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FATHER AND SON OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES

Tony and Robert St. Clair graduated together in May from Radford University in Radford, Va. Tony, Robert's father, was born with a defective heart valve. Robert was born with Stargardt's Disease, leaving him legally blind. They decided to attend college together, each helping the other. Tony helped Robert find his way around campus, and Robert carried his and his father's books. They encouraged each other to keep going when one or the other would get discouraged.

They joined Pi Gamma Mu together, and proudly wore their honor cords during graduation ceremony. Now they plan to attend graduate school. We wish them much success in the future.



VIEW FROM THE PODIUM

"NOTES ON QUOTES"

When I became Pi Gamma Mu's international president last October, I had a "tough act to follow." Dr. Gordon E. Mercer, who is now a professor emeritus of political science and public affairs at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N. C., led the society from 2005 to 2011, and his presidency was a truly remarkable period for Pi Gamma Mu. If anyone had not been a true believer in Dr. Mercer's industriousness and vision, any doubt would have been eradicated during the triennial international convention over which he presided in October in Washington, D. C. That convention showcased a genuinely well-regarded and vibrant honor society.

Retirement in the case of Dr. Mercer is an elusive concept. He continues to provide invaluable leadership and insight to our society. Also, he and his charming wife, Marcia Gaines Mercer whose presence has enriched our conventions and board meetings over the years write a weekly column, "Notes on Quotes," for nine newspapers in North Carolina and elsewhere. Other newspapers that would like to pick up the Mercers' column are welcome to contact them at gordonmarcia4@gmail.com.



In this edition of the *Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter*, I turn my column over to Dr. and Mrs. Mercer, as they discuss a quotation from Adam Smith's celebrated 1776 work, *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*.

Barry D. Friedman
International President

The Wealth of Nations: Back to Basics

By Gordon E. Mercer and Marcia Gaines Mercer

"No society can surely be flourishing and happy of which by far the greater part of the numbers are poor and miserable."

—Adam Smith, author, *The Wealth of Nations* (1776)

What would the world's greatest economist say about our economy today? Adam Smith (1723-1790) provided the foundational underpinnings of modern economics. His work, *The Wealth of Nations*, was, in his own words, "[a] very violent attack ... upon the whole commercial system of Great Britain." There are almost no details about his early life except an account of his being captured by gypsies at the age of four and rescued by his uncle. Biographer John Rae is frequently quoted as saying that the rescue was a good thing, because Smith would have made a poor gypsy.



As we have attempted to move out of the recession, our guiding economist has been British economist John Maynard Keynes, who wrote *The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money*, which calls for deficit spending in periods of recession. We have successfully implemented deficit spending. As we try to reboot our economy and create jobs, we wonder, are we asking the right question?

Adam Smith was a popular professor at Glasgow University. He asked the deep questions, such as: What are the factors that produce wealth in a nation? For Smith, wealth starts with the talent of labor and the division of labor, which enables people to specialize. Key underpinnings of wealth include technology, manufacturing, and agriculture, which enable trade. Surpluses produced in manufacturing beyond immediate needs produce trade and wealth.

These surpluses, when invested back within the country, create greater wealth and jobs. Smith thought that the invisible hand of self-interest along with competition guided economic systems to their most productive levels and that, even though people would do things for selfish reasons, this would promote the general welfare. He believed that in some cases the state had to regulate, where the general welfare was not being protected.

If Adam Smith asked the right question, how do we stack up as a nation? Smith would point out that we are losing our manufacturing leadership, which is the critical underpinning of national wealth. We have huge trade deficits in household goods, petroleum, and automobiles and a huge national debt. The destroyer of wealth has been our outsourcing of manufacturing and jobs. Smith was a fervent proponent of

free trade, but he might point out that somewhere along the way free trade was corrupted and became the exporting of our manufacturing, jobs, and wealth.

Building the wealth of our nation is a good idea, but we need to make a commitment. Our universities and community colleges need to prioritize manufacturing-technology programs. Western Carolina University graduates in manufacturing engineering have done exceptionally well. Small-business loan programs need to prioritize manufacturing. We need a U. S. Department of Technology. In the policy area of immigration, we need to prioritize immigrants who could start manufacturing operations in the United States. We used this strategy in our space program. Every state needs to become a magnet for manufacturing recruitment on a global level.

Our leaders are currently spending their time debating Keynesian economics on taxation levels and spending levels. It isn't working. Both sides are failing to see the big picture of wealth creation.

Let's get the debate back to technology, manufacturing, jobs, and most importantly building wealth for our nation by becoming once again the manufacturing center of the world.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER



Dr. Claudia Geer, chapter sponsor of the Kansas Alpha chapter at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kans., was selected by the students to receive the Student Government Association's citation as Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year. Each year members are encouraged to choose recipients who best enable students to achieve their full potential. "We felt that Claudia has done a lot for SC students, and with her

retirement, it would be best to honor her any way that we could," said Jordy Train, president of the SGA. Outstanding faculty members have been honored in this manner since 1966.

Dr. Geer retired from teaching at the end of this past semester. She and her husband have moved to California to be closer to their family.

Dr. Cheryl Rude, chair of the Social Science Department at Southwestern College and co-sponsor of the Kansas Alpha chapter, has been chosen to replace Dr. Geer as the chapter sponsor. Dr. Rude was selected as a 2012 Engaged Faculty Fellow by the Kansas Campus Compact. She will receive a \$6000 grant to support efforts to integrate service learning and civic engagement into her teaching and research. She directs the Master of Science in Leadership Studies Program, facilitates workshops and training for student groups and professional associations and develops and publishes leadership education curricula.





Dr. Yongsheng Wang has been promoted to the rank of associate professor and awarded tenure. Dr. Wang is the chapter sponsor of the Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron chapter at Washington & Jefferson College and chancellor of the Northeast Region of Pi Gamma Mu.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

Susan Kinsella



Hello to all of Pi Gamma Mu and a big welcome to our newest members. I am Susan Kinsella, the newly elected chancellor of the Southeast Region. I'm eager to meet many of our chapter officers and sponsors in this region. I know that we have many schools that have had active Pi Gamma Mu chapters for years, and several chapters have been chartered or reactivated recently, too.

A little bit about me: My educational background is in social work, I earned degrees from Pennsylvania State University and Marywood University in Scranton, Penn., and a Ph.D. degree from Fordham University in New York. I have taught in graduate schools of social work in Pennsylvania, undergraduate schools of social work in Florida, and human-services programs in Florida and Georgia. I have been in higher education for 28 years and am currently department chair for the Human Services Program at Saint Leo University in Savannah, Ga. Saint Leo is a private, Catholic college whose main campus is located north of Tampa, Fla. Founded by the Benedictine Order of Monks, Saint Leo has offered higher education for over 120 years to areas of the South. Today we offer traditional coursework on Saint Leo's Florida campus and off-campus educational coursework for nontraditional students in centers in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and California. We specialize in working with the military, so my work as a department chair for human services takes me to several facilities in many different states. I enjoy teaching traditional classes as

well as using technology to link our rural and military students to courses. We offer online, blended, VTT, and eluminate courses.

I have been active in the National Organization for Human Services as well as the Southern Organization for Human Services for many years, so I am aware of the needs and challenges of our residents in the South. I try to educate my students to develop the knowledge, values, and skills they need to work with diverse populations dealing with issues of poverty, substance abuse, aging, mental health, and divorce to name just a few.

I work on our Savannah campus and have lived in this area for 15 years. It's a nice change to live in a mild climate after growing up in the Northeast. My husband and I live on an island off the coast of Georgia where we can fish, boat, ride bikes and spend time outdoors for much of the year. We have two grown sons, one who graduated from Florida State University in social work and one who is a biology major at the University of Georgia. So we have our pick of Seminole or Bulldog athletic events! We do a lot of cooking and eating at our house, so we are usually trying out a new recipe or creating one. In my spare time, I like to read and write and am currently working on a textbook entitled *Introduction to Human Services* for Pearson Educational Publishing.

I think that it is so important for our students to get involved in their courses, complete internships, work with a mentor, and learn about their major through hands-on activities. My involvement with Pi Gamma Mu over the years has allowed me to enrich the lives of our students through service-learning projects, research seminars, and beautiful induction ceremonies for the students and their families and friends. I would like for every student to have the kinds of opportunities that Pi Gamma Mu offers to students. I will work to spread the news about our honor society in the Southeast Region. If anyone has any questions or would like information about Pi Gamma Mu for her friends at other schools, please let me know and I will be glad to share the good news about our organization.

CHAPTERS IN ACTION

One of the ideals of Pi Gamma Mu is Social Service, and, as the ritual for initiation states, "The pursuit of our ideals requires giving freely, fully, and joyously of our time, talent, and energy. The fruit of our scholarship, science, and idealism is reaped through service to others for the benefit of all humanity, and this, in turn, requires the cooperation, dedication, passion and participation of all people and of all the social sciences."

The members of Pi Gamma Mu are very generous with their time and talents. Look at some of the projects undertaken this past year: You might see one in which your chapter could participate.

The Maryland Theta chapter at **University of Maryland - University College** (UMUC) is unique in that most of its 90,000 students take classes online and many live abroad as members of the military. Reaching all of its talented members worldwide has been a challenge. It especially wants to recognize active-duty military members. The chapter has created a live online initiation ceremony, complete with virtual candle-lighting, so that students and their families around the globe may participate in the initiation ceremony. The ceremony was archived so

that those who could not attend or watch in real time would be able to view the ceremony at their leisure.

The chapter has a Facebook page to keep connected with all the students. Members from around the world have posted their graduation pictures on Facebook, in which they proudly sport their honor cords and key pins. Facebook has allowed the chapter to spread news and alert members of upcoming events.

Maryland Theta also has a dedicated online classroom in which chapter business takes place. Faculty advisors and officers create conferences that allow students to discuss interesting topics such as career paths, job opportunities, research in social science, and service opportunities. A cash donation was made by the chapter to the American Association for People with Disabilities to help with its mission of creating internship opportunities for disabled young people across the country.

Another service project that Maryland Theta has adopted is the sponsorship of UMUC's annual social-science essay contest. The contest invites undergraduate students to submit essays in social science that are reviewed by four UMUC faculty members. The winner receives a student membership in a national social-science organization of his/her choice and a social-science book. Prizes are also offered for second and third place. Winning essays are presented at an annual student-achievement forum at UMUC.

For the past two years, this chapter has made "Operation Appreciation" its favorite cause. This project gathers toiletries and non-perishable items for wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center. Initiates have brought goods to the initiation ceremony, and students overseas sent donations in the form of gift cards. Chapter members traveled to Walter Reed to present the donations in person. The chapter hopes to play a continuous role in this worthwhile cause.



At **Southwestern College**, each member of the Student Government Association nominates students for the Masterbuilders award each year. The winners are announced during Honors Convocation. Winners this year were Zach Castor, Lucas McConnell, Molly Komlofske, Taylor Kinnamon, Caitlin McCurdy and (not pictured) Jacey Cullop. The students proudly wearing their honor cords are members of Pi Gamma Mu.

Caitlin McCurdy of the Kansas Alpha chapter at **Southwestern College** in Winfield, Kans., chose as her senior leadership project to focus on the developmentally disabled. She developed a program consisting of four different events: Bowling Night, Bingo Night, Dance Night, and Boys/Girls-Night-Out. There were 128 participants and 61 Southwestern student volunteers.

At **Mansfield University** in Mansfield, Penn., the Pennsylvania Kappa chapter meets every other week during the semester to plan activities. The fall-semester events included a fund raiser selling homemade chocolate packets and cups of hot chocolate at a local festival. This required three days of work that included making homemade marshmallows. Gifts were purchased for two children in need at Christmas. The chapter supported a Boy Scout who was working on improving a local park for his Eagle project. Chapter members worked with other honor societies and social-science clubs to handle a university-wide food drive for Thanksgiving.

During the spring semester they provided support for the Annual Careers in Aging event, planning the conference, acting as host for the community and university, and giving a gift to the Alzheimer's

organization.

Members of the chapter participated in the overnight walk for Relay for Life. They raised \$150 for Relay for Life by selling chocolate. They worked with the Student Senate on Community Cleanup Day.

The Nebraska Delta chapter at **Wayne State College** (WSC) in Wayne, Neb., had another incredible year. It had its Book and Bake Sale featuring home-baked goods provided by the chapter members and books donated by the Wayne, Neb., community. The sale raised \$417. The goal of this fundraiser was to support community-service projects and provide for travel to the Pi Gamma Mu conventions.

The chapter sponsored a Graduate School Workshop to provide information for students interested in continuing their education beyond their bachelor's degree. This was a come-and-go workshop that answered students' questions about what to expect, the application process and testing for graduate school.

The Pi Gamma Mu members hosted a speaker, Dr. Don Hickey, who portrayed Alexander Hamilton as a *Living History* figure. Colonel Hamilton explained his vision for America. The audience had the opportunity to ask questions of Colonel Hamilton after his presentation.

The members of this chapter, along with the WSC Student Senate, co-sponsored the 2010 Festival of Trees. This is a campus-wide holiday-season fundraiser founded by the chapter in 2004. Organizations from across campus were invited to decorate and display "themed" trees in the WSC Student Center. Passersby "voted" for their favorite tree by donating money to each organization's tree bucket. Collected funds were then evenly distributed throughout all participating organizations and used for gift purchases requested by local families in need (identified by Wayne Social Services). Nearly \$400 in gifts were delivered to area families.

The chapter hosted its very popular social activity: "Faculty vs. Students Bowling Challenge." Approximately 30 students and faculty members were in attendance at this world-class tussle, but no report of who won the challenge was received.

The chapter members hosted a presentation by Dr. Jean Karlen, WSC faculty member for 35 years. Dr. Karlen gave a final presentation on the eve of her retirement. She spoke about "The Teacher as Learner: Teaching as an Exercise in Humility."

Nebraska Delta chapter members organized and hosted the year-end Social Sciences Banquet. The chapter planned all aspects of the banquet event, and coordinated retirement gifts and the ceremony for outgoing sociology-faculty member Dr. Jean Karlen. Dr. Karlen is a long-time sponsor of the chapter at WSC and past international president of Pi Gamma Mu.

At **Evangel University** in Springfield, Mo., the Missouri Omicron chapter enjoyed enthusiastic member involvement and many events were sponsored ranging from relaxed, informal student gatherings to foster camaraderie among social-science students to the Annual History Symposium.

During Homecoming Week festivities the chapter hosted an Alumni Reception for alumni of the Social Sciences Department. This provided an opportunity for current social-science students to meet and interact with graduates, and to learn first-hand of the many opportunities in the social sciences, in both post-graduate studies and employment, after graduation.

During the November election in 2010, the Missouri Omicron chapter staged a voter-awareness initiative. Students were encouraged to exercise their civic duties by voting in the state and federal elections. The voting process was explained, and sample ballots were given to students to prepare them for the voting process.

The chapter sponsored a current-events reception during which students had an opportunity to connect with each other and several of the social-science faculty members over refreshments. Following the refreshments, they engaged in a guided discussion of controversial current events -- namely, the use of enhanced security scanners and intensive searches at airports in light of the Fourth Amendment and the right to privacy. The event received much positive feedback from both students and faculty members, not only for the relevant discussion, but more so for the friendships promoted between fellow students and faculty members.

The chapter held a student movie night at the home of its faculty advisor, Dr. Luther Hall. The students enjoyed dinner together and the movie *I am David*, which relates the story of a young refugee from a Communist prison camp.

Last spring, the Missouri Omicron chapter hosted Susan Marcus, an author and experienced tour guide from Israel. Marcus gave an evening lecture on her variety of experiences as a tour guide in Israel, and offered a unique perspective on the unrest in the Israel-Palestine region.

Three members of the chapter were selected to attend the 18th annual Character and Leadership Symposium at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Spring, Colo. Briana Martin, Bailey Bollinger and Stephen Houseknecht attended this conference focused on "strength with leadership throughout." Speakers included military veterans, including several Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, authors, businessmen, and other inspirational speakers.

The History Symposium, held annually by the Missouri Omicron chapter, provides a venue for undergraduate students to formally present their original research. The 2011 symposium featured presentations by four Missouri Omicron members, Briana Martin ("The Harsh Lives of Ozark Women in the Civil War"), Jonathan Hatter (a biographical sketch of Boris Yeltsin), Nickolas Boeser (an examination of the origins of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia), and Stephen Houseknecht (Operation Market-Garden, a critical battle of World War II). This symposium was exceptionally successful, and could be said to represent the pinnacle of the chapter's year.

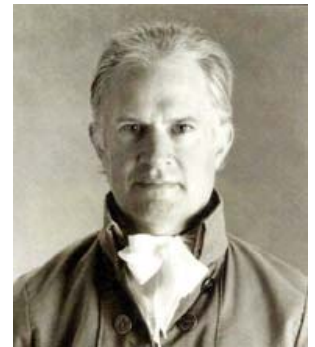
The conclusion of the chapter's 2010-11 year was the Missouri Omicron chapter's capstone event – the Social Science Banquet. During the banquet, a graduating member of the chapter is selected to receive the David C. Richardson Award (named in honor of a former professor who was influential in continuing the Missouri Omicron chapter at Evangel University). The award was presented to Nickolas Boeser. The Social Science Banquet concluded with the presentation of Pi Gamma Mu honor cords to all graduating members.

At **Kent State University** the Ohio Eta chapter hosted two successful fundraisers. One was a "Baggo" Tournament (i.e., Bean Bag Toss). This took place over Halloween weekend and graduate students and faculty members dressed up in costumes and teamed up against one another. The second fundraiser was more formal and involved a silent auction.

The chapter members hosted their annual banquet with guest speaker and criminologist Dr. Jack Levin. Dr. Levin's work has focused extensively on understanding and explaining the behavior and mentality of the most violent types of criminals including rapists, mass murderers, and serial killers. Before the banquet, Dr. Levin gave a lecture entitled "Hate Violence Goes to School," which was open to the entire university. The entire lecture hall was full of employees and students.

The Florida Eta chapter at the **University of South Florida** in Tampa had a busy year assisting the community. It gave \$150 in McDonald's gift certificates to the Shriners' Hospital for Children, Tampa Unit. These certificates are used as presents and rewards.

The chapter supplied \$30 worth of plants to the Ladies Shrine of North America to be used as door prizes at a fundraising event. A donation was also made to this group to help buy a therapy device designed to help kids learn how to walk. Project Return (www.projectreturn.org) was given \$200. This organization helps mentally ill individuals.



Dr. Don Hickey, portraying Alexander Hamilton



Dr. Jean Karlen

At **Bluefield State College** in Bluefield, W. V., several members of the West Virginia Theta chapter assisted with a campus-beautification project. They assisted in the planting of trees and shrubs and spreading mulch to help improve the appearance of the campus.

Several members of the chapter completed internships or volunteer opportunities this past year. Sulayman Njie volunteered at a local organization that provides enrichment programs for underprivileged K-12 children. He was in the McNair Scholars Program and presented part of his senior research project at a McNair conference at the University of New Mexico. He is in the master's-degree program in international relations at Virginia Tech and was awarded a graduate assistantship there.

Caitlin Flanagan served as a Frasure-Singleton intern with the West Virginia House of Delegates. Several Pi Gamma Mu students attended the annual Higher Education Day at the state Legislature to gain first-hand knowledge of the state's legislative process and to meet with some of the local legislators. They were given a personal tour of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals to learn more about the state's judicial process.

Another member, Kelly Pawlowski, completed two internship experiences: one at the Washington, D.C., office of U. S. Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-W. V.) and the other at the Bluefield office of U. S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W. V.).

The chapter made a monetary donation to the Bluefield, Va., Rotary Club to support its scholarship fund for graduating high-school seniors in the local area.

At **Huston-Tillotson University** in Austin, Tex., the Texas Psi chapter collaborated with Safe Place (a domestic-abuse shelter) to raise awareness about domestic abuse. It hosted a fundraising rummage sale for Equality Texas, a Texas gay-rights lobby. It hosted two films – *Lilies of the Field* and *Monster Ball* – as part of the university's Black History Month activities. The members of the chapter held an Earth Day presentation made by Dr. Douglas La Follette, secretary of state of Wisconsin and one of the organizers of the first Earth Day. They held a pot-luck dinner for Pi Gamma Mu members and prospective members.



The Massachusetts Delta chapter at **Wheelock College** in Boston has, as in the past, been extremely community-service-oriented. The 15 members in the chapter were able to help a local preschool. Pi Gamma Mu members and the Wheelock community worked together to create over 85 birthday bags. Each colorful bag was filled with goodies including stickers, pencils, coloring pages, finger puppets, crayons, and other fun age-appropriate trinkets. The bags were then given to teachers to distribute to each child on her or his birthday. In addition, they brought the community together to sponsor five families from a low-income area and helped support them during the holiday season. The children of each family filled out "wish lists" of the things they needed and wanted. The Wheelock community then provided every child with each item that he or she listed and more! This made the holiday season brighter for 17 children and their families.

Throughout the year, they also participated with Crayons for Cancer. The mission of this Connecticut-based charity is to recycle old crayons into new ones, sell them, and use the profit to help ease the financial burdens of families whose children are currently suffering from the devastating effects of cancer.

They volunteered as part of the "Green Team" in Fenway Park during Red Sox games. They participated in an event called "Cards for Heroes" and made cards for men and women who



are currently overseas and active in the military. Some of the members of this chapter helped out with the Joslin Diabetes Teddy Bear Clinic and the Ronald McDonald House of Boston. Furthermore, they collected substantial amounts of clothes, books, electronics and other donations; they donated these items to shelters and organizations in the Greater Boston area. At the end of last year, with leftover money (about \$300), they bought hygiene products, towels, and other essential materials and donated them to a local women's shelter in Roxbury, Mass.

At **Western Carolina University** (WCU) in Cullowhee, N. C., the North Carolina Lambda chapter invited Michael Duvall, county manager of Graham County, to talk about jobs in the public sector as well as educational requirements. The chapter sponsored a mini-series on political trends with a local radio station. Two professors from the political-science department at WCU were questioned on political trends and the Tea Party movement. The chapter made two donations to the Dr. C. Don Livingston scholarship for social-science students by soliciting donations. A total of \$400 was raised for this project. The chapter gave \$100 to Care Net, which has a soup kitchen. The chapter solicited from students and employees for the Pi Gamma Mu Japanese Relief Effort and \$150 was raised. It gave \$50 to REACH to help with domestic violence. It also gave \$50 to the Humane Society for animal protection.

The Virginia Epsilon chapter at **Radford University** in Radford, Va., awarded Elizabeth Rizzuto the annual Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship. The current amount of the annual scholarship is just over \$1500. The chapter contributed another \$1000 to the endowed scholarship fund. One annual project of the chapter is raising funds to support the Measles Initiative of the American Red Cross. This year the funds were specifically

provided to the Red Cross Japanese Disaster Fund.

At **Campbell University** in Buies Creek, N. C., the North Carolina Mu chapter hosted Scott Mason of WRAL-TV. He presented a visual and sound presentation titled "Tarheel Traveler, Journey's Across North Carolina." Mr. Mason held a book signing after the event, giving students and faculty members an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of his book, *Tarheel Traveler*.



The Florida Theta chapter at **Barry University** presented a PowerPoint presentation at an on-campus conference called "Soulful Citizenship"

The Florida Theta chapter at **Barry University** in Miami Shores, Fla., met each month to discuss activities, plan and gather for pizza. The Pi Gamma Mu students presented a PowerPoint presentation at an on-campus conference called "Soulful Citizenship." Their panel was called "From the Farm to the Grocery Store: Decreasing the Social Distance between Agricultural Laborers and Consumers." The students' part was based on service/volunteer work they did with the Immokalee Workers Coalition. They organized a film and fundraiser for "Invisible Children" (for awareness of child slavery in Africa).

Pace University's New York Tau chapter has set up an online Blackboard Community to facilitate communications among members of the chapter.

The Dr. Elizabeth J. Lott Memorial Scholarship Fund in Economics was inaugurated at Pace University by the New York Tau chapter during 2004-2005, following the murder of this distinguished professor. The fund has grown and earned sufficiently that awards have been made for five years.

Dr. Edward Tseng, currently national executive director of Kwan Fong Institute and roving lecturer, visited Pace as New York Tau mentor, giving talks, holding classroom conversations, and administering Pi Gamma Mu initiations. His topics included Asian and comparative politics, international issues, political thinking, "Masks – Truths Behind Asian Faces (China, Korea and Japan)," tools of international relations, international organization and law, "Blood in the Squares: Tiananmen and Tahrir-I and II," "Might Makes Right!? – Is Authoritarianism Obsolete?," "The Good Political Life in the 21st Century," "Brazil and Somalia: Worlds Apart – I and II," "Southern Hemisphere – For Better or for Worse?," political leaders who changed the world, democracy and socialism, varieties of ideologies, "Japanese Nationalism – I and II," and "China and Japan – Friend or Foe?" Dr. Tseng has visited more than 65 countries, has been a prolific writer, and has led over 20 study tours to East Asia and Central America. As an environmentalist, his advocacy has extended to Panda bears and white Chinese freshwater dolphins.



Dr. Edward Tseng

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Lisa Contreras, former student representative on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees, is now working in Texas as the marketing and communications manager for the American Heart Association.



Amanda Wolcott, present student representative on the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees, has been accepted into the Ph.D. Program for industrial psychology at the University of Central Florida. She has also been awarded a graduate assistantship for teaching at the university.

STUDENT SHADOW PRESIDENT UPDATE

President Barack Obama now knows who his GOP opponent will be. The president expects stiff opposition from former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. President Obama made history by becoming the first standing president to support same-sex marriage. Obama made this declaration in time for his reelection campaign. Some observers expect that Obama's support of same-sex marriage will win him huge support with gay and lesbian voters at the polls, while Obama will lose support from the African American church, which was pivotal in getting African Americans out to the polls in Obama's historic 2008 campaign.



While presenting himself as a man of Christian faith four years ago, Obama said that, in his opinion, marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman. Questions on the subject of same-sex marriage over the next two years would draw a presidential response that his opinion about same-sex marriage was "evolving." An interesting spin on Obama's "evolution" on the subject of same-sex marriage centers on publicized accounts of discussions involving him and his wife and daughters regarding some of their daughters' friends having parents who are gay or lesbian. According to reports, Obama's evolution on the subject had a great deal to do with thoughts that his daughters expressed about the subject of gay marriage. Many who have criticized Obama's leadership may point to this as another indicator of the president's weak leadership and decision-making skills.

Barack Obama has come under scrutiny over the past four years for his apparent disconnection from issues impacting the African American community, such as unemployment. In April, Obama drew criticism for dismal African American presence on his campaign staff. In a photo of his staff at his Chicago headquarters, one could observe that only two of his staff members are African American, prompting concern from his own administration relative to violations of equal-employment-opportunity laws.

Many in the African American community may not support Obama at the polls based upon record levels of unemployment. As I mentioned in my column in the March edition of this newsletter, Obama's "stop whining" admonition to the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), in the face of criticisms aimed at him for his "perceived" disconnect from the African American unemployment issues, angered many veteran African American politicians. Based upon simple analysis, one can see that Obama stands to have less African American voter support at the polls. Whether the increase in support from gays will offset the possible loss of support from African Americans will be determined by pollsters on Election Day.

Obama's lackluster performance with the economy can no longer be handled by blaming George W. Bush. According to a CNBC interview at the end of May, Romney pointed out that the Obama administration has had nearly four years to turn the economy around, but its policies have not worked. In fact, Romney insists that the Obama administration's policies have been, in large part, responsible for the economy not recovering. Romney insists: "Their policies have not worked, and in many respects their policies have made it harder for the economy to recover. I think [that] that's one of the reasons why people are looking for a new direction."

Voters may reflect this same type of thinking at the polls as this economy still appears to have ground to a halt. In the month of May, only 69,000 jobs were created, according to reports from the U. S. Department of Labor. These mediocre numbers sent the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunging 275 points. Bad news such as this does not come at a good time for the president, because these are the months during which voter opinion on the economy is formed heading into the November election. President Obama insists that new jobs are being created, just not fast enough. At this rate, his time may run out.

Obama supporters point to "political gridlock" and the failure of Congress to cooperatively work with him in passing his policies when he is criticized for the miserable state of the economy. In the beginning of his tenure, this argument made sense, but it may be wearing thin as the election approaches. Obama loyalists insist that Republican control over the House of Representatives for the last year and a half is the cause of stagnation despite the president's proposals about how to accomplish economic recovery. Obama called for more federal spending on public-works and construction projects projected to create 51,000 jobs. Congress did not approve the spending.

Obama and his supporters believe that their strongest hold card in his bid for reelection will come in the area of military and terrorism policy, where his loyalists have attempted to present the president as "tough" and "gritty." He can hail the assassinations of Osama bin Laden, Muammar Khaddafi, and key al-Qaeda operatives. He has been called the "drone warrior," yet he has been criticized for a lack of action against the regime in Syria for mass killings against civilians. Charles Krauthammer, a columnist in the New York *Daily News* and the *Washington Post*, reported in early June that President Obama has baseball cards, on which are printed the names and bios of suspected terrorists, that he shuffles to determine who shall be the target of drone strikes. According to the report, the decision about whether to proceed with these drone strikes is totally up to President Obama.

Dr. Matthew Anderson
Shadow President

OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENT PRESENTATION

The **National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates** (National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, National Association of Native American Studies and International Association of Asian Studies) is in the process of preparing for its February 11-16, 2013, national conference. The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge, La.

The research review committee awards prizes to both undergraduate and graduate students – one \$1000 first place prize, two \$500 second place prizes, and five \$200 third place prizes. In addition, all participants are eligible to have their research papers published in the Annual National Student Monograph Series.

The conference brings scholars together from institutions of higher learning from across the United States and several foreign countries. The organization would like to invite members of Pi Gamma Mu to participate in the conference by presenting a poster and/or oral research presentation. An abstract with title of paper, presenter's name, home and institution/organization address and E-mail address should be postmarked by Friday, November 9, 2012.

More information can be found at the association's Web site, www.NAAAS.org or by contacting the executive director, Dr. Lemuel Berry, P.O. Box 6670, Scarborough, ME 04070-6670, phone: 207-239-3776.

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1. Contact the Illinois Certification Testing System and arrange to take the Basic Skills or Academic Proficiency test. Study materials are available on the ICTS website (icts.nesinc.com) and our Web site (utep.uchicago.edu).
2. Contact all colleges and universities attended and have each institution forward official transcripts. Electronic transcripts can be sent to nkh@uchicago.edu. Hard copies must be mailed to: Enrollment Manager, University of Chicago Urban Teacher Education Program, Chapin Hall, Room 255, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637.
3. Input the names and contact information of three references who will provide you with letters of recommendation into our online application system. You will then be able to send your references reminders until all letters are received. Online submission of recommendation letters is strongly encouraged; however, letters can also be faxed to (773) 834-8370 or E-mailed to nkh@uchicago.edu. Letters received by fax or E-mail must come directly from the recommender.
4. E-mail a résumé to nkh@uchicago.edu that highlights the following:
 - Any significant education-related experience (classroom teaching, teaching assistant, etc.).
 - Previous career(s).
 - Full-time service learning experience (City Year, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps).
5. Focus on the candidate statement on our online application.
6. Complete the financial aid application process at sla.uchicago.edu (click "Apply" to begin).
7. Congratulate yourself on giving the UChicago UTEP application process your best effort.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP INSTITUTE

\$500 Scholarships for all ACHS Students to Spend the Semester in Washington

Summer has arrived and Washington, D. C., is brimming with college students having the experience of a lifetime. From the Capitol Building to DuPont Circle and from Georgetown to Old Town, interns are filling the city with optimism, energy, and new points of view. At the Washington Internship Institute, we are especially reminded of this, as our outstanding young professionals recently arrived for the summer. Our summer interns are working in government, law, journalism, nonprofit management, healthcare, and foreign and domestic policy, and are contributing daily to the life of the city.

As you think about your fall semester, I hope that you'll consider spending it in Washington, D. C. You may take a midnight stroll on the National Mall, attend one of the many community festivals, peruse the halls of the National Museum of American History, or read an original manuscript at the Library of Congress. This fall will be an especially exciting time to be in Washington, as you will be able to participate in the many activities surrounding the 2012 election! Washington, D. C., is full of ambitious and bright young people, and the fall is a wonderful time for you to network and build friendships.

If you're interested in having the experience of a lifetime and spending the fall semester in Washington, talk to your academic advisor about participating in the WII program. Many organizations are already reviewing fall internship applications. The earlier you [apply](#) to WII, the more internship choices you will have!

As an intern with WII, you will intern four days per week in a guaranteed internship, have a personal advisor to work with you on the process, take two classes, and have the opportunity to live in the WII apartments just blocks from the Metrorail and a short ride to the White House and Capitol.

Best of all, you may be able to earn up to a full semester's worth of credit from your college during your time in Washington, D. C. Now is the time to [apply](#)!

The application process is quick and easy. Just fill out the online [application](#), upload an unofficial transcript and pay the application fee. You will receive a decision within five days of completing your application.

If you have any questions about the program, the application process, or obtaining school credit, please feel free to contact me.

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See what this Pi Gamma Mu member from the Kansas Alpha chapter at Southwestern College has to say about his time in Washington, D. C.!

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The *International Social Science Review*, Pi Gamma Mu's refereed journal, published on a semi-annual basis, invites submissions of manuscripts in history, political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, international relations, criminal justice, social work, psychology, social philosophy, history of education, and human/cultural geography.

Articles must be based on original research, well-written, and not longer than 20 pages in length (including notes/references and written in Times New Roman 12 font). Reference formatting and style must conform with the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Authors interested in publishing in the *JSSR* are asked to submit three hard copies and a Microsoft Word softcopy along with contact information (phone number, mailing address, and E-mail address) and a brief biography to Dean Fafoutis, Department of History, Salisbury University, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801.

Professor Fafoutis would like to receive students' research papers for consideration. Professors, please consider having your students do a Point-Counterpoint article to submit for review. Previous Point-Counterpoint articles have had frequent requests for reprints by publishers of collected readings.

PI GAMMA MU ITEMS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

Headquarters is selling royal-blue Pi Gamma Mu sweatshirts in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL for \$35. We have navy-blue polo shirts, embroidered with the Pi Gamma Mu key design in white, which are always a popular item. We have them in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL for \$35. You can order your honor cords any time during the year. They can be worn at graduation, they can be draped around your Pi Gamma Mu membership certificate on the wall, or you can be creative--but be sure to order yours. There is an order form on the merchandise page at www.pigammamu.org. You can also call headquarters and purchase these items with a credit card, and they will be mailed to you immediately. If you would like more items with the Pi Gamma Mu logo, check out the selection from CafePress Storefront. Church Hill Classics offers beautiful Pi Gamma Mu frames that can turn your membership certificate into a spectacular work of art! Visit the Web page at <http://www.pigammamu.org/church-hill-classics-store.html>.

IDEALS OF PI GAMMA MU

There are seven ideals of Pi Gamma Mu. Do you know them?

1. **Scholarship** – it is basic to all the rest. With knowledge, we can build society and better understand humanity and what has been thought and said and tried in all generations.
2. **Science** – we need and admire the spirit of science – the firm belief that the problems that confront humanity can be solved if we will search out the facts and think clearly on the basis of those facts.
3. **Social Science** – we shall never understand or solve the problems of human association until we examine the souls of people, the passions, prejudices, hopes and fears.
4. **Social Idealism** – we believe in a human society fit for human life that humans themselves can build. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We will not give up our vision.
5. **Sociability** – specialization makes us narrow. Our social problems are complex. They will never be solved without the cooperation of all the social sciences and of those who study them.
6. **Social Service** – the primary purpose of science is to know and to enable us to do. What we know we want to put to work for the benefit of humanity.

7. **Sacrifice** – we are engaged in the greatest and finest of all the arts, the building of human society. Without giving freely, fully, and sacrificially of means, time, talent, energy and passion, all our other ideals will fall short and the contributions we hope to bring will never come.

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