meeting our speaker was Sam Vorderstrasse from Blue Cross/ Blue Shield. Mr. Vorderstrasse is an actuary with the company and has been for many years. He was able to give the members a brief history of his career as an actuary and a more detailed look at the duties of an actuary. Mr. Vorderstrasse also allowed time for a question session in which the members participated. A formal induction of new chapter officers was also held on this day. THE BANNER WAS DISPLAYED.



We bear the world and we make it..... There was never a great man
who had not a great mother - it is hardly and exaggeration

- Olive Schreiner



Monthly Report Guidelines

Each Chapter is **REQUIRED** to submit monthly reports to Grand Chapter using the Monthly Report of Chapter Activity format and a Chapter News Release.

1. A Monthly Report shall consist of the completed prescribed form and all supporting documentation, which corroborate the statements made on the form.
2. Each monthly report, including documentation, must be received at Grand Chapter by the **10th (tenth) of each month, by 5:00 p.m. EST. (Includes the hard copy report, all documentation and the email version of the Chapter News Release)**
3. **Submit a 250 words-or-less "Chapter News" Release. This document will be used to "cut and paste" into the Monthly Chapter Newsletter.** It should represent a synopsis of your chapter's activities for the latest month.
4. Please submit the "Chapter News" Release by:
 - **E-mail** - monthlyrpt@gammaiotasigma.org . Grand Chapter uses Microsoft Word 2000. This document will be used to "cut and paste" into the Monthly Newsletter.
 - Release is due by the 10th (tenth) of each month, by 5:00 p.m. EST
5. Please submit the monthly report **with** supporting documentation by:
 - **Mail** - Gamma Iota Sigma, Grand Chapter, 17 S. High St. Ste. 200, Columbus, OH 43231
 - **FAX** - 614-221-1989. (If all supporting documentation is included)
 - Report and supporting documentation is due by the 10th (tenth) of each month, by 5:00 p.m. EST
6. You may send several reports at once with "no activities this month" written on each one for the months of July and August or summer activities may be reported on the report due by September 10th.
7. Points are given for the Bowers Award based on timely Monthly Reports being submitted.
8. Be consistent in reporting membership and meeting data. This information is used in determining the Bowers Award.
9. Be sure to report all your activities. This information is used in determining the Bowers Award.
10. Send copies of letters, news releases/publicity to members, newspapers, sponsors and advertising.
11. All sections of the report should be filled in or commented on each month. If not applicable write "no activities this month".
12. Remember that the report that you submit should reflect the prior months activities. (Example: If report were Due May 10th you would report on the activities for the month of April.)

**Templates and format directions can be found on the Grand Chapter Website
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