Upsilon Pi Epsilon
International Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines

NEWSBRIEF – January 2010

2010 UPE Annual Convention – The Upsilon Pi Epsilon Annual Convention will be held in conjunction with the 2010 ACM SIGCSE Symposium. UPE members are invited to attend this event and meet friends and colleagues from several of our chapters in North America and overseas. Convention details are shown below.

Event:	2010 UPE Annual Convention
Date & Time:	Friday, March 12, 2010, 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM
Location:	Milwaukee Convention Center, Room 102DE
	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Convention participants will include the international officers of UPE, chapter representatives and advisers, and friends of UPE from the various colleges and universities who are active participants of the 2010 SIGCSE Conference. Additional information on the SIGCSE Symposium can be obtained from http://sigcse.org/sigcse2010/attendees/

UPE Convention highlights will include the following:

- *Presentation of the* **ABACUS Award** – The UPE ABACUS Award is presented to the individual who has gained renown in the computing field and who, over several years, has provided extensive support and leadership for student-related activities in the computing and information disciplines. The 2010 ABACUS Award will be presented to **Dr. Nell B. Dale**, an ACM Fellow from the University of Texas at Austin. As part of this award, Dr. Dale will make a brief speech at the UPE Convention.

- *Chapter Reports* – Chapter Advisors or student representatives who plan to attend the UPE Convention are encouraged to make a brief (about 3 minutes) report on their chapter activities and/or accomplishments during the past year. Due to a time constraint, UPE can only accept the first 12 report submissions. All report submissions will be acknowledged by UPE (and UPE will state if the report will be part of the Convention presentation). The full text of the chapter report must be sent via email to upe@acm.org no later than February 20, 2010. UPE will present a $100 cash award to each presenter.

- *Election of a New UPE Executive Council Member* – There will be one vacancy in the UPE Executive Council. Council members serve a five-year term of office and are elected by chapter representatives at the annual convention of UPE. The new council member begins her/his term immediately after the 2010 Convention. The elected council member serves without pay, but may be reimbursed for UPE-related expenses including travel to council meetings and voluntary participation in UPE-related activities.

  The Council candidate must come from an institution that has an active chapter of UPE and must show that she/he is an active member of UPE. Each candidate must submit a letter of interest in this position along with a copy of her/his detailed resume. Copies (pdf files) of these documents can be sent to upe@acm.org and must be received no later than March 1, 2010. UPE will acknowledge the receipt of each application.

  Additional information on UPE Executive Council membership can be found in the UPE Constitution. You can also send related questions to the Executive Director at upe@acm.org or to the other members of the UPE Executive Council.

Complimentary Student Membership in the ACM – ACM provides free student memberships only to those who are registered members of UPE. In the past, a large number of "hackers" attempted to obtain this ACM benefit via the ACM student membership website. To minimize this problem, ACM eliminated the automated web registration of UPE student members. UPE members are now required to submit their request for student memberships via email to orders@acm.org. Each submission must include the student's full name, UPE 15-character member number, address, phone number, email address, gender & age, institution (chapter) name, expected degree title/field of study and expected year of graduation.

Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges (CCSC) – The CCSC website (www.ccsc.org) provides the following statement of purpose:

"The Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges is a non-profit organization focused on promoting quality computer-oriented curricula as well as effective use of computing in smaller institutions of higher learning which are typically non-research in orientation. It supports activities which assist faculty in making appropriate judgments concerning computing resources and educational applications of computer technology. Because departments in smaller colleges and universities are usually small and not highly specialized, the Consortium also encourages the sharing of expertise, effective curricula and efficient technological applications.

The Consortium is concerned with the advancement of major programs in both Computer Science and Computer Information Systems, and with the use of computers in the Liberal Arts and Sciences."

UPE is pleased to be an active supporter of the CCSC. Each year, UPE provides financial support for this organization. The CCSC has 10 regions in North America. Prof. William Myers of Belmont Abbey College (North Carolina) provided the following brief summary on how UPE funds were used by CCSC during the past year.

- Central Plains Region – UPE funds support a student web design contest.
- Eastern Region – UPE is listed in the region's website as a sponsoring organization.
- Mid-South Conference – The region's website shows a "thank you" statement for UPE support.
- Midwest Region – UPE funds are used to give out student poster prizes.
- Northeastern Region – UPE funds were used in the region's programming contest.
- Northwestern Region – UPE funds were used to support the student research poster contest.
- Rocky Mountain Region – The region's website lists UPE as a conference sponsor.
- South Central Region – UPE funds are used to support "best student paper and poster" awards.
- Southeastern Region – UPE funds are used to support prizes for student paper contests.
- Southwestern Region – UPE funds are used as awards for the top two posters in their annual meeting.

UPE-Funded Scholarships - Important deadlines for UPE members and other students in the Computing & Information Disciplines:

- *UPE Scholarship Applications* – completed applications are due on June 15, 2010. Application forms can be downloaded from the UPE website.

- *ACM/UPE Scholarship Awards* – completed applications must be received by the ACM by February 28, 2010. Application forms can be downloaded from the ACM website (www.acm.org) or the UPE website. You can also direct additional inquiries to Ms. Cynthia Ryan, Manager, ACM Member Services & Local Activities at ryanc@hq.acm.org

- *IEEE/UPE Scholarship Awards* – Student members of the IEEE can apply for these awards by going to the student section of the IEEE website. Additional information on these awards can be obtained by sending email to Mr. John Daniel, IEEE-CS Volunteer Services Coordinator at jw.daniel@computer.org

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