The Medallion, Phi Beta Delta

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There’s a big time coming! The Phi Beta Delta international convention will be in Puebla, Mexico, from Wednesday, March 5, through Saturday, March 8, 2003. Students are getting an extra special invitation. A lot of reasons indicate why you should come.

Let’s start with the location. The site is in Cholula, an ancient town with pre-Spanish archaeological wonders just outside the big colonial city of Puebla, which itself is a UNESCO listed world treasure. The University of the Americas, where Gamma Sigma chapter makes its home, draws students from all over the hemisphere and beyond, and is famous for its gardens and art collections. If you want to read about the university, try James Michener’s novel Mexico, whose characters include Americans enrolled to learn to fight bulls. It’s not true, but it’s fun.

Or, if you are into the 1960s and the beat poets, you may recall that William Burroughs and Alec Ginsberg were at “UDLA.” Burroughs, who was studying the Mayan language on the GI Bill, wrote that the students at the time hung out at a bar called The Bounty, “where I once shot a mouse with a .22 pistol.”

The Bounty, alas, is long gone, and the meetings will be

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decidedly 21st century. There are probably more computers around than on most campuses you have seen — but if you stroll into the town, which is only a few hundred feet from where the conference is, you will see a pyramid that is large in base area than those of Egypt, indigenous people at the market just as they were at market one-hundred years ago, and fantastic mountain scenery.

It’s a stunning place, only an hour and a half from Mexico City airport by super bus — stewardess, drinks, movies, as you wind you way up to the 7,500 foot altitude that guarantees perpetual spring. Or you can fly to Puebla airport and be just ten minutes from the university and the conference site. If they could bottle the weather, the local people could retire!

Now, whether you are faculty or ambitious students, consider giving a paper or organizing a panel. This year we are especially inviting provocative papers on “Ethical and Moral Issues in Education,” although in the tradition of Phi Beta Delta conferences, papers on other topics are also welcome. The conference theme includes campus problems such as single sex education, co-ed dorms, women in higher education, lesbianism in the academy, gay rights, church-related colleges, morality in teaching, and all aspects of gender and morality in pedagogy, arts, and policy. Why not use the conference as an opportunity to "get a publication" by bringing your paper and a disk and submitting it on the spot for publication in the society journal?

Puebla 2003, is a chance to connect with people who share your interests. It’s a time to talk about teaching summer school or exchanging classrooms, about joint projects, about networking. Peter Rollins, our fellow member, writes, “Every profession is a group of human beings. You need to see and hear what these fellow professionals think is important — even if you disagree. The cocktail parties and receptions are often the best places to pick up this informal information. Formal papers may not focus on the trendy aspects as much as hallway exchanges. You cannot pick up the hallway details unless you are at the meeting!"

The program this year is way different. There will be a session devoted to grant writing. Learn what might be fundable. And there will be some chances to have fun with new
and old friends, including (a new PBD tradition started at Lafayette) a Mexican dance class. Plus there will be a chance to pick up some ideas on teaching, with emphasis on computers. We are going to try hard to have a remarkable menu of things to do and see and learn from. If just one of the activities we have mentioned is a success, you have justified the trip and the university/personal support! There are multiple advantages to coming to Puebla in 2003. You will go home a better teacher and better student.

One of the reasons, and a brand new idea for PBD, is the Model United Nations, which is an authentic simulation of the U.N. General Assembly and other multilateral bodies, and catapults students into the world of diplomacy and negotiation. The Model United Nations at the University of the Americas is the oldest and most prestigious in Latin America. Students step into the shoes of ambassadors from U.N. member nations to debate current issues on the organization’s vast agenda. They prepare draft resolutions, plot strategy, negotiate with supporters and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the U.N.’s rules of procedures — all in the interest of mobilizing international cooperation to resolve problems that affect almost every country on Earth.

Before playing out their ambassadorial roles, they research global problems to be addressed, drawn from today’s headlines. They learn how the international community acts on its concerns about topics including peace and security, human rights, the environment, food and hunger, economic development, and globalization. They also look closely at the needs, aspirations, and foreign policy of the countries they will represent at the event. The insights they gain form their exploration of history, geography, mathematics, culture, economics and science. Many of the sessions at UDLA will be conducted in English. Some are in Spanish and French if you want to practice your languages.

How will all of this work next March? It’s being put together so students from your chapter can have the best of both worlds, and faculty too. Your chapter has a good reason to bring a lot of students because they will not be confined to PBD business meetings, but be able to associate with people their age from universities all over the world. Moreover, the cost is far lower than ever in the history of PBD meetings. The charge for faculty is going to be $90, and for students $30 (plus $10 for the packet of papers and reports needed by delegates). The Model U.N. and the PBD meetings will be fully coordinated so that the students from your chapter can attend both events.

This is also a chance to see if you like the Model U.N. experience enough to make it a PBD project on your campus. The President-elect of Phi Beta Delta, Dr. Paul Rich, is hoping the board and membership will think about making the Model United Nations an international service project of our fraternity. This is a chance to see if you like the idea. The popularity of the Model U.N. idea continues to grow, and today more than 200,000 students worldwide participate every year. Many of today’s leaders in law, government, business and the arts participated in Model U.N. during their academic careers — from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, and former World Court Justice Stephen M. Schwebel, to actor Samuel L. Jackson. Former first daughter Chelsea Clinton is a Model U.N. veteran as well.

More than 1,000,000 people have participated in Model U.N. conferences around the world since the conferences became popular over 50 years ago. Today there are more than 400 conferences that take place in 35 countries. Dr. Rich
would like to see a PBD chapter on every campus where there is a Model U.N., and a Model U.N. on every campus where there is a PBD chapter.

Now, how about registration, hotels, and everything else. Well, everything will be on the website at http://mailweb.udlap.mx/~rich/frater/intro.html

If a question stumps you, you can write Dr. Rich at rich@hoover.stanford.edu and he will help you out. What you have to remember is that if your chapter is bringing a group of students for the Model U.N., it is first come, first served, as far as desirable delegations. If you are very late, you might end up representing Mongolia on the postage and telegraph panel! The best assignments in a Model U.N. go to early birds. As for the faculty, well the hotel that is the center of things, as you will see on the website, is going to fill up – so again, the early birds gets the best choice. This will be the best attended conference in the history of Phi Beta Delta and the one that brings in our student members.

Phi Beta Delta Convention Hotel

The official hotel for the March 2003, conference is Hotel Posada Senorial. Avenida 5 de mayo 1400, at the end of “Recta a Cholula.” Phone 2 47 00 49, fax 2 247 0341.

You must mention the Phi Beta Delta convention at UDLA to get the special rate. And it is special! Here are the rates per night:

1 person 450 pesos
2 people 450 pesos
3 people 550 pesos
4 people 550 pesos

A peso is less than 10¢ USA So, for example, a room for one person is about $45.

The rooms are large and the hotel is located 100 feet from a campus entrance. The Board and many members have stayed there while visiting Cholula and have liked it.

If you have difficulty making the reservation, ask a Mexican student on your campus! Or email Dr. Paul Rich at rich@hoover.stanford.edu and he will help.

There are clean, less expensive hotels that students could use. Simple but acceptable. They start at about $20 USA and will be listed on the website.

We expect that this is going to be the largest Phi Beta Delta meeting in the society’s history, so we strongly advise reserving early.
FEATURE ARTICLE

PBD members will be most interested in reading the article on the PBD “Presidential Chain of Office.” We are most appreciative to Gamma Sigma Chapter of Mexico, President-elect Paul Rich, and David Merchant, for their formidable contributions.

– The Editor

A PBD Presidential Chain of Office

Phi Beta Delta now has a presidential chain of office. Presented by Gamma Sigma chapter of Mexico, the design includes the medallion of the world that all Phi Beta Delta members receive. It is rendered in Mexican gold, as are the links of the supporting chain, which represent each of the presidents of the organization.

This is not the first presentation of presidential regalia. Earl Ellington, the PBD president in 1996, gave the organization a ceremonial gavel for the president’s use. Dr. Ellington made the gavel himself, which makes it particularly symbolic.

The past presidents of PBD that are links on the chain are:

1987-1988 Richard Downie, University of Florida
1988-1989 John Reisberger, Ohio State University
1989-1990 Gary Cretser, California State Polytechnic University – Pomona
1990-1991 Judy Reinhartz, University of Texas – Arlington
1991-1992 Gregory Trzebiatowski, Ohio State University
1992-1993 Karen Boatman, Boston University
1993-1994 Mark “Gene” Meadows, Auburn University
1994-1995 Paul Parrish, Texas A&M University
1995-1996 Thomas Knutson, California State University – Sacramento
1996-1997 Earl Ellington, University of Nebraska
1997-1998 Yvonne Captain, George Washington University
1998-1999 Barbara Hartung, San Diego State University
1999-2000 Art King, Lehigh University
2000-2001 Jack Merchant, California State University – Sacramento
2001-2002 James Fletcher, University of Georgia
2002-2003 David Gay, University of Arkansas

The chain also carries the names of the executive directors of PBD, engraved on the medallion itself:

1986-1991 Karl Anatol, California State University – Long Beach
1991-1996 John Greisberger, Ohio State University
1996-present Richard Reiff, University of Georgia

The gold which is from Mexico adds to the chain’s history due to the ties between Mexican mines and the early explorers, who were convinced they had discovered El Dorado. Those who like B. Traven’s fiction, or have seen the movie adaptation of Traven’s story The Treasure of Sierra Madre about the adventures in Mexico, starring Humphrey Bogart, will appreciate the mystique of the use of the “noble metal” in the new presidential medal.
Chapter Management Workshop Reaches Out to Old and New
Submitted by DeDe Long, Past PBD Vice President

"What We Need To Do" by presenter Michael Smithee, Regional Vice President, Northeast, at the Chapter Management Workshop.

Keeping with tradition, the Phi Beta Delta Board of Directors led a pre-conference Chapter Management Workshop for conference participants interested in learning more about developing and maintaining a chapter on the home campus. While this workshop has always been intended for new and prospective chapter coordinators, participants also included members of chapters that have been active for many years.

After a brief overview of the organizational structure of the Society, a presentation on chapter development offered insight into organizing a chapter, data management, and hosting the induction ceremony. The contents of the bright red Chapter Manual that is provided to new chapters have been placed on the Society’s website, making the information more accessible and easy to update. By clicking on “Chapter Manual” on the PDP homepage, www.phibetadelta.org, guidelines are provided on:

- Organizing a Chapter
- Membership Selection
- Installation Ceremony

as well as...

- Suggestions for Programming
- Retaining Members
- Publicity
- Resource Development
- Fundraising
- Alumni

Workshop participants were eager to exchange ideas on ways to maintain an active chapter. The group consensus was that chapter coordinators tend to be overextended by their other responsibilities and cannot be expected to keep up the momentum of the organization without the active participation of the membership. On the other hand, the durability of the chapter rests with the permanent home that is provided and the institutional mandate it receives. Chapter coordinators whose role and responsibilities to the Society are included in their job descriptions are far more successful in maintaining a strong chapter than those who have volunteered to maintain the chapter without adequate institutional support. Too often, the Society has seen chapters become inactive because the chapter coordinator leaves the institution without any expectation that his or her predecessor will assume the responsibility for the chapter. A permanent home for the chapter is essential.

Data management is always of great interest to workshop participants. While the Society is contemplating a move toward a central database for the entire membership, the responsibility for notifying prospective members and keeping track of new and renewing members is still left to the individual chapters. Examples of different databases were shared which have enhanced efficiency and reduced the workload for chapter coordinators.

A lively discussion on programming and fundraising provided the last hour of discussion. While recognition continues to be the primary focus of the Society, workshop participants each year debate the role of programming. Many chapters are housed on campuses which have vibrant international programs already sponsored by other departments and organizations on campus. In these cases, the Honor Society often co-sponsors or supports these efforts but focuses on the recognition of its membership at the annual induction ceremony as a way to bring visibility to individual achievements and the value of international education. On other campuses, the chapter plays an essential role in sponsoring lectures, cultural programs, film series, and other enriching activities to “internationalize” the campus.

The workshop revealed that more and more chapters are focusing their efforts on fundraising for scholarships or travel...
awards to increase international opportunities for students. Fund raising ideas shared during the workshop included everything from a benefit concert to a photo contest. Some chapters even provide faculty awards. Workshop participants were also encouraged to make sure that their home chapter was participating each year in the nomination process for the annual Society awards for outstanding faculty, staff, domestic student and international student.

A luncheon was provided at the close of the workshop to allow participants to sit with their regional Vice presidents and continue their discussion of best practices.

All chapters are encouraged to send their coordinator, a chapter officer or member to the 2003 Chapter Management Workshop to be held at the start of the annual conference in Cholula, Mexico next March! For more information, contact Joy Stephenson at Stevenson@cmsu1.cmsu.edu.

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2002 PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA, CONFERENCE

Dean David Berry, College of Liberal Arts, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, welcoming conference members.

Keynote Speaker Professor John Laudun, Department of English, University of Louisiana at Lafayette on the topic, “Negotiating the Mainstream: The Louisiana Experience in America.”

Former PBD President Yvonne Captain, George Washington University, as a presenter in the session “Community, Culture, and Change: From West Africa to Louisiana.”

Left to right, Richard F. Reiff, Executive Director, with Keynote Speaker Madame Michèle Gendreau-Massaloux, Rector de l’Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, Paris, France; John D. Edwards, USA Representative, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, Paris, France; and Paul Rich.

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Panelist Anne Merydith-Wolf presenting the somber facts in the session on “International Education in the Aftermath of Terrorist Attacks,” with the other panelists DeDe Long, Marian Beane, and Richard Reiff.

James E. Fletcher, Past President, and David Gay, President, visualizing the future of PBD.

PBD members strutting the “light fantastic” cajun style.

Joy Stevenson, “Oh, to be in a cajun band!”

Scene from the swamp tour.
Q. How did you become interested in Phi Beta Delta?

I saw the call for papers for the annual meeting in San Antonio in the Chronicle of Higher Education back in 1995, and we, with my teaching assistant, Guillermo de Los Reyes, went and gave a paper. By total coincidence the President of the University of the Americas, Enrique Cardenas, was on the plane — he was going to be the feature speaker, having been invited by Paul Parrish! So the three of us from Mexico found out about the society by chance. Everyone thinks we had a master plan, but it was chance.

It seemed a little ironic that an organization for international education would have no international chapters, and so after San Antonio, Guillermo and I went about organizing the first “overseas” chapter. He was the first student member outside of the United States. I might add he is now finishing his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania and has won all sorts of graduate school honors.

Greek honor societies are rare in Mexico and Latin America. People associate them with frat houses in Hollywood movies. For 2003, we are going to sponsor a chapter at the local state university and we have been thinking about ways to have more Mexican universities in Phi Beta Delta. But it’s a novel concept for students and faculty in Mexico. On the other hand, there are more than two million university students in the country, so there certainly is potential.

Of course, each chapter has its own personality. The University of the Americas chapter has emphasized the honorific aspect, so that distinguished visitors to the campus like the American Ambassador to Mexico and governor of the state have been inducted. One surprise was when we initiated the Nobel Prize winner for peace, Norman Borlaug. When he arrived for the ceremony he told us he had already been made a member in the United States, but was delighted to be initiated again! The Gamma Sigma chapter at UDLA has meaningful ceremonies for conferring the medal and for welcoming new officers. It’s important that these rituals be done in the proper way. Candidates only go through the initiation once (except for Dr. Borlaug!) and we owe it to them to make it a significant occasion. Sometimes we have a chamber orchestra, and we use a large board with the different elements of the PBD shield, each one being put in place with appropriate commentary.

Our growth in chapters would not be happening if instead of being Phi Beta Delta, we were international goodwill clubs. We are particularly welcome on campuses because of the

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special nature of a Greek honor society. The fact that we trace our origins to the eighteenth century and the founding of Phi Beta Kappa at the College of William and Mary is one of the reasons for the desire of campuses to have a chapter. It isn’t the whole story, but it is what makes us unique. Our ritual and ceremonial side needs our attention.

At UDLA we have a tradition that the commencement speaker comes to the international relations department on the morning of graduation and receives honorary membership. So the award is taken seriously. We also sponsor a reception on Friday afternoon at the annual international meeting. So we do have some traditions, and I think each chapter should develop them. They give continuity.

Q. What international experiences are part of your own background?

After high school in Amherst, New York, near Buffalo, I went to boarding school in England. While I was a student at Harvard, I spent my junior year at Makerere University in Uganda and wrote my senior thesis on Uganda. In the 1970s I went to Saudi Arabia as a consultant and teacher when the university system was being started, and then spent more than ten years in the Arabian Gulf sheikhdom of Qatar as the head of supervisory training and development in the Ministry of Education. After that I was a research professor in Western Australia, and for the last ten years I have been professor in Mexico as well as a visiting fellow at Stanford’s Hoover Institution. A number of my books are about overseas education. Everyone should order them through amazon.com!!!

Q As President-elect what are your primary goals and objectives regarding Phi Beta Delta?

We need a permanent headquarters with a little museum of our past. The University of Georgia has been awfully good to us and perhaps we can consider space there on a less temporary basis. Most Greek societies have a headquarters that people can visit, a sort of touchstone that is more than just a desk.

Our journal needs to be looked at with a view of making it a publication that will attract library subscriptions. I am also president of the Policy Studies Organization, which is a political science society, and we just finalized a publishing agreement with Blackwells for more than a million dollars. Journals do not have to be a dead weight and drain the budget.

I would like to see every chapter raise $10,000 during the next ten years as a permanent endowment for itself, kept in a trust fund at the national level. That would mean that every chapter would have its basic dues paid forever and would give PBD a million dollar endowment. I don’t think it is impossible to raise that amount to make your chapter permanent by 2013. That is about two dollars and eighty cents a day.

We need to double the number of chapters within a very few years. There are more than 3000 colleges and universities where we could have chapters, so we reach only a small percentage of those campuses where we should have a chapter.

I will be putting a menu of ideas before the board. They are going to be busy, but they are a great group with lots of energy. We have a huge potential.

Q. Do you have any priorities regarding your objectives and how will you implement them?

I give priority to ideas that help increase our financial resources. We have a small budget, and for us to take advantage of opportunities we need to find more resources. I think, for example, there might be a chance for foundation grants if we work hard on our programs. These days the president of any organization must accept the fact that fund raising is a priority. It is no longer an incidental. Of course, if we doubled the number of chapters we would at least double our income. If those reading this want a simple, effective way to help, go out and promote a new chapter on another campus. That is the single best thing you can do for Phi Beta Delta.

Q. One of your major responsibilities will be to organize the next international PBD conference in Puebla. What are your plans for this conference and what should our members expect?

The whole program will be at the website http://mailweb.udlap.mx/~frater/intro.html. We need changes. The conference for years has been about the same size, a hundred or less, and despite our thousands of student members, we have not had many students.

First off, the conference has been too expensive and I think that has discouraged participation. Students and indeed, faculty, do not have tons of money. The 2003 registration for faculty is $90 and for students is $30. Hotels are inexpensive.
and often flights down to Mexico cost less than flights across the United States. So I hope that the low cost will attract more attendance.

Students coming to the conferences have not had too much in the way of special activities. This year is different. UDLA sponsors every year the major model United Nations in Mexico and Latin America. The model brings students from all over Latin America and Europe, PBD students will meet people their own age for a highly sophisticated role playing of the Security Council, General Assembly, and Organization of American States, as well as a chance to see the famous local clubs and discos. Those registering early will get their choice of delegation - China or France or Russia, for example. PBD conference activities will dovetail with the United Nations sessions, which are attended by members of the diplomatic corps and the UNO from New York.

Some activities will be in common. For example, both UN and PBD events open with an early bird reception on Wednesday, evening, March 5. But a faculty adviser bringing a group of students not going to be disappointed as far as activities for them. Just go to the website for the Model U.N. information.

Another change is to have a more challenging theme for the papers and panels. I wanted to call it something like “Sex Midst the Ivy” but that might have embarrassed folks. The conference theme especially encourages papers on ethical and moral issues - for example, single sex education, co-ed dorms, women in higher education, lesbianism in the academy, gay rights, church-related colleges, morality in teaching, and all aspects of gender and morality in pedagogy, arts, and learning. Other subjects, in the PBD tradition of openness and inclusiveness, are of course welcome. But we really ask you to do the paper you have never dared to do!!

Mexico has a real magic and Cholula is full of things to see and do. The weather is always fine because of the altitude and the colonial buildings and surrounding mountains make this a fabulous location. With the effort to keep the cost down, provide the Model UN for student, and the appeal for shocking papers, I hope we will attract a mob. Believe me, we are going to do everything to make it best time you will ever have had at a meeting.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to mention to the membership?

I am immensely proud to be the new president and I hope that you will write to me with your own ideas. My email is simply rich@hoover.stanford.edu and I want to hear from you.

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**PBD NEW OFFICERS**

**A Profile of Jack Ferstel, Vice President-Elect**

John W. “Jack” Ferstel is a Chicago native who has chaired the Canadian Studies Committee at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette since 1990. Like many “Canadianists,” Jack discovered his interest in Canada in mid-career about fifteen years ago when a friend introduced him to the works of several Canadian writers.

Jack is a charter member of the Alpha Beta Chapter, which was founded in 1987, and has served two terms as Chapter President in 1989-1991. Since 1995, he has been the Chapter Coordinator. This is Jack’s second stint on the Board of Directors, having served as regional Vice-President, Southwest, in 1997-2000.

He traces his interest in international studies to his participation in high school debate and extemporaneous speaking as well as four years of French. He is also an avid amateur genealogist who has enjoyed tracing his German and French-Canadian roots back to Europe. Jack shared living quarters in continued on page 12
a boarding house near Syracuse University, where he received his M.A. in English and took additional doctoral courses.

A member of the English faculty since 1977, Jack works with other Canadianists on campus who teach courses that serve as part of a Canadian Studies minor in the College of Liberal Arts. Periodically, he teaches an English course on contemporary Canadian literature and also serves on a rotation basis as coordinator for an introductory humanities course on Canada. With the close cooperation of his Committee members he has participated in numerous grants from the Canadian Government to assist in developing his University Library’s Canadian-related holdings.

He values the learning opportunities with international students and faculty that he finds in his chapter work with Phi Beta Delta. He also had made many friendships over the years with students that he has taught in his technical communication classes. For example, several years ago he recruited one of his Sri Lankan students for Phi Beta Delta membership, who ended up designing his chapter’s first Web site.

Jack has held research grants from both the Canadian Embassy and the Quebec Government that allowed him to travel in Canada to visit prominent literary scholars and university libraries. Since 1997 he has been President of the Southwest Association for Canadian Studies, a regional group of scholars centered in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

In addition, he has developed a strong interest in multicultural, immigrant and North American literatures, moderating a reading series on Canadian and Mexican writers and more recently one on U.S. ethnic writers at the local public library. Both programs were sponsored by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. He will team-teach with a colleague in the History Department a new college course on U.S.-Mexican border culture in Spring of 2003.

As Vice President-Elect, Jack will continue to promote Phi Beta Delta’s guiding principles of international education, stressing excellence, shared knowledge, and the strength of international cooperation. He feel committed to the development of more campus chapters, both in and outside the U.S., especially in states and countries that currently lack a Phi Beta Delta presence.

P B D NEW OFFICERS
A Profile of Dayton E. Egger, Regional Vice President, Southeast

Professor Egger’s education has been at Mississippi State University in engineering, professional bachelors in architecture at Auburn University and a master of architecture at Virginia Tech. In over thirty years of teaching he has taught in all areas of the internationally recognized Virginia Tech Architecture Department. Over the years of its development, he has been Chair of the Foundation and Professional programs as well as served for nine years as the College Assistant Dean for Academic affairs and Undergraduate Studies.

Serving in many capacities in the university, he was inducted into the Academy of University Service and into the Academy of Teaching Excellence where he was elected it’s Chair for 1989-90.

Professor Egger has received numerous teaching awards including the University William E. Wine Award for Teaching Excellence. His has, most recently, been awarded the Patrick and Nancy Lathrop Chaired Professorship for teaching excellence. He is recognized internationally for design education achievements. His human settlement studies have been pre-
sent at institutions worldwide. Through his leadership, for example, the architecture department’s exhibitions of student work have traveled to over fifteen universities in this country and to eight foreign universities.

He has been associated with study abroad programs which focused on architecture and the allied disciplines for over twenty-five years. Under his guidance, foreign study opportunities for students including the Virginia Tech Center for European Studies and Architecture have become a vital part of the Professional Architecture Curriculum at Virginia Tech.

During 2000 and 2001, he was the Virginia Tech project director of the first International Architecture Education Exchange program (IAEE). This federally funded project, led in the US by Georgia Tech, brings seven students from three US schools of architecture together with students from three EU schools of architecture for three-week urban architecture studio workshops during the summers.

In recognition of his long-term international curriculum contributions, he received the University Award for Excellence in International Programs in 2000.

Professor Egger currently directs special programs in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies and teaches upper year design studios. His primary efforts focus upon the Architecture Department’s Foreign Study Programs and projects and exchanges that have provided significant experiences for over seventy-five students each year for over fifteen years. These programs have also provided direct teaching and international research experiences for over forty different college faculty during this period.

He is a charter member and the current faculty president of the Virginia Tech Gamma Omega chapter of Phi Beta Delta. As a new Phi Beta Delta officer he is interested in continuing the commitments of the former Southeast Regional Vice President, Eileen Evans. He will work to have a regional meeting to activate a network for international education programs and their development. Increasing chapter communications will be a priority. There will be a significant effort to enlist and to collaborate with students, faculty and administrators in recognizing excellence in international education. A revised listserv of the regional chapter coordinators will be a goal.

Through the encouragement of Paul Rich, emphasis will be placed upon promoting chapter support of more student scholarships. A focused effort will be to support student attendance at the 2003 Annual Phi Beta Delta meeting in Mexico.

Finally, the main duty of promoting new chapters in the region will be a primary concern. Through extensive European contacts there will also be an effort to help found new international chapters.

**Feature Article**

**A London Internship**

Submitted by Jack Kristan, Michigan State University PBD Alpha Chapter student member

An internship overseas can be the perfect compliment to a study abroad program. It can, however, be difficult to find actual work and there are legal restrictions. My internship did not pay, but what I gained in experience made it worth while.

To live in a city such as London (where I spent 6 months), housing starts around £80 per week (depending on the exchange rate, this is about $120/week) and if your desired location becomes more central or modern, the rates climb drastically. London additionally requires an intimate knowledge of the tube and bus system. Student rate Zone 1 (central London) transit cards go at £42.50 per month. Factor in food, utilities and “entertainment” expenses, the cost of living in London for a month would be £550. Most Americans would consider that amount rather basic.

Student work or internships in the United Kingdom can be found through two main methods. The first and financially most beneficial is to obtain a BUNAC Blue Card. The BUNAC program permits students who are enrolled at an accredited

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university full time to work in the United Kingdom for up to six months with the possibility of a six month renewal. Renewals, however, may not be in consecutive terms.

In order to obtain a Blue Card, the student, in addition to the above mentioned education requirements, must pay a $250 fee and have access to $1000 (you will want to have more for things like travel, theatre and other things). Jobs in BUNAC statistically show a tendency towards hospitality businesses. Nearly half of students with a blue card worked in hotels, pubs and restaurants with another third working in offices in a strictly clerical capacity. BUNAC also authorizes the student to be paid for employment, but requires you to find work entirely on your own. That being said, it is reported by BUNAC that most students are employed within about 5 days.

Work placement through study abroad programs are more likely to help you find an internship relative to a specific area of study. These programs have a greater deal of up front costs (a semester program with internship averaging $10,500) but the costs also include student housing that is integrated with full time British students and any utilities.

My personal experience led me to apply to the University of Westminster through Butler University for the first six months of 2001. Westminster has three campuses spread in central London (Oxford Circus area) and one in Harrow (about 50 minutes by tube). It also has housing all over the city. The program placed me in Hoxton and my internship was in the rather fashionable Knightsbridge/Sloane Street section of town, best known for Harrod’s Department Store. The Westminster Business School requested my transcripts and resume prior to departure to match me with area employers looking for someone with a finance and economics background (should your major be theater, they would try and match you in that area and so on). The main advantage with this program is its ability to place you in your area of interest whilst taking one or two courses. This allows you to get a full experience in a city as vast as London.

Between the internship, art history courses and living with British and International students, I was able to gain multiple perspectives on the city.

Westminster matched me with a rare instance in the UK, a venture capitalist of sorts. I interviewed with Sten Bertelsen who has developed many small companies in the UK, however, most of my direct supervision was with the founder of Viewbus, Sergei Petrov.

Ten years after Sergei’s defection from the former Soviet Union, he developed a new method of data delivery through the Internet. IDD, as it is known, is a business-to-client (B2C) product that enables a website to bypass many of the superfluous layers of the Internet (there are seven) by means of sending the data in a special “packet method.” In doing so, transactions, and specifically websites that require “real-time” are more readily able to do so and at a lesser cost.

The IDD system can take up to 100,000 updates per second per server (from end-users) compared to a traditional internet which can, in practice handle 1000 users per second. From a capital standpoint, website administrators can save a substantial amount.

The work assigned to me revolved around analysis of cash flow, long term forecasting and my personal favorite client interaction.

As Viewbus was about 18 months old when I went to the UK, the client base was very small, so much of my job was in demonstrations with clients and potential clients. We (Sergei, Sten and I) would take potential clients all over the city and link up notebook computers of various platforms through mobile phones. Mobile phones have very slow data delivery but our demonstrations would show the data delivery was no different than using broadband or T1 connections.

To dwell on the necessities of an internship and interviewing technique is somewhat pointless. I have learned that employment in the US is no different than the UK. Hard work, high quality and timeliness are just as important and are rewarded.

So it is at this point you must decide, what is important? BUNAC allows you to receive pay, which will, in all likelihood covers all of your expenses, but will it provide the total experience similar to a university based program? I cannot say for sure.

Regardless of the method chosen to work outside the US, it is great way to round out the overseas experience and have a bi-cultural experience in the city you are living in.

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1 In stating, “semester program with internship,” the cost does not increase to have an internship, usually classes are removed from the curriculum. However, there are only a few programs that have the internship option. Most of these are focused in London.
**Feature Article**

We are always interested in receiving articles on the accomplishments of our members. We congratulate Dr. Charles A. Bearchell of Omega Chapter at Cal State University Northridge, for his prestigious award and many thanks to John Charles for this contribution to the Medallion.

– The Editor

**Omega Chapter at Cal State University Northridge member awarded German National Honors**

Dr. Charles A. Bearchell, CSUN Emeritus Professor of Marketing, was recently awarded by President Johannes Rau of the Federal Republic of German, that nation’s National Service Cross, First Class, for his continuing contributions to American-German cultural and economic understanding over the past more-than-fifty years.

As a founding member of the Omega Chapter and its first elected president, Dr. Charles Bearchell has long been active in fostering international contacts and understanding in the Northridge community.

Formerly, as CSUN Dean of Graduate and International Studies, Bearchell not only assisted student affairs personnel in smoothing the way for international students, but was also directly involved in the establishment of numerous exchange agreements with universities in China, Europe and Latin America.

Bearchell served in the American military forces in Germany during the Berlin Blockade and the inauguration of the Marshall Plan economic recovery in that country. After returning to America, Bearchell continued his German connection through two continuing series of columns in marketing journals in Hamburg and in Duesseldorf. He also co-authored the *English: German—German: English Marketing Dictionary*, which is now in its third edition.

In 1990, Bearchell helped to establish the German-American Cultural Society in Los Angeles, a group which focuses upon American-German connections dating back to the American Revolution, and which also serves to improve German and Jewish relations among those affected by the Holocaust period in Germany. He continues to serve as executive director of the society.

In a special ceremony in Los Angeles on May 4, of this year, his award was presented by German Consul General Dr. Hans Juergen Wendler.

Technically retired, the very active Bearchell continues to serve as a resource person for the Phi Beta Delta Omega chapter and for his academic Marketing department at CSU Northridge.

German Consul General Dr. Hans Juergen Wendler (left) greeting Dr. Charles Bearchell.
Richard Reiff and Marian Beane — Major Award Recipients at the 2002 NAFSA National Conference in San Antonio, Texas

Submitted by Charles Gliozzo, The Editor

Richard Reiff, PBD Executive Director received a NAFSA Lifetime Membership award and Marian Beane, PBD Secretary/Historian was awarded the Homer Higbee award. Both Richard and Marian received their distinguished awards at the 2002 NAFSA national conference in San Antonio.

Richard’s accomplishments and leadership positions are legendary. A review of his record in NAFSA substantiates this view. He was President (1991-92) and Vice President of NAFSA (1983-84) as well as Board Member–At-Large. Moreover, he was National Chairperson of COMSEC and Chairperson, NAFSA’s Regional VII. Richard has been a member of practically every major NAFSA committee: Cooperative Projects, National Awards, Memberships, Commission on Policy and Practice, and the National Task force in Data Collection. The magnitude of these positions is a testimonial to his expertise in foreign student affairs, study abroad, and internationalizing the campus. His depth of knowledge in these fields led to many consultations and presentations in the U.S. and overseas. He has represented the “best of NAFSA” either as a NAFSA delegate, co-presenter, or program participant in Japan, Netherlands, France, or in Germany.

His contributions in international education were further recognized as the recipient of two Fulbrights in Germany and Japan/Korea for international educators. As Executive Director of International Education and as Interim Associate Provost of the Office of International Affairs at the University of Georgia, his unit attained national prominence particularly, in the area of internationalizing the campus. PBD is also proud of Richard as the Executive Director of our International Honorary Society. A summary review of his record in international education cannot be underestimated. The Lifetime Membership award is a deserving tribute to Richard as an exemplary model in the field of international education.

Marian Beane is a renaissance woman. Her diligence, discipline, and organizational skills impress individuals. If you need a task done regardless of its difficulty, you can rely on Marian. You know that the job will be completed and the results beyond expectations. Her attributes were recognized in her continuing leadership positions in NAFSA as Chair of the National Awards Committee, Membership Chair, Member of the Board of Directors, Vice President for Regional Affairs, and currently, Chair of the Education and Training Committee. Marian has attained every major leadership position in NAFSA except President. Her performance on the regional level is no exception. She was CAFSS regional representative, Regional Chair, and Regional Membership Chair.

Outside of NAFSA, Marian has excelled in exhibiting similar leadership roles.

The Office of International Students and Scholars at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte has attained prominence under her directorship. In Phi Beta Delta, Marian conducted Chapter Management workshops with the same efficiency as well as attaining prominent positions as Regional and National Vice President, and presently, as Secretary/Historian. Marian’s record is a testimonial to the criteria of the Higbee award and to her profession. She is a professional who embodies the “best” as an administrator, as a leader, as a primary resource person, and as a friend who is constantly helpful to her colleagues.
When I was asked to write a few words for the Medallion, I was delighted to have the opportunity to share some of my experiences studying and traveling abroad with fellow explorers and members of Phi Beta Delta. Snapshots which recur in my memory of past trips include: climbing the temple of the moon and delighting in the view from the heights of Teotihuacan; a crisp, damp spring morning gazing at the Eiffel Tower’s stark lines etched against the drizzling sky; and savoring pumpkin mezzaluna in Milan as the snow drifted down around the Little Madonna whose small form appears hovering over the city from far atop the Duomo, captured in the glow of scattered floodlights.

One journey I took brought me to France to see the art and architecture I had been studying in art history classes. However, since I had only studied Spanish, I spent the majority of the flight committing small phrases to memory so that I would not be at a complete loss. Everything went smoothly until the morning after my arrival, when I entered a small shop near my hotel to buy my first real baguette. I meandered around the store, absorbed in reading the tags on the shelves and mentally calculating the exchange rate, when a man approached me and (much to my horror) spoke. “Ça va?” he inquired. Frantically I searched my memory, but could not remember having read anything that looked remotely like the words he was speaking. Logically, however, I deduced that he was asking me if I needed any help, so after a short pause, I answered him with an uncertain, “No.” He began laughing good-naturedly, then gestured for me to follow him as he walked over to the cash register. He spoke rapidly to the man standing behind the counter, then turned to me and repeated the mysterious phrase once more, encouraging me in pantomime to give him the same reply. His friend joined in the laughter, then, wiping tears from their eyes, the two men began to speak very slowly to one another, demonstrating a proper response to the question, “How are you?” After a few demonstrations, they decided that I was ready for the test and had me practice responding to their questions, handing me small packets of gum and candy whenever I answered satisfactorily. Each morning after that, I returned for my baguette and French lesson, which delighted the two men who had taught me to try to bridge the language barrier, no matter how difficult it might appear. When I returned home, I immediately signed up for a French class at California State University, Fullerton, which is where I first met Dr. Linda Anderson, or Madame. Her patience with my instinctual urge to pronounce everything with a Spanish accent due to my previous studies encouraged me to continue acquiring languages and finding connections between cultures.

I have many other stories from my other adventures in exotic lands that I would love to share with you, from the great Assisi earthquake, to sacher torte in Salzburg, but I’m afraid I haven’t the space to ramble on as I would like. As I continue with my studies, I look forward to new discoveries with my fresh perspective as a second year law student. Next summer, I plan to use the Phi Beta Delta scholarship to study comparative law and legal terminology in Spanish. Thank you for granting me the opportunity to share a bit of what international education has meant to me.
First and foremost I would like to thank the Phi Beta Delta for the honor in selecting me to be the recipient of the Student Award for International Achievement for 2002. I would also like to thank all those involved in the organization of the conference for making my trip and stay in Lafayette a fantastically wonderful experience. To say the least, I did feel like some megastar with the paparazzi at one point in hot pursuit to get that elusive once-in-a-lifetime photo shoot. Nasema ahsanteni sana na nawashukuru nyote (Again, I say thanks to you all). Before I delve into my life story and international experiences, I would like to confess about how hard it has been for me to summarize and put in a seemingly orderly fashion what entered and shaped my being in all kinds of ways. Honestly I would be more comfortable sitting around a night fire narrating this story to my readers, where I could be afforded the opportunity to punctuate the atmosphere with song, dance, waiting, laughs, and drama as the story line demands in several occasions, rather than freeze it on paper. Anywhich way get ready to dance!

My international experiences started very early; what with my home being a mini-United Nations and my mother a Secretary General of some sort. Mama has been my greatest influence in my life and it is therefore imperative to have a little background on this unsung everyday hero to fully comprehend my story. Life within my family was all blissful until May 8th 1973 when my father died instantly in a tragic road accident. My mother suddenly becomes a widow with one unborn baby (our last born came a month later) and six other grown babies to fend for. What is really heroic about my mother is not in essence the many high offices she went ahead to occupy or the international travels and philanthropic works she continues to do but rather her courage as a widow, overcoming overwhelming barriers in a strongly patriarchal society. One bold move she made immediately after the death of her husband was to go “independent” rather than be “inherited” by one of my uncles for the necessary economic and emotional security in accordance with Taita traditions. Inherent in such a decision was the risk of being ostracized by the community as a stubborn misfit, which in reality is what my mother is. In 1974 she ran for a seat in the Kenyan parliament but despite being a formidable challenge, she came second in a group of other four male contestants. Her debut in politics opened many doors such as being a Kenyan delegate to a number of UN Conferences, Kenyan representative at several international conferences on women, first mayor of her hometown etc. Our home hence became an international house where we hosted visitors from many parts of the world coming to meet mama either on official or private matters.

I was therefore forced early to learn how to interact with people who were not from my culture and this training has proved beneficial to date. I cannot forget the several awkward moments where I would fumble along learning more through hindsight rather than foresight. Talk about being self-taught in intercultural communication! Outside my mother’s house, as a high school teacher for 15 years, I worked with various volunteers from different parts of the world. At one point I was a resource person at the U.S. Peace Corps Training Center in Kenya, living for a few days among Americans and experiencing “little America. I also organized an international work camp in my school, bringing volunteers from Europe, Canada, and other parts of Africa to live, work, share, and learn the cultures of the local community. While these international experiences within
my home country were very enriching, they proved inadequate during my transition from Kenya to the U.S. The many years of working and living with American PCVs and Volunteers from other countries helped to a limited extent. Life in America is a totally different ball game compared to living with Americans in Kenya. The environment, the community, the food, and ways of doing things mark the whole difference. America! It all started in 1992. An American lady came to Kenya for PhD research in political science. The research was on something to do with women and politics in Kenya. One of the “specimens” for this researcher happened to be mama. See what I am saying! The researcher and specimen had an encounter for a few days and as always happen the specimen was discarded at the end of its usefulness. I presume the researcher moved ahead to do likewise with other specimens and later document her finding. Come 1997 and this researcher, now a professor in Ohio University sent two interns to work with my mother in the Non Governmental Organization she chairs. These interns found good company in me as far as their social life was concerned. I spent most of my evenings after work with these guys showing them around Voi, my hometown, and meeting the people. In the process, these chaps who seemed well versed in the carrot and stick principle dangled a carrot in front of my eyes. It was in the form of an enticing proposition about studying in Ohio University and experiencing the American way of life. Well, to say the least, I had my prospects for the future so grounded in Voi that this looked like a sick joke. At this time, I had a family of three and getting into the prime of my life, started to invest around Voi. As the last-born boy in my family, I am also supposed to take over the family estate and take care of my mother in her old age. Anyway, to cut a long story short, I swallowed the bait and things flowed very quickly after that. Although my lovely wife accepted the situation at hand, putting it very nicely that “marriage should not be the end of dreaming big” the most difficult part was the actual parting. At the airport she cried, then the children cried, I cried, and we all cried. America has been a series of adjustments and an immense learning experience. The transformation from a small town in Kenya meant a steep learning curve. But the training in mama’s house was not for naught; within eight months of my arrival I was elected by the international student community to be their president for the academic year 1999/2000. This experience was very beneficial in increasing my international awareness. Through meeting and interacting with the 100+ different nationalities within the international student body at Ohio University, I managed to “travel” to many places gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation for other cultures of the world. The presidency was like the world brought to my doorstep. Being a choreographer-dancer, I founded a multicultural drumming and dancing group to promote cultural understanding within and without the campus. Through this group, and at times on my own, I served as a cultural ambassador with the Ohio Valley International Council visiting local institutions to promote cultural understanding and increase international awareness. For the last three years, I was worked as a graduate assistant in the Global Learning Community (GLC), charged with a daunting task of internationalizing the program. To meet the certificate requirements, apart from the 30 credit hours, students have to undertake a minimum of two internships abroad. One of my duties was to prepare them for this through cultural events and international speakers. While I may not have physically traveled to many places of the world, I feel through my numerous life experiences interacting with people from all nationalities both at home and here in the U.S., I have actually managed to live, work, share, and learn with many cultures of the world. One thing is for sure, I came in as a Kenyan but I leave the U.S. as a well-rounded global citizen of the 21st century who is able to effectively cross all cultural boundaries to meaningfully interact with the people of the world.
2002 Phi Beta Delta Awardees
Submitted by Gary Cretser, Director of Awards

DOMESTIC STUDENT AWARD WINNER

Ms. Christine Grauer is the winner this year of the Phi Beta Delta Domestic Student Award.

Christine is a graduate of California State University Fullerton where she received her BA Degree in English Literature with a Minor in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude. She is currently attending Law School at Chapman University.

At CSU Fullerton, Christine was a member of the Beta Chapter and completed study abroad programs in Italy and the United Kingdom. Christine was a National Merit Finalist and Award Recipient and, in addition to membership in Phi Beta Delta, she was inducted into Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Tau Delta.

Among her numerous activities, Christine volunteered as an English facilitator and tutor at Ladera Vista Junior High School and was a campaign worker for the Democratic National Committee.

One of Christine’s references states: “She continually fosters a positive image of intercultural relations by tutoring and mentoring students of various cultural identities. Her multilingual ability has also allowed her to be a bilingual aid in the classroom and a strong resource for written translation.”

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD

The Student Award in the International Category goes this year to a graduate student from Ohio University and a member of the Beta Iota Chapter, Mr. Mjomba Leonard Majalia.

Mjomba is a Kenyan citizen where he received his Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees from Kenyatta University. He is completing his second year of a Ph.D. program in Interpersonal Communication after earning an MA in International Studies at Ohio University.

Mjomba’s interests and experiences are wide-ranging. He has been a high school physics and physical education teacher and head teacher as well as a performing arts teacher and dance facilitator. In addition, he has worked as a pest technician and animal cage washer.

Mjomba served as President of the Ohio University International Student Union, as a Peer Advisor for International Student Orientation and as a Cultural Ambassador (OVIC Program).

He has received a number of awards and other forms of recognition including selection to, the Dean’s Recognition Council of Student Leaders and a Merit Award from African Students Union.

Mjomba was involved in several development activities in his native Kenya including: serving as a trainer at the U.S. Peace Corps Center, organizing an International Work Camp for Development and working in community mobilizing campaigns at the village level.

One of Mjomba’s references states; “Mjomba is very strong when it comes to leading through examples. This is demonstrated in his creation of a multicultural drumming group called NGOMA: drumming across cultures. It is comprised of many nationalities, which promotes mutual understanding through music and dances from Africa.”

Another reference states: “I find Mjomba to be well rounded, amiable and truly an example of a twenty-first century global citizen who is able to effectively cross all cultural boundaries.”

FACULTY AWARD

The Phi Beta Delta Faculty Award this year goes to Professor Anita Herzfeld. Dr. Herzfeld is an Associate Professor of Latin American Studies and Linguistics and Director of Undergraduate Advising for this program at the University of Kansas.

Professor Herzfeld is from Argentina and earned BSc and BA degrees in Buenos Aires, prior to earning Masters and Doctoral Degrees in English and Linguistics at the University of Kansas, she also studied in the United Kingdom.

Dr. Herzfeld has held an impressive array of positions at KU related to international education including, Associate Director on the Seminar on Higher Education in the Americas, Associate Director of International Programs, Director of the Office of Study Abroad,
Director, Junior Year Abroad in Costa Rica, Director, Junior Year Abroad in Germany, AID Assistant Coordinator for KU in Central America, Chair of the SENEX International Affairs Committee and President of Phi Beta Delta (2000-2001).

She has also been Executive Director of the Central American Scholarship Program for USAID, a Visiting Professor at the University of Panama and a Fulbright Scholar to Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama.

Professor Herzfeld has an international reputation in the study of the linguistics of indigenous languages and has published and presented her work widely. Some of her most recent writing deals with Limonese Creole.

Dr. Herzfeld has received a number of honors and awards including, recognition for Distinguished Service from the University of Costa Rica, Teaching Award from the Center for Teaching Excellence at KU, and the Michael Young Advisor’s Award in the Humanities.

One of Professor Herzfeld’s letters of recommendation states, “Anita Herzfeld...is truly a superb scholar, enthusiastic and effective undergraduate advisor, caring and supportive graduate mentor, dedicated and productive administrator, and untiring advocate for international education.”

Another colleague wrote of Dr. Herzfeld, “Her service to the international education mission is multi-faceted. In particular, I hope to see her honored for unflagging commitment to advising, which is the point at which student choices are made and where international education begins.”

Note: No Edward S. Blankenship Staff Award was given in 2002.

Outstanding Chapter Awards for 2002

Outstanding Regional Chapter Awards, left to right, Midwest Regional V.P. Anne Merydith-Wolf for Gamma Upsilon, Ohio Northern University; Northeast Regional V.P. Michael Smithee for Beta Pi, Lehigh University; Secretary/Historian Marian Beane for Southeast Region, Mu chapter, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Chapter coordinator Paul Lewis for West Region, Alpha Chapter at California State University – Long Beach; Chapter Coordinator Jack Ferstel for Southwest Region, Alpha Beta, University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Alpha Beta was also awarded Outstanding National Chapter.

Outstanding Chapter for the Northeast Region, Beta Pi at Lehigh University

Submitted by Michael Smithee, Northeast Regional Vice President

The following PBD Outstanding Chapter and Outstanding Regional Chapter awards were submitted and nominated by the Regional Vice Presidents. In this section, the Regional Vice President and several associates convey their rationale based on program activities and performance why these chapters were award recipients.

– The Editor

Rationale: Several chapters in the region have been very active. However, the activity of the Beta Pi chapter is broader in scope and activities. First, the composition of the members includes 128 faculty/staff, 282 U.S. students, and 214 International students. The officers meet once a month and the chapter sponsors 4-6 program per year. These programs include faculty/student presentations or outside speakers as well as social events.

Three programs/activities are worthy of mention:

1. The Global Symposium is a forum for undergraduate students to present their scholarly international works. This year...
Program Activities —

FALL: 1. Recruitment and Induction of new members in conjunction with our annual meeting. At this time we also honor a member of the community who has made a significant contribution to the internationalization of the community. The recipient of the honorary membership is the guest speaker at the annual meeting and generally talks about their work in the community.

2. A welcoming reception for visiting scholars is the other fall activity. Dealing with the aftermath of 911 led to the cancellation of this year’s event but was re-scheduled for mid-September of 2002.

SPRING: 3. Juried Paper Competition on the theme of ‘Crossing Borders’ (for more information, see the feature article on page 26.)

To encourage students who have had an international experience (US American and foreign students) to write about life-changing experiences as the result of ‘crossing a cultural border’. This was the first year for this project that is jointly sponsored with International Club.

Three cash prizes were offered — one to a graduate student; one to an undergraduate student and one to a student enrolled in the University’s Intensive English Language program.

The winning papers will be posted on the Chapter’s webpage and be published in the University’s student newspaper.

4. International Education Reception on April 9th – This event is jointly sponsored with the Office of International Programs. The International Education Faculty and Student Awards are given at this time along with other international recognitions including the winners of the Juried Paper competition. Visiting scholars are invited and given special recognition.

5. Dinner & Conversation – The year concludes with a Dutch-treat dinner at an ethnic restaurant for members and guests. The brief informal program is a conversation with the recipient of the previous year’s faculty International Education Award on a topic of his/her choosing – generally some element of their research or work about which they feel some passion.

6. Faculty/Staff International Resource Database – Maintaining a computer database of University faculty/staff expertise to be accessible to the campus community as a resource on language skills, cultural experience, research interests, connections, etc. This program has been in place for some years and is currently being updated in order to be more interactive.

Outstanding Chapter for the Midwest Region, Gamma Upsilon, Ohio Northern University
Submitted by Anne Merydith-Wolf, Midwest Regional Vice President and Michael B. Loughlin

Dr. Ged Martin former Director of the Center of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh spoke on “Tony Blair’s Britain and Significance in Canadian History.”

Middle East “The Absence of Peace: Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” by Jim Satterwhite of Bluffton College. Dr. Satterwhite is an expert on international politics and has been a member of Christian Peacekeeper Teams for many years, serving in Bosnia, Chechnya, and for several summers in Palestine at Hebron on the Left Bank. This presentation arises from Dr. Satterwhite’s experiences serving at Hebron.
Global Volunteers—Chuck Steele presented a short film and information on Global Volunteers. Global Volunteers is a service organization that has projects throughout the world which range from tutoring English to digging irrigation systems. Each project requires local participation so that volunteers work closely with the inhabitants.

Professional skills are NOT required and the age range of volunteers is from 17 to people in their 70’s. Chuck’s aim is to interest students and faculty in participating in projects around the globe, projects which he himself has been active in for many years.

Phi Beta Delta’s International Forum is sponsoring a presentation by Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. A. F. Alhajji on the topic “The Failure of US Media in the Islamic World: Reasons and Solutions.” The Forum was held on Tuesday December 18 in Hill 209 at 7:30 P.M. Dr. Alhajji was a Research Assistant Professor & Visiting Assistant professor at Colorado School of Mines between 1997 and 2001. He taught for two years at the University of Oklahoma where he received his Ph.D. in petroleum economics in 1995. Syrian by birth, Alhajji was exposed to the intricacies of the petroleum industry at an early age. He is a published author with more than 200 articles. Alhajji uses his knowledge of the petroleum industry to contribute to academic journals and international publications. He is a contributing editor for World Oil magazine and responsible for preparing the annual oil reports for many Middle Eastern countries. In addition, he is the energy columnist for the largest newspaper in Saudi Arabia and his daily column tracks world energy trends. He has been a columnist for two newspapers and a weekly magazine in England and Saudi Arabia. Alhajji’s research interest extends to areas beyond oil markets such as education policy and human capital in the oil producing countries. The results of his extensive research were presented to the World Bank and various government agencies. As the Director of Middle East Services, Inc. (MES), Alhajji provided consulting services to various companies and governments that are interested in doing business in the Middle East, especially the Gulf countries. MES worked as a cultural liaison and provided cultural and language training, in addition to political and financial risk assessments. Alhajji developed PetroTrade, a computer program to assist oil producing countries in determining their trade policies in today’s volatile market. He is in the process of writing three books - “When Oil Strikes: Issues in Oil Politics”, “OPEC and the World Oil Market: An Alternative View” and “Energy Economics.” In addition, he is building “The Virtual Energy Center”, the largest energy web site in the world. The center covers all sources of energy and related issues such as energy policy, energy politics, and the environment.

The other topics on the agenda included Indian Sub-Continents and ethnic violence with the views of several Indian faculty members and the comments of an expert on nationalities issues and ethnic violence, Chechnya, & Ireland and its history.

Outstanding Chapter of the Western Region, Alpha at California State University, Long Beach
Submitted by Rosalie Giacchino-Baker, West Regional Vice President

It’s time to get back to our roots! The Alpha Chapter, under the leadership of Paul Lewis, is highly deserving of recognition for its consistently strong dedication to internationalism. Although the initial enthusiasm of new chapters sometimes wears down, this mature campus has continued to provide the leadership it displayed as the founding chapter. In addition to sponsoring presentations by CSULB professors on international topics, the Alpha Chapter assists with welcoming visiting international faculty, honoring Fulbright recipients, organizing International Education Week activities, and bringing ambassadors and consular officials to campus.

One of the Alpha Chapter’s most significant contributions, however, has been in the area of internationalizing the curriculum. CSULB faculty are strongly encouraged and assisted in their efforts to internationalize their courses, and they are acknowledged for their accomplishments at an annual fall reception. Paul Lewis and Professor Elaine Haglund have made presentations at Phi Beta Delta and NAFSA Conferences at which they have shared their guidelines and suggestions for how to internationalize curriculum and instruction. Internationalism has become part of the institutional culture at CSULB, and Phi Beta Delta’s leadership and faculty are largely responsible for this ongoing process.

The following is a schedule of events sponsored by the Alpha Chapter during the 2001-2002 academic year. The calendar is noteworthy because it contains a balanced offering of annual events and creative programming that are responsive to international interests and events:

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Chapter coordinator Dr. John W. “Jack” Ferstel and the officers of his chapter have done an absolutely extraordinary job in providing leadership for a climate of increased internationalization on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus through its programming events.

They have consistently maintained excellent numbers for their membership. At their last induction ceremony, 36 new members were inducted, with 24 continuing individuals for a total of 60 enthusiastic members.

To illustrate their high level of excellence, the Alpha Beta Chapter worked diligently this academic year to create stimulating programs with an international focus. Towards this end, they invited outstanding speakers from a variety of disciplines. History and Geography Department Head Vaughan Baker to speak on “The Global Village: True or False?” at their annual August reception for students returning from study abroad. Renewable Resources Professor Griff Blakewood spoke in September on “Virtual Values on a Dying Planet: The Illusive Ethics of Biospheric Citizenry.” In October Cecil Doyle of KRVS radio addressed the chapter on “New trends in World Music.” Political Science Professor Bryan-Paul Frost spoke at our November meeting on “The Role of Political Philosophy in Roman Education According to Cato and Cicero.” Political Science Department Head Don Kurtz addressed the chapter on “September 11th: From Israel to India,” a fascinating analysis of the Middle East and South Asia in light of recent events.

They also sponsored the showing of a foreign film (with English subtitles) during International Week to help raise funds for the Ted Kibbe Scholarship, UL’s only student scholarship exclusively for an international student.

Their annual chapter initiation meeting took place on March 21. Professor Martin Ball of the UL Communicative Disorders Department, who holds a distinguished chair, spoke on matters related to linguistic nationalism in Scotland.

The Alpha Beta Chapter has also been extremely involved in preparations for our annual conference here in Lafayette. Their dedication in the excellent program planned here is illustrative of their fine work.
2003 PHI BETA DELTA AWARDS NOMINATION FORM FOR FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND STAFF

Please use a separate form for each nominee and also attach a letter of nomination summarizing the qualifications of the nominee for the award (as many as three additional letters of recommendation may be included) and:

- FOR FACULTY NOMINEES: a curriculum vitae which highlights any teaching, research, advising, publishing, administrative, consulting or other activities of an international nature. Copies of papers, articles, books, etc. should not be submitted.
- FOR STUDENT NOMINEES: a résumé clearly indicating the nominee’s involvement in international activities. These activities should include study abroad, participation in student organizations, etc.
- FOR STAFF NOMINEES: nominators may choose to submit a curriculum vitae or résumé as appropriate.

TYPE OF NOMINATION: □ Faculty □ Domestic Student □ International Student □ Staff

NOMINEE:

NAME

POSITION AND/OR TITLE

STREET ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE: HOME

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MEMBER OF CHAPTER, PHI BETA DELTA

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DEADLINE: November 15, 2002

Please forward all nomination materials to:

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California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA 91768

PHI BETA DELTA
2003 Faculty, Staff and Student Awards for International Achievement

Phi Beta Delta invites nominations from all its Chapters for the following awards:

1. Two student awards of $500, plus transportation and expenses to attend the 2003 National Conference, to be given to students (undergraduate or graduate) who are members of Phi Beta Delta and have demonstrated great interest and involvement in international activities and superior scholastic achievement. One award is designated for a student who is a citizen or permanent resident of the country in which the institution at which they are studying is located. The other award is for an ‘international’ student, i.e. one studying as a visa student at the institution where the nominating Chapter is located. Please note that to be eligible students may not have graduated prior to spring term, 2002.

2. One faculty award of $1000, plus transportation and expenses to attend the 2003 National Conference, for outstanding contributions to the field of international education. The faculty nominees must also be members of Phi Beta Delta.

3. One staff award, the Edward S. Blankenship Award, of $1000, plus transportation and expenses to attend the 2003 National Conference, for outstanding leadership, and support of the development and activities of a local chapter of Phi Beta Delta.

Chapters may submit two student nominations, however, only one nomination may be submitted in the staff and faculty awards. Nomination materials for unsuccessful nominees for the faculty and staff awards will be retained for consideration for awards in the subsequent year with the permission of the nominator. All nominations must be received by November 15, 2002. Award winners are notified in January, 2003. Award recipients are expected to attend the awards ceremony held during the Annual Conference where the presentations will be made. Each chapter will be provided with a Nomination Cover Form which should be duplicated for each nomination submitted. Award information and Nomination Cover Form, as well as a list of previous recipients, are included on the Phi Beta Delta web site: http://www.phibetadelta.org, click on ‘Awards.’ Requests for additional information and completed nomination materials should be directed to:

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Those chapters who are seeking membership incentives should review the following article on essay awards with an international dimension.

– The Editor

A Successful Writing Competition with an International Focus
Submitted by Marian Beane, Chapter Coordinator, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Ever since we were chartered in 1988 the Mu Chapter has been challenged to provide a balance of programming for students as well as our faculty/ staff. A year ago one of our new student vice presidents suggested a student writing competition with an international focus. The Executive Committee agreed to this proposal seeing it as a good opportunity to enhance our student programming portfolio.

The University’s International Club (IClub) agreed to co-sponsor the project. The Club would benefit by being able to add this activity to its mostly social agenda and the Chapter would be able to access Student Government monies for the cash Awards.

The joint Chapter/IClub planning committee began its work in the fall term with the expectation that the competition and awards would take place in the spring term.

1. The theme for the writing competition was: “Crossing borders; ‘how my international experience has affected my view of the world.

2. The three categories of eligible students included current undergraduates, graduates and the upper levels of our English Language Training Institute

3. Awards & Recognitions were to include: a cash award of $200 for each of the above categories, recognition at the annual spring International Education Reception and publication of the winner papers in the University Times, student newspaper.

4. Promotion for the project was a flyer electronically sent to Chapter and IClub members, recently returned Study Abroad students, all enrolled international students, International Studies majors and faculty in the Department of English. Notices were also submitted to the student newspaper and the faculty/staff ‘green sheet’ newsletter.

5. Submission & review. Students submitted papers electronically to the Chapter coordinator. The reading committee included faculty members of the Chapter and the president of the IClub. They each received blind copies of all the papers and then conferred to make final selection decisions.

We were gratified by the response to the project both by the number of papers submitted and the seriousness given to the crafting of the papers. While some papers were better written than others the readers agreed that all could be considered ‘winners’. In the end the reading committee selected papers submitted by a U.S. American graduate, an undergraduate student from Australia and an English-language student from Palestine.

In assessing the project we concurred that it most importantly provided a way to give recognition to the international experience for both U.S. American and international students by giving them opportunities to ‘tell their stories’. The co-sponsoring element opened up the availability to resources for funding the project and for its promotion; and finally, it was worth doing again. Already the IClub has been approved for additional funds in order that we can give more awards for each category and thus more expanded recognition to the international student experience.

We would enjoy hearing from other Chapters that may have sponsored a similar project and are ready to share more about our own experience if you are interested. Contact Marian Beane, Chapter Coordinator, Mu Chapter, UNC Charlotte mebeane@email.uncc.edu

Left to right, Deniz Egemen, IClub President; Alice Hansen, Australia; Tamer Bandak, Palestine; Mark Dorfman, President, Mu Chapter; Rebecca Lefler, USA.
Recognition of New Chapters and Chapter News

One of the highlights of the Conference is the recognition of new chapters that have been chartered since the past annual conference. The following chapters were recognized at the conference at Lafayette, Louisiana.

Chapter News is a significant item in our newsletter. It indicates sustained growth in Phi Beta Delta and gives our members information on a wide array of activities and creative programming. To assist our readers who wish further information on chapter activities, we have listed the name and telephone number of the resource persons. – The Editor

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Among the highlights of the year for the Alpha Chapter at California State University, Long Beach was the first celebration of International Education Week (IEW) from November 12-16, 2001. Sponsored by the U.S. State Department, IEW recognizes the significant role that international education and exchange play in strengthening our country and our relations with other countries. Activities during International Education Week included a week-long “Japanese War Crimes: Photo Exhibit.” An International Education Fair featured a representative from the German Trossingen Music Academy, a special presentation on the London Semester, as well as general information sessions highlighting other Study Abroad programs. A CSULB faculty panel discussion on “Reparations for Victims of War Crimes and Slavery,” focused on the subject of monetary payments to such victims (Japanese interned during WW II as well as ancestors of slaves).

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The 15th annual induction, which took place on November 13, 2001, brought 33 new members into Phi Beta Delta. At the international induction lecture and banquet, Dr. Houri Berberian, CSULB Professor of History, spoke on “The U.S. and the Middle East: An Uneasy Cooperation.” In addition to these new members, on February 14, 2002, Dr. Osman Faruk Logoglu, Ambassador of Turkey to the United States, who made a campus presentation (very well-attended) on “U.S.-Turkish Relations,” received an honorary membership into Phi Beta Delta.

The first annual South Asia Day took place on April 24, 2002. The program of events included information booths featuring information about South Asian countries and featured Indian cuisine. In the afternoon, a reception for Diplomats from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka was followed by a (lively) panel presentation on “Current Issues and Challenges in South Asia.” The panel consisted of George Mark Pappas, the Honorary Consul General of Nepal; Akilesh Mishra, Consul for Political and Commercial Affairs of India; Dadallage Dharmasena, Syed Shah Mohammed Ali; Consul General of Bangladesh (unfortunately the Consul General of Pakistan cancelled his participation). At this time, each Diplomat received an honorary membership.

The chapter continues to hold monthly brown-bag lunch programs, and co-sponsors and hosts Visiting Diplomats.

Alpha Alpha
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My sensory faculties were dazzled. I had just entered Lafayette Square of the Brody Complex. Well-groomed men in sleek black suits and semi-formals and confident women attired in a range of international evening wear graced the room, sitting in clusters around the tables elegantly laid out for the dinner to follow the event. Among them were bright-eyed relatives and friends eagerly awaiting the joyous initiation. It was 4.30 on April 11, 2002, at Michigan State University. It was the Induction Ceremony of 204 International Scholars for welcoming them as members of the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society.

Five MSU faculty and staff were to be inducted along with one hundred ninety-nine domestic and international students, most of whom were busy browsing through the informational packet about Phi Beta Delta handed out to them at the Lafayette Square gate. Some of them proudly held onto their honor society certificate — a mark of recognition and encouragement of their “achievements in the area of international education and exchange.” Others flipped through the pages of the 2001 issue of the Medallion trying to figure out the global reach of Phi Beta Delta’s cross-cultural activities.

The program started shortly after. The welcome address presented by Melvin Yokoyama, Professor in the Department of Animal Science, was followed by an introduction for the inductees to an understanding of the three Greek letters Phi (Love of Knowledge – Philomatheia), Beta (Valuing of Human Life – Biotremmonia), and Delta (Achieving Excellence – Diapheren), presented by Consa Torres – student president of MSU’s Alpha Alpha Chapter and a doctoral candidate in the American Studies Program.

Introduced by Gracia Carrion, MA candidate, Department of Romance and Classical Languages, Mr. Vince Delgado, journalist and Refugee Services Coordinator of the Lansing
Basuli Deb, a doctoral student in the Department of English from India was inducted in the April 2002, Alpha ceremony. Ms. Deb is the author of Alpha Chapter News who describes the ceremony.

Delgado focused on former refugees living in the Lansing area, such as the approximately fifty Afghan women and their families as well as the Lost Boys of Sudan who are being resettled in the United States from a refugee camp in Kenya where they fled from the religio-ethnic war between Northern and Southern Sudan. The guest speaker emphasized the networking role of the sister-state commission with its linkages to overseas sister state communities, the most notable being Shiga Prefecture. Delgado repeatedly underlined that crucial endeavors like refugee relief render Lansing, East Lansing, and hence Michigan State University, pivotal in forming a demographically diverse international community.

Our next speaker of the day was Charles Gliozzo, Special Assistant to the Dean of International Studies and Programs, and Professor of History. He is on the National Board of Phi Beta Delta and is the Editor of the Medallion – the National Newsletter of PBD. At the induction ceremony he reviewed the national activities of PBD’s central office located at the University of Georgia, Athens, with particular emphasis on faculty, staff, and student awards, PBD publications, national conferences, and the work of the various PBD chapters in liaison with the national office.

After Gliozzo’s talk the Alpha Alpha chapter presented an award of special recognition to Nancy Rademacher, Assistant to the Director of the Office of International Students and Scholars, for her exemplary work as a volunteer for MSU’s community who was the featured speaker of the day, offered an impressive survey of the humanitarian aid that the Catholic Relief Services in Lansing was extending to its refugees.

Two proud inductees wearing medallions and their friends. They were part of the 199 inductees in Alpha Chapter of Michigan State University.

Alpha Alpha chapter. Despite her heavy schedule as office secretary at OISS, she met the numerous requests from Alpha Alpha’s board members regardless of the tasks, and the award was a tribute to her reliability under pressure. Rademacher was conspicuous by her absence at the ceremony, and Kalina Monoylova, Research Technician, Department of Zoology, and a board member, who followed Gliozzo’s speech with her talk about Alpha Alpha’s Chapter activities at MSU, received the award on her behalf.

Finally as the much-awaited moment of initiation arrived the inductees quietly rose from their seats together. On the threshold of entry to an honor society, this act of ritualistic standing performed in solidarity with other inductees at once forged a bond that only members of a honored community can share. With serene and solemn faces eloquent with pride of achievement and determination to excel, the inductees took their induction oath read out to them by David Horner, Director Emeritus, Office for International Students and Scholars, and Director of Strategic Planning for International Student Recruiting. Horner served as the Director of OISS at MSU for nearly 19 years and was the former Chapter coordinator for MSU’s Alpha Alpha Chapter of PBD for many years.

Close on the heels of the oath taking ceremony followed the presentation to the new inductees of the bronze medallions embossed with “Phi Beta Delta International Scholars.” The medallions recognized the high academic achievements of MSU international students who proved their scholastic aptitude outside the bounds of their home countries, in the US, as well as the scholarly credentials of domestic students who by virtue of their academic talent crossed international borders to enter the academic arena abroad. As a mark of hospitality foreign students were asked to receive their medallions first as domestic students gracefully awaited their turn. Amidst a succession of camera flashes and loud applause from cheering friends and relatives the inductees lined up as, helped by other board members, Tom Carroll, Director Emeritus, Center continued on page 30
for Advanced Study of International Development, and Professor, Department of Social Sciences, presented the medallions.

As the ceremonial evening ended with inductees getting to know fellow inductees and board members over a lavish dinner and stimulating conversation, we all looked forward to an eventful 2002 with a Fall picnic in September to be followed by the prospects of attending the convention at the Intercultural Communication Institute in October and the Global Festival in November. A week from the induction ceremony at MSU Alpha Alpha held its General Membership Meeting where members benefited from the Career Services Counseling that was offered. One of the important agendas for PBD this year remains the development of Chapter Awards which we all look forward to.

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An Exciting Year for the Alpha Omega Chapter

The Phi Beta Delta chapter at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania had an eventful academic year, highlighted by its participation in the International Visiting Lecturer Series. Now finishing its fifth year, the series features distinguished professors from our sister universities around the world, all presenting on a single topic. The theme of this year’s program was “The Family Unit and Society: Implications for Progress and Human Welfare in the 21st Century”.

Presenters from the U.K., Canada, Mexico, Morocco, and the Ukraine addressed issues of great sociological import.

The two focal events limited to our own membership are the kickoff pot luck buffet in the Fall, and the Induction Banquet in the spring. For the latter, we were fortunate to get Professor Syedur Rahman, Coordinator of the Humphrey Fellows Program and Professor of Public Administration at Penn State University. His Keynote speech, entitled “Crusade for Understanding: Jihad for Peace”, addressed the historical conditions that led up to the present crisis in the Middle East, and asked crucial questions about where to go from here. Inductees included five members of the faculty and staff of the university, and international students from Kazakhstan, Nepal, China and the Ukraine.

The chapter looks forward to next year, when the theme of the visiting lecture series will be the ethics of terrorism.

Left to right, inductees are JingJing Yang, Dennis Tobin, Anastasia Bannikova, Daniel Roberts, Kanchan Mahara, Richard Goulet, Maryanna Khimich, Eduardo Valerio, and Sue Malin.

Alpha Pi
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The Alpha Pi Chapter at the University of Kansas knew when it saw a good idea — and decided to copy it. Based loosely on the Michigan State University’s international photo contest, Alpha Pi launched its own “Picture the World” contest open to all KU students, faculty and staff, and alumni.

The inaugural year had 41 people entering 84 color and black and white photographs in the three divisions. There were also three categories: Peoples, Places, and Cultural Traces. The photos were great! Awards for top of division...
were donated by two bookstores, the Kansas University Alumni Association, and ING. A lot of support and part of the best of show award came from a local photography store, Image Works, and went to an alumna working and living in Japan. The top award was a new Nikon Pronea 35-mm camera with a 60-180 mm lens from Image Works. Council Travel also donated a Voyage Trek Pack. Carolyn Elk, the winning photographer, says she’ll really make use of both. Two KU art and design faculty members were jurors.

An exhibit of the first-, second-, and third-place photos was opened during KU’s annual international awareness week in April and ran for three weeks. The first-place photos will be displayed this fall at the Lawrence (Kans.) Public Library and they will most likely be used again for the KU’s second annual Open House as well as during International Education week. Plans are underway for next year’s contest. We have some tweaking to do to our Official Entry Rules, but anyone is welcome to take a peak at http://lark.cc.ukans.edu/~intlstdy/phibeta.shtml. We hope eventually to have some of the photos on our Web site.

For Alpha Pi’s fall induction ceremony, the winner of the 2001 Provost’s Faculty Award for International Leadership was the featured speaker. Known for her passionate belief that exposure to other cultures leads to growth and a maturity to see one’s own culture differently, Judith Burns McCrea, chair of the art department, has traveled to Paraguay to teach and create art since the 1980s. As an administrator, she has relentlessly sought opportunities for faculty and students, setting up exchanges in Paraguay, England, and Scotland and is working to create a program in Costa Rica. McCrea shared slides of her work, many created while abroad, and explained the cultural influences on her paintings. It was a stimulating look into an artist’s point of view.

The Alpha Pi Chapter continues to recognize its members for excellence in international education at a spring awards potluck dinner. Here are this year’s awardees.

Cássio Rene Furtado, Brazilian undergraduate, graduated this May in journalism, political science and international studies. He was a columnist and reporter for the Daily Kansan and has also written for the Topeka Capital-Journal and for Knight Ridder Newspapers Washington Bureau. This summer, Cássio is back in Washington, DC, working for Knight Ridder and then will start as a reporter for the Miami Herald.

Tracie Souter, USA master’s student in international studies, in May 2000 became the orientation assistant for International Students and Scholars Services and began her job coordinating orientation for approximately 350 new international students each year. Also in 2000, Tracie became a member of the International Student Ambassador Program at KU and currently serves as its president.

Christa Hansen, associate director of KU’s Applied English Center, received the staff award. Her accomplishments include co-authoring the AEC’s Test of Listening for Academic Purposes. She and co-author Christine Jensen have made several international presentations on this widely acclaimed innovative examination. Christa is also responsible for developing international linkages and special programs for the AEC and KU.

Richard Schowen, professor emeritus of chemistry, was this year’s faculty winner. He has welcomed many international graduate students to KU in the fields of biochemistry, chemistry, and pharmaceutical chemistry. He has sustained a decades-long relationship with scientists in Germany. He has also been a model of a scientist with humanistic interests, encouraging his students and colleagues in science to read broadly, travel widely, and write with wit and insight.
Beta
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The Beta Chapter at California State University, Fullerton experienced unprecedented success and innovation during the 2001-02 academic year. In November 2001, the Beta Chapter presented the culminating event in the campus-wide celebration of International Education Week. A distinguished panel of speakers addressed the timely topic of “Perspectives on American in the World, featuring our diplomat in residence, Dr. John Malott (former Ambassador to Malaysia), Steve Browning, diplomat in residence at University of Southern California, Professor Choudhury Shamim, Political Science department and Professor Nelson Woodard, History department. President Richard Deming then led the induction of 42 new members. This engaging event was followed by a reception and casual conversation with our panelists.

The highlight of the spring program was our induction of 43 new members in May. We tried an innovative new approach to a speakers panel this time, featuring faculty and
students who have done research together in an international context. It proved to be a fascinating look at the importance of and impact upon students doing collaborative research with faculty.

The Beta Chapter was proud to have one of our student

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**Beta Alpha**

**Rider University**

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Rider has been very active in organizing the International Week, held on April 1-5, 2002. The theme was: Global Ethics and Social Responsibility. Included was an International Fair sponsored by seven student organizations, a film festival which featured film each day, a global business panel, a student panel on Culture and Conflict, a Study Abroad panel, a Multi-ethnic Fashion Show, an immigration issues session, a Student Colloquium, a panel on perspective from the international media, and Wines and Cultures: An introduction to Foreign Wines (tasting was included). In addition, during the International Week we conducted our ceremony inducting new members.

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**Beta Eta**

**University of Arkansas, Fayetteville**

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At the University of Arkansas, spirits are high following the announcement in April that the Walton Family Foundation was providing a matching grant of $300,000,000 to the University for the establishment of an Honors College and an endowment for the Graduate School. The pledge constitutes the largest single gift provided to a public university in U.S. history. Out of these funds, $4,000,000 in endowment funds have been designated for scholarships to study abroad. Honors students receiving these funds in the future will make outstanding new members of the Beta Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Delta!

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**Beta Pi**

**Lehigh University**

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Our chapter includes 128 faculty/staff, and 282 U.S. students, and 214 international students. This year the activities we conducted reflected four major areas. We held a Global Symposium for undergraduate students to present their scholarly international works. This year an award was given. We held a Thanksgiving Dinner where faculty and staff members invited students for a get together in their homes and to experience American family traditions. We have an Award program which provides recognition of outstanding contributions to Lehigh University and the Beta Pi chapter. One faculty/staff award is given and one each to an international and one US student. Finally, we fund raise. Although somewhat in an infant stage we are trying to find what works for us. We collect (ask for) funds from various academic and staff departments, and the chapter even sells T-shirts.

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**Delta Iota**

**University of Houston**

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The Delta Iota Chapter had an exciting and productive year. We co-sponsored the fall and spring study abroad fairs. These events provided opportunities for students to learn about study abroad, and to find out about Phi Beta Delta. Our chapter also took an active role in programming events in recognition of International Education Week. On November 13, 2001, we sponsored a program called “Fostering International Educational Exchanges – Perspectives from Abroad.” The panelists were the Honorable J. Julio Lopez Jacoiste, Consul General of Spain, and the Honorable Mari Amano, Consul General of Japan. The two diplomats presented their own cultural and historical perspectives on international education. Our

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Delta Lambda at Rowan University had another busy and productive year. Dr. Corinne Blake, History Department, was elected president and chapter coordinator at the beginning of the year, with Amanda Zimmerman as vice president and Sallie Morrow as secretary. We began the year by planning activities for international week in November. Delta Lambda organized and sponsored the second annual Study Abroad Fair on November 13, where students who had participated in Study Abroad programs talked with students thinking about or planning to study abroad. On November 15, we held the third annual World Fest Celebration (formerly titled “V.I.P”), where students and faculty prepared exhibits representing different countries. The poinsettia sale, one of our two annual flower sales to raise money to support Delta Lambda’s scholarships, was held on December 11. During the spring semester, Delta Lambda organized and sponsored a well attended talk entitled “The Impact of Globalization on Women in Developing Countries” on March 7, for Women’s History Month as well as a panel on “Opportunities to Study and Work in Asia” on April 23, for Asian Heritage Month. The society also sponsored a trip to Philadelphia for a class on Latin Dancing on April 11, and co-sponsored an international film festival that screened movies from several different countries. Twenty-six new members were initiated into Phi Beta Delta at the initiation banquet on April 21, which was attended by over 70 new initiates, members, family, and friends. Professor Wade Currier, from the Department of Geography presented a talk at the banquet; he also received Delta Lambda’s first honorary membership. The spring flower sale to support the scholarship program was held on April 25. Delta Lambda’s two $500.00 scholarships this year went to...
This year the Delta Zeta Chapter held its annual Brown Bag Speaker Series on the third Wednesday of every month. Some of the topics this year were: “Trouble in Paradise: Ecologies and Culture Clash in the Words’ Remotest Archipelago,” by Dr. Jim Costa, WCU Biology Department; “A Literary Tour of the British Isles,” by Dr. Mary Warner, WCU English Department; “Traveling West to get East: Teaching in Japan,” by Ms Beth Johnson, WCU Student Affairs Division; “Panel Discussion on International Adoptions,” led by Dr. Gayle Graham, WCU History Department; and “Ritual in Art,” by renowned African American artist John Outterbridge, Los Angeles.

In addition, the Delta Zeta Chapter hosted a number of speakers. On November 7, 2001, Mr. Mark Klempner, spoke on “Just the Human Thing to Do: Dutch People Who Rescued Jews During World War II.” The son of a Holocaust survivor, Klempner has conducted over one hundred hours of interviews with Dutch citizens who rescued Jews during World War II, including Miep Gies, who sheltered Ann Frank and her family. These interviews form the basis for his forthcoming book, Just the Human Thing to Do. Mr. Klempner’s presentation was supported by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council and the Delta Zeta chapter in conjunction with the WCU Theater Department’s play, “The Diary of Anne Frank.”

For the February 10, 2002, Induction Ceremony, the Delta Zeta chapter, Dr. Shan Manikam of the WCU Department of Math and Computer Science, sang traditional Indian songs with Dr. Will Peebles on the Tambura, Poovalur Shrinivasan on the mrdangam, and Vittal Ramamarthy on the violin. The chapter inducted six new student and faculty members this year.

On April 8, 2002, Dr. John Metzler, Michigan State University, spoke on “Imaging Africa in the Media.” Dr. Metzler is nationally recognized in the areas of African American studies and media. He is currently working on a book examining the representation of Africa in film and television.

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WSU International Honor Society Welcomes 125 New Members

One-hundred-and-twenty-five students, faculty and staff were inducted into Wayne State’s Epsilon Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Delta on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. Phi Beta Delta is an international honor society for international educators and scholars.

Dr. Diana Carlin, Dean of the Graduate School and International Programs at the University of Kansas gave the keynote address. She reflected on the importance of international understanding, encouraging members to use their international experiences to help others become more aware of other cultures. “Phi Beta Delta members have an obligation to use their international experiences to help others,” Carlin said.

Students are selected for membership in Phi Beta Delta based upon outstanding academic achievement and significant international experiences. Wayne State’s chapter was established last Fall, with President Irvin D. Reid, Provost Charles R. Bantz, and Vice President Charles L. Brown as founding members.

The chapter president is Bruce S. Morgan, Director of the English Language Institute. Meena Patel, a Wayne State Studies and Educational Policy. He has authored a number of articles on international and intercultural educational exchange programs and is currently Assistant Professor of African Studies and Teacher Education, and Co-Director of the National Consortium for Study in Africa.

The Delta Zeta Chapter once again participated in the WCU annual International Festival held on Tuesday, April 9. The chapter sold artifacts from around the world to raise money for its student and faculty award fund. This year, the student awardee is Ms. Dana Moore, who will use her $300 award toward the expense of studying at the Hogeschool Brabant Business School in Breda, Netherlands. The faculty recipient is Dr. Perry Kelly, emeritus, who will use his $300 award toward an exhibition of his photographs in Nanjing, China, this summer.

Dr. Mable Carlyle (scholarship and fundraising), Dr. Lois Petrovich-Mwaniki (chapter coordinator), and Amanda Wright (domestic Vice-President), attended the Phi Beta Delta Conference in Lafayette, LA. Many of you saw them sporting the Phi Beta Delta polo and T-shirts which are for sale to members. (See p. 40 for purchasing polo and t-shirts.)

New officers for next year include: Dr. Marc Yops, President Elect and Program Chair; Dr. Nancy Norris, Secretary; and Dr. Miles McGinty, Treasurer. Ms. Dale Brady-Wilson, will be the new Membership Chair. Continuing in office are Dr. Will Peebles, President, and Dr. Mable Carlyle, Scholarship and Fundraising Chair. Two student Vice-Presidents will be appointed in the fall.

Left to right, Poovalur Shrinivasan (mrdangam drum), Will Peebles, President Elect (tambara), Shan Manickam, and Vittal Ramamarthy (violin), at the induction ceremony, February 10, 2002.
Epsilon Delta
George Mason University
Julie A. Christenson, Associate Provost

Epsilon Delta chapter at George Mason University was founded in April 2001, at which time 83 members were inducted. The Spring 2002 induction ceremony took place in April and added 84 faculty and students as new members. Attendees and members of Phi Beta Delta included George Mason University President Alan Merten and Provost Peter Stearns. The ceremony was opened with a Noh dance performance by Naoko Maeshiba.

Phi Beta Delta hosted a number of events in Spring 2002. Among them was an exhibit of international photographs by chapter members. We included color and black and white photographs, framed and displayed, as well as video and looped slides. The exhibit was titled “Framing Our World.” We hope to mount a similar exhibit annually, and we will loan photographs that have been donated to the chapter to academic and support units throughout campus as a reminder of our international activities, and, most specifically, of Phi Beta Delta. We also sponsored a round table discussion on “honor” during International Week, where students and faculty attempted to define and illustrate, with a story or anecdote, the essence of “honor” within their own culture.

George Mason is particularly enthusiastic about membership in Phi Beta Delta because of our impressive international students, our wide range of study and internship programs abroad, and the opportunity Phi Beta Delta affords us, a large, decentralized university in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, to come together to celebrate internationalism. We are excited about our new Executive Committee, Dr. Robert Clark, Department of Public & International Affairs (President), Cheryl Choy, Center for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Vice President), Rafal Kicinger, Information Technology & Engineering (student Vice President), Dr. Matthys Van Schaik, School of Public Policy (Secretary), and Dr. Linda Miller, College of Visual & Performing Arts (Treasurer). We are designing our website, polishing our constitution and by-laws, and planning events for the next academic year, which will be linked with International Education Week in November and with our own, student-led International Week in April. We hope to meet monthly and to take full advantage of our chapter to build community among our members. We publish short biographies of our new members each year, and will be featuring a number of them locally and nationally.
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The Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Delta was installed at Langston University last fall semester, with a founding membership of 33 inductees that included the President of the University, Dr. Ernest L. Holloway, and several senior administrators. The Director of the Langston University Center for International Development (LUCID) serves as the Vice President of the chapter, while Dr. Marvin Burns, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences is the Treasurer. The chapter has since its installation conducted several publicity campaigns to introduce PBD to faculty, staff, and students. An outstanding class of inductees is expected in fall 2002. On April 25, 2002, the Chapter co-hosted the Annual International Day Program with the local International Students Association. The theme for the occasion was “Celebrating Cultural Diversity”. This campus-wide program featured four speakers from different parts of the world, who made presentations on creating awareness of global concerns from their unique perspectives, as well as a celebration of international culture with music, fashion, and food. The Epsilon Epsilon Chapter has also launched an annual news bulletin – “The Ambassador” – for chronicling the chapter’s activities for each year. The inaugural issue will be published in September of 2002. Three faculty members of the Chapter accompanied 30 students and staff on a study abroad program to Togo and Ghana during the entire month of June, 2002. The team leader, Dr. Mary Mbosowo, who is also the Secretary of the local chapter, indicated that the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

**Epsilon Eta**
Dickinson College
Kari McGriff, Chapter Coordinator [717] 245-1341

Dickinson held two inductions this year. Our current active membership is 155. Our focus has been on the Symposium of Research Conducted Abroad. We have found this symposium rewarding, and has allowed our faculty and students members to interact outside the classroom.

**Epsilon Theta**
Quinnipiac University
Regine Lambrech, Chapter Coordinator [203] 582-5215

We are one of the newest chapters in Phi Beta Delta. Our first induction was held on April 5, 2002. We inducted 10 faculty/staff, 13 U.S. students and 2 international students. We will keep you informed of our progress.

**Gamma Tau**
Widener University
J. Godsall-Myers, Chapter Coordinator [610] 499-4398

This year we held our induction and dinner in March. Although we have a small number of active members our focus has been on recognizing scholarship, and honoring faculty who have been outstanding in the international field.

**Gamma Theta**
Bentley College
Sean M. McDonald [781] 891-3439

We at Bentley College have had an exciting year. PBD inducted 25 new members on April 1. Dr. Bruce Vaughn from the Australian Embassy gave a lecture on the topical issue of “Indian Geopolitics after September 11.” We had a reception afterwards attended by the new members and 30-40 continuing members. PBD sponsored an International Film and Lecture Series that was a great success on campus and added
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John Charles (818) 677-3487

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About the speaker:
Mr. Vaughn serves as a Senior Defense Analyst at The Embassy of Australia in Washington DC, in addition, he holds a faculty position at Georgetown University.

Dr Vaughn is also an expert on South Asia having researched and published on the comparative politics of the region with a focus on issues of ethnicity, cross border insurgency, interstate conflict and the national security decision-making process of India.

He has traveled extensively in the region and was a Visiting Research Associate at the Jawaharal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
Omicron
California State University, Sacramento
Hortense Simmons (916) 278-7580

Omicron Chapter enjoyed a most productive year. We were quite pleased with attendance at our spring and fall semester research scholar receptions which annually honor and promote networking with international visiting scholars. At the fall reception held October 31, and the spring reception held March 15, we welcomed our visiting scholars, many of whom hailed from China. Our campus weekly publication, the CSUS Bulletin on February 11, featured us along with other honor societies, in the article “It’s a Matter of Honor”; we relished the opportunity inform our colleagues campus-wide of our chapter activities, as well as our achievement of having been honored as the Outstanding Regional Chapter and the Outstanding Overall Chapter for 2001.

Our spring Initiation Ceremony, a very special evening banquet, was held at a restaurant on the grounds of the Sacramento Children’s Home where proceeds benefit the children in residence. The honorable Anne Rudin, former mayor of Sacramento, delivered a well received keynote address, “The International Dimensions of the City of Sacramento.” Eighteen new members were initiated at the ceremony and Mayor Rudin was awarded honorary membership in Omicron Chapter.

Omicron anticipates another exciting year under the leadership of our new chapter president, Shotaro Hayashigatani. We will continue our collaboration with the Sacramento and Davis Chapters of the United Nations Association. Inspired by the success of our first study abroad fundraiser in which we sold souvenirs donated by members, an all-out effort will be made to assure the we raise even more funds to benefit deserving students.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

New Challenges for Phi Beta Deltans
Submitted by Richard Reiff

Since 9/11 the challenges and impediments to the exchange of students and scholars have increased. Yet the importance of international education has never been greater. Likewise, the significance of the mission and purposes of Phi Beta Delta are more important than ever. Recognition of excellence and achievement on the campus and national levels will help counteract the negative effects of fear and distrust brought on by the events of 9/11. As members of Phi Beta Delta we have the duty and responsibility to do all that we can to ensure that international education continues to expand and remains a high priority at our respective institutions.

The presence of a significant number of international students and scholars on our campuses is a vital spoke in the wheel of internationalization. It is still too early to assess the impact 9/11 will have on the number of international students and scholars who choose to study in the United States. Prior to 9/11 there had been a steady increase in the number of international students with more than 500 thousand pursuing their higher education at colleges and universities throughout the country. It is also difficult to determine how, and to what degree, the implementation of SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System) requiring considerably more monitoring will effect the substantial increases seen in the 1990s. Through recognition and campus programming, Phi Beta Delta can do much to ensure that international students and scholars know that they are welcomed and highly valued.

An important spoke in the wheel of internationalization is study abroad. Although last year’s statistics nationally on study abroad are still not available, early indications are that there was not a substantial decrease, if any. However, many study abroad advisors have observed that while students’ interest has not waned many parents are less supportive of their children studying abroad. For the five year period before 9/11 there was a 61 percent increase in the number of students participating in education abroad programs with over 140,000 students studying abroad during the 1999-00 academic year. Members of the Society should take an active role in encouraging and supporting students to study abroad. One way to do that is to recognize their achievements by inducting those who have met the criteria into Phi Beta Delta.

During the 1990’s internationalization became a priority at many colleges and universities in the U.S. More resources were devoted to expanding and enhancing the various programs, services, and activities that promote international education. Significant growth was seen in the number of students studying abroad, the number of study abroad programs, and the number of international students and scholars. As a result of these increases and resources, the visibility and importance of international education expanded. Will the increased resources needed to carry out the monitoring of students and scholars as well as the legitimate concerns about the safety and liability of students abroad cause some colleges and universities to reduce or eliminate international education as a priority? Phi Beta Deltans must be more vigilant than ever to ensure that institutions continue to maintain that priority and commitment.

A true international education brings about increased understanding, toleration and appreciation of cultural and religious differences, and more openness to different values and behavior. Surely no one can question the importance, and even the imperative of international education following September 11, 2001. Although the importance is accepted and understood, the attending obstacles are a reality we as international educators must address. Phi Beta Delta can and must play a major role in ensuring that those individuals involved in international education are recognized for their achievements as well as for their commitment to preparing students to live and function effectively in a more tolerant and accepting global community.
FEATURE ARTICLE

What an inspiration from Beta Zeta Chapter at Kent State University – why we should wear our medallions!

– The Editor

What Does An International Educator Look Like?

Submitted by Cynthia Beckes, Vice-President, Beta Zeta Chapter, Kent State University

Kent State University, like many comparable institutions, has a fairly homogenous student population. Our undergraduate population are midwestern for the most part, often first-generation college students who have come to Kent State for their first “away from home” experience. It is not unusual for some of our students to have never seen a person of color let alone a person from another country.

In keeping with our Provost’s strategic initiative to internationalize our campus, the Beta Zeta chapter of Phi Beta Delta decided to become more visible, as international educators, to the campus community at large. The Executive Board of the chapter met to discuss how to best accomplish this goal. It was decided that International Education Week, November 11-17, 2001, would serve as the perfect setting for this purpose. Dr Charles Nieman, Director of International Student and Scholar Services and Dr Mark Rubin, Director of the Center for International and Comparative Programs each worked at refining just what our chapter could do to raise campus awareness of the importance of international education, and how the Beta Zeta Chapter enhances the educational experience of international students at Kent State University. Chapter President, Dr Ruth Ludwick, suggested that we enlisted the help of all constituencies involved in international education at Kent State University, inclusive of students, faculty and administration.

First we approached the Association International Students in Education and asked if we could join their planned activities for the Wednesday of International Education week; November 14th. This group is made up of graduate students in the KSU College of Education. Next we approached Ann Gosky, Associate Director of Student Life, for ideas and support. Faculty Beta Zeta Chapter members, who had previously served as program directors of study abroad programs, were contacted and asked to participate.

We planned to staff a display table in the Kent State University Student Center, near the international education activities of food, dance and costumes, with information about Phi Beta Delta. Members would take turns answering questions about the honorary society from persons attending the festivities.

Next we contacted the Daily Kent Stater, our student newspaper, and asked if they would be interested in running a feature about the PBD on November 14th. The Stater is always interested in a good story and they were happy to oblige us.

Finally, the chapter Executive Board used the list serve of the membership to ask all members to wear their Phi Beta Delta medallions on Wednesday, November 14th and to be available to answer questions if they were stopped and asked about the medallion.

Our planning paid off and all these events worked together harmoniously. Walking across the Kent Campus that day it was heartening to see the familiar gold and red ribbon of the Phi Beta Delta medallion on a great number of students, faculty and administrators. Members fielded many questions...
ranging from the academic requirements of PBD to what our group does for “fun.” The best comments were the ones that assured us that campus community members, who had not formerly known of our chapter, now definitely knew that we are a vibrant part of the fabric of the university.

It is our hope that the Wednesday of International Education Week each year will become the day that all chapters of Phi Beta Delta will wear their medallions to show their commitment to the importance of scholarship in international higher education. If this becomes an annual event, perhaps each chapter’s campus will not have to ask, “What does an international educator look like?”

Editor’s Commentary
By Charles Gliozzo

INTRODUCTION
There are many diversified features in this issue that might be of interest to readers. The editor attempts to focus on faculty, student, staff, and chapter topics since these areas represent the membership core of our organization. Examples are feature articles on the “Presidential Chain,” a student’s London internship experience, the significance of wearing the Medallion medal at Kent State, an Omega Chapter faculty member receiving Germany’s highest award and other MEDALLION news items.

The “Presidential Chain” has the names of PBD Presidents past and present engraved in Mexican gold represents the international dimension and historical tradition of PBD. We owe our gratitude to Paul Rich and his staff for making this chain possible. Another example of this PBD continuity was the gavel made by past President Earl Ellington to be handed down from one President to another.

NEW CHAPTERS
We congratulate the new chapters which were recognized at Lafayette, namely, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, (Epsilon Iota), Arcadia University (Epsilon Kappa), Colorado School of Mines, (Epsilon Mu), John Carroll University (Epsilon Nu), and Elon University (Epsilon Lambda). These chapters sustain the continuous growth and development of PBD.

2003 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Stimulating discussions, fun entertainment, and a congenial environment highlighted the 2002 PBD conference in Lafayette, Lousiana. We can expect a similar format and more in the forthcoming 2003 conference in Puebla, Mexico, March 5-8. For more details on the conference see pp. 1–4, and contact Paul Rich, President-elect and conference coordinator, at rich@hoover.stanford.edu

TRIBUTE
The continuous success and enhancement of our organization are due in part to the leadership of our officers. We owe a debt of appreciation to our outgoing officers, namely, our past President, James Fletcher, past Vice President Joy Stevenson, and to Eileen Evans, past Regional Vice President, Southeast. For a profile of our new PBD officers see pp. 9–13.

Due to a slight impact fracture on my left knee, I was unable to attend the Lafayette Conference. I believe this is the first PBD conference that I missed. A major responsibility that I have is to take Conference photos. But my plea for conference photos was heeded with a momentous response. Many thanks goes to Jack Ferstel (Conference coordinator and newly elected Vice President) who did an exemplary job in Lafayette, Richard Reiff, Lindsey Parsons, Anne Merydith-Wolf, David Gay and others that I did not mention. Moreover, kudos goes to Paul Rich, President-elect and David Merchant for the Puebla photos. Special bouquets go to Richard Reiff and Marian Beane who were recipients of major NAFSA awards at the San Antonio conference (see p. 16).

CLOSING
As we approach the 17th PBD Conference, this editor has noticed the addition of new chapters, the sustained fervent leadership and dedication of all its officers, chapter coordinators, and members in promoting international education. All of these significant factors indicate a further expansion of PBD activities. We need to report this “synergy” so that our members can share in the vitality of this organization. An important link to PBD is the MEDALLION Newsletter where we can review “the stuff” of our organization. This means that our members can find an “expressive outlet” in chapter news, feature articles, op-ed columns, activities, colleague accomplishments, etc. What is needed from you is to continue this “exuberance” by contacting me with your thoughts, suggestions, and submissions. I am easily accessible at gliozzo@msu.edu

Recall the words of Saint-Exupery in his “Wisdom of the Sands,” your task now is not to foresee it, but to enable it.”
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