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University of Alabama

The University of Alabama chapter of Chi Epsilon just completed one of the most active years in its history. In March, we hosted the National Chi Epsilon Conclave in Tuscaloosa where we had more than 250 participants. We also organized the UA Civil Engineering Department’s annual banquet that was a great success.

At the Conclave, we had the National Council induct the new members of Chi Epsilon for our university. Our very own Dr. Daniel Turner had the greatest honor of the Chi Epsilon organization bestowed upon him when he was elevated to National Honor Member status. We also had Dr. Al Ebner elevated to Chapter Honor Member.

Our departing officers are as follows: president, Wesley Sudduth; vice-president, Taylor Schoel; treasurer/secretary, Brian Thach; and marshal/associate editor, Kenneth Anderson.

The new officers for the school year 2010-2011 are as follows: president, Joseph Higginbotham; vice-president, Lindsey Kilgore; treasurer, Laura Beth Pockstaller; secretary, Robert McElvy; and marshal/associate editor, Frances Green.

Arizona State University

On April 30th, 2010 our chapter initiated 26 new members: Mohammad Abbaszadeh, Elham Bani Hashem, Christina Buckle, Christy Cavano, Brittany Dalton, Michaela Doherty, Nicolas Estrada-Stephen, Timur Galimzyanov, Sam Grombacher, Joel Hartman, Kaley Hickman, Neil Huckla, Rachel Irwin, Sam Johnson, Neil Kerkhof, John Kondziolka, Aleisa Krug, Isha Mehta, Pedro Melo-Rodriquez, Kristell Millan, Geoff Minor, Bao Ngoc Nguyen, Dustin Patterson, Taylor Pierce, Chelsea Rose, and Brian Wilcox. During the ceremony we also installed new officers: president, Brent Schuster; vice-president, Samuel Enmon; secretary, Jordan Reed; treasurer, Janet Frazier; marshal, Timothy Cason; and student council representative, Thomas Volo. Elizabeth Weil will remain associate editor. Special thanks to our faculty advisor and Chi Epsilon alumnus Dr. Chris Lawrence, and our outgoing officers: president, Cheryllyn Henry; vice-president, Taylor Erick; secretary, Rebecca Janney; and treasurer, Carmen Parks. They have helped make the chapter extremely successful, as the new officers will continue to do.

The 2009-2010 school year consisted of community and campus involvement for ASU Chi Epsilon. The remainder of this report briefly describes the activities that our chapter is proud to be a part of.

Arizona Ironman

For the past five years our chapter has dedicated part of our community service time to volunteering for the Arizona Ironman, which takes place in Tempe, AZ and consists of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and 26.2 mile marathon run. A lot of people who compete in the Ironman do the majority of their fundraising to support various charities and non-profit organizations. ASU Chi Epsilon volunteers guide and encourage the competitors along the bike portion of the course by distributing drinks and cheering them on. Robert Saunders, a past president of ASU Chi Epsilon organizes two large groups of volunteers for this event each year.

FE/EIT Exam Review Sessions

One of ASU Chi Epsilon’s biggest events each fall and spring is a series of review sessions for the FE exam. We encourage professors to volunteer to review topics that will be covered on the test. This is a large fundraiser for us because we get undergraduates and professionals to come to our sessions where we charge a
reasonable fee. Our review sessions are free to active Chi Epsilon members and we always get a good turnout for this event. Our review sessions usually start four weeks prior to the exam with about 2 sessions per week. We get great feedback and continue to improve the review sessions year after year. This year we decided to invite students not in civil engineering. We felt they could benefit from some of our review sessions that are not on civil engineering-specific topics, such as chemistry.

The most important highlight of the 2009-2010 academic year was the 2010 National Conclave. It helped us see how well we are running our chapter, and allowed us to share ideas with other chapters. Through our community involvement and fundraisers, we are a very active chapter, always working together with the Arizona State chapter of ASCE. This chapter has a great deal of spirit, which is easily seen by how often our members wear Chi Epsilon shirts. As we begin the 2010-2011 year, we will continue to improve and always practice Scholarship, Character, Practicality, and Sociability.

**Bucknell University**

**Community Service Event:**

Following the tradition of the past few years, our chapter decided to host an event to help some local boy scouts obtain their engineering badge. The scouts were invited to the Breakiron Engineering building at Bucknell University to participate in some fun engineering activities. The scouts were divided into two groups: one building bridges out of popsicle sticks and hot glue, and the other making catapults out of milk cartons, spoons, and rubber bands. Using the provided instructions for each of the projects as a guide, the boy scouts built their projects and prepared for some friendly competition.

Before beginning their projects, the boy scouts in the bridge group listened as chapter member Joe DeMarzo gave a brief presentation about basic bridge design. They then formed groups combining boy scouts and Chi Epsilon members. With minimal guidance from the Chi Epsilon members, the boy scouts were allowed to make most of the important structural decisions. First, each group drew their bridge design and then they began construction. The competition was to see whose bridge could hold the most weight with an efficiently light design. The boy scouts’ creativity and excitement for solving engineering problems was inspirational.

The catapult group also began their session with a presentation. Chapter member Carl Anderson provided the history and background of catapults. Because this group was larger, each boy scout worked with one Chi Epsilon member. Again, the boy scouts were allowed to make all of the important decisions. Although instructions were provided, some of the boy scouts made some creative adjustments to their catapult designs. For the competition, the scouts divided into two categories: modified design and non-modified design. The scouts really enjoyed the friendly competition based on shooting distance.

**Initiation:**

On Thursday, February 18, 2010, our chapter initiated fourteen new members into Chi Epsilon. It was also a special occasion as Mr. James Ross Royer was elevated to a position of Chapter Honor Member. The initiation was well attended by the faculty and turned out to be an enjoyable experience for attendees. Upon completion of the initiation ceremony, all current members, faculty, new members, and Mr. Royer were invited to attend a dinner in one of Bucknell University’s dining facilities. The dinner provided an opportunity for socialization between the younger members and the current members, as well as creating a comfortable setting for the students to converse with the faculty. Chapter Honor Member Mr. Royer also had the opportunity that evening to meet many of the students in Bucknell’s chapter. Immediately following dinner, the senior members of Chi Epsilon invited Mr. Royer to speak to the senior civil and environmental engineering class, as well as the new Chi Epsilon initiates.

Mr. Royer spoke on his company, AECOM, and started out by discussing his earlier years. He mentioned that people must find an opportunity where they can have a skill that will allow them to stand out from everyone else. Then going on to discuss AECOM, he spoke of how the major competition between them and similar
companies is for talented employees. The acquisition of talent ultimately helps the company grow, as these individuals want to build their careers. The formation of AECOM stemmed from the joining of four separate companies, with hopes to have a partner in most of the important areas of business. Upon establishment of the original pieces of the company, AECOM sets its focus on a strategic plan to target diversity. This diversity leads to expanding not only via geography, but also by expertise, many times by acquiring other companies. Mr. Royer then went on to discuss how design engineers are in a good position to manage projects. He stated that these design engineers needed to be both world class implementers and world class integrators.

University of California-Davis

As one of the newest chapters of Chi Epsilon, the University of California, Davis started off the 2009-2010 year by attending the 2010 EERI Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition held in San Francisco (see photo at left). Nine members of the UC Davis chapter attended the 4-day long competition spending time to strengthen their bonds between new and returning members as well as promoting inter-chapter socializing. Competition officials commemorated the UC Davis team for possessing a “spirit of the competition” and going above and beyond what was expected of them by donating extra hours outside of the schedule to help competition staff. The UC Davis chapter upheld the Four Pillars of Chi Epsilon and established themselves as a positive example for other teams to follow.

Prior to the competition, the UC Davis chapter initiated 11 members. Among these members were Daniel Dilsaver, Marcus Dufort, Omar Hafez, Richard Low, Hilary Mann, Nicholas Miley, Jenna Paul, Ariel Robertson, Gabriel Rodriguez, Kimberly Rovai, and Alison Stoakley. The chapter was pleased to welcome a new cabinet of both new initiates and returning members which include: Michelle Fong, president; Elizabeth Flores, vice-president; Rudy Nie, secretary; Paul Warnock, treasurer; Marcus Dufort, associate editor; and Ken Johnson, marshal.

The UC Davis chapter of Chi Epsilon has been working toward building their strength as a chapter by hosting a variety of social events between current members, prospective members, faculty, graduate students, and Chi Epsilon club supporters. Activities including ladder ball contests, campus scavenger hunts, and a Finals Week BBQ have offered a supportive environment encouraging conversation between undergraduates, graduates, alumni and faculty alike. To increase awareness of the ongoing research projects being conducted on campus, the UC Davis chapter hosted research presentations from Professor Frank Loge and graduate students Manny Hakhamaneshti and Arash Khosravifar.

The UC Davis Chapter of Chi Epsilon looks forward to initiating the next pledge class at the end of spring 2010 and boosting its reputation and presence through the UC Davis campus and community.
University of California-Irvine

The 2009-2010 year has been a very productive period for the University of California, Irvine chapter of Chi Epsilon. Four of the chapter’s members attended the 23rd Annual Pacific District Conference hosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo during the fall quarter of 2009. The Irvine chapter completed a successful initiation during the winter quarter, welcoming 28 new members: Mohammed Alam, Rachel Baker, Perry Chavez, Luis Cruz, Robert Davis, Peter Dugan, Jack Emerson, Jay Go, Scott Harris, Luis Herrera, Quynh Ho, Farnaz Jadababaie, Alexander Karimi, Christina Lu, Joseph Marcos, Christine Mercado, Arman Motavvef, Tae Jung Oh, Megan Otters, Melvin Principe, Dilip Raman, Arick Rasmussen, Vilon Truong, Alisha Wagner, Eric Walker, Jonathan Wang, Kevin Woods, and Kaitlin Zusy. The new officers elected for the 2010-2011 were Kevin Woods, president; Robert Davis, vice-president; Jonathan Wang, marshal; Tae Jung Oh, secretary; Arman Motavvef, treasurer; Candy Kwan, associate editor and historian; Eric Walker, corporate affairs officer; Peter Dugan, webmaster; Alexander Karimi, recruitment outreach and retention officer; and Jack Emerson, 2012 conclave officer. The initiation ceremony was held on April 3rd and was followed by a banquet at BJ’s Restaurant & Brew-house to celebrate the initiates’ hard work and accomplishments. (photo above is of introductory chapter meeting presentation)

Events during this academic year included various sports competitions in the battle of the ESOs (Engineering Student Organizations), karaoke night, a popsicle bridge competition for E-Week, Lakers vs. Jazz game at the Anthill Pub, pool night at Zot-Zone, and an inter-chapter bonfire between CSULB, CSULA, USC, and UCI. The chapter also participated in volunteering services for Shadetree, E-Week BBQ, and the Department of Civil Engineering Open House for incoming freshman. In addition, several members attended CEE Department meetings to give input on specific topics related to the civil engineering curriculum.

The FE review sessions were conducted spring quarter during the two weeks leading up to the test on April 17th. These review sessions included topics from mechanics of materials, fluid mechanics, chemistry, engineering economics, and dynamics.

We would like to thank Dr. Brett Sanders for serving as our faculty advisor, the CEE affiliates who sponsored our activities, and the outgoing officers Benjamin Wong, president; Chantry Davis, vice-president; Bryant Chan, treasurer; Daren Reyes, marshal; Catherine Chen, secretary; Christopher Chan, associate editor and historian; Mike Nguyen, webmaster; and Asad Akmal, corporate affairs officer for their contributions to the Irvine chapter. The best of luck goes out to next year’s new set of officers and initiates.

University of California-Los Angeles

The Chi Epsilon chapter of the University of California, Los Angeles, is pleased to report a productive and exciting year. This year, the 2009-2010 officers embarked with efforts to revitalize the chapter’s activity and outlook for the future. Such efforts have been marked with success, as we have expanded next year’s membership by fourfold!
In November, President Eric Chin, Vice-President Kim Manago, Treasurer Kristine Gali, and Associate Editor Alan Lewis, along with eight initiates, attended the annual Pacific District Conference, hosted by California Polytechnic Institute at San Luis Obispo. (see photo at right) Representatives from UCLA and twelve other universities participated in a variety of workshops, seminars, discussions, and presentations. In particular, the UCLA delegation constructed a poster showcasing Chi Epsilon’s activities at UCLA and delivered a spirited presentation on advisor status updates, which earned recognition as Most Enthusiastic Presentation. Additionally, networking between the UCLA delegation and other chapters laid a foundation for future cooperative ventures. UCLA XE officers and initiates celebrated a successful weekend at the Pacific District Conference Center.

Activities for the fall academic quarter continued with its 5th annual Signature Party, a UCLA Chi Epsilon tradition allowing candidate members to make the acquaintance of current members, officers, alumni, and faculty advisor Professor Scott Brandenberg, associate professor in the UCLA Department of Geotechnical Engineering. Our program for prospective initiates encourages cross-membership in UCLA’s American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) chapter, particularly by recognizing community service hours logged by working on student projects and volunteering at ASCE Younger Member Forum events. Following winter break, UCLA Chi Epsilon activities resumed promptly with a social ski trip getaway to Big Bear, CA, along with members of UCLA’s ASCE chapter. Chi Epilson marked its first chapter event of 2010 by hiking to the Hollywood sign on January 31.

On Friday, February 19, members of UCLA’s Chi Epsilon and ASCE teamed up with the University of Southern California Chi Epsilon chapter at the popsicle stick bridge competition (PBSC), held this year at the California Science. PBSC invites students from dozens of high schools in the Los Angeles area to compete in design projects. As such, this event motivates youth in the sciences and encourages creativity and resourcefulness.

In the spring quarter, the chapter continued offering FE examination preparatory sessions for over 20 members of the UCLA community. Chi Epsilon alumnus and PE, Patrick Ho (BS 2005, MS 2006) taught several sessions in which he explained the intricacies of the exam, conducted subject reviews and taught test-taking strategies. We thank Pat for his continued service commitment to the UCLA community and Chi Epsilon.

Finally, we continued a traditional ceremony that celebrates our school and the achievements of the candidates. Initiation day soon followed, where we proudly welcomed new members into our organization. In the weeks that followed, the chapter prepared for new officer elections, which were held on Wednesday, May 5. Brad Gerlick, who served as Seismic Design Project Coordinator for UCLA’s chapter of ASCE, has been elected chapter president for the coming year. We recognize all candidates on their commitment to Chi Epsilon and congratulate new members on their academic success.

For more about Chi Epsilon, UCLA’s chapter activities and contact information please visit our website at http://www.ascebruins.com/XE/.
Carnegie-Mellon University

In the fall of 2009, the Carnegie Mellon University chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated seven new members. The new initiates were: **Dyanna Becker, Amanda Berry, Evelyn E. Mann, Jenae Pennie, Chiraayu Sethi, John Sourbeer, and Daisy Wang**. In the spring of 2010, the Carnegie Mellon Chapter initiated three more members: **Ronald M. Papa, Xavier A. Hairston-Khan, and Anthony J. Huh**.

University of Cincinnati

The University of Cincinnati chapter had a great year! Our officers for the 2009-2010 year were **Drew Hamer**, president; **Jocelyn Demange**, vice-president; **Tyler Leben**, treasurer; **Alyssa Hautman**, secretary; **Mike Freshwater**, marshal; and **Anna Damcevski**, associate editor. We began the year by initiating 14 new members in the fall. *(see photo at left)* After initiation, we had a social and got to know our new members better. This winter, we kept up with our tradition of organizing a series of review sessions for the FE exam. There were 10 sessions taught by various professors we had recruited to volunteer their time. Each week focused on a different topic that would be on the FE exam. These review sessions also function as a great fundraiser for our chapter, by charging a small fee for non-members to attend. We had a great turnout and were able to help many engineering seniors. At the end of winter quarter, we sent four of our members to the National Conclave at the University of Alabama. We started off spring quarter right with another social event to get us pumped up for the new quarter. On May 7th, we initiated 3 more student members. We wrapped a great year by celebrating at The Beach Waterpark just north of Cincinnati. UC’s Engineering Tribunal hosts a luau there at the end of each year for all of the engineering students to just have some plain old good fun. Our chapter decided that this would be a great way to end our year!

City College of New York

The 2009-2010 academic year highlighted many important achievements by the City College chapter. On April 27, ten new initiates were inducted as members of the society: **Amira Nazar, Jessica Wang, Benjamin Conable, Angeli Betancur, Diego Eras, Yelena Niznik, Bavan Nandakumar, Andre Clarke, Jose Moscat, and Tristan Anderson**. *(see photo at top of next page)* We also inducted **Henry D. Perahia**, our 67th Chapter Honor Member for his continued contributions to the City College, and exemplary leadership as the Deputy Commissioner for Bridges at the New York City Department of Transportation. Our outgoing officers have graduated, and include **Constantine Spanos**, president; **Semyon Razhberg**, vice-president; **Anthony Vasile**, treasurer; and **Jafar Haider**, secretary. The incoming officers for the 2010-2011 academic year are **Jessica Wang**, president; **Jose Moscat**, vice-president; **Amira Nazar**, treasurer; **Benjamin Conabe**, secretary; **Andre Clarke**, marshal; and **Tristan Anderson**, associate editor.

The influence of Chi Epsilon has grown significantly at City College the past year due to progressive-minded leadership. The services offered to the department were heavily utilized by the civil engineering student...
body. Among the most lasting of achievements is the creation of a new website maintained by chapter officers, and a newly initiated newsletter The Grove Column, which is published semiannually at the end of each semester with already over 200 subscribers. The Chi Epsilon website allows students to check for updates, download old newsletters, obtain contact information of current members, provides up to date scholarship information, and serves as a nexus between students, faculty, and alumni. The newsletter provides information on the accomplishments of students, the Chi Epsilon club, and other club and departmental achievements. The website and newsletter are major ways Chi Epsilon is playing a more active role in reaching out to alumni of the school who have continued to provide guidance and support to students.

Because of continued success, the club continued its Peer Mentoring Program, where club members are obligated to provide individualized advice to students regarding scheduling and class-work, and other topics of interest. In addition, Chi Epsilon along with American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter organized seven workshops and seminars for students this past year. These were hosted by the growing Civil Engineering Alumni Group (CEAG) of City College. The alumni group was also involved in organizing a site surveying workshop in collaboration with Skanska at the 2nd Ave Subway project. Workshops focused on enhancing student’s interviewing skills and communication skills. Seminars illustrated career opportunities in civil engineering, the evolution of design in New York, challenging ethical problems in engineering, as well as advice from former executives on how to start an engineering business.

Clarkson University

Clarkson University’s chapter of Chi Epsilon has been very active throughout the 2009-2010 academic year. Eight new members were inducted into the Clarkson University chapter of Chi Epsilon on Friday, February 19th. This event was followed up by a dinner at a local restaurant where the new and old members talked about continuity as well as new plans for the upcoming year. The names of the inductees are as follows: Jeffrey R. Murphy, Michael J. Howie, Sasha A. Foster, Benjamin J. Dates, Patrick S. McFadden, Brandon G. Kelsey, Kevin C. Wuest, and Michael A. Guethle. As part of our initiation process and our efforts to improve Clarkson University, our members volunteered at the spring 2010 career fair. This event was hosted by Clarkson’s Career Center on Thursday, January 21, 2010. Our involvement included assembly and disassembly of the tables, chairs, and displays from different companies. XE also sold review books for the FE exam for a fundraiser throughout the spring semester. XE had its Colors Week from Monday, February 15 to Friday, February 19, 2010, concluding our initiation process. Elections of new officers were held directly after initiation. Officer positions were filled as follows: President Benjamin J. Dates replacing Dylan J. Morphet, Vice-President Patrick S. McFadden replacing Daniel J. Harvey, Secretary Kevin C Wuest replacing Matthew P. Cheevers, Treasurer Brandon G. Kelsey replacing Geoffrey J. May and Associate Editor/Marshal Michael A. Guethle replacing Alex A. Garneau. Finally, our XE Chapter ended the school year and said farewell to the XE seniors with a barbeque on Thursday, April 22, 2009. Projects for next year include repainting the XE benches around campus and revitalizing the XE showcase in the library, as well as working more closely with the community and campus to raise XE awareness to underclassmen.
University of Colorado-Boulder

The University of Colorado-Boulder chapter of Chi Epsilon was proud to initiate eight new members this spring. Chi Epsilon welcomes Andrew Johnson, Stephanie Potter, Jonathan Halvorsen, Colin Mitchell, Marc Henning, Benjamin Lederfine-Paskal, Christopher Williams, and Abdullatif Aldaei. Following initiation, new chapter officers were elected, allowing the new initiates to become more involved with Chi Epsilon. All the available positions were filled by new initiates.

This year, Chi Epsilon is hoping to increase its presence within the local civil engineering community. The chapter is looking to schedule events with professionals from prominent local engineering firms. The events would allow the professionals to discuss the engineering profession, while allowing engineering students to become more familiar with Chi Epsilon. As one of the first chapters in the country, the University of Colorado-Boulder chapter is eager to increase membership and become a more influential engineering student society.

Our activities this year included planning and holding review sessions for the FE. The Chi Epsilon officers helped schedule professors to hold reviews for upcoming exams. The reviews were much appreciated by the engineering students studying for exams. Our officers are also in charge of planning the upcoming senior banquet for May graduates. As Chi Epsilon expands, we hope to become more involved in the engineering community.

The Cooper Union

The first annual Cooper Union Civil Engineering forum was held by the Chi Epsilon chapter at The Cooper Union in November 2009. The forum focused on the topic of how graduating civil engineering students could prepare themselves for the next step in their lives, whether it be applying to graduate school or applying for jobs. Distinguished alumni holding esteemed positions were asked to participate in the event including Mr. Robert DeScenza, chief operating officer of Thornton Tomasetti; Mr. Al Bran, senior partner at Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers; Mr. Joseph Viola, project manager and principal for Parsons Bridge and Tunnel Division; and John Huddy, previous senior project manager and vice-president of Bovis Lend Lease LMB.

In the 2009-2010 academic year, initiation was held in May 2010. Eight new members were initiated. The outgoing officers were Jennifer Tsang, Christopher Janover, Avi Englard, Jessica Galbo, and Michael Pimentel. The new officers are Charles Canepa, Jason Damiano, Jack Greenberg, Judy Luo, and Jacob Presky.

Outstanding awards received by chapter members include the Young Member Forum award, presented in recognition of outstanding service to ASCE, by member Jessica DeBellis. The Robert Ridgeway award, presented in recognition of outstanding academic performance, and the Chi Epsilon Honorary Scholarship award were both received by President Jennifer Tsang.

An effort by the chapter officers and The Cooper Union Civil Engineering Department Chairman achieved the purchase of stoles for the 2010 graduating class to be passed on to further graduating classes in upcoming years.

University of Dayton

The University of Dayton chapter of Chi Epsilon inducted 13 new members during the spring semester of 2010. The new members were initiated in January 2009, and include: Jason Rickey, Luke Reboletti, Lydia Reinhardt, Zach Bornhorst, Justin Siegrist, Matthew Carroll, Jennifer Thiede, Diane Buchwalder, Benjamin King, Nicholas Hoog, Ryan Sample, Dave Klug, and Daniel Kemlage. The following new and current
members took office for the 2010-2011 year: Jason Rickey, president; Michael Hudepohl, vice-president; Lydia Reinchardt, secretary; Luke Roboletti, marshal; and Zach Bornhorst, treasurer.

Out going officers for the 2009-2010 year included Joseph Bayer, president; Tom Schoen, secretary; Clayton Pennington, treasurer; and Benjamin Simcik, marshal. The faculty advisor is Dr. Donald Chase.

Over the past year the University of Dayton chapter took part in both service and social activities around the Dayton Area. Chi Epsilon members worked in collaboration with the University of Dayton ASCE chapter to work a booth for the Christmas on Campus event. Several members also took part in the Ohio Contractors Association estimating competition this past year. In addition, several members also participated in the concrete canoe competition. All in all, it was another very successful year for the University of Dayton chapter, and we hope this coming year even more successful and fulfilling for all our current members.

Drexel University

This past year, the Drexel University chapter of Chi Epsilon attended the national conclave and expanded its membership through two induction ceremonies. The first induction ceremony was held on November 18, 2009, and the second on March 31, 2010 (see photo at left), when the following members were inducted and officers installed: Thomas McGrew, president; Derrick Musser, vice-president; Charles Young, secretary; Christina Cappello, treasurer; Adrian Lu, associate editor; and Jonathan Hubler, marshal.

The 41st National Conclave was held at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL, from March 19th – 20th and was attended by Jillian Gerraputa (president) and Thomas McGrew (member). Also, the Drexel University chapter coordinated FE review sessions and the Order of the Engineer ceremony, as well as elevating Dr. Richard Woodring as Chapter Honor Member.

University of Evansville

During each academic year, the University of Evansville (UE) is proud to uphold the great tradition of initiating new members to its local chapter of the prestigious National Civil Engineering Honor Society, Chi Epsilon. On March 1, 2010, five juniors, Andrew Dial, Jamin Heldt, Kien Pham, Mark Riehle, and Brian Varner were quietly led into a dark room in the UE’s library for their initiation. After they were called in and asked to sit before the chapter officers, the ceremony began. New members were asked to uphold their responsibilities, and all agreed respectfully. By the end of the ceremony, the new members expressed their gratitude toward their old mentors and peers for the opportunity to be a part of Chi Epsilon. The old officers, Matt Chenault, president; Nick Stafford, vice-president/associate editor; RK Seitzinger, treasurer; and Stev Pierre, secretary/marshal had passed their positions on to the new junior members. Andrew Dial was named the new president, Kien Pham was named the new vice-president/associate editor, Mark Riehle was named the new treasurer, Brian Varner was named the new secretary, and Jamin Heldt was named the new marshal.

Though all of the newly initiated members impressed our chapter with their academic excellence and dedication to the profession of civil engineering, two members, Jamin Heldt and Mark Riehle, were
particularly distinguished. Mr. Heldt was awarded the esteemed James Hall Award for Outstanding Junior in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Both Mr. Heldt and Mr. Riehle will serve as co-chairs for the 2011 National Concrete Canoe competition to be hosted by the University of Evansville.

During the academic year of 2009-2010, members of the University of Evansville Chi Epsilon chapter were active in both national and local activities. Our chapter, though humble in size, was able to send two delegates and a proxy to represent the University of Evansville and Wayne State University at the renowned Conclave from March 11-13, 2010 at the University of Alabama. Locally, members of our chapter helped with examinations given to prospective students on UE Engineering Scholarship Day.

It has been my pleasure as the associate editor to introduce our chapter’s new members and elaborate upon our accomplishments in the past academic year. On behalf of all members at the UE Chi Epsilon chapter, I send warm greetings and the best wishes from southwestern Indiana to fellow chapters around the country.

Florida Institute of Technology

With a productive 2009-2010 year for the student chapter of Chi Epsilon at Florida Tech, this year has been eventful as three new members were welcomed into the chapter and three new officers were elected: New members: Ethan Tyson, Kimberly Townsend, and Aurora Jover. New Officers: Ethan Tyson, president; Kimberly Townsend, vice-president; and Peter Hughes, marshal. (see photo at right)

The Florida Tech chapter took part in numerous activities this year including the steel bridge and concrete canoe competitions at the 2010 ASCE Southeast Conference in Auburn, Alabama. We placed fourth overall for the concrete canoe and sixth place for the steel bridge.

Two members from the Florida Tech chapter attended Chi Epsilon’s 41st National Conclave in Tuscaloosa, Alabama where they became acquainted with members from other chapters. Keynote speakers discussed their experiences in civil engineering. The Florida Tech chapter actively engaged in the Scholarships and Governance committee and voted on all other committee ideas. The 2010 National Conclave ended with a tour of the University of Alabama stadium and a formal dinner.

From the Florida Tech chapter, good luck to our graduating members and until next year.

University of Houston

The 2009-2010 academic year marked a period of hard work and growth for the University of Houston chapter of Chi Epsilon. A total of twenty-seven new members were added during the 2009-2010 academic year. Nine new members were inducted into the University of Houston Chi Epsilon
Outgoing officers were Ravi Mullapudi, president; Saad Khan, vice-president; Rao Tadepalli, treasurer; Rachel Howser, secretary; Martin Calzada, associate editor; and Jorge Uriel Calvo, marshal.

The chapter is very proud to announce that this spring our Chi Epsilon chapter’s alumni Dr. Abdeldjelil “DJ” Belarbi has returned to University of Houston from Missouri S&T and taken over the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering chair position. He was also the recipient of the 2004 National Teaching Award from Chi Epsilon. During 2009-2010, our chapter’s president, Ravi Mullapudi, was awarded the ASCE O.H. Ammann Fellowship in Structural Engineering and Chi Epsilon Southwest District Scholarship.

The chapter members have dedicated their time to tutoring seven civil engineering courses for underclassmen throughout the 2010 spring semester. The chapter also volunteered many hours to help ASCE with its concrete canoe competition. The hard work paid off as the ASCE chapter was awarded first place at the Texas-Mexico regional championships and will be competing at the national competition in San Luis Obispo, California, during June 17–19th. Many efforts were also provided to help out the Houston community. Members participated in numerous community service activities, such as: judging a science fair at ISWEEEP, volunteering at the Habitat for Humanity, Light House of Houston and Houston Food Bank. (see photo at right)

The University of Houston chapter of Chi Epsilon is looking forward to another exciting year of success and growth under the leadership of President Ravi Mullapudi.

Illinois Institute of Technology

Over the past year, the Illinois Institute of Technology chapter of Chi Epsilon has successfully been reinstated. We have gained a strong following of students, including seventeen newly initiated members, and many who showed interest at our first open meeting. The newly elected executive board for this chapter are: Kathryn Richmond, president; Josh Bergerson, vice-president; Angela Ng, Secretary/Treasurer; Francesco Fanizza, associate editor; and John Allen, marshal; all under the guidance of Dr. Mehdi Modares, our faculty advisor.

Since our initiation ceremony in November 2009, our chapter of Chi Epsilon has accomplished a great deal. We had held two meetings aside from our executive board meetings. The first meeting was open to all students. The majority of attendees were civil engineering students from our school. This meeting included an explanation of Chi Epsilon as a society, as well as a guest speaker.

At the end of the scholastic year, there was also a general body meeting for the members of Chi Epsilon. At this meeting, we discussed what was done as a society over the past year, mostly focused around our attendance at the Chi Epsilon National Conclave. We also touched briefly on our goals for the following year.

We all have great expectations for the following years, and know that our chapter of Chi Epsilon will grow strong in those years. We plan to perform outreach programs as well as seek external funding for our organization.
University of Iowa

The fall semester of the 2009-2010 school year brought many new members into our chapter. These members include Alex Merritt, Bryson Winsky, Caroline Mills, Dan Mehl, Eryn Dattilo, Jason Stone, Jon Durst, Kyle Crowley, Lora Buckman, Luke Smith, Lynne Poggensee-Wei, and Stephanie Fleckenstein. The spring semester did not bring any new initiates. There were several events that the members of our chapter participated in though.

Our outgoing marshal, Timothy Schulz, attended the National Conclave. He said that it was a very rewarding experience seeing how other chapters around the country operate. While there, he participated in the audit committee and met with other North Central members to discuss future events. Our chapter also organized the FE review sessions on campus. Later in the spring the local ASCE student chapter paired with the Chi Epsilon chapter hosted a road cleanup on a newly adopted highway. This event proved to be successful with 10 members participating. The year’s final event was the election of the new officers and the end of the year social with the Civil Department and FE reviewing professors.

The outgoing officers are: Matt Flannigan, president; Riley Post, secretary; Timothy Schulz, marshal; Morgan Mays, treasurer; David Blanco, associate editor; and Jedidiah Snyder, vice-president. The newly elected officers are: Caroline Mills, president; Eryn Dattilo, secretary; Dan Mehl, marshal; Jason Stone, treasurer; Jon Durst, associate editor; and Lynne Poggensee-Wei, vice-president.

The chapter’s faculty advisor, Richard Valentine, congratulates the new members and wishes the best for the graduating seniors.

University of Kentucky

The past year was an eventful year for the University of Kentucky chapter of Chi Epsilon. On October 10, 2009, chapter members of Chi Epsilon joined with the University ASCE members for a Habitat for Humanity house construction in Lexington, KY. As usual for Engineers Day open house at the College of Engineering, Chi Epsilon continued hosting the popular popsicle bridge competition for future engineers.

The Chi Epsilon chapter also welcomed eight new members at the spring initiation on April 21, 2010. The new initiates were: Stephen K. Borders, Timothy J. Kempf, William H. Lester, Darren K. Martin, Taylor M. Pierce, Ali Salehian, Dora G. Van Zee, and Ellen S. Westermeyer.

In May the chapter saw the graduation of its president, Will Stevens. New officers of the chapter elected for 2010-2011 are Adam Bender-Saunders, president and Ellen S. Westermeyer as vice-president.
The Lamar University Chapter of Chi Epsilon had numerous achievements during the 2009-2010 academic year. In addition, our chapter had grown tremendously. In the fall 2009, the new undergraduate initiates are as follows: Andrew A. Armitage, Kenneth W. Heisner, Chris S. Reyna, and Shaun O. Sallee. Graduates: Prabin KC, Preeti Shrestha, and Nishant Shah. We were also delighted to initiate Faculty Member Joseph Majdalani, and Chapter Honor Member Arthur Janecka. Both of these new initiates will bring valuable experience to Lamar's chapter of Chi Epsilon. The end of the fall semester proved to be a very challenging semester as many of our members were participating in various extracurricular activities and finishing their senior design projects.

In April, some members attended a Habitat for Humanity event in Beaumont. They assisted in construction of a new home for the less fortunate. In May, we continued to thrive in membership by initiating 25 new members. The undergraduate initiates are: Andrew A. Armitage, Kenneth W. Heisner, Chris S. Reyna, and Shaun O. Sallee. Graduates: Prabin KC, Preeti Shrestha, and Nishant Shah. We were also delighted to initiate Faculty Member Joseph Majdalani, and Chapter Honor Member Arthur Janecka. Both of these new initiates will bring valuable experience to Lamar’s chapter of Chi Epsilon. The end of the fall semester proved to be a very challenging semester as many of our members were participating in various extracurricular activities and finishing their senior design projects.

University of Louisville

The Chi Epsilon chapter of the University of Louisville had an extremely successful year in review. From May 15, 2009 until May 15, 2010, the University of Louisville chapter of Chi Epsilon was able to initiate 7 new members into the organization. These outstanding individuals included Cory Williams, Liz Blanford, Thor N. Steffen, Roy DeRoche, Richard Steven Grice Jr., Carrie Hay, and Jim Urbon. The current officers, including Erin Cummings, president; Christie Allgeier, vice-president; Dakotah Parker, treasurer; Alex Frommeyer, secretary/associate editor; and Robert Shaw, marshal, swore in the new initiates and also transitioned the chapter over to the new officers. The officers installed to serve for the fall 2010 are: Robert Godinez, president; Colin Franks, vice-president; Lisa Porter, secretary-treasurer; Phillip Hotzen, associate editor; and Maricela Guerrero, marshal.

The students and faculty are thrilled to have Dr. Mien Jao continued to serve as the faculty advisor. He has been of great help to them in all aspects in and out of the classroom and is considered a close friend by many.
This past year we were also able to send one of our officers, President Erin Cummings, to the National Conclave in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She was able to bring back a great experience, advice, and council to our chapter as a result.

Marquette University

The 2009-2010 academic year was very productive for the Marquette University Chapter of Chi Epsilon. During the fall semester, seven new student members were initiated, including Matthew Allie, Alison Ballweg, Nicole Gibson, Katrina Kurniati, Duanne McWilliams, John Ross, and John Sweany. In the spring semester, four new student members were initiated, including Samuel Michels-Boyce, Caitlin Collins, Keith Schueller, and Laura Schroeder. After each initiation ceremony, high levels of sociability were enjoyed when the new initiates joined the other Chi Epsilon members, faculty, and guests for an informal dinner at a local restaurant. Each semester, the chapter members held meetings regularly and participated in social events such as bowling and cookouts. The chapter sent one delegate to the National Conclave at the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, and chapter member Jenny Krahn was awarded a Chi Epsilon Scholarship. During the year, the chapter formed a team for Al’s Run, a local run/walk to benefit the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. (see photo above) The chapter also held a service auction, where faculty members could bid to have members do tasks such as grocery shopping, babysitting, and yard work, in exchange for a donation to the chapter. Many of the active members of the chapter also volunteered their time and energy to help the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Marquette University with the Open House.

University of Maryland

Under new leadership, the University of Maryland chapter of Chi Epsilon made great strides throughout the 2009-2010 school year to become a more pronounced organization on the university campus.

The chapter’s annual Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Career Fair was held on November 5. Nineteen employers were in attendance, and dozens of civil and mechanical engineering job-seeking students visited the fair. A variety of employers held booths at the fair ranging from environmental agencies to general contractors and included a number of nationally recognized firms such as Clark Construc-
tion Group and Whiting-Turner Contracting Company. The fair was an excellent opportunity for underclassmen and graduating seniors alike to build connections with local businesses and find internships or entry-level positions.

Apart from the career fair, the UMD chapter partnered with other groups on campus to sponsor several events. Chi Epsilon worked with the University of Maryland chapter of ASCE to host the ASCE Maryland Section Student Night at The Engineers Club in Baltimore, MD. The UMD chapters of Chi Epsilon and ASCE also helped at the Maryland wood bridge competition and constructed a canoe for the concrete canoe competition.

The UMD chapter of Chi Epsilon also partnered with the university’s chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, the mechanical engineering society, to hold a graduate school event where interested students were able to learn about various graduate programs at the University of Maryland.

The chapter also began several new social traditions. In the spring semester, UMD Chi Epsilon traveled to Liberty Mountain for a weekend ski trip, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity to construct homes in Washington, D.C., organized a Chi Epsilon t-shirt tie-dye session, and invited members to an ice cream social.

At the end of the fall semester, the chapter inducted eighteen new members, including Scott Bass, Ian Becker, Stephanie Bednarczyk, Timothy Briner, Maria Chang, Carolyn Desrochers, Victor Evans, Michael Feldman, Brooke Homar, Richard LaShier, Alexander Le, Ryan Maisel, Joshua Mazurek, Khiem Nguyen, Vincent Shi, Andrew Stershic, Theodore Tan, and Nicholas Wagman (see photo on previous page). In the spring semester, five additional members were inducted, including Jared Freeman, Jennifer Hilchey, Garrett Hughes, Chelsea Sprague, and Samuel Winter (see photo above left). During the spring induction, the newly elected, incoming officers were also installed. These officers are Margaret Sharkey, president; Jeffrey Krummel, vice-president; Maria Chang, secretary; Steven Losin, treasurer; Nicholas Wagman, associate editor; and Ryan Hurley, marshal (see photo above right).

As the University of Maryland chapter considers future ambitions, it hopes to build on the success of this school year to propel it toward even greater achievement. The chapter would like to thank the former officers for their dedication and wishes all graduating seniors the best in their career aspirations: Jeffrey Krummel, president; Brad Fallon, vice-president; Semme Yilma, secretary/treasurer; Wesley Tse, associate editor; and Jared McGrath, marshal.
University of Miami

The University of Miami chapter initiated twelve new members this year. The initiations and ceremonies were held on campus as the fall initiation took place on December 12 with five initiates and the spring ceremony on May 8 with seven initiates. With many of the current members graduating, the torch has been passed to the next group of engineers to carry on the tradition of Chi Epsilon at Miami. David Case, the newly elected president, is the only returning officer; he spent time this year learning the details of leadership from Patrick Kaimrajh (the outgoing president) to guide the chapter to new levels.

With the leadership of our past president, Patrick Kelly, the steel sculpture, The Anatomy of a Building, was installed on the University of Miami campus during the fall semester (see photo at left), dedicated just in time for homecoming.

A number of our Chi Epsilon members participated in the annual ASCE Southeast Student Conference; they not only attended but also managed to take a number of awards from the competitions for their outstanding performance. (see photo above)

Two of our members, Reem Madkour and Bailey Lozner, went to the biannual conclave in Tuscaloosa; the experience was eye opening for them. They saw how much other chapters were accomplishing and wanted to take some of that enthusiasm back to Miami. We have a generally small chapter with only twenty members, but we would like to keep our close ties with the ASCE chapter and continue to expand our influence and contribution to the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering.

Michigan State University

The Chi Epsilon chapter at Michigan State University (MSU) was pleased to initiate 18 new members on November 16, 2009, and 5 new members on April 11, 2010. All initiates display the esteemed qualities necessary for Chi Epsilon membership. The fall semester initiates are Samuel Bell, Christopher Dean, Jun Deng, Dylan Haan, Tyler Haan, Jonathan Libby, Andrew Moran, Ryan Muscott, Jennifer Noblit, Christine Pageau, Austin Sash, Nicholas Tecca, Cameron Williams, and Glenna Wood (see photo above). Dr. Milind V. Khire was also elevated to Chapter Honor Member. The new spring initiates are Darcy Christian, Jeamie Deacon, Jessica Holberg, Ryan Kussmaul, and Alex Russeau (see photo at top of next page). Congratulations to the new initiates.
and the honor member from fall semester.

The MSU chapter of Chi Epsilon held a biannual book sale as a fundraiser. The chapter members would like to thank the MSU faculty and staff who donated the books that were sold. This year, the MSU chapter sent one representative to the Chi Epsilon National Conclave in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. At this conclave, Dr. Thomas Wolff, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies at MSU, was unanimously elected as the Great Lakes Regional Councilor. He replaced Dr. Eugene Glysson, who has held the position since 1982 (see photo below).

Dr. Thomas Wolff was also elected to the position of National Marshal, The members of our Chi Epsilon chapter congratulated him for both achievements. The chapter also expresses the utmost gratitude for Dr. Glysson’s years of dedication and service to both the organization of Chi Epsilon and the student chapters in the region.

During the fall semester initiation, Danny Strayer was elected to chapter president from treasurer, Steve Parse was elected to chapter vice-president from secretary, and Ryan Muscott was elected to serve as marshal. The chapter recognizes and wishes success to the outgoing officers, Timothy Francisco, Lauren Fedak, and Matthew Chaperon.

During the spring semester initiation, the chapter elected three officers: Christopher Dean, president, previously SEC representative; Samuel Bell, treasurer; and Alex Russeau, SEC representative. The chapter bid farewell to the outgoing officers Danny Strayer and David Stringer and wishes them success.

Because of his outstanding scholastic achievement, the officers of the MSU Chi Epsilon chapter selected Christopher Dean to receive the annual Conrad Award. Due to his demonstration of adherence to the principles of Chi Epsilon, David Stringer was selected to receive the NTH Consultants scholarship for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to Timothy Francisco, past president of the MSU Chi Epsilon chapter, who received the Chi Epsilon National Scholarship. The entire membership would like to thank our faculty advisor, Dr. Gilbert Y. Baladi, for another year of his service and guidance.

University of Missouri-Columbia

The University of Missouri, Columbia chapter of Chi Epsilon initiated eleven new members into the society in the spring of 2010. The initiates’ names are Scott C. Bade, Emily E. Boehm, Joseph T. Dalke, Alexis L. Dias, Lauren A. Graessle, Ted J. Grimes, Daniel W. Looten, Stephen A. Spinelli, Gabe D. Weger, Justin D. Wenk, and Joseph L. Wiedemeier. The initiation was held on April 14, 2010 in Lafferre Hall. Steven Spinelli won the honor of best looking transit and Emily E. Boehm and Lauren Graessle tied for the best score on the initiation exam.
The officers for the spring 2010 semester were Adam Frankenberg, president; Jeremiah Kasinger, vice-president; Matthew Wheeler, marshal; Julie Howell, treasurer; Shannon Felker, secretary; and Christopher Wilson, associate editor. The faculty advisor for the chapter was Dr. Carlos Sun. The new officers for fall 2010 are Matthew Wheeler, president; Christopher Wilson, vice-president; Chelsea Smith, marshal; Julie Howell, secretary; and Alicia Thater, associate editor.

Our chapter held its semi-annual trash clean-up on April 11, 2010 along Providence Road in Columbia as part of Missouri’s Adopt-A-Highway program. Also, many members of our chapter participated in steel bridge, concrete canoe, and GeoWall teams. Those teams competed in the Regional ASCE Competition in Norman, Oklahoma from April 23 through April 25.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

The University of Missouri – Kansas City chapter has had a successful first period since it’s induction in November of 2009. Under the leadership and guidance of our faculty advisor, Dr. Deborah O’Bannon, our induction ceremony was a momentous occasion that was both exciting and rewarding for our officers who worked hard to establish the chapter. We were joined by several members of the National Chi Epsilon Council, including Dr. Dee Ann Sanders, Dr. Thomas M. Petry, and Dr. Gregory D. Reed. The event was enjoyed by all and is the first memory filed in the chapter’s historical file.

The first period has been a bit of transition era for our chapter as we organize our group and focus our efforts on getting our exceptional faculty members initiated. Our recently initiated faculty members consist of Dr. Thiagarajan Ganesh, Dr. Jerry Richardson, and Dr. Ceki Halmen. In addition to our faculty, we initiated Thomas Kimes, a highly respected alumnus and associate instructor, as our Chapter Honor Member.

The incumbent officers of the chapter are John P. Herrman, president; Autumn Schleicher, vice-president; Feras El-Ghussein, secretary; Christopher Farney, treasurer; Kyle Brady, associate editor/historian; and Vincent Zink, marshal. Our chapter is proud to announce our newly elected officers for the 2010-2011 school year. They are as follows: Vincent Zink, president; Mohammed Bayazid, vice-president; Eric Knight, secretary; Reid Vilbig, associate editor/historian, Jacob Ambrose, treasurer; and Matthew Bendorf, marshal.

Montana State University

The Montana State University chapter of Chi Epsilon has been active in student support this past year. The MSU chapter coordinated review sessions for the FE exam, provided weekly tutoring sessions for students completing engineering mechanics courses, welcomed new and old members with socials, and participated in the Engineer-A-Thon, a program that encourages engineering among middle school students.

The FE review sessions have been our most successful program. Our chapter reviewed the FE exam specifications and determined nine general topic areas and five civil specific areas that could be reviewed. Our chapter then contacted various professors within the College of Engineering at Montana State University. These professors donated their time to develop and present a review lecture for students planning to take the FE exam to help them become familiar with the exam topic areas. The review sessions concentrated on solving problems with the supplied FE manual such that students could effectively use this manual during test time.

The weekly tutoring program also was successful. Members of our chapter volunteered for two hours on Tuesday nights to provide assistance for students completing engineering mechanics course work. These sessions provided students with one-on-one assistance. Emphasis was placed on helping students develop problem solving techniques, which can be applied to future tests in engineering mechanics and all other coursework.
The MSU chapter also was successful in recruiting new members. In the fall 2009 semester, the chapter initiated eight undergraduate members, and in the spring 2010 semester, the chapter initiated two undergraduate members. The MSU chapter also prepared and operated a booth at the Engineer-A-Thon, an event to excite middle school students about engineering. Middle school students visiting the MSU Chapter’s booth mixed their own concrete.

During the 2009-2010 academic year, the MSU chapter was served by the following officers: Brett Lara-bee, president; Kalen Ramey, vice-president; Jake Gunther, treasurer; Dylan Larson, secretary; Ryan Ford, marshal; and Brian Church, associate editor. For the 2010-2011 academic year, the new officers are: David Schroeder, president; Nathan Ward, vice-president; Tim White, treasurer; Mark Juras, secretary; Ryan Ford, marshal; and Colter Roskos, associate editor.

New Jersey Institute of Technology

The officers for the 2009 – 2010 year included: Tiago Rodrigues, president; Johanna Yar-leque, vice-president; Carlos Lopez, secretary; Moises Orbe, associate editor; Joseph Juzwin, treasurer; and Syed Bilgrami, marshal.


Officers for the 2010-2011 academic year were also elected. The officers elected includes: Frank Lombardi, president; Joe Kardos, vice-president; Jemima Johnson, secretary; Keith Corkery, associate editor; Kelsey Johnson, treasurer; and Rafał Wojcik, marshal.

Northeastern University

The past year has been an exciting one for the Northeastern University Chi Epsilon chapter. The chapter continued to dedicate time towards assisting undergraduate peers in their civil engineering courses such as soil mechanics, fluid mechanics, structural analysis I, statics, and strengths of materials. Chi Epsilon also continued organizing the semi-annual FE review sessions. Chapter members arranged for civil engineering faculty to instruct evening review sessions in civil subjects including soils and materials, steel design, hydrology, concrete design, traffic engineering, structural analysis and statics, environmental engineering, and construction management to seniors preparing to take the FE exam. Students took very well to the review sessions and agreed that they were extremely accommodating.

Another reoccurring event the chapter holds each semester is the Graduate School Information Session for undergraduates. The presentation was given by current chapter officers who had recently gone through the process of applying to graduate school and offered insight and tips to undergraduates considering advancing their
For the first time this fall, the Northeastern University Chi Epsilon chapter was very excited to give back to the community in the form of the Boston CANstruction competition. Members raised funds for materials and began a month long design process of a canned food structure. (see photo at right) The structure was displayed on campus a week before the competition in the student center to raise awareness of food shortages around Boston food banks and then moved the structure to Bunker Hill Community College where it was on display for a month. Over 2,400 canned goods were donated to the Greater Boston Food Bank and the chapter’s structure received the Friend of the Food Bank Award.

Following our last attendance in 2006, this year, Northeastern University sent representatives to the National Conclave in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Northeastern also sent a proxy for the University of Rhode Island. Chapter members attended the conclave hoping to learn from other chapters in our region what kinds of activities are implemented to better service the community. Instead, it was discovered that the Northeastern Chi Epsilon chapter is one of the most active chapters in the New England District; the tutoring and FE review course activities, as well as the CANstruction project were shared with other New England chapters. As a result of attending the conclave, the Northeastern chapter intends to host a regional conference in 2011, create a chapter t-shirt, resume past sessions with professors to discuss research, hold training sessions in CAD and engineering software, and to find more ways to support the community and encourage engineering as a profession.

At the conclave, the Northeastern chapter was awarded the Susan C Brown award for all-around excellence. Jenn Ciofolo was awarded an honorary scholarship, and Travis Mitchell received a district scholarship for their hard work pertaining to Chi Epsilon.

The annual initiation ceremony was held on March 27, 2010 with great success. (see photo at left) The day included a lunch and the initiation of 27 new members! The newly initiated members are David Almeida, Sara Barrett, Matthew Bosch-Willett, Paul Carbone, Alexander Fagnand, Matthew Ford, Brian Franklin, Keith Hall, Alexis Holmdal, Benjamin Holsapple, Amy Jagaczewski, Alexander Kops, Kevin Levesque, Jake Marasco, Christopher Nasif, Keith Nelson, Oliver Nowalski, Alexandra Reiff, Bryant Reyes, Joseph Rubino, Matthew Starkey, Erik Storm, Daniel Sullivan, David Teague, Matthew Walsh, Max Wolfe, and Camil Zuk.

In May, the chapter also saw the graduation of five of its former officers: Jenn Ciofolo, Caroline Fischer, Travis St. Louis, Joshua Gregorio, and Erica Swansen. The chapter thanks them and all the other graduating members of Chi Epsilon for their commitment to the chapter and wishes them all the best of luck in the future. The new officers elected for the 2010-2011 year are Ezra Jampole, president; Gary O’Connell, vice-
The University of Notre Dame chapter of Chi Epsilon had a successful year. In April, the chapter inducted seventeen new members: Anthony Ayala, Jonathan Barry, Olga Beltsar, John Clark, Laura Divel, Kathleen Fogarty, Daniel Iwanski, Jeffery Kroon, John LaBarge, Andrew Mullen, Brian O’Connor, Jonathan Pfrommer, Brittani Russell, Santiago Sanchez, John Walsh, Francisco Zarama, and Andrew Ziccarelli initiated on April 18, 2010. This marked the transition of power from the outgoing officers, Jeremy Tamargo, president; Christopher Vetter, vice-president; Daniel Mullaney, secretary; Matthew Camus, treasurer; Catherine Boris, marshal; and Sarah Bobby, associate editor, to the new officers, John LaBarge, president; Andrew Mullen, vice-president; Brittani Russell, secretary; Santiago Sanchez, treasurer; Andrew Ziccarelli, marshal; and Jonathan Pfrommer, associate editor. (see photo above)

Following the induction ceremony, Chi Epsilon hosted a reception to celebrate the accomplishments of our newest members. The new initiates, their families, faculty members, and other Chi Epsilon members gathered for snacks and light refreshments immediately after the initiation ceremony. This provided a great opportunity for the new initiates to be welcomed into the chapter.

This spring was a very busy time for the University of Notre Dame chapter of Chi Epsilon. In addition to the initiation ceremony, Chi Epsilon and ASCE co-hosted an end-of-the-year cookout for the Civil Engineering Class of 2010 to celebrate the graduates’ accomplishments over the past four years. Members of the graduating class and faculty members were given one last chance to relax and socialize before finals week and the conclusion of the year.

This year, the chapter was unable to send members to the Chi Epsilon National Conclave. The chapter is looking forward to the opportunity to attend the Great Lakes Regional Conference next year to strengthen bonds with other Chi Epsilon chapters in our district.

Next year, the University of Notre Dame chapter of Chi Epsilon is looking forward to continuing its involvement in sponsoring campus events and working with other groups around campus to enhance the community and further the profession of civil engineering. Chi Epsilon will also work to strengthen ties with the Notre Dame chapters of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Joint Engineering Council to enhance collaboration throughout the entire engineering department. Finally, the Chi Epsilon chapter at Notre Dame plans to participate in fundraising initiatives and building awareness on campus for ND SEED, a student-run non-profit organization on campus that combines engineering and service in order to help provide needed infrastructure in developing nations.
Pennsylvania State University

The Pennsylvania State University chapter of Chi Epsilon participated in a variety of activities on-campus. We contacted professors to hold five review sessions for the FE exam. These sessions covered a variety of topics and were open to all engineering students. During these sessions, professors distributed review packets (either hard copy or online) they created. I, Anthony Carta, have personally been to all of these review sessions and can say that they were extremely helpful. Our chapter also offered FE review manuals at a 15% discount through the Civil Engineering Department. Another activity we hosted was high school visitations. High school visitations involved current high school students coming to the Civil Engineering Department to review the curriculum and discuss questions they may have. Typically these high school students came with parents and other family members. Specifically, Dr. Norman Folmar reviewed a packet containing the curriculum options as well as other facts about Penn State. One member from Chi Epsilon was also present to answer any questions these students and family members might have. These visitations have been very successful and much appreciated by the high school students and their families. Lastly, I’d like to add that we reconstructed our website.

Our chapter had three meetings before our initiation. The initiations were held at the Sackett Building on Penn State’s campus and our banquets were held at the Atherton Hotel. The guest speakers for both of our banquets were current civil engineering professors. The fall banquet speaker was Dr. Rachel Brennan and our spring banquet speaker was Dr. Andrew Scanlon. We had nine fall initiates and thirteen initiates in the spring. Fall 2009 initiates: Robert Michael Armstrong Jr., Shruthi Baskaran, Michael S. Brandt, Paul Robert Christner, Ryan Anthony Fitzgerald, Amanda Louise McCloskey, Eric James Rutenbar, Tyler Thompson Suter, and Tehetna Feseha Tesfaye. (see photo above) Spring 2010 initiates: were Ryan James Ahn, Alexis Georges Bert, Andrew Joseph Butsick, Matthew Joseph Chipko, William Warner Finney, Justin Phillip Long, Thomas William McLane, Nathan Dean McMillen, David James Mizwinski, Andrew John Naymick, Austin Lee Shollenberger, Paul Anthony Stager, and Chung Hong Sun. (see photo above right)

The 2009-10 Chi Epsilon officers were: Alberto Lao, president; Michael Race, vice-president; Samantha Linder, treasurer; Matthew Lumadue, secretary; Anthony Carta, associate editor; and David Breindel, marshal. The 2010-11 Chi Epsilon officers are: Samantha Linder, president; Robert Armstrong, vice-president; Justin Long, treasurer; Amanda McCloskey, secretary; Paul Stager, associate editor; and Austin Shollenberger, marshal.
San Diego State University

The fall 2009 to spring 2010 school year was booming and successful for the San Diego State Chi Epsilon chapter. In total, our student chapter initiated 18 new members who all exemplified excellent sociability, practicality, character, and scholarship. Fundraising was a big part of our activities for the school year and it will continue to be an integral part of our chapter’s activities due to the chapter awareness and success we have had. The profits gained from the fundraising will allow the SDSU chapter to send more members to national and district events.

During the fall 2009 semester we initiated the following new members who showed the desire to be a part of this honor society, by completing all required tasks and projects. Fall 2009 initiates were Mohammed Akbar, Matt Antoniadis, Agustin Barajas, Ryan Barnhart, Justin Giles, Tyler Hester, Chris Hudson, Kristien Kwong, Matthew Lindstrom, Erin Miller, Rosella Moreno, Houman Pour, Brandon Wavering, and Matt Winterbourne.

These new members were an effective team, organizing and operating an end of the semester BBQ that double as a fundraiser. The group also completed an amazing xeroscape garden, with the help of Walter Lopez (SDSU- Physical Plant staff). It included plants fit for the desert climate, in efforts to be water conscious, especially in the arid San Diego area. *(see photo at left)* With the cooperation of ASCE and AGC, we held a large beach cleanup at the Mission Beach Jetty, here in San Diego. It’s great to get involved with other SDSU organizations to build connections and team up to help out our community.

For a couple of our biweekly meetings we invited guest speakers to enlighten us young engineers on career opportunities. Dr. Larry Hinkle, the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for the College of Engineering, presented a speech on the perfect resume, informing our chapter members on the characteristics of an effective, yet simplistic resume. Also an official with the Navy Civil Engineering Core (CEC) educated our chapter on the opportunities within the Navy during and after our studies. From that presentation, a few members applied and were accepted into the CEC program.

In the fall, our chapter sent Erin Miller and our wonderful faculty advisor, Dr. Bruce Westermo, to the 23rd Pacific District Conference held at Cal Poly- San Luis Obispo. The officers for the active fall 2009 semester were: Scott Wieser, president; Justin Barrow, vice-president; Elham Lotfi, secretary; Anthony Pasek, treasurer; Ivan Castro, marshal; and Roxanne Sepehri, associate editor. *(see photo at right)*

In the following spring semester, our chapter added the following new members to our family. Although the group was small compared to other semesters, each individual stepped up to make extra contributions to our student chapter. Spring 2010 initiates include Elias Espino, Matt Fiske, Meganne Harvey, and Leslie Senff.

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The spring 2010 semester was full of fundraising and group activities. We successfully held two BBQ’s for the engineering building, one of which was organized by the initiates. Our chapter also organized “go geek” T-shirt fundraisers for the upcoming summer and next fall, which our student chapter will market and sell to the SDSU engineering community. In March, we sent Ivan Castro and Faculty Advisor Dr. Bruce Westermo to the 41st National Conclave held at the beautiful University of Alabama campus. The list of officers for the spring semester is as follows: Erin Miller, president; Ivan Castro, vice-president; Christopher Hudson, secretary; Anthony Pasek, treasurer; Matt Winterbourne, marshal; and Ryan Barnhart, assistant editor.

Overall this year our organization was very active. We will continue to press on in our fundraising efforts, as well as market our society to current SDSU engineering students and incoming freshman next fall. Our chapter would like to thank first and foremost our amazing, longtime faculty advisor, Dr. Bruce Westermo. With his guidance and knowledge, our chapter runs smoothly and productively. We would also like to thank our past, present, and future officers and members. In the path of their careers, we hope they continue to be active and support Chi Epsilon, the Civil Engineering Honor Society.

University of Southern California

The Chi Epsilon chapter of the University of Southern California is thrilled to report a successful year. Both the outgoing 2009-2010 officers and the new 2010-2011 officers made great strides towards increasing member participation in chapter events as well as events with other chapters.

A small group of members attended the annual Pacific District Conference in November, which was hosted by California Polytechnic Institute at San Luis Obispo. After interacting with representatives from other schools, our attendees returned to USC hoping to spark more participation with nearby chapters.

Shortly thereafter, our fall initiates hosted a barbecue on campus for all the students and faculty in the Sonny Astani Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The event was quite popular and gave a chance for the initiates to get to know the current members.

The 2010 spring semester began with a fresh start, introducing the new officers: Ann Klunder, president; Diego Ramirez, vice-president; Mandi Chang, treasurer; Rachel Scott, secretary; Ashley Cabico, associate editor; and Aditi Yokota-Joshi, marshal. (see photo at left) As an executive board, the officers made outreach and interaction with other chapters of Chi Epsilon a goal. This was pursued early in the spring with a hike, courtesy of the UCLA chapter. In February, we worked with members of UCLA’s Chi Epsilon and ASCE to help out at the popsicle stick bridge competition, which was held at the California Science Center and brings together students from dozens of local high schools to compete in design projects. Later in the semester, the USC chapter coordinated a bonfire at Dockweiler Beach, which UC Irvine, CSU Los Angeles and CSU Long Beach attended.

The chapter also placed great importance in aiding the students of the department by putting together several FE examination review sessions. The sessions covered a wide range of topics and were held by professors and a graduate student from several different schools at the university.
The semester wrapped up with initiation as candidates experienced the traditions and ceremony that welcomed them to the honor of membership. Following the ceremony, was a celebration of the achievements of the spring 2010 initiate class, as well as the end of a fruitful year. USC’s Chi Epsilon chapter treated members, new and continuing, to a delicious and plentiful dinner at Don Felix, a local Peruvian restaurant.

Southern Methodist University

The SMU chapter of Chi Epsilon sent two delegates to the 41st Conclave in March of 2010. During the conclave, the SMU chapter received the Susan C. Brown Outstanding Performance award for 2008-2009. The SMU chapter also successfully conducted their third induction ceremony on April 8, 2010. The induction ceremony was held on the SMU campus, in the Jerry R. Junkins Engineering building. Chi Epsilon alumni, the SMU chapter’s faculty advisor, Bijan Mohraz, members of the SMU Department of Environmental and Civil Engineering, and the new member’s parents attended the induction ceremony. The SMU chapter plans to raise awareness of the chapter to encourage other civil engineering majors to strive to become a member of the chapter by taking part in school-sponsored events, especially volunteer opportunities. The SMU chapter also plans to hold several events to build intra-chapter relations. Outgoing officers: Kristin Altena, president; Valerie Lemmons, vice-president; Jennifer Broyles, treasurer/secretary; Stefanie Tracy, marshal; and Christina Salchow, associate editor. Incoming officers: Michael Gruben, president; Elizabeth Corey, vice-president; Jillianne Matus, marshal; Mary Moore, treasurer/secretary; and Sarah Shepard, associate editor.

University of New York at Buffalo

This year’s initiation ceremony was held on April 20, 2010, where eleven new members were initiated into the UB Chi Epsilon chapter. The newly elected officers for the 2010-2011 academic year are: Lauren Schifferle, president; William Seychew, vice-president; Nathaniel Bolt, treasurer/marshal; and Wesley Frechette, secretary/associate editor; with Dr. Gilberto Mosqueda as the faculty advisor.

UB Chi Epsilon chapter members are active in events such as the CSEE Welcome, the UB Open House, the Engineering School Open House, and an Honors dinner with local employers. In a most recent activity, Chi Epsilon members teamed with graduate students in the department to host a structural engineering site for Buffalo Area Engineering for Minorities (BEAM) program. Students were challenge to build a support for a windmill and subject it to earthquake shaking on a mini shake table. Plans for the future include tutoring sessions for engineering students, involvement with ASCE concrete canoe and steel bridge, as well as volunteering and social activities in conjunction with the UB Tau Beta Pi and ASCE chapters.

Texas A&M University

Our fall 2009 banquet was held on November 20, 2009 at a favorite local Italian restaurant, Café Capri. One of our newest professors, Gretchen Miller, of the Water Resources Department, kindly agreed to speak at our banquet. The newly elected officers included: Rebecca Korzenewski, president; Madison Bussey, vice-president; Fayez Morjan, treasurer; Kelsi Franz, secretary; Cynthia Vail, associate editor; and Julia Roessler, officer of the conclave. We initiated 24 new members: Charles Babbitt, Stephanie Gillihan, Daniel Gallagher, Jacob Walker, Whitney Prince, Cynthia Vail, David Bond, Omar Espinosa, Jennifer Roath, James Robertson, Alexei Bushunow, Scott Nelson, Mallory Karesek, Courtney Carr, John Ainsworth, Michael Chisholm, Thomas Fleps, Curtis Sparks, Jonathan Cannon, Paul Witkowski, William Richie, Kameron Stroup,
Julia Roessler, and Kelsi Franz. These chapter nominees were required to fulfill 1 committee board requirement, 1 service project, and attend 3 Chi Epsilon socials. The socials included eating together and bowling. The committee boards included refrigerator clean-up, membership board names, and the polishing of The Transit. The service projects included passing out stoles, scholarship banquet volunteering, and Replant Day participation; Replant Day is a one-day community service project that brings together students and the surrounding communities in environmental action rooted in tradition. (see photo at left) This project began in 1990 as a response to the trees harvested for the Aggie Bonfire and has continued to this day as a new Aggie tradition committed to the preservation of the environment and beautification of the surrounding cities. In fact, the 2009 Replant was the largest since its creation with over 300 trees planted, four of which were planted by the Chi Epsilon participants.

The spring 2010 banquet was held on April 30 with our faculty advisor, Dr. Brumbelow, as guest speaker. The newly elected officers are: Cynthia Vail, president; Julia Roessler, vice-president; Daniel Frazier, treasurer; Kristopher Swanson, secretary; and Brice Nichols, associate editor. Our marshal, Mark Kranz, kept his position from last semester, and our faculty advisor remained Dr. James Brumbelow. Seventeen new members were initiated: Ryan Ard, Jorge Urquidi, Daniel Frazier, Hannah Chartouni, Wade Smith, Brice Nichols, Matthew Keil, Ryan Spears, Kristin Bartlett, Brian Watts, Kristopher Swanson, Elias Potts, Jordan Schafer, James Sebesta, Dustin Stoudt, Nathan Petter, and Don Nash II (from Texas A&M – Prairie View). (see photo at right) The service projects included Big Event (which is the largest, one-day, student-run service project in the nation), volunteering at the graduation banquet, and passing out Chi Epsilon stoles to graduates. The socials included meeting at local restaurants, playing sand volleyball, and having a barbecue at the park. In addition to these events, Texas A&M sent 3 of our officers, Cynthia Vail, Julia Roessler, and Mark Kranz, to the 2010 National Conclave at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

University of Texas-El Paso

Activities from May 15th, 2009 – May 15th, 2010

Service to the Community: Adopt a Highway - Chi Epsilon will adopt a highway and members will conduct a yearly clean up as a commemoration of Earth day. Habitat for Humanity - Members will volunteer to work on a Habitat for Humanity project, which helps build homes for underprivileged individuals. Canned food drive - Members performed a canned food drive for shelters in our sister city, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.
“Toys for Tots” - Chi Epsilon participated in several charitable donation drives, including donation of toys for underprivileged children.

Service to the Department of Civil Engineering: Civil Engineering Alumni Luncheon - Members assisted with the Civil Engineering Alumni Luncheon that the university hosts each year on December. Civil Engineering Senior Banquet - On May 14, 2010, Chi Epsilon will hosted and assisted with preparations of the spring 2010 Civil Engineering Senior Banquet. The chapter president, Joseph Pinon, had requested $500 from the Student Government in order to access funds to help purchase materials for this semesters Senior Banquet. $250 granted to Chi Epsilon was used to purchase UTEP themed construction hard hats which were awarded to this semesters graduates during the Senior Banquet.

Fundraising Activities: Marble Ice Cream Fundraiser - On April 30, 2010, the organization promoted ice cream sale to benefit Chi Epsilon. Chocolate Covered Strawberries Fundraiser - This activity will help gather funds for the organization by selling chocolate covered strawberries at the UTEP campus.

New Members and Officers
On December 15, 2009, for the fall semester, officers accompanied by faculty member Dr. Carlos Chang inducted the following student members: Michael Bevilacqua, Jessica Chavez, Ada Judith Ortega, Iskra Rodriguez, Alicia Romo, Daniel Saenz, Melissa Sanchez, Jose Osiris Viana-Bencomo, and Jahziel Villegas. At the completion of the initiation, officers for the 2009-2010 school year were elected. These new officers are: Joseph Pinon, president; Alicia Romo, vice-president; Michael Bevilacqua, secretary; Jorge A. Martinez, treasurer; Iskra Rodriguez, associate editor; and Alex Celis, marshal. (see photo at left)

University of Toledo

The University of Toledo chapter of Chi Epsilon had another great semester. We remained active on and off campus. One service project which our chapter participated in was a Clean Our Streams project. For the project, we teamed up with one of the University’s fraternities, Sigma Phi Epsilon, to pick up trash along a stream which runs through the University of Toledo campus. Other members also remained loyal to ASCE, and participated in the annual concrete canoe project. As usual, our chapter continued to remain helpful in the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Toledo.

In the fall, on December 6th, 2009, our chapter initiated a total of six new members. New members included: Allan Domalski, Brad Brocker, Clinton Kuenzli, Derek Haury, Erik Dickinson, and Shou Xu. On that same day in December, new officers were signed into office for the spring. The newly elected cabinet is composed of Joel Kozlesky, president; Justin Kis, vice-president; Colin Serne, secretary; Brad Brocker, associate editor; and Laura Cardwell, marshal.

The University of Toledo chapter is excited and proud to announce that it will be hosting the Great Lakes District Conference in the spring of 2011. Although still quite some time away, we have already started to begin plans. The conference is sure to be a good time while still furthering the knowledge of the participants in civil engineering.
Trine University

The Trine University chapter of Chi Epsilon enjoyed another great year. Our chapter welcomed five new members in the fall of 2009 and 3 new members in the spring of 2010. During the fall semester the elected officers were: Thomas McNicholas, president; Eric Everett, vice-president; Katlyn Pero, treasurer; Megan Rowe, secretary; Rudy Cantrell, associate editor; and Pablo Cortegoso, marshal. The following were also initiated but not board members: Nick Savage, Matt Shergalis, Vince Mueser, and Dustin Minard. For the spring semester the newly elected officers were: Travis Skaggs, president; Katlyn Pero, vice-president; Nick Savage, treasurer; Melissa Terry, secretary; Matt Shergalis, associate editor; and Michael Kalberg, marshal. Nathan Edwards was also initiated. Dr. Timothy Tyler remained as the faculty advisor.

Trine University Chi Epsilon members are involved in several activities on and around campus. Many members competed in the ASCE concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions. Our plans for next year are to participate in the ASCE Great Lakes Conference once again. We also plan to work with Habitat for Humanity in an effort to serve out community and mentor our fellow engineers in courses and getting them involved with events around campus.

University of Utah

The University of Utah chapter of Chi Epsilon had a great year. This year the chapter had a fall social, participated in the National Conclave, initiated new members, and hosted a spring banquet.

The fall social was held on Nov. 6, 2009. This was a night of playing games, eating good food and networking at the home of our faculty advisor. This is an event current members and prospective initiates look forward to every year.

Two members of the chapter, Jim Ries and Brandon Besser, along with faculty advisor, Dr. Janice Chambers, traveled to the National Conclave at the University of Alabama. Here the trio enjoyed workshops and mingling with other schools and professionals.

The initiation banquet was held on April 6, 2010. This year the University of Utah chapter initiated 8 new members: Levi Roberts, David Thomas, Andrea Umphenour, Anna Weidner, Amanda Gilliland, Joshua Petersen, Tommy Nyugen, and David Young. (see photo at right)

Along with the initiation banquet, new officers were elected. The outgoing officers were: James Ries, president; Rachel Bytheway, vice-president; Stephan Woll, secretary; Megan Crump, treasurer; Brandon Besser, marshal; and Brett Raddon, associate editor. The outgoing officers provided great leadership and planned successful events throughout the year. The incoming officers are: Levi Roberts, president; David Thomas, vice-president; Anna Weidner, secretary; Andrea Umphenour, treasurer; Daniel Young, marshal; and Tommy Nguyen, associate editor. After the initiation of the new members and officers, dinner was served followed by an inspirational address from Richard Brown, Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Utah. Dean Brown spoke about the major role civil engineers play in society and he finished off his speech with words of encouragement. Chi Epsilon continues to encourage civil engineers to pursue excellence and lifelong learning.
University of Vermont

The University of Vermont (UVM), Chi Epsilon chapter 72, is presenting this article to Chi Epsilon Headquarters detailing chapter activity and community involvement over the 2009-2010 academic year.

September 21 – October 11: Chi Epsilon officers scheduled review sessions for UVM undergraduates intending on taking the fall FE exam.

January 22 – 30: Chi Epsilon officers held a pool tournament on the UVM campus to raise money for the UVM Engineers Without Borders student chapter. Approximately $120.00 was raised and is currently being used to help fund a water treatment project in Honduras.

March 11 – 13: Chi Epsilon officers, Michael Bogue, president, and Josh Tyler, treasurer, attended the 2010 National Conclave at the University of Alabama.

March 22 – April 9: Chi Epsilon officers scheduled review sessions for UVM undergraduates intending on taking the spring FE exam.

April 26: Chi Epsilon officers held an initiation for incoming members and elections for the proceeding cabinet.

The 2010-2011 Chi Epsilon cabinet met on May 3, to outline and discuss our goals for the summer and upcoming academic year. It has been decided to increase the number of fundraisers and to continue scheduling of the FE review sessions. The current and incoming Chi Epsilon officers are optimistic about the upcoming school year and as always encourage all members to be active and positive members of our community.

Villanova University

The Villanova University chapter of Chi Epsilon had a very successful year during the 2009-2010 academic season. The chapter continued with the growth and development of its tutoring services. The Villanova Chi Epsilon office was completely modernized and re-organized in hopes of attracting more students for tutoring. Furthermore, our advertising and marketing strategies for tutoring included posting flyers and posters all over campus, as well as going into the classroom of undergraduates and personally speaking to them about our services. Because of these efforts, the tutoring services really took off this year, with over 30 students visiting our office for tutoring, and nearly 75 hours of tutoring hours performed by members of the Villanova Chi Epsilon chapter.

Furthermore, the Villanova chapter of Chi Epsilon successfully initiated 20 new members into the chapter. (see photo at left) After meeting all of the requirements, the candidates for initiation were required to write an essay explaining their desire to join Chi Epsilon and their goals as a civil engineer. The candidates were fully initiated into the chapter on Saturday, February 20, 2010, during a formal ritual ceremony, followed by a reception for the new initiates, family, and guests on Villanova’s campus. The chapter then successfully elected the new officers for 2010-2011, which are: Michael Miller, president; Stephen Kane, vice-president; Louis Ross, treasurer; Lauren Havener, secretary; Daniel Love, associate editor; and Michael Mignella, marshal.
The Villanova chapter of Chi Epsilon also assisted the University and the College of Engineering in other capacities. The chapter was charged with providing tours of all of the civil engineering laboratories during open houses and prospective student visit days. Furthermore, Chi Epsilon participated in the community service program “V.E.S.T.E.D” where for one Saturday afternoon, Chi Epsilon members worked with 30 high school students from academically disadvantaged schools in inner-city Philadelphia. These students were brought to Villanova’s campus, and Chi Epsilon members worked on civil engineering related projects with them, such as pouring concrete, testing concrete to failure, and doing simple design calculations, all in an effort to educate and raise awareness of what civil engineers do, and the possibility that those students could pursue a career in Civil Engineering if they so wished.

All in all, the Villanova chapter had a very successful year, and the officers and members of the class of 2010 want to wish the best of luck to the Class of 2011 as they continue to grow and enhance Chi Epsilon on Villanova’s campus.

University of Virginia

On April 20, 2010, seven new members were initiated and new officers elected: Lindsey Jones, president; Nina Ruhte, vice-president; Caroline Price, associate editor; Bailey Wilson, secretary; Daniel HaileSelassie, treasurer; and Ethan Heil, marshal.

Several of our current members are graduating in May 2010 and entering graduate studies as follows: Angelica Perez De La Rosa, environmental engineering at the University of Michigan; Luke Wildfire, biological and environmental systems engineering at Virginia Tech; Jennifer Diggs, structural engineering, mechanics and materials at the University of California, Berkeley; Daniel HaileSelassie will be studying structural engineering at the University of Virginia; and Jessica Wakeman will be studying structural engineering at Lehigh University.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

The Virginia Tech chapter of Chi Epsilon had a very successful year. Thirty-four students were initiated in the fall and twenty-one students again in the spring, including fifteen graduate students. The chapter was pleased to elevate Arthur McKinney and S. Kendall Anderson as Chapter Honor Members. The chapter was also pleased to have their nominations recognized this past year: Claire McKenzie was selected as the Cumberland District Scholarship recipient for 2010 and Dr. Randel Dymond received both the Cumberland District Excellence in Teaching Award and the James M. Robbins National Excellence in Teaching Award.

Both current members and new initiates participated in the bi-annual Adopt-A-Spot highway clean-up and volunteered in weekly tutoring sessions for undergraduate students in need of further academic guidance. The chapter teamed with the ASCE student group at Tech, and successfully connected members with future employers through networking socials in the fall and spring. In contrast with college career fairs, our networking socials proved successful in providing our members with a more comfortable and private setting to learn more about future career opportunities. In early April, the Chi Epsilon team raised almost $1100 for cancer research and treatment by participating in Relay for Life. Virginia Tech hosts the largest campus Relay for Life in the country and the chapter was proud to be a part of the event.

The 2009-2010 officers were: Paul Zheng, president; Kyle White, vice-president; Francis Pesce, secretary; Stephen Litsas, treasurer; Nash Pleasant, marshal; Patricia Merrill, associate editor; Roger Arnold, tutoring coordinator; and Peter Kauffmann, webmaster. The incoming officers selected are: Nash Pleasant, president; Roger Arnold, vice-president; John Francis Pesce, secretary; Stephen Litsas, treasurer; Nick
Fugaro, marshal; Mallory Barkdull, tutoring coordinator; and Jaque Dalrymple, webmaster. In keeping with tradition, past officers were commended for their service over dinner and shared their experiences with the incoming officers. The new executive board hopes to further the community outreach of the chapter and build stronger campus awareness of the society.

University of Washington at St Louis

In the spring of 2009, the Washington University in St. Louis chapter of Chi Epsilon welcomed five new undergraduate members: Nora Palitz, William Fischer, Hana Laurila, Paula Davis, and Emily Greenseth. The following new members were elected as officers: Hana Laurila, president, Emily Greenseth, vice-president/treasurer, William Fischer, marshal, and Paula Davis, secretary/associate editor.

Since initiation, we’ve spent a lot of time working on various projects, including a project to design earthquake resistant housing for Haiti, numerous bridge and building design projects, and a water focused, St. Louis specific project. Unfortunately, this is the last year for Chi Epsilon at Washington University in St. Louis, as the School of Engineering and Applied Science has reorganized its engineering majors.

Wayne State University

This year the Wayne State University chapter of Chi Epsilon has made some excellent achievements. On April 23, 2010 eleven new members of the Wayne State University chapter were initiated. The elected officers installed are Anthony Vitti, president; Jason Pittenger, vice-president; Giampiero Serra, secretary/treasurer; Jamil Jamil, associate editor; and Renardo Bezatin, marshal. The remaining initiates are Mohammed Arabi, Jeffrey Hanselman, Abdul Kuaryouti, Anel Melkic, Ryan Todd, and Elibe Elibe.

Following the initiation ceremony, a banquet was held at Mario’s Italian Restaurant near the Wayne State campus. At the banquet, all members initiated along with past members and family from around the area and local industry joined in the celebration. Also in attendance were the outgoing, Dr. Eugene Glysson, and incoming, Dr. Thomas Wolff, Great Lakes District Councillors. (see photo above)

Several chapter members participated in the NCCC concrete canoe competition along side WSU’s ASCE chapter. (see photo at left) This was the second year the two chapters have participated in this competition and had great success. The team was made up of approximately 25 members comprised of members of both Chi Epsilon and ASCE.
The event was hosted by Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI on March 28th. Our team managed to take 4th place overall in the competition – an improvement from last year’s 5th place finish. Several WSU Chi Epsilon members were also involved with the steel bridge competition, also held at Western Michigan University in late March. This was the first year that WSU has fielded a steel bridge team. Working together with the WSU ASCE chapter, our Chi Epsilon chapter hopes to make both the concrete canoe and steel bridge competitions a tradition at Wayne State.

This year has been a big success for the Wayne State University Chi Epsilon chapter. Through hard work and participation in regional events, the chapter hopes to gain a stronger foundation in the civil engineering community both locally and nationally.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

During the 2009-2010 school year, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Chi Epsilon chapter saw their group transform as new members took the reins. The group as a whole participated in many volunteer events as well as began some new practices geared at informing the entire civil engineering department, faculty and students, about the practices and focus of Chi Epsilon.

Fall 2009

During the fall semester, Chi Epsilon focused its energy on Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods. The event is hosted by the Madison chapter with participation from several other engineering student organizations, such as ASCE. The event was a success, raising and donating just over 5000 lbs of food to our local branch of Second Harvest Food Pantry.

The initiation banquet was held December 6, 2009, where Chi Epsilon welcomed: Caroline Boecher, Jason Briggs, Scot Lauwasser, Casey Wesinger, and Ray Wu. The officers elected to lead during the spring 2010 semester were: Amanda Winters, president; Connor Fischer, vice-president; Brent Ellison, secretary; Jason Lyons, treasurer; Derrick Anderson, marshal; and Bryan Pitterle, associate editor.

Spring 2010

In the spring semester, Chi Epsilon volunteered to help grade tests for MathCounts!, a local math contest for middle school children.

Chi Epsilon also held a spring initiation on May 2, 2010, adding Bryan Haas as a member. The newly elected officers for the fall 2010 semester are: Amanda Winters, president; Sean Scott, vice-president; Brent Ellison, secretary; Caroline Boecher, treasurer; Derrick Anderson, marshal; and Bryan Pitterle, associate editor.

The UW-Madison chapter is also proud to have Professor Steven Loheide as our new faculty advisor. Prof. Loheide will act as a constant in our chapter to help make the frequent turnovers between old and new members run smoothly as well as provide advice from a professional perspective.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

This year, the Worcester Polytechnic Institute chapter of Chi Epsilon participated in several open houses by speaking to prospective students about their experiences in the Civil Engineering Department at WPI. Junior members of the society also helped with the annual Project Presentation Day by greeting guests and assisting professors and judges.

In the past year, two initiations were held and 14 new members were initiated including: Mark Brodaski, Ralph Campanelli, Jennifer Lee, Timothy Manchester, Madison Paulino, Trevor Bertin, Aaron Champagne, Matthew Crocker, Richard Emberley, Christin Grygorciewicz, Jafferji Hajar, Paul Moan, Kelsey
McMenamy, and James Ricci.

Several chapter members showed great achievements by winning individual and team awards this academic year: Individual award winners were: Liz Schreiber, who received the Civil Engineering Salisbury Prize and Andrew Holt Memorial Award, and Carly Willmott, who was also a recipient of the Andrew Holt Memorial Award. Team award winners included: Hilary Rotatori and Liz Schreiber, who were part a team that were finalists in the WPI President’s Interactive Qualifying Project Awards, Julie Marquis and Hilary Rotatori, who were part of a team that won the WPI Civil Engineering Department Alumni Major Qualifying Project (MQP) Award/Provost’s MQP Award for Civil Engineering, and Liz Schreiber, who was part of a team that won the Provost’s MQP Award for Environmental Engineering.

Thank you to the outgoing officers for the 2009-2010 school year who were Hilary Rotatori, president; Evan Guarino, vice-president; Liz Schreiber, secretary; Jeff Root, treasurer; and Carly Willmott, marshal. Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the 2010-2011 school year who are Kelsey McMenamy, president; Matthew Crocker, vice-president; Trevor Bertin, secretary; Christin Grygorcewicz, treasurer; and Jim Ricci, marshal.