PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Chi Sigma Iota activities at the AACD convention in New Orleans were a smashing success, as you will read elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. One event of particular significance to me was the passing of the gavel from our Founding President, Dr. Tom Sweeney. Need I tell any of you that he is one tough act to follow?! Tom's leadership abilities are legend, and his visions of things that could be are what created this organization. It is incumbent upon each of us to continue what he has begun, and to expand the membership and services of a worldwide honor society in counseling.

As my year as President begins, I am impressed with what Chi Sigma Iota is, and more so with what it can become. Our potential is limited only by the creativity and energy of you, our members. We want and need your input. We will be publishing a survey in the next issue of the newsletter asking for your input.

In the meantime, you can help by reading over the goals below for the coming year, and writing me if there is any way you can help make these goals a reality. My four goals for CSI for the year are as follows:

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The next year promises to be a great one - with your help! Please let me hear from you so CSI can continue to be responsive to your needs.

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CSI in the Future

With new service awards (Dr. Rose Cooper) and research awards (Dr. Nicholas Vacc) committees now under able leadership, you can expect to see the essence of the Society becoming even more visible. Likewise, Dr. Jan Gill-Wigal, who so ably designed and conducted the first statewide CSI chapters conference in our history, will be our membership committee chair.

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Honorary Initiates

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The initiation of these truly outstanding professionals enhances CSI in many ways, not the least of which is that CSI is honored by their membership acceptances. Dr. Charles L. Lewis, CSI Member-at-Large, was responsible for bringing together these fine professionals and CSI, and all CSI members owe him a debt of gratitude for his efforts.

A MAJOR SUCCESS!

One of the highlights of the 1987 AACD Convention in New Orleans was a theme session sponsored by CSI. The session, entitled "Scholars Across the Generations," was attended by over 750 persons. The session was developed through the efforts of Dr. Charles Lewis (CSI Member-at-Large), was coordinated by Dr. Thomas Sweeney (then CSI President) and Ms. Dixie Gilbert Rogers (Chairperson of the AACD Graduate Student Committee), and featured Drs. C. Gilbert Wrenn, John Holland, and Donald Super (recent honored initiates; see related story elsewhere in this newsletter).

Drs. Wrenn, Holland, and Super first each made brief presentations to the entire group and then spoke informally to one of three smaller subgroups of those attending. Feedback on the session was overwhelmingly positive. The most frequent comment from those attending was that they greatly appreciated the opportunity to interact informally with esteemed professionals whom they had long admired from afar. CSI received substantial praise about the session and was greatly appreciative of those who participated.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FORMING

Dr. Janet Gill-Wigal, Assistant Professor at Youngstown State University, has been appointed chair of the newly-formed Membership Committee of Chi Sigma Iota, International. She is presently in the process of forming a committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact her. The duties of the Membership committee are:

--to promote membership in Chi Sigma Iota
--to design and implement promotional activities and procedures
--to design and distribute membership brochures as needed
--to analyze lapsed membership and suggest appropriate action
--to prepare articles for the CSI Newsletter
--to prepare an annual plan for membership recruitment
--to prepare annual report for the President

A membership questionnaire is included with this newsletter and another will be distributed soon to all Chi Sigma Iota chapters. These questionnaires will provide the committee with initial data to begin their work. Dr. Gill-Wigal can be contacted at 216-742-1936. If you have any questions, or are willing to serve, please call her.

NEW CHAPTERS OF CSI:

Alpha Kappa, 4-1-87
Catholic Univ. of Puerto Rico
Ponce, Puerto Rico

Alpha Lambda, 4-2-87
Manhattan College
Riverdale, NY

Upsilon Theta Chi, 4-2-87
Univ. of Tennessee
Chattanooga, TN

Alpha Mu, 4-16-87
Walsh College
Canton, OH
CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA
(Ohio Univ.)

"The Alpha Connection", the newsletter of Alpha Chapter, was full of exciting news and plans for the year. Members have attended a number of state conferences as both speakers and presenters. A recent speaker for one of the bi-monthly chapter meetings was Leslie Johnson, Director of Adult and Child Outpatient Treatment at the local mental health center. Dr. Johnson presented on "Treatment Issues for Survivors of Sexual Abuse." Dr. Carol Disque presented at another meeting on the topic of "Careers in Counseling, using projections for the future based on demographic data as well as social concerns.

Alpha Chapter also co-sponsored the Ohio Valley Counselors Conference, an annual conference attended by both community and school professional counselors. The theme was "Counselor Credentialing: Implications for the Future."

BETA
(Univ. of Florida)

Beta Chapter sponsored a one-day workshop for counselors titled "Adlerian Lifestyle Assessment." Tom Sweeney, recognized for his leadership and expertise in Adlerian Counseling, was the presenter. Participants received CEUs for the workshop, which included a catered lunch.

Fees for the workshop were on a sliding scale, with CSI members paying $10 and non-members $20. Members of the Counselor Education Student Association (CESA) paid $12. The workshop was a great success, and the chapter is planning similar programs for the future. A reception and initiation were held the evening before the workshop, with an address on excellence given by Dr. Sweeney.

Beta is planning an innovative series of speakers and programs for the coming year. The first was an attorney from the local office of the Florida Drug Enforcement Agency. Mr. Harris Tobin spoke on the role of attorneys in enforcement of drug abuse laws and discussed how his staff decides to recommend prosecution or rehabilitation for offenders.

ALPHA BETA
(Emporia State Univ.)

Alpha Beta held its organizational meeting on February 11th. Members voted to wear their CSI lapel pins to the Kansas A& convention and distribute brochures to interested persons. A social also was planned during the convention.

Members were surveyed to determine their interests and needs which the chapter could fulfill. Academic/educational programs were most desired, with topics such as suicide, substance abuse, child abuse, eating disorders, and extended (step) families receiving the most votes. Members also wanted more social activities and opportunities to interact informally.

ETA
(Youngstown State Univ.)

Eta Chapter planned and implemented a statewide training workshop for CSI members and other counselors and over 130 persons registered for the conference. Even though the worst snowstorm in 17 years hit the evening prior to the sessions, over half of the registrants attended. There were 13 different presentations, each sponsored by one of the CSI chapters in the state. Each of the six CSI chapters in the state were represented. The keynote speaker was Dr. Jim Rhonda, a Pulitzer Prize nominee, who spoke on the art of encouragement. Evaluations of the sessions were overwhelmingly positive.

NU
(SUNY at Brockport)

News from "Nu Insights," the newsletter of Nu Chapter, reflects numerous ongoing activities, plus a lot of pride that Nu Chapter President Joe Kandor was elected President-Elect of CSI International. A number of committees have been activated, including membership, awards, newsletter, mentoring, nominations/elections, bylaws, reading/case study, and program planning.

Ongoing professional development activities of the chapter include the mentoring program and the reading circle/case study group. Nu members meet every other month for networking and always have a speaker to promote the continuing education of members.
**ALPHA ZETA**  
(Our Lady of Holy Cross)

Alpha Zeta held their first initiation ceremony in conjunction with Alpha Eta Chapter in New Orleans. Twenty-eight members attended and enjoyed the view of the Mississippi River from the famous Algiers Landing restaurant.

"Alpha Zeta Bits" is the name of the chapter newsletter, which contains information on upcoming professional development activities for members. President-Elect Sr. Immaculata Paisant served as local arrangements chair for CSI activities at the New Orleans convention. Sybil Skansi, President, noted the chapter's pleasure at being able to express their Southern hospitality to the total CSI membership!

**ALPHA IOTA**  
(Loyola Coll. - Baltimore)

Loyola held its second induction of new members on May 2nd. Dr. Jane Myers, CSI President, attended and assisted with the initiation ceremony. Dr. Don McBrien, Guidance Coordinator for the Baltimore County Public Schools, spoke on the changing role of the counselor and challenges in the years ahead. The meeting included a brunch, and was held in the student center on the Loyola College campus.

Outgoing Chapter President Edie Picken passed the gavel to the new President, Jackie Love. Jackie then passed out a sign up sheet for the chapter's committees, including membership, hospitality, speakers, steering, bylaws, and awards committees.

**ALPHA ETA**  
(Univ. of New Orleans)

Alpha Eta held a joint initiation with Alpha Zeta Chapter. For the full story, see the ALPHA ZETA article.

Chapter president Dr. Louis Paradise gave a talk on the origin and future of CSI.

**THETA CHI**  
(San Francisco State)

Theta Chi initiated 49 members last fall, with then CSI President Tom Sweeney speaking to commemorate the occasion. Since then the chapter has been very active with meetings and the initiation of a quarterly newsletter titled "Theta Chi Connections."

The first issue of Theta Chi Connections included an article from Linda Van Sciver. Linda stated that "I recently completed the licensing exam and am here to say I survived. The horror stories are all true!" Though the test was hard, Linda reports that she passed. Other chapter members are encouraged to have hope - the exam is passable!

**IOTA CHAPTER**  
(Non-USA Activities)

**INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY CONFERENCE PLANNED**

The Third International Consultation on Counseling Disabled People and Their Families is planned for July 4-8, 1987 in Vienna, Austria. IRTAC (International Round Table for the Advancement of Counseling), under the auspices of Rehabilitation International, has planned a stimulating program combined with opportunities for social and professional interaction with counselors from around the world. For more information, contact the CSI International headquarters.

**SOURCES OF INTERCULTURAL INFORMATION**

Intercultural Press, Inc., P.O. Box 768, Yarmouth, Maine, 04096, USA (207-846-5168) publishes a variety of books on cross cultural training subjects. Intercultural books are available for business, education, and training. Titles listed in the current brochure include *On Being Foreign*, *The Handbook of Foreign Student Advising*, *Survival Kit for Overseas Living*, and *Host Family Survival Kit*.
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Nominee for CSI President-Elect:
Address: _______________________________________

Office Telephone: _______________________________________

Nominee for CSI Secretary:
Address: _______________________________________

Office Telephone: _______________________________________

Nominee for CSI Treasurer:
Address: _______________________________________

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Nominee for CSI Board Member:
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CSI Member and Chapter submitting this nomination:
Name: _______________________________________

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Your efforts are applauded.
CHI SIGMA IOTA MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

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Dr. Jan Gill-Wigal, Chair
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Youngstown State University
Youngstown, OH 44555

Name: ____________________________________

Address: ________________________________ Phone #: (O) ______________ (H) ______________

Current Professional Position: ________________________________

Student: ___ Program: M.S./Ed.S. ___ Ph.D./Ed.D. ___
Counselor ___ specialization: ____________________________
Counselor Educator ___ specialization: ____________________
Other: ____________________________________________

List other honorary societies to which you belong:

List other professional associations of which you are a member:

How long have you been a member of CSI? ______ years

Have you renewed your CSI membership? yes ___ no ___

What are the major reasons you renewed and/or plan to renew your membership?

What major benefits does membership in CSI provide for you (check all that apply):

In your chapter:

___ opportunity for networking
___ social activities
___ educational programs
___ recognition for excellence
___ opportunity for leadership
Through the International Office:

- certificate
- lapel pin
- newsletter
- participation in international meetings
- other: ____________________________

What more would you like in the way of benefits and services from:

Your chapter:

CSI International:

What changes, if any, would you like to see in the CSI Newsletter?

What direction would you like to see CSI take in the future?

Please add any additional comments you may have: