Lots of exciting things are happening in Chi Sigma Iota International! You'll read about many of them in this and the next issue of the newsletter — but I'll use the space here to give you an overview and "sneak preview" of things to come. The CSI Executive Council met for two full days of work early in July. Results of that meeting are reflected in the following accomplishments:

* Extensive revisions of the bylaws to reflect the needs created by rapid growth and development of our society. Thanks to Sam Gladding, our Bylaws Chairperson, for his efforts in coordinating these changes. All chapters will be asked to vote on the proposed changes.

* The Chapter Leadership Handbook has been reviewed by the Executive Council and is now in final form. Copies will be sent to Chapter Contacts in the near future to assist them and chapter officers in their activities.

* A letter has been sent to all counselor education department chairpersons (over 450 training programs) encouraging the formation of CSI chapters. Please encourage the chairpersons you know to implement the suggestions in that letter.

* Surveys have been sent to both chapters (via mail) and members (via the last issue of the newsletter) and responses are still being received. It's not too late for each of you to respond. We want and need your input for planning at the international level. Council Member Tim Daly and Membership Committee Chairperson Jan Gill-Wigal are now collating and analyzing survey results.

* Awards Committee Chairperson Rose Cooper and Research Award Chairperson Nick Vacc have put together an outstanding international awards program for CSI.

* Our hard-working secretary-treasurer-newsletter editor, Larry Loesch, is about to be relieved of one of his many duties for CSI. Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article describing our recently appointed and very capable new editor, Dr. Joe Scalise. Joe will be working on the next issue, so you'll want to send your ideas and suggestions directly to him.
CSI Executive Council members will be conducting Leadership Training and informational sessions at three of the regional ACES meetings, and will have CSI information available to participants at the other two meetings. In addition, CSI informational materials will be distributed at the AACD Regional meetings.

- A new International Friendship Program has been initiated with Bea Wehrly as coordinator.
- Chuck Lewis continues to accomplish the difficult task of identifying Distinguished Scholars and obtaining their commitment to CSI’s goals and activities.
- President-Elect Joe Kandor is planning CSI activities for the AACD convention. One of his goals is to allow time for a sharing session among chapters.

Whew! We’ve been working hard! I am grateful to the members of the Executive Council and to our Committee Chairpersons for all of their help. A special thanks, too, to the staff at our International Headquarters for their prompt and thorough responses to my many requests for help!

EXCELLENTS ON EXCELLENCE

Joe Wittmer, Ph.D.
Chairperson, Counselor Education Department
University of Florida

According to Webster’s dictionary, to excel is “to go beyond or surpass in good qualities or deeds; to outdo (average characteristics or performance).” Can this definition be applied to counselors? Yes - but my opinion is that excellence in counseling is highly subjective, complex, and situationally dependent upon the counselor, setting, client's presenting problem, and the many other variables and conditions under which "helping" activity occurs. Nonetheless, clients "helped" by excellent counselors move forward in positive directions in their lives, adopt more effective behaviors, and find "relief" from their problems in a relatively short time.

"Excellent" counselors have a unique perceptual set about themselves. They identify with people, are understanding, trustworthy, liked, interested, warm, empathic, accepting, respectful, kind, genuine, culturally sensitive, congruent, and knowledgeable; and place a high value on open and honest communication. Counselors who excel also are non-authoritarian, view themselves as catalysts in the healing process, and view their clients as capable, trustworthy, non-threatening, and having great human potential.

CSI Newsletter

This issue of the newsletter will be the last for persons who have not renewed. If you misplaced your renewal card, send your $15.00 renewal fee along with the label from your newsletter to CSI Headquarters. We want you to remain active members!
CSI CANDIDATES

The Chi Sigma Iota (international officer) elections will be held in the very near future. Each CSI Chapter is entitled to cast a ballot and is free to use its own procedures for determination of the votes cast on its ballot. The information presented below, including each candidate's current professional position and goal statement, is provided as a service to the CSI general membership. The information is presented by alphabetical order of the respective candidates' surnames. Prior to the actual voting procedure, each chapter's contact person will receive more detailed information about each candidate.

President-Elect

Samuel T. Gladding (Zeta Chapter) is a professor in the Department of Counseling at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama.

If elected President of Chi Sigma Iota, I will strive to accomplish the following goals:
1. Increase number of chapters and members within the honorary by fostering sponsorship of new chapters within the United States, especially the West, and the founding of chapters internationally.
2. Continue Chi Sigma Iota's growing tradition of service to counseling by sponsoring national symposiums of eminent scholars at AACD's annual convention.
3. Encourage the establishment of an international conference for the purpose of sharing ideas and information.
4. Cultivate the resources within the honorary to provide more services to members and the counseling profession.
5. Explore the joint publication and/or videotaping with AACD of exceptional speeches or presentations by Chi Sigma Iota members.
6. Recognize outstanding leaders in counseling and exemplary Chi Sigma Iota chapters on a yearly basis.

Larry C. Loesch (Beta Chapter) is a professor in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

In just a few short years Chi Sigma Iota has established itself as a highly desirable and viable professional organization dedicated to excellence in the counseling profession. Quite obviously, if elected, I would strive to continue and enhance the efforts and activities that led to this situation. Therefore, I would promote the creation of new chapters, encourage membership growth, foster inter-chapter cooperation, work to enhance recognition, and strive to extend and expand the many significant activities already being implemented. In addition, I believe that CSI is on the brink of being able
to capitalize upon two of the primary characteristics of each of its members. The first is excellence. By definition, CSI members have achieved a level of excellence in counseling that far surpasses the norm. Therefore, if elected, I would strive to find ways to share examples of excellence in counseling practice among CSI members and other counseling professionals. The second characteristic is capability for innovation. One of the hallmarks of excellence is innovation; excellence is not achieved by following average and/or stringently traditional modes of behavior. Therefore, if elected, I would work to capitalize upon the innovative capabilities of CSI as an organization in general and of its individual members in particular. CSI has excellent potential to become a truly unique organization within, and to make unique contributions to, the counseling profession.

Secretary

Jan Gill-Wigal (Eta Chapter) is an assistant professor in the Department of Counseling at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio.

In addition to the traditional role of secretary for any organization, if elected as Secretary of Chi Sigma Iota, my goals would include:
1. Being an active member of the Executive Board.
2. To work in conjunction with the Membership Chair to increase membership.
3. To improve the image of Chi Sigma Iota.
4. To promote Chi Sigma Iota as a rewarding, viable organization.
5. To work closely with chapters in disseminating information.

Lois C. Wedl (Alpha Chapter) is an assistant professor at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota.

As a founding member and graduate student, I committed myself, in 1985, to the achievement of the goals of Chi Sigma Iota in whatever way I could. Today, as a professional member of the counseling profession and of CSI, I would like to re-commit myself in a new way to carrying out the goals and dreams of the Chi Sigma Iota by becoming the Secretary-elect.

The major goals of CSI include the encouragement and recognition of excellence both in the areas of counselor education and in areas of professional counseling service. Because dedicated leadership and service are key to the realization of these goals, I would choose the following two as my primary goals if I were elected National Secretary:
Goal #1: To share in the leadership of the society by (a) participating actively in the deliberations and decisions of the CSI Executive Committee; (b) supporting and helping to carry out the goals as determined by the President and Council.
Goal #2: To serve the needs of the Society and Executive Committee by (a) carrying out the duties of the Secretary, such as taking minutes, and distributing these at the earliest possible date, handling correspondence when feasible and appropriate, and writing official correspondence as directed by the President or the Executive Council; and (b) by striving to fulfill each task in a manner reflecting our Society's commitment to excellence in whatever way possible.

Treasurer

Lloyd A. Stone (Alpha Beta Chapter) is a professor in the Division of Counselor Education at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas.

I am privileged to be a candidate for the position of treasurer of this professional honor society. If elected, I will do my utmost to carry out the responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Counseling, as we all know, is still a relatively new field when compared to other professions. However, the organization of an honor society such as Chi Sigma Iota was, in my opinion, long overdue. Chi Sigma Iota is an honor society dedicated to excellence. Excellence in scholarship, excellence in research, and excellence in clinical practice. No better goals could be set for the furtherance of a profession such as ours. As an officer in Chi Sigma Iota International, it would be my goal to further the goals of Chi Sigma Iota and to support the leadership in any way possible. Finances are an important part of any organization. I believe I am qualified, by experience and desire, to serve as treasurer of Chi Sigma Iota.

Nicholas A. Vacci (Upsilon Nu Chi Chapter) is a professor in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in Greensboro, North Carolina.

My decision to run for treasurer of Chi Sigma Iota is based on a strong belief that CSI could be a vibrant force in the continued development of professional counselors. The major issue confronting the officers of CSI is achievement of the goal stated in the Bylaws; "...to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, and excellence in counseling..." At this time, CSI faces the significant problem of how best to accomplish this complex and sometimes seemingly difficult goal of creating an environment that will advance the profession of counseling.

For me, a salient word in the Bylaws is "promote." I believe the officers of CSI need to be proponents of the profession of counseling by modeling good professional...
practice and being sincere in their beliefs and commitment to the profession. Further, I believe that CSI is most likely to be effective and its members most satisfied with it when (a) the leadership seeks ways to bring people together and to find commonalities whenever possible; (b) the organizational structure and function permit the greatest amount of freedom and support to the chapters, and (c) the structure encourages the exchange of views among members about the substantial, real, and important issues affecting the members, chapters, and profession.

I consider it important to help CSI better understand its potential. Having engaged in university-wide planning, served on numerous professional executive committees, and held leadership responsibilities with AADC and NBCC, I have learned how important it is to develop rational policies for both immediate and future growth. I believe that, as an officer of CSI, I could contribute to shaping policy and establishing ways that can assist the profession of counseling to move toward greater professionalism.

J. Melvin Witmer (Alpha Chapter) is professor in the Department of Counselor Education at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

As Treasurer, I would maintain up-to-date records and files of the official business of the organization, communicate with the officers and Executive Council as needed, and keep apprised of organizational activities and expenses, especially as to how they might impact financial resources of Chi Sigma Iota. I would assure that proper accounting procedures are followed and would assist the International Office and officers in development and administration of the annual budget.

Member-at-Large:

Rose A. Cooper (Alpha Chapter) is an executive consultant associated with Pace University in White Plains, New York.

As a charter member of Chi Sigma Iota International I had the pleasure of watching the magnificent growth in importance of the society to its members, and the tremendous national proliferation of its Chapters. The leadership generated by Dr. Thomas Sweeney, the Founding President, and continued by Dr. Jane Myers, the current President, is, I firmly believe, greatly responsible for this unprecedented development. Also, a world wide honor society in the field of counseling filled a void. There was a need to promote excellence, to recognize high achievement, to encourage scholarship, research, professionalism, and high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical work. Chi Sigma Iota motivated us to strive to do it better, to innovate and to change...not for the sake of change...but for the
improvements mandated by the current national imperative on excellence.

In 1987-88 term of office I am serving as the first CSI Awards Chair. This provides me with the opportunity to become aware of the excitement and activity generated by the CSI Chapters and its members. As Dr. Myers so eloquently stated, "Our potential is limited only by the creativity and energy of our members."

My goals are pure and simple.
1. Emphasize excellence in graduate studies.
2. Continue to help the chapters achieve excellence in providing services to its members.
3. Encourage chapter growth.
4. Provide a forum for chapters to exchange ideas.
5. Promote new research in the field of counseling.
6. Conduct training sessions for our members at the AADC convention.
7. Provide quality programs at AADC conventions.
8. Encourage chapter cooperation.
9. Expand chapter activity internationally and in regions where there are fewer chapters.

In summary, if elected, I would hope to join the "winning" team of the CSI leadership and continue to address the issue of professional recognition and excellence. Ours is a profession where neutrality and indifference are unacceptable, where we must stand up and be counted for the things we feel are important to us and to others, where best practices should be showcased, where ideas and ideals should be proudly presented, and where we are joined together as professionals by our commitment to care.

William Evraiff (Theta Chi Chapter) is chairperson of the Department of Counseling at San Francisco State University in San Francisco, California.

Chi Sigma Iota is an infant in terms of its status as an organization. Its growth and accomplishments will be determined to a significant extent by those who provide leadership. The question that needs to be asked is, what needs can and should the leadership attempt to meet?

An Honor Society by its very nature can remain just that, an organization that awards honors to a selected segment of professional counselors. If Chi Sigma Iota were to do that, it might remain a viable group for that limited purpose, but it would not maintain my interest or, to my way of thinking, that of most counselors.

Since Chi Sigma Iota is an Honor Society, we can assume that it has a high proportion of members who represent some of the best and most creative professional thinkers in the profession. As a member of the Executive Committee I would want to help determine directions we could take to channel member and chapter efforts to get the counseling profession to assume a greater role in shaping as well as reacting to the forces affecting both our profession and society. The
dynamics of the 21st century are already impacting us, and as members of a major helping profession we have an obligation to examine those dynamics and ask ourselves, what can we do to help shape the 21st century so that we can provide help in the long run not just to individuals, small groups, and selected organizations, but to society at large.

APPOINTMENT OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Joseph J. Scalise as the new newsletter editor for Chi Sigma Iota. Dr. Scalise is well-qualified for the position and shares our concern for excellence and goals for making the newsletter a reflection of the purposes of our Society.

You may know or have heard of our new editor, as he has been active in AACD for many years. He received a Master's in Counseling and Guidance from Slippery Rock College in Pennsylvania in 1967 and an Ed.D. in Counseling and Human Development Services from the University of Georgia in 1975. He was Professor and Department Head in Psychology and Counselor Education at Nicholls State University in Louisiana, where he taught from 1975-1986. Since 1986, he has been in private practice in Athens, Georgia.

Joe has been active as a workshop and conference presenter, consultant, and author. He has a number of publications in AACD journals. In addition, he is licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist in Georgia, a Licensed Professional Counselor in Texas, and he is an NCC. He received the Outstanding Service Award from the Louisiana Personnel and Guidance Association in 1982 and the Counselor Educator of the Year Award from the Louisiana School Counselors Association in 1983.

There are lots of other exciting things to learn about our new editor. Aside from adding that he is married and has two teenage children, I'll let you all meet Joe and find out more about him on your own. For now, please join me in welcoming the new member of our team:

Joseph J. Scalise, Ed.D., NCC
Athens Counseling Center
1135 Cedar Shoals Drive
Athens, GA 30605

RENEWAL DATES ON ADDRESS LABELS

Due to a change in procedures, the date which appears on your address label is now the date your membership expires (i.e., your renewal date). The date which appeared before was the date you had renewed, requiring some interpolation as to the date renewal fees would be due. The change is intended to simplify the renewal process. You can tell just by looking at your label when your renewal is due. If you do not receive a renewal card or letter within 30 days of your renewal date, please contact CSI Headquarters,
***** ANNOUNCEMENT *****

BROCHURE ON CLIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AVAILABLE
PRODUCED JOINTLY BY NBCC AND CHI SIGMA IOTA

Chi Sigma Iota International, an academic and professional honor society recognizing excellence in the counseling profession, and the National Board for Certified Counselors, a national counselor certification organization, have jointly developed "Client Rights and Responsibilities," a publication detailing the rights of the consumer of counseling services and his/her responsibilities in the counseling relationship. The publication is available for purchase in two formats as listed below.

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MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO NBCC, ATTACH CHECK TO THIS FORM AND MAIL TO NBCC, 5999 STEVENSON AVE., ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304.

Please allow 2 - 4 weeks for delivery.
# Counseling Services: Consumer Rights and Responsibilities

## Consumer Rights

- Be informed of the qualifications of your counselor: education, experience, and professional counseling certification(s) and state license(s).
- Receive an explanation of services offered, your time commitments, and fee scales and billing policies prior to receipt of services.
- Be informed of limitations of the counselor's practice to special areas of expertise (e.g., career development, ethnic groups, etc.) or age group (e.g., adolescents, older adults, etc.).
- Have all that you say treated confidentially and be informed of any state laws placing limitations on confidentiality in the counseling relationship.
- Ask questions about the counseling techniques and strategies and be informed of your progress.
- Participate in setting goals and evaluating progress toward meeting them.
- Be informed of how to contact the counselor in an emergency situation.
- Request referral for a second opinion at any time.
- Request copies of records and reports to be used by other counseling professionals.
- Receive a copy of the code of ethics to which your counselor adheres.
- Contact the appropriate professional organization if you have doubts or complaints relative to the counselor's conduct.
- Terminate the counseling relationship at any time.

## Consumer Responsibilities

- See and keep appointments with your counselor. Let him/her know as soon as possible if you cannot keep an appointment.
- Pay your fees in accordance with the schedule you pre-established with the counselor.
- Help plan your goals.
- Follow through with agreed upon goals.
- Keep your counselor informed of your progress toward meeting your goals.
- Terminate your counseling relationship before entering into arrangements with another counselor.

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This statement was prepared jointly by the National Board for Certified Counselors and Chi Sigma lambda to help you understand and exercise your rights as a consumer of counseling services. NBCC and CSI believe that clients who are informed consumers are able to best use counseling services to meet their individual needs.
Qualifications of the Professional Counselor

- Professional counselors have earned a Master's Degree or Doctorate from an accredited college or university.

- In addition, they have participated in supervised counseling experience.

- Professional counselors are committed to increasing their knowledge and skills through ongoing continuing education.

- Professional counselors adhere to a professional code of ethics in practice.

What to Do If You are Dissatisfied with the Services of a Counselor

Remember that a counselor who meets the needs of one person may be wrong for another. If you are dissatisfied with the services of your counselor:

- Express your concern directly to the counselor if possible.

- Seek the advice of the counselor's supervisor if the counselor is practicing in a setting where he/she receives direct supervision.

- Terminate the counseling relationship if the situation remains unresolved.

- Contact the appropriate state licensing board, national certification organization, or professional association if you believe the counselor's conduct to be unethical.

The National Board for Certified Counselors is an independent, non-profit organization founded by the American Association for Counseling and Development, the national professional association for counselors. NBCC's primary purposes are to establish and monitor a national certification system, to identify to professionals and the public those counselors who have voluntarily sought and obtained certification, and to maintain a register of those counselors.

Chi Sigma Iota International is an academic and professional honor society which recognizes excellence among counseling students and professionals. It includes a worldwide network of persons who have met high academic standards and achieved professional recognition through credentialing.

To order additional copies of this brochure, or for further information, contact NBCC, 5999 Stevenson Ave., Alexandria, Va. 22304, (703) 461-NBCC.
The Iota Chapter Committee of Chi Sigma Iota is formulating plans to inaugurate a Chi Sigma Iota International Partnership Program. Through this networking program, U.S.A. chapters will serve as partners with counselor education programs outside of the U.S.A. The primary focus of the International Partnership Program will be on a mutual sharing of ideas, program plans, materials, and news about counseling in the respective locations. Through this cross-cultural professional sharing, the program will promote and give recognition to excellence in scholarship, research, and clinical practice in the counseling profession and develop a truly international network among counseling professionals.

The newly formed committee that will finalize plans for this program is composed of Bea Wehrly, Chair, and Penny de Mello e Souza, Iota Chapter member from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This committee welcomes suggestions from Chi Sigma Iota members and chapters on developing this program. Please send your suggestions for the development of a Chi Sigma Iota Partnership Program to Bea Wehrly, 74 Horrabin Hall, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL 61455 by November 30, 1987.

AACD RECEIVES FOURTH AGING GRANT

AACD recently received notice of a 15-month grant from the Administration on Aging. Scheduled to begin October 1, the grant is titled "Infusing Gerontological Counseling into Counselor Training." The purpose of the project is to improve the quality of counseling services to older persons by increasing and institutionalizing gerontological counseling concepts and courses into existing counselor preparation programs.

The project objectives are: (1) to develop Curriculum Guides for use by counselor educators in their classes; (2) to develop videotapes discussing and demonstrating counseling with older adults; (3) to submit standards for gerocounseling to counselor preparation program accrediting agencies; (4) to consult a panel of experts in development and training activities; (5) to train 100 counselor education faculty to infuse gerontological concepts into their courses; and (6) to evaluate the impact of the project on counselor training.

The project includes a number of approaches, including collaborating with the National Association of State Units on Aging and the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision on materials development and training. A survey of counselor education training programs to determine available coursework in aging will be conducted during the first few months of the project. Both counselor educators and students will be surveyed to determine the overall impact of the project.
The project includes four experienced key staff persons: Dr. Jane Myers, Project Director; Dr. Sharon Alexander, Project Supervisor; Dr. Tom Sweeney, Videotape and Training Consultant; and Dr. Larry Loesch, Training, Resource Guide, and Evaluation Consultant. For additional information about this project, please contact Dr. Jane Myers, 1215 Norman Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

**Name This Newsletter**

We need your help to find an appropriate name for the Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International Newsletter. Can you think of a name that reflects our organization’s purpose of giving recognition to high standards of professional preparation and service in the counseling profession? The name will need to be brief and in harmony with our logo (which appears on the masthead of the newsletter).

Send your suggestions for a name for the newsletter to CSI President Jane Myers, 1215 Norman Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611. Deadline for receipt of newsletter name suggestions is December 1, 1987.

The winner of the newsletter name contest will be announced in the next issue of the Chi Sigma Iota newsletter.

**IOTA CHAPTER EXPANDS**

New members of the Chi Sigma Iota Chapter are helping to spread the visibility of our Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International to Kuwait, the Philippines, and Canada. The new members from these areas are Dr. Hamed A. El-Feky, Kuwait; Dr. Lily Rosqueta-Rosales, the Philippines; and Dr. William J. Kennedy, Canada. Dr. El-Feky is a professor in the Psychology Department at Kuwait University. Dr. Rosqueta-Rosales is Chair of the Counseling Department at the University of the Philippines. Dr. Kennedy is President of the Canadian Guidance and Counseling Association and is with the Special Services of the Department of Education at St. John's, Newfoundland.

**Chapter News**

Mu Chapter – Bowie State College

Mu Chapter recently combined their efforts with Alpha Iota and Lambda Chapters and held a joint initiation ceremony for new members. Persons from Bowie State College, Johns Hopkins University, and Loyola College gathered for a consortium meeting and initiated 31 persons into CSI.

Mu has initiated a newsletter as well — titled (rather appropriately) Mu Musings.
Beta Chapter - University of Florida

I do not want to achieve immortality through my work; I want to achieve it by not dying....Woody Allen.

Alpha Zeta Chapter - Our Lady of Holy Cross

Alpha Zeta chapter held a general business meeting and social this past July. The chapter's primary goal for this year is to increase its membership and number of chapter activities.

Eta Chapter - Youngstown State University

Eta Chapter recently held a summer social at the home of Chapter President Dee Hall Edwards to plan for its upcoming initiation ceremony. Dr. J. Melvin Wittmer of Ohio University will be the speaker at that initiation.

Other events being planned by Eta Chapter include hosting a Hospitality Hour at the forthcoming All-Ohio Guidance Conference and a twentieth-year anniversary celebration honoring the Counseling Department at Youngstown State University.

Kappa Sigma Upsilon Chqpter - Kent State University

Kappa Sigma Upsilon Chapter has recently published the first issue of its newsletter (for which it is seeking a name). Highlighted in the newsletter was the chapter's first initiation last fall and plans for its second initiation on November 7. The chapter also sponsored a workshop on "stepfamilies" led by Kevin Ricker, president of the Ohio Marriage and Family Therapy Association.

Chapter officers include Cathy Marie - president, Chris Sand-Pringle - president-elect, Judy DeTrude - secretary, and Claire Hamilton - treasurer. Don Bubenzer, Greg Lofaro, Cathie Scanlon also serve on the chapter's executive committee.

Pi Chapter - Marywood College

Pi Chapter held a meeting this summer to establish committees and the members of them needed for activities for this academic year. Plans are also being made for speakers at meetings and for a dinner meeting next April.
Nu Chapter held its second annual initiation this past June. Ten new members were initiated during a ceremony which was part of a "brunch" meeting. Nu Chapter also presented its first awards for Outstanding Student and Outstanding Contributor to Counseling at the meeting.

Nu Chapter recently sponsored a talk by Dr. Muhyi Shakoor titled, "Psycho-Spiritual Perspectives on Counseling and the Construct of Self." Dr. Shakoor discussed the relationship of religion and psychology, pointing out that pop-psych media (books, TV talk shows, etc.) focus on answers to "how-to" adjust to everyday living concerns. Religion attempts to answer the larger question of the relationship of humanity to the universe and the overall purpose in living.

**people**

exist by virtue of the help they give to one another.

helping people improves the helped person's life and keeps the helping person human.

**in the beginning**
Chaim Potok
Chi Sigma Iota

Outstanding Research Award

Chi Sigma Iota is continuing its commitment to excellence in scholarship and clinical practice through the Outstanding Research Award. The awards program seeks to recognize and honor those who have recently completed research investigations that show promise for outstanding contributions to the counseling profession.

The Outstanding Research Award to be given each year will consist of a certificate of recognition and distribution of the abstract in the CSI Newsletter.

Each Chapter is encouraged to nominate for this international competition one research manuscript that fits the following criteria:

* The nominee must be a Chi Sigma Iota member.
* The nominee's research manuscript must have been written on a topic of interest to the profession of counselor education.
* The research manuscript must have been written between January 1, 1987, and January 1, 1988.
* The research must represent sound scholarship.
* Studies using any research approach (ethnographic, experimental, historical, survey, etc.) are encouraged.
* The knowledge presented and the conclusions drawn must hold promise for the improvement of the counseling profession.

The application procedure is as follows:

* Each chapter will nominate a candidate whose research will be evaluated by the CSI Outstanding Research Award Selection Committee. The deadline for chapter nominations is January 15, 1988.
* Each nomination must be accompanied by a 150-word abstract of the research project, a copy of the manuscript, a resume of the nominee, and a letter of transmittal from the chapter. Four copies of the manuscript and one copy of the resume must be postmarked by January 15, 1988.
* The abstract and manuscript must follow APA style as described in the Publication of the American Psychological Association (3rd edition).
* The main portion of the manuscript should be no longer than twenty (20) double-spaced pages. If the applicant requires additional space in which to present details of a research instrument or to elaborate on a vital point, an appendix of up to three (3) additional pages may be attached. Title Page, Table of Contents, and References are not included in the page count. Manuscripts which exceed the length as set will be returned to the applicant.

PLEASE NOTE: This awards program is not limited to college and university students and faculty.

Mail applications or questions regarding this awards program to:

Nicholas A. Vacc, Professor and Chairperson
Department of Counselor Education
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Greensboro, North Carolina 27412
CALL FOR ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS

AWARD CATEGORIES

A. OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARDS:
   1) Outstanding Newsletter
   2) Outstanding Individual Program
   3) Outstanding Chapter of CSI

B. OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARDS:
   1) Entry Level Student
   2) Doctoral Student
   3) Outstanding Service to the Chapter

C. OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1) CSI active Chapters
2) CSI active members of active Chapters

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING

1) All award nominations are to be submitted through active CSI Chapters
2) Individual members may not submit nominations
3) Nominations are restricted to CSI members

HOW TO NOMINATE

1) For a Nomination Form and criteria for Outstanding Chapter Awards
   and Outstanding Member Awards contact Chapter Presidents or Contacts,
   or CSI Awards Committee Chair: Dr. Rose A. Cooper, Pace University,
   78 North Broadway, White Plains, New York 10603 (Tel. No. 914 681-4062)
2) For a Nomination Form and criteria for Outstanding Research Award
   contact CSI Outstanding Research Awards Chair: Dr. Nicholas Vacc,
   College of Education, University of North Carolina, Greensboro,
   North Carolina 27412 (Tel. No. 919 334-5100)

DUE DATE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS

December 31, 1987

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The recipients of the 1988 Chi Sigma Iota International Awards will be
honored at the AACD annual Convention on March 20 – 23 in Chicago,
Illinois.
Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society
International

110 McCorkle Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701