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## DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURER SERIES

**ERIC R. CONRAD**

**DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR FIELD OPERATIONS - DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2003**

The mission of the **Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security (PAOHS)** is "To lead a proactive, unified and coordinated approach to prevention, preparedness, and response to terrorist and crisis-related incidents." Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has worked to strengthen its position as a recognized national leader in the area of emergency preparedness and response. A Security Task Force was commissioned to assess Pennsylvania's current state of emergency preparedness as well as its preparedness needs in the event of a future terrorist attack.

Mr. Conrad will be addressing his role in the PA Office of Homeland Security and the agency's unique risk management issues, as well as his role in the Department of Environmental Protection.

### **GAMMA GAMES WRAP-**

Congratulations to the **Navy Blue Team** for your athleticism and taking home the **Gold Medal!** The Navy Blue Team was only in second place with 21 points following the general team competitions, the rakings going into the obstacle course were as follows: 1st Place - 24 points - **Purple team**  
2nd Place - 21 points - **Navy team**  
3rd Place - 15 points - **Pink team**

The Navy Blue team was able to overcome the competitive Purple team in the obstacle course to come out on top, final scores are as follows:

**Gold Medallists - Navy Blue Team**  
**Silver Medallists - Purple Team**  
**Bronze Medallists - Pink Team**

### **NEW MEMBERS\*, WEL-**

Jonathan Allen	Shadi Albert
Hanan Boukhabza	Lauren Tomeo
Sambo Huot	Richard Tricarico
Keletso Kgari	Patrick Owens
Daniel Schulman	Anthony Viglietti

\*As of February 14th, 2003



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# INAUGURAL MATH COMPETITION

This **Friday, February 21, 2003**, the Sigma Chapter will be holding our **Inaugural Math Competition** in **Kiva Auditorium** from **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** This event is part of an initiative in the Department of Risk Insurance and Healthcare Management to increase the exposure of our **Actuarial Science** curricula and instructors. The Actuarial program here at Temple is very well known throughout the industry in large part due to the prestige of our exclusively doctorate-level instructors. The Math Competition is being held for local high school students and while the fun and competition will be the focus of the day, we hope that the bright young students will come away with a better understanding of what Temple's Actuarial Science program has to offer. The Sigma Chapter's **VP of Public Relations, Melissa Ogg <mogg@temple.edu>** and **VP of Membership Development, Dan Dotzert <ddotzert@temple.edu>** are coordinating the event. Attendance is estimated to be on the order of 131 students from 13 different schools from around the Philadelphia area, so logistically the event will require a few volunteers. Melissa and Dan would appreciate any time and assistance current actuarial students can offer, so please contact them to help with this historic event !!!

## FEATURED SUMMER IN-

### JOHN SANTAMORE

**Major:** Risk Management & Insurance  
**Standing:** Junior  
**Company:** Commerce National Insurance Services  
**Department:** Risk Control  
**Location:** Mount Laurel, New Jersey

**Description:** The best part about my internship in Risk Control was that it allowed me to travel around the State of New Jersey. My main tasks were keeping up to date records by way of physical inventory checks on chemicals in different municipalities and state owned buildings. This effort was to keep the state in compliance with its own Right to Know Act passed in 1983. At the start of the internship, I was taught how to prepare lost control information and spreadsheets in preparation for quality control assessment. I then began to set my appointments with the different counties in New Jersey. Through is internship, I learned how to budget my time, prepare lost control reports, work on my people skills by meeting new people everyday, and understand how the insurance world works from the inside out.

## PROFESSIONAL DESIGNA-

As you may know, there are many professional designations available for members of the insurance industry, in both the Life & Health, and the Property and Casualty sides of the business. In fact, the industry is saturated with acronyms, many of them being these designations. Those of you in Dr. Drennan's 205 or 355 classes have surely heard the legend of **Alumnus Steven Long, CEBS (Class of 1995)**, who passed all **10 tests** for the **Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS)** designation before graduating, and it's totally true !! While the many students find it difficult to study for a major professional examination while taking a full course load, there are many who take advantage of the opportunity. On **Friday, March 21, 2003**, the Sigma Chapter will be hosting an associate from the **Insurance Institute of America (IIA)** and the **American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters (AICPCU)** to advise students on the process of preparation, registration, and execution of the various professional examinations offered by the Institutes. While located in Malvern, PA, the Institutes offer test sites found around the Philadelphia area. This will surely be an informative event, and vital to your professional development !! Stay tuned for registration information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 <u>Committee Meetings:</u> Fundraising/ Alumni Industry Relations Student Affairs MIS	18 <u>Etiquette Workshop</u> Hosted by Janis Moore Campbell of CSPD 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	19 <u>Guest Lecturer</u> Eric R. Conrad Deputy Director PA Office of Homeland Security 11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuttleman 101	20	21 <u>Committee Meetings:</u> Membership Development Public Relations  <u>Inaugural Math Competition</u> 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Kiva Auditorium
24	25	26 <u>Guest Lecturer</u> Lynn Abraham District Attorney City of Philadelphia 11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Kiva Auditorium	27	28 <u>UNC Charlotte - Alpha Tau Chapter Chartering Ceremony</u>