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## DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURER

**RON GEBHARDTSHAUER**  
**SENIOR PENSION FELLOW**  
**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ACTUARIES**

### “SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM”

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003**  
**11:40 A.M. ~ 12:30 P.M.**

Ron Gebhardtshauer is the Senior Pension Fellow of the American Academy of Actuaries, the non-partisan public policy organization for actuaries in the United States. Over the past two years, Mr. Gebhardtshauer has emerged as a leading public educator on Social Security and other retirement issues. He has testified before Congress, assisted senators and representatives of both parties at public forums, and served as "the actuary with the answers" for a nationwide teleconference with President Clinton.

Mr. Gebhardtshauer went to the Academy after a long career in both government and the private sector. Until 1996, he managed the retirement practice of William M. Mercer, Inc. in New York City. As chief actuary of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), Mr. Gebhardtshauer participated in oversight of the U.S. pension insurance program. He also served as the enrolled actuary for the Federal Employee Retirement System at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

To learn more about the current state of the Social Security Trust Fund, Please visit the following link for the *2003 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal OASDI Trust Funds*, <<http://www.ssa.gov/OACT>>

## SPRING FLING

On Tuesday, April 22, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., the Sigma Chapter will be hosting a table in front of **Speakman Hall on 13th Street** to promote our organization to the general university population. We will be selling a variety of spring treats such as Smoothies or Virgin Daiquiris, and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.

The attraction this year will be something that every one of Dr. Drennan's students can enjoy, **The Dunk Tank !!** We will be hosting a variety of targets in the tank all day, but Dr. Drennan's session will surely draw the greatest amount of people. We will not be announcing the times specific targets will sit, so stop by the booth for a sweet treat and plot your revenge.

The **Sigma Chapter's Vice President of Public Relations, Melissa Ogg** <[mogg@temple.edu](mailto:mogg@temple.edu)> will be coordinating the event. If you would like to help with coordination or set-up of this event, please contact her.

## GREAT TEACHER

Last Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at the **15th Annual Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science Awards for Excellence Luncheon**, it was announced for the first time that **Dr. R.B. Drennan received Temple University's Great Teacher Award for 2003**. The Great Teacher Award is believed to be the largest such award given by a college in recognition of teaching excellence. Dr. Drennan was selected with only two other professors university-wide. For those of you who know Dr. Drennan, you know that he deserves to win this award every year, due to his dedication to and passion for teaching, and his tough-but-fair style. He has been, and continues to be an integral part of the success enjoyed by the Department of Risk, Insurance and Healthcare Management, and the Sigma Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma. Thank you Dr. Drennan, and congratulations !!



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# GRADUATING SENIOR OFFICERS

This semester, the Sigma Chapter is losing a large number of officers. If you would like to carry the torch of this great organization, and make your mark on it, please attend the Sigma Chapter's **Spring 2003 Officer Information Session** on **Friday, April 11th, 2003, from 11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Speakman 214**. You will be informed of the various positions within the organization and what duties are expected of officers. You will also have the opportunity to apply for an officer position if you so desire. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact our **President, Sam Codispoti <scodispo@temple.edu>**.

**Sam Codispoti**

President, Spring 2002 - Present  
 VP of Industry Relations, Fall 2001  
 Director of Industry Relations, Spring 2001

**Stacey Sutts**

Executive Vice President, Spring 2002 - Present  
 Secretary, Fall 2000 - Fall 2001

**Stephanie Garcia**

VP of Career Placement, Fall 2002 - Present  
 Career Placement Coordinator, Spring 2002  
 Office Manager, Fall 2001

**Jennifer McDonald**

Office Manager, Spring 2003  
 Director of Public Relations, Fall 2002

**Matthew Holtz**

VP of Communications, Spring 2002 - Present  
 VP of Alumni Affairs, Spring 2000 - Fall 2001

**Yuriy Shepelin**

VP of MIS, Spring 2003  
 Dir. of Management Info. Systems, Fall 2002

**Lucas Toron**

Treasurer, Spring 2002 - Present

**Damita Williams**

VP of Student Affairs, Spring 2001- Present

## FEATURED SUMMER IN-

### PHIL STEFANO

**Major(s):** Actuarial Science  
**Standing:** Junior - Graduating May 2004  
**Company:** Prudential Financial  
**Location:** Newark, New Jersey  
**Department:** Retail Distribution Financial Management

**Description:** This summer I learned the structure of Prudential Financial's Retail Distribution field sales force, including the various types of sales personnel and management, and studied the compensation plans for all of these field personnel.

I learned the company's Premier Agent Compensation plan, Retail Distribution's most complicated plan, and created a Compensation Estimation Model for the compensation plan. This tool was distributed to Retail Distribution's veteran Agents in order for them to estimate their annual compensation at various production levels. I also learned the Field Supervisor Compensation plan, and was able to offer a detailed explanation of this plan to the USCG Oracle Financial Analyzer Forecasting Model implementation team. This will assist the Retail Distribution project team in translating this compensation plan in to the Oracle tool.

## ACE SCHOLARS

Recently, many of you applied for the Ace Scholarships that were recently given out by the Department of Risk, Insurance and Healthcare Management on behalf of ACE. After a short interview process, the following 9 students were awarded scholarships to help finance their education in Risk Management and Insurance here at Temple:

- Shadi Albert**
- Hanan Boukhabza**
- Sabrina Enam**
- Marnea Hall**
- David Johnson**
- Tony Longo**
- Dan Montgomery**
- Matthew McGurk**
- Huan Wang**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8	9	10	11
	<p><b><u>Easter Egg Hunt</u></b>                      Meet in SP Lounge                      2:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b><u>Guest Lecturer</u></b>                      Ron Gebhardtsbauer                      Senior Pension Fellow                      American Academy of Actuaries</p>		<p><b><u>Make-up Committee Meeting</u></b>                      Mem. Development</p> <p><b><u>Officer Info. Session</u></b>                      11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.                      Speakman 214</p>
14	15	16	17	18
<p><b><u>Committee Meetings</u></b>                      Fundraising/ Alumni                      Industry Relations                      Student Affairs                      MIS</p>	<p><b>FEDERAL TAX FILING DEADLINE !!</b></p>	<p><b><u>Guest Lecturer</u></b>                      Gerald Ladner                      Regional VP                      Zurich North Am.</p>		<p><b><u>Committee Meetings</u></b>                      Mem. Development                      Public Relations</p>