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## WEEKLY PRESENTATIONS

GIS hosts guest speakers and corporate presentations. While the corporate presentations focus primarily on individual companies, guest speakers address various topics including current trends, career opportunities and personal experiences. Members can take this opportunity to learn more about the industry from people with first-hand experience. This semester, the following companies will be among those making presentations in Speakman 112 at 11:40 on Wednesdays:

America Online  
Travelers Property Casualty  
Towers Perrin  
Verizon

## WELCOME BACK !!! ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2001  
SPEAKMAN 112, 11:40-12:30

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2001  
SPEAKMAN 214, 2:40-3:30

Welcome back to another exciting semester with the Sigma Chapter, as yet again the winter break has ended and class is back in session. As is the case with every semester, there are many events in the making over the next few months.

This semester, the Sigma Chapter is featuring, among other things, our annual dinner, networking lunches, Easter events, as well as the Risk Management Department's "Awards for Excellence" Luncheon. In addition, guest lecturers from industry leaders will conduct presentations every Wednesday afternoon starting in early February.

Do you want to get involved this semester? Then join us for one of the aforementioned organizational meetings. At the meetings, you will be able to meet other members as well as sign up for committees.



**KEEP AN EYE  
OUT FOR  
LADY LUCK!**

**Do you want to be a  
Featured Intern?  
(You'll gain friends.)**  
Send a profile of your  
internship experience to:  
**Chris Armstrong**  
Assistant Secretary  
[carmstro@nimbus](mailto:carmstro@nimbus)

## FEATURED SUMMER INTERN CHRIS ARMSTRONG

**Year:** Senior

**Majors:** Risk Management *and*  
Accounting

**Company:** William M. Mercer, Inc.

**Business:** Employee Benefits Consulting

**Location:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Position:** Analyst Intern in the Health  
Care and Group Benefits Practice

**Description:** Performed cost/benefit  
analysis of clients' medical, dental, and  
prescription drug plans; researched and  
reported on disease management  
companies for analyst use; assisted  
consultants during rate renewals and  
benefit plan negotiations

**What was the best part of your internship  
experience?:** "A lot of people who work at  
consulting firms are high-level thinkers.  
They like to teach and this proved very valu-  
able for my learning experience."

**How did you get this internship?:** "Being in  
the resume book was important because it  
exposed me to a large number of employers.  
Networking also helped. I was able to gain  
useful information about the internship from  
a friend who works at Mercer."

**Advice to others:** "Talk to as many people as  
possible who work in the insurance industry.  
They will be able to give you some insight as  
to how their particular career got started and  
give you useful advice with yours."

# Actuarial Science Corner

Are you an actuarial science major? Are you interested in becoming active in Gamma Iota Sigma? Do you like to help people? Do you want to make new friends? The GIS Actuarial Science Committee has a place for you.

This semester, the committee will be focusing on recruiting new actuarial science majors by contacting high school seniors from around the country. In addition, the committee will be holding an information session with Towers Perrin. This session presents an excellent opportunity to win free gifts as well as network with an industry leader. Your contact man for this?

**Lee Pang**  
 VP of Actuarial Science  
 lpang@astro.temple.edu

## Committee Meetings

This semester, Gamma Iota Sigma will have seven committees for anyone with a particular area of interest. They are as follows:

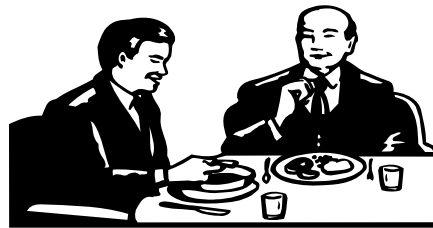
- Industry Relations
- Public Relations
- Alumni Affairs
- Fundraising
- Student Affairs
- Actuarial Science
- Management Information Systems

To learn more about the committees, attend one of the organizational meetings, January 25 or 26. Also, keep an eye on this corner for information on upcoming meeting times.

## NETWORKING LUNCH PROGRAM

The Networking Lunch Program offers members an opportunity to network and meet industry professionals in a casual setting. There is no dress code, no professors watching over your shoulder—just a free lunch with the Sigma Chapter’s weekly speaker.

Each week only 5 interested members are invited to have lunch at the Diamond Club with the weekly speaker, directly following the Wednesday



presentation.

Just a fair warning! As you can imagine, this is a very rare opportunity for insurance students.

With that in mind, demand to attend these lunches is very high. Therefore, the sooner you e-mail Denise, the better your chance of getting a seat.

At this point, you are probably wondering, “Man, how can I get in touch with Denise?” Well ...

**Denise Tholey**  
 Executive Vice President  
 shatz256@aol.com

## January 2001

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