President’s Message

Elsewhere in this issue you will find announced the results of the Beta Phi Mu elections. Congratulations to Anna Perrault, who was elected Vice-President/President-Elect, and to Nick Burckel, who was re-elected to a second term as Director-At-Large.

The position of Vice-President is actually a six-year commitment to service, two years each as Vice-President, President, and Past President. Next June, at the Annual Membership Meeting, Michael Havener, Dean of the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Rhode Island, will step up from his position as Vice-President and begin his two-year term as President, and Anna Perrault will begin her two-year term as Vice-President. The society will be in good hands under their leadership.

Each year Beta Phi Mu awards five scholarships and the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. Applications for all scholarships and fellowships are accepted beginning November 15, so now is the time to encourage anyone interested in the financial aid the Beta Phi Mu provides to consider completing an application. Full information on the scholarships, and application procedures and information are available on the Beta Phi Mu web site. http://www.beta-phi-mu.org .

Look Out! Beta Phi Mu website is getting an updated look...

Under the instructional guidance of Dr. Laurie Bonnici, students in the Department of Information Technology at Georgia Southern University will be redesigning the Beta Phi Mu website. As an initial step in this process, Board members and chapter representatives were asked to review the website and provide suggestions for the update via an electronic survey. Dr. Bonnici and her students will review the survey results and design a more streamlined and informative webpage for Beta Phi Mu members.

And now an introduction to the redesign team:

Dr. Laurie Bonnici
Laurie Bonnici is currently Assistant Professor at Georgia Southern University, College of Information Technology. Her teaching assignments include courses in the foundations of information technology, Web design and development, and management of information technology. As a faculty member, Dr. Bonnici leads students in supervised, real life work processes putting to work knowledge, concepts, and skills learned in the classroom.

-continued on page 2
Congratulations Anna Perrault and Nick Burckel
Elections for the position of Vice-President and Director-At-Large were conducted this summer. Beta Phi Mu members have elected Anna Perrault as the Vice-President and Nick Burckel to his second term as Director-At-Large. Congratulations Anna and Nick!

Message from Nick Burckel
I'm flattered to be re-elected to the Board. To be a member of BPM is an honor; to serve on its board is especially gratifying. I look forward to another productive term with a team that has increased the visibility and activity of BPM.
-Nick Burckel

Message from Anna Perrault
I, too, am excited and honored to be elected as Vice-President/President-Elect of Beta Phi Mu. It will be a challenge to work with the Board and chapters to expand the diversity of membership and increase visibility while at the same time strengthening the traditional values of Beta Phi Mu — scholarship, leadership, and service.
-Anna Perrault

- redesign continued from page 1

Dr. Bonnici is currently co-principal investigator for Project Athena: Spinning the Web of Our Future, a $486,000 grant project funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). She has previously been funded on other projects including a Florida State University grant to develop a web-based research interface.

Prior to her current position, she was an assistant professor at Texas Woman's University, School of Library and Information Studies. Dr. Bonnici also held a position on faculty at the FSU, Panama Campus where she worked on establishing a distance education program in Information Studies for Latin American students.

Dr. Bonnici actively serves the profession. She currently is a board member for the Association of Library and Information Science Education. She served as Acting Director of Beta Phi Mu in 2001-2002. She is a member of Beta Phi Mu holding membership in the Gamma Chapter.

Georgia Southern University
Department of Information Technology

The Department of Information Technology at Georgia Southern University was officially established on July 1, 2003. It is one of three departments constituting the College of Information Technology with sister departments of Computer Science and Information Systems. Housed in a brand new, 3 million dollar state of the art building, faculty in the Department of IT teach students the importance of meeting the needs of users in an organizational and societal context through the selection, creation, deployment and integration of computing technologies. I.T. is a blending of information systems, computer science, and computer engineering integrating all three disciplines in order to build and support modern applications. I.T. is designed to produce a thorough understanding of algorithmic processes, programming, computing theory, computer architecture, network administration, system design and development, and applications related to the management of information.

Beta Phi Mu Member Receives Award
Library of Michigan Genealogy Specialist and Beta Phi Mu member Carole Callard was awarded the 2003 P. William Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship by the National Genealogical Society for her significant contribution to genealogy statewide and nationally.