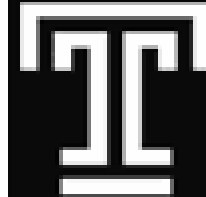




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**KIVA AUDITORIUM**

**RITTER HALL ANNEX**

Maureen Cotter is a nationally recognized healthcare strategist, specializing in aligning the interests of stakeholders to create sustainable healthcare solutions. As a consulting healthcare actuary, she has spent the past 20 years working with large employers to develop benefit strategies that support their long-term and short-term business objectives. Notable clients include Bank One, The Dow Chemical Company, The Leapfrog Group, Nordstrom, The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, University of Michigan Health System, and William Beaumont Hospital.

#### **CURRENT INDUSTRY EVENTS**

**COURTESY OF OUR INDUSTRY RELATIONS TEAM**

##### **Did Britney Materially Misrepresent?**

Britney Spears is suing eight international insurance companies that rejected a \$9.8 million claim she filed after injuring her knee during a video shoot last summer. Spears later had to cancel her 2004 summer tour. The lawsuit filed in state Supreme Court in Manhattan says Spears and her company, Britney Touring Inc., paid the firms more than \$1.3 million in premiums to insure her 2004 Onyx Hotel Tour through the United States, Canada and Europe. The firms denied her claims on the grounds that she failed to disclose a previous injury and surgery on the same knee less than 5 years before the injury suffered while shooting the video for the song "Outrageous." Britney's attorneys argue that the omission was not material to the decision to issue the policy or to the scope of the coverage provided, therefore the policies were in full force and effect and should be honored.

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**INTERN SPOTLIGHT—  
SONJA WILLIAMS**

Sonja Williams is a Junior Risk Management Major expecting to graduate in January of 2006. Sonja has been an active member of the Sigma Chapter since the Spring of 2004 and served as the Director of Community Affairs during the Fall of 2004.

Sonja's summer internship was with **Zurich North America** in Philadelphia.

She worked in the Corporate Property Underwriting Department. Sonja played the role of the Underwriting Assistant. This entailed entering data into Zurich's computer programs regarding prospective clients. This data included location information, building specifications, contents values, and business interruption information. She was also responsible for compiling insurance binders.

Sonja enjoyed getting a first-hand account of all of the information that goes into the process of obtaining property insurance. She was also able to learn what qualities make one risk more acceptable than another. Sonja even had the opportunity to work in the field with risk engineers in analyzing potential risks.

Sonja recommends that all students seek an internship in the risk management and insurance industry as it is an excellent way to gain hands on experience in the field and can help shape your future goals.

*Feel free to email Sonja with any questions about her internship at [swilli1@temple.edu](mailto:swilli1@temple.edu).*

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION**

The last **Etiquette Workshops** are being held this week on the following dates:

**Tuesday, February 22nd, from 4:45PM to 6:30PM  
in Curtis Hall Room 203.**

**Friday, February 25th, from 4:45PM to 6:30PM  
in Curtis Hall Room 203.**

You can sign up in the Gamma Office (400 Ritter Annex). Mock Interview appointments are quickly being filled so if you haven't had one for the 2004-2005 academic year please stop by the Gamma Office to sign-up or you will be ineligible to participate in the Internship Reception.

**INTERN PRESENTATIONS**

This Friday will be the second Intern Presentation of the Spring Semester. If you didn't get a chance to check it out last week, (or even if you did) be sure to check it out this week. The Internship Reception is quickly approaching and it is always helpful to hear

the internal perspective of an internship from someone who has worked there. This workshop will be held this **Friday, February 25th from 11:40AM to 12:30PM in Speakman Hall 113.** This presentation will feature three interns who had the opportunity to work at different companies during this past summer.



*Melissa Medina, Grace Park, and Megan Baxter take a moment to chat before one of last semester's Intern Presentations*

**GIS's  
ANNUAL  
COMEDY  
SOCIAL**

The Laff House is Philadelphia's "Original Comedy Club" and the Sigma Chapter will be invading it on **Friday, February 25th at 8:30PM.** Located on South Street between 2nd and 3rd streets, in the heart of Old City, the club is easily accessible and a guaranteed "laff" riot for all of those who attend. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the Gamma Office. **Please email Matt McGurk <[mmcgurk@temple.edu](mailto:mmcgurk@temple.edu)> if you have any questions.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<u>Etiquette Workshop</u> —4:45PM to 6:30PM in Curtis Hall 203	<u>Maureen Cotter of Maureen Cotter &amp; Associates</u> —11:40AM to 12:30PM in Kiva Auditorium		<u>Internship Presentation</u> —11:40AM to 12:30PM in Speakman 113 <u>Etiquette Workshop</u> —4:45PM to 6:30PM in Curtis Hall 203 <u>Laff House Comedy Club Social</u> —8:30PM	27 <u>Soup Kitchen</u> —5:30PM
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<u>Committee Meetings</u> —11:40AM to 12:30PM		<u>Michael Rosenberg of Pepsi</u> —11:40AM to 12:30PM in Kiva Auditorium		<u>"How to Prepare for an Internship Reception"</u> —11:40AM to 12:30PM in Speakman 113	SPRING BREAK STARTS!!!
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