Chapter Activities Report  
UPE Gamma Chapter of New Jersey  
At William Paterson University of New Jersey

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The Chapter had another very active and rewarding year. The following is a summary of the 2003-2004 events:

1) November 13, 2003 the 32nd UPE Induction Ceremony was held. The ceremony was conducted by four officers: Rocio Romer, President, Catherine McCaffrey, Vice President, Yu Zhou, Secretary and Patricia Gay, Treasurer. (Photo #1). The inductees are: Mark Marais, Allyson Moran, Thomas Nemeth and Jivko Roussev. Two award ceremonies for UPE cords and Academic and Service followed. Dr. Stephen Hahn, Associate Provost, distributed the UPE cords to four graduating seniors: Iouri Lazirko, Mark Marais, Catherine McCaffrey and Rocio Romero. Dr. L. cheo presented the academic achievement and service award to Rocio Romero. Photo #2 gives a snap shot of the officers, inductees and Computer Science faculty. About 40 attended these ceremonies.

2) February 21, 2004, the Chapter in conjunction with WPUNJ ACM Student Chapter sponsored a filed trip to attend ACM SCENE Conference held at Drexel University, per invitation from Drexel ACM Student Chapter (Photo #3).

3) April 1, 2004, the Chapter held its 33rd Induction Ceremony. It was conducted by it’s officers: Yu Zhou, President, Colin Koeck, Vice President, Patricia Gay, Secretary, and Thomas Nemeth, Treasurer (Photo #4). The inductees are: Dr. Ivan Radev (to Faculty membership) and five to student membership: Qin Cai, Stephen Listwan, David Macharia, Christopher Markson, and Robert Tavoularis (Photo #5). Two award ceremonies, UPE Cords presentation and Academic Achievement and Service followed. Dr. Stephen Vail (Photo #6), the Interim Associate Dean of College of Science and Health presented and distributed UPE cords to the graduating seniors. Award Recipients are: Qin cai, Patricia Gay, Colin Koeck, Thomas Nemeth and Yu Hang Zhou. Dr.Aria.Cheo presented the Academic Achievement and Service award to: Qin Cai, Colin Koeck and Yu Hang Zhou. Since May 1988, the UPE Gamma Chapter of New Jersey at WPUNJ membership has reached 101 mark. About 45 attended these events. Photos # 7 gives a snap shot of Inductees, officers, other UPE members and University officials.

4) This year marks the 30th Anniversary of WPUNJ ACM Student Chapter establishment (July 1974). In conjunction with ACM Student Chapter and WPUNJ Student Government Association (SGA), the Chapter sponsored the 2003-2004 Computer Science Student Seminars/Lecture series. Three lectures were held with two special features:

   a. in celebration of ACM Student chapter’s 30th Anniversary
   b. All speakers lecturers are of successful computer science graduate with UPE/ACM membership
• Lecture #1:
  Date: March 29th 2004.
  Speaker: Marko Miladinovich, 1993 Computer Science graduate. UPE Gamma Chapter President 1991-1993 and ACM Student Chapter President and vice President, 1901-1993. AA Software Project Leader with W & H systems, Inc. and the founder of his own business, Alpha Omega Software Corp.
  Title: “Using Software to Meet Real-World Business Needs”
  Photos: #8 and 9

• Lecture #2:
  Date: April 12, 2004
  Speaker: Gregory Peterson, 1987 Computer Science graduate, Inducted to UPE Alumni membership 1997, ACM Professional membership Principal Technical Staff member, AT&T Labs and Distinguished Technical Staff member, lucent/bell labs
  Title: “Developing Real-Time Applications”
  Photos: #10, 11, 12

• Lecture #3:
  Date: April 19, 2004
  Speaker: Rocio Romero, January 2004 Computer Science graduate. Vice President and President of UPE Gamma Chapter, 2002-2003, ACM member since November 2002
  Title: “View of a Recent Graduate/Importance of Practicing Good Ethics as a Computer Scientist”
  Photos: #13, & 14

The reception to this lecture also served as a graduation celebration to all computer science graduating seniors.
Mr. Greg Peterson, his wife and their son, with Dr. Cheo

Mr. Greg Peterson, his son, UPE members, Qin Cai, & Chris Markson and Dr. Cheo

Rocio Romero with Computer Science students and Dr. Cheo

Rocio Romero with Dr. Cheo,