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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Diamond Jubilee Celebration, Alpha Chapter, University of the Philippines

Recently the Philippines Alpha Chapter at the University of Philippines, which began in 1932, held its historical Diamond Jubilee 75th Anniversary Celebration. The Philippine Alpha Chapter has been one of our most active chapters characterized by excellent leadership and loyalty to the values of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society. The name of Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society was changed to Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society because of the influence of the excellent work of the Philippine Alpha chapter. I was honored to attend and participate in the celebration on March 7, 2007, which was held at the University of the Philippines in Quezon City, Philippines.

As I arrived at 1:00 AM and took a taxi through the streets of the Philippines to get to my hotel, I had a feeling of excitement ahead and renewing acquaintances, since the last PGM President Eugene Miller had visited in the summer of 1980.

As we walked in the procession of students, faculty, and administrators during the celebration, we all knew that the student leaders honored on this day would be the future leaders of the Philippines and that this was an important historical occasion. The unique influence of the Philippines Alpha chapter is recorded in Dr. Scott Johnston's, *Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science First 75 Years*:

"Again the quality of the people elected to the Philippines Alpha chapter has been most impressive. They have included two Presidents of the Republic, two Prime Ministers, a dozen Supreme Court Justices, and two dozen Cabinet members. Concerning the University of the Philippines itself, there have been six Presidents, a dozen Vice Chancellors and dozens upon dozens of Deans of the University."

I could not begin to describe the gracious friendliness of the Alpha chapter. Dr. Elizabeth Ventura, Alpha Chapter President, was very kind in taking me to historical locations and museums in Manila and on campus. The initiation and celebrations had a majesty and elegance that is unequalled. It was my pleasure to present the Board of Trustees Chapter Excellence Award to the Alpha chapter during their Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

I enjoyed meeting with faculty administrators, students, and with the University of the Philippines President Eralinda Roman. Her skills and leadership in leading a multi-campus university system are impressive. Chancellor Sergio Cao and the deans, faculty and students all extended a warm welcome to me and to all of Pi Gamma Mu.

Making an academic presentation in their visiting scholar



PGM Officers met with Dr. Emerlinda Roman, President of the University of the Philippines prior to the Alpha Chapter Diamond Jubilee Celebration of their 75th anniversary. Some of those present for the planning meeting included left to right: Dr. Elizabeth Ventura, PGM Alpha Chapter President, Dr. Gordon Mercer, PGM International President, Dr. Emerlinda Roman, President of the University of the Philippines and PGM Philippines Governor Ofelia Angangco. Dr. Emerlinda Roman gave the final challenge to students at the Alpha Chapter Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

series in The College of Arts and Sciences on the Globalization of World Leadership gave me a chance to interact directly with faculty and students. As the visit ended and we said our goodbyes, PGM Governor Ofelia Angangco hosted a dinner at their Alumni House, which was very elegant.

Key leaders of this chapter, Dr. Elizabeth Ventura, Dr. Cecilia Conoco, Dr. Luisa Camagay, Prof. Eliseo A. De Guzman, Dr. Elena Pernia and Prof. Ofelia Angangco, have been so important in shaping the future of the Alpha chapter, and all of Pi Gamma Mu joins me in saying how much their leadership and guidance of this chapter means to us.

We discussed a future international meeting for prospective Pi Gamma Mu chapters in Asia, but this will require some grant funding. We hope this event will happen. The University of the Philippines has an entire chapter devoted to them in our history. It is well deserved and our board appreciated the invitation to be part of this historical celebration.

Gordon Mercer
PGM International President

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Anytime you move, such as after graduation, please notify the Pi Gamma Mu office immediately. This will prevent your mailings from being interrupted or discontinued. The International Social Science Review is not forwarded by the post office, so we don't know if you receive it. The PGM Newsletter is returned, but it now costs us \$.75 for each piece of mail that is returned by the postal service. Just mail a change of address card, post card, letter, email (pgm@sckans.edu) or go to our website (www.pigammamu.org) to change your address information. We need your name, as well as your old and new address.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE IMPORTANT

Chapter sponsors will soon be receiving their Annual Report forms. We will put the form on our website for those of you who would like to send it over the internet. It is very important that sponsors fill it out and return it to headquarters.

If you would like to see your chapter's activities mentioned in the *PGM Newsletter*, you must send in your Annual Report and tell us what your chapter has been doing this year. Even better, send us **pictures** to put in the *PGM Newsletter* to accompany the

activities you sponsored. You can send the pictures attached to an email to headquarters – they work great that way.

You need to brag about your students and what they are doing. We don't know what happens on your campus unless you inform us, so please take a few minutes to fill out the Annual Report. We have extended the deadline to September 1 to have the report back at headquarters.

SURPRISE AWARD

A surprise award was made to former PGM President Kay Anderson recently. Here is the presentation that was made to her by the current chapter sponsor during the most recent induction ceremony for new members of this chapter.

"Tonight we would like to make a presentation to Professor Kay Anderson, who from 1977 through 2006, served as the faculty advisor for the Zeta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu at Mary Hardin Baylor. Many of you are aware that her service was not limited to the local chapter of Pi Gamma Mu. She became the Pi Gamma Mu Governor for Texas in 1979, and was elected to the Board of Trustees for the international organization in 1983, a position she has held ever since, including a term as board president, from 1996-2002.

In thanking her for all the time, effort, ideas, heart, sweat and tears that Professor Anderson has put into the organization, I don't believe that anything I could come up with says it better than what Connie Evers, one of her former students, who helped with the wording for the plaque, said:

"When I think of Kay Anderson I think—teacher, advisor, friend, advocate, educator (I am using a lot of social work terms here because she is social worker!) I also think—serving, caring, committed, dedicated, CRUSADER for LIFE. She not only was a prof at UMHB, she also is an alum. Kay loves UMHB, she loves Pi Gamma Mu, and she loves the students. She really dedicates



Dr. Janet Adamski presents Kay Anderson with her plaque

her life to UMHB and it is a better place because of her. There is not a plaque big enough to describe what she means to me and I know there are plenty of others who feel that way too."

Dr. Janet Adamski
Texas Zeta chapter sponsor

ROLLS ANNOUNCED

The Awards Committee of the Pi Gamma Mu Board of Trustees announced their decision on the Roll of Distinction and Roll of Merit at the annual meeting in October.

The Rolls are the result of the decision by the Awards Committee on the basis of the annual reports filed by responsible chapter officers. Among the criteria reported are facts indicative of the activity and effectiveness of the chapter on its campus, as well as its efficiency of operation according to procedures suggested or required by the international organization of Pi Gamma Mu. This includes chapter organization and participation by faculty and students, election and initiation of members, and financial responsibility. Local initiative in developing new activities or methods of operation is especially noted. These lists are in alphabetical order.

ROLL OF MERIT

Georgia Kappa, North Georgia College & State University, Thomas De Berry, Barry Friedman

Louisiana Eta, Grambling University, Frances Staten

New York Tau, Pace University, Linda Quest

North Carolina Delta, North Carolina Central University, Carlton Wilson, Lydia Lindsey

North Carolina Lambda, Western Carolina University, Gordon Mercer

Pennsylvania Kappa, Mansfield University, Janice Purk

Texas Sigma, Angelo State University, Paul Love, Sandy Love

West Virginia Theta, Bluefield State College, Patricia Mulvey, James Voelker

ROLL OF DISTINCTION

Maryland Gamma, Salisbury University, Clara Small, Richard Bowler, Melanie Perrault, Michael Lewis

Missouri Omicron, Evangel University, Luther Hall

Nebraska Delta, Wayne State College, Jean Karlen, Randy Bertolas

Nebraska Epsilon, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Loree Bykerk, Randall Adkins

Philippine Alpha, University of the Philippines, Elizabeth Ventura, Cecilia Gastardo-Conaco, Normita Recto, Eliseo de Guzman, Paz H. Diaz, Ma. Lourdes G. Rebullida

Virginia Delta, Emory & Henry College, Jack Roper, John Morgan

Virginia Epsilon, Radford University, Charles W. McClellan, Sharon Roger Hepburn, Kay Jordan, Mike Montgomery

OBITUARY

Dr. Ammon Kershner, age 86, passed away on January 22. Dr. Kershner retired from the English Department of West Chester University. He was the chapter sponsor of the Pennsylvania Omega PGM chapter there for many years. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends.

OUTSTANDING LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

This keynote address was delivered during the Annual Orientation for Incoming Members of Pi Gamma Mu, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Delta Chapter, Stiteler Hall, University of Pennsylvania, on April 17, 2007. A Scroll of Appreciation was presented to Dr. Wolpe for his outstanding keynote address during the chapter's first lecture after reactivating the chapter this year.

Bioethics and Disciplinarity in the Social Sciences

Paul Root Wolpe, Ph.D. (Yale)

Member, Executive Council, Pennsylvania Delta Chapter, Pi Gamma Mu
Professor of Psychiatry and Medical Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
Chief of Bioethics, NASA, and President, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

"I stand before you as a sociologist whose primary appointment is in the Department of Psychiatry, whose office is in the Center for Bioethics, who works at NASA with engineers and astronauts, and who is the President of an organization made up of philosophers, clinicians, theologians, legal scholars, and scholars of the humanities, as well as a smattering of social scientists. In the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, in fact, there are only a handful of sociologists. So, I live my life in a web of interdisciplinarity, which is something I value.

I was an undergraduate at Penn in the 1970s. In the years before I started as an undergraduate, interdisciplinary work, which had once been highly valued, had declined, in fact, had become the exception. Biologists did biology, sociologists did sociology. Some people crossed lines, but in general the boundaries between disciplines were firm.

It was just beginning to change when I got here, and I was delighted. I was a sophomore at Penn the first year they allowed individualized majors, a new idea at the time. I was one of the first to apply for one. I designed my major, called the social psychology of religion, to try and blend sociological and psychological perspectives on religious behavior.

Still, when the time came for graduate school, I applied to a traditional Department of Sociology. I believe strongly that people should be grounded in a discipline. I am opposed to Ph.D. programs that are content driven. I hope I am not offending anyone when I say this, but I do not believe you should be able to get a Ph.D. in Women's Studies, or American Studies, or Bioethics. We do not have a bioethics Ph.D. program here at Penn, only a Masters program, and I am fine with such Masters Programs; they are intended to supplement other degrees, not be ends in themselves. Nor, of course, am I against a Center for Women's Studies, or American studies, or Bioethics — I work in one.

The point is that first, one needs to be grounded in a discipline. I am all for making women's issues, or American studies, or bioethics your focus as you get your Ph.D. in Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, History, or Economics. But you need tools for intellectual inquiry, not just content. A discipline provides you with tools.

I'll tell you a dirty little secret of mine: When I designed my individualized major, one goal — not the primary one, but one nonetheless — was to cut out statistics. Both psychology and sociology required statistics, and no one noticed when I cut it out of my interdisciplinary major, and it was approved. I thought I was so clever!

Then, I got to graduate school. I was one of the few who had never taken statistics, and I suffered for it. I had catching up to do. So much for trying to outsmart the system! There is a reason it is called a "discipline." Once you have learned a methodology for inquiry, go for it— be as interdisciplinary as you want. Collaborate, learn techniques from other disciplines, inquire into content areas traditionally reserved for another field.

There is nothing wrong, of course, with staying within your disciplinary boundaries and doing work that is traditional to your discipline. We could not survive without it, and some magnificent work comes out of traditional disciplinary methods and objects of study.

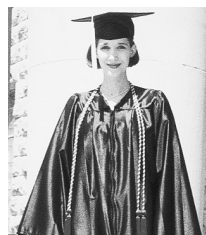
But if you enjoy interdisciplinary work, you were born at the right time. Not only is interdisciplinarity now an academic norm, it is a goal of many universities today to foster that kind of atmosphere. We even have a Vice-Dean for interdisciplinary studies here at Penn; that would have been quite rare in the 1970s when I attended.

The drive to interdisciplinarity is bearing fruit, both in collaboration between people in different fields and in the creation of new sub-disciplines within fields. In the life sciences, hybrid disciplines are the norm — think of fields such as bioinformatics, cellular engineering, molecular biology, population genetics, there are countless examples. And is it in that interface where some of the most interesting work is being done. It may even change the world:

Ray Kurzweil has written a book called *The Singularity is Coming*. In it he predicts that it is the intersection of rapidly advancing scientific fields, from computer science to nanotechnology to genetics to informatics, that will allow us to change human physiology and functioning so profoundly that we will come to a moment—the "singularity"— where we will change ourselves into something so wildly different than what we are now that there is no way to predict on this side of the singularity how humanity will emerge from that process. All due to the power of the interaction of disciplinary fields.

Now Kurzweil may be wrong in his predictions, of course, but he is right that interdisciplinarity is a wonderland of intellectual fun. Here I am, a sociologist of medicine with a concentration on behavioral health who is working at a Bioethics Center with philosophers and clinicians while learning about space travel at NASA. It doesn't get much better than that. Why don't you join me?"

HONOR CORDS AVAILABLE



You can order your honor cords any time during the year — wear them at graduation, drape them around your PGM membership certificate on the wall, be creative but be sure to order yours. The cords cost \$15 each or \$13 if ordered in a group of ten or more. Many chapters take orders for their graduates and send one check for the total. Send your order to headquarters (Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington, Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156) Don't forget yours!



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RAISE FUNDS TO GO TO ATLANTA

We are already planning a wonderful experience for you at the 2008 Triennial Convention in Atlanta, Georgia and want you to participate. Our theme for this convention is Pi Gamma Mu: A Political Party! With national elections scheduled soon after this convention, and with Social Science as our discipline, we have chosen politics as the relevant subject for this event. You won't want to miss this convention.

In order to raise convention funds for your chapter to attend, start early working on funding this exciting adventure in Atlanta.

You might consider holding one or more of the following events: book sale, flower sale, care package sale during finals, sandwich sale, candy and caramel apple sale, car wash, car bash, donation party, raffle, flea market, dance, concert, newspaper drive, theme party, or use your imagination.

Additional ideas for fund-raising are: solicit alumni for funds, clean up after large events, recycle beverage cans, work on lawns and gardens, slave for a day, stuff ads in newspapers, assist candidates for election, and request assistance from student government coffers.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Several opportunities are available each year which are sponsored by The Fund for American Studies in partnership with Georgetown University.

There is the **Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems**, where you will intern 30 hours a week at Washington's premier places of power and attend exclusive site briefings and events. Internships are matched with students' specific interests and abilities in mind. You could be placed with a federal agency, an international policy group, a think tank, political organization, embassy, or law firm.

The **Bryce Harlow Institute on Business and Government Affairs** will require you to intern at Washington's premier lobbying organization and benefit from an instant social network. For approximately 30 hours a week, students will intern with a corporate government relations office, lobbying firm or trade association. Students are exposed to the fast-paced, powerful and ever-changing world of lobbying, politics and government.

The **Capital Semester** (each fall and spring) where you will intern 30 hours a week at one of Washington's places of influence and power. Students will gain valuable work experience needed to succeed in such placements as Congressional offices, public policy organizations, international organizations, non-profits, foreign embassies or lobbying firms. Responsibilities may include covering Congressional hearings, conducting research, coordinating events and writing for a publication.

For more information on each of these opportunities and to apply online, visit their website: dcinternships.org.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Social Science Review, the official refereed journal of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science published on a biannual basis, invites submissions of manuscripts in history, political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, international relations, criminal justice, social work, psychology, social philosophy, history of education, and human/cultural geography. Articles must be based on original research, well written, and not longer than twenty pages in length (including notes/references and written in Times New Roman 12 font). Reference formatting and style must conform to Chicago Manual of Style. Authors interested in publishing in the ISSR are asked to submit three hard copies and a disk copy of their manuscript (3.5" diskette using Microsoft Word 2000) along with contact information (phone number, mailing address, email address) and a brief biography to Dean Fafoutis, Department of History, Salisbury University, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801.

ALUMNI NEWS



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