

# College Comment

## TECA – Preparing Professionals to Teach Technology

Don't forget...Midwest and West  
Regionals are fast approaching!  
Sign up today for some great  
interest sessions, exciting  
challenges and fun camaraderie!

**HEADLINES of Interest**  
Fall Officers Planning Session in PA  
Start Planning: Chicago 2005  
TECA and TSA New Start Program

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### A Message from the President-Elect

By: Shanna Slike

Hello everyone! I hope the beginning of the fall semester is going well for all of you. As most of you know, one of our key focuses is to expand Technology Education throughout the world. I would like to encourage everyone to participate in as many activities as you possibly can. ITEA, TECA, and TSA provide several opportunities for you to gain useful professional insight to your future career. As you become more involved the expansion of Technology Education will occur more freely and our goal of Bridging the Gap between the different levels will take place.

ITEA continually provides great opportunities to experience professional development opportunities. By attending conferences you will gain and establish a never ending support of help and advice. I invite all of you to join us next spring April 3-5, 2005 at the ITEA International Conference held in Kansas City. Until that time everyone take care, and I look forward to seeing you at Kansas City.

Below, the officer team poses for a picture at our recent planning meeting in Cal., PA.



Sarah, Dr. Busby, Shanna, Craig, Stephanie, Jason

### Holiday Greetings from Your International TECA Officers

By Jason Jarrett

It's that time of the year again, when everyone despises school work and loves relaxing during the holidays. TECA would like to extend a warm season's greetings to all students and advisors. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Winter break. We are greatly looking forward to seeing everyone in Kansas City this spring.

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# You are All Invited

By Jason Jarrett

You are all invited to the TECA National Leadership Conference in Chicago Illinois. The conference is intended for TECA chapters or inspiring chapter officers, but it is not limited to just officers. Any TECA member that wishes to come is invited. The conference is being held in conjunction with the TSA national conference. National TSA is kind enough to provide TECA with space to host this conference.

If you have read past College Comments or talk to anyone from last years conference they can tell you that attending a TECA Leadership conference is an experience of a life time. Just by attending you and your chapter get the opportunity to travel and meet people from all across the country. You will learn valuable skills needed to progress you years ahead of your peers in the professional world. By meeting with people all across the nation you create extremely valuable networking opportunities and even make some close friends. The conference is not all just meetings and workshop sessions. TECA night out is an enjoyable evening on the town that has many possibilities of anything Chicago has to offer. The TECA International officer team is looking forward to seeing you there!



2005 National TECA Leadership  
Conference-Chicago, Illinois  
Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers  
June 28 - July 2, 2005

You should also be receiving a form, via e-mail,  
about housing for ITEA. Fill it out and Send it in!

## Looking for a “Few Good Leaders...”

By Stephanie Berger

We're looking for a few good leaders for TECA next year. The new officers will be initiated in Kansas City at ITEA, after our nomination and voting process. They will work, like our current officer team, to expand TECA, become more impressive leaders and learn more about our field. Under the leadership of Shanna, our current President-Elect, and Dr. Wright at Cal PA, we hope to get a team together that is hard working and dedicated to continue the excellence of TECA.

Interested? A nomination form can be found at the end of this issue. Not sure yet? Talk to us! Craig and I will be at the Midwest regional in Peoria, and Jason and I are attending the Western regional in Fort Collins. You can also find our e-mail addresses on the TECA website at [www.iteawww.org/E3b](http://www.iteawww.org/E3b). We'd be happy to give you more information on what we do, what the specific officer positions are, and all the interesting things we're learning on the way. Last year at Peoria is where I decided to become an officer, and I'm glad I did. We hope to hear from you!

## Why Have an ITEA Membership?

By Sarah Wells

I know, I have heard all of the excuses, “I'm a poor college student?” “What did ITEA ever do for me?” “What's the point?” Well I'm here to tell you just exactly why you SHOULD join ITEA as a student member. First off you get a discount on registration for the ITEA National Conference, helping to save you money in the long run. Second, 25% of the new student member's dues go directly to TECA, helping our organization improve. By adding funds to the TECA budget we can bring you more leadership opportunities. Then there are all of the direct perks of ITEA membership, such as the official publication *The Technology Teacher*, or their online journal, TrendScout. Also there are online resume resources. The list of reasons to join ITEA as a TECA member goes on and on, so why don't you join today!

# What is your TECA Chapter doing for the Holidays?

By Jason Jarrett

The International TECA officer team is strongly encouraging each individual TECA chapter or collaborating chapters to do something special for the holidays. Consider a community service project and do something to help out needy people in your area. Then, contact us and let us know what your chapter is doing. **WE WANT TO KNOW.** Your chapter's participation in this holiday project will be printed in the next College Comment. So do something special and spread some good cheer. Contact Jason Jarrett: [jajarret@marauder.millersville.edu](mailto:jajarret@marauder.millersville.edu) .



## Epsilon Pi Tau

By Craig Harvey

Epsilon Pi Tau (EPT) is the professional honorary society for people in the field of technology. EPT has been providing honor and distinction to members, institutions, programs, and individuals for 75 years. Benefits that members receive include access to EPT's informational website, newsmagazine EPT's scholarly journal, links to professional organizations, and networking opportunities.

Seek out your local chapter by contacting your local TECA advisor. More information can be found on the EPT website at: [www.epsilonpitau.org/index.cfm](http://www.epsilonpitau.org/index.cfm) .

## Fall Planning Meeting

By Stephanie Berger

Once again, your International Officer team has been hard at work. We spent a weekend in California, Pennsylvania, working hard on many of our goals for this year. We got a lot accomplished, and even had a chance to see the "night life" at Cal. The other officers also had a chance to experience squeaky cheese curds, fresh from Wisconsin, as I was able to prove that they really do exist. (Although I guess you have to be a true Wisconsinite to appreciate the squeak.)

We would like to give a big thanks to all the "gems" at Cal., and especially Dr. Wright, Mr. Amrhein, Sarah, and Pearl for the hospitality and organization. It wouldn't have worked as smoothly without the effort, thanks!



**Above:** Dr. Busby gets excited about the formation of a TECA Alumni Association (currently in the works) involving a "Goat" logo and the title "Craig's Kids".

**Bottom Left:** The officers are hard at work in a lab at Cal.

**Bottom Right:** The officer team, in the midst of intense meetings, stops for a cheese curd and True Value hat break.





## **TECA and TSA – Off to a New Start!**

Your TECA chapter can help a local middle or high school discover the excitement of competition through technology education!

The Technology Student Association (TSA) and TECA are partnering this school year (2004-2005) to help bring TSA competitions and leadership opportunities to middle and high schools within your community. This collaboration brings the best of both worlds to the education community. TECA chapters are given the opportunity to gain hands on experience with the local school populations, strengthen relationships within the community and sharpen leadership skills. TSA gains increased exposure and membership, and builds relationships with prospective teachers who can bring TSA to their future workplace.

The TECA/TSA New Start Program works like this:

- ▶ Your TECA chapter invites up to 5 middle or high schools to participate. These schools must be new to TSA (never before affiliated). Each of these schools can apply for a free TSA membership via TSA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. (The Anniversary Fund is available until it is depleted. Funds will be granted to eligible institutions on a "first come, first served" basis.)
- ▶ TSA will provide one High School or Middle School Competitive Events Guide, one Chapter Program Kit, one 2004-2005 Directory, and one promotional tape at no cost for the 2004-2005 school year for each chapter that affiliates using the New Start Program.

(By providing membership and the above publications free of charge the first year there is no "start up" cost for the chapter.)

- ▶ Your TECA chapter commits to work with the TSA chapters they recruit by doing several or all of the following:
  - ▶▶ hold a workshop on TSA events for the teachers
  - ▶▶ meet with the chapter on a monthly or bi-monthly basis
  - ▶▶ host a mini TSA competition
  - ▶▶ maintain contact throughout the year with regular contact (could be phone, e-mail, etc. so that the chapter advisor and members have a resource for questions, etc.)
- ▶ National TSA will encourage attendance at the national conference in Chicago.

National TSA will follow-up with the chapters and TECA representative to monitor progress and success.

Interested? Fax back the form below to receive more information, or contact Sandy Honour at [shonour@tsaweb.org](mailto:shonour@tsaweb.org) or at 703-8600-9000.

## TECA/TSA New Start Program

Please fax back to: 703-758-4852

Yes, our TECA chapter is interested in participating in the TECA/TSA New Start program.  
Please send promotional information to:

TECA Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

TECA Chapter President Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address for literature (please use street address and not P.O. Box)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: literature sent at this time will help you promote this program to surrounding schools. Once you have a commitment from the schools that will be participating and they have applied for membership, we will send publications to them directly and notify you.



**TECA STUDENT  
INTERNATIONAL OFFICER  
NOMINATION FORM**



Directions: Each chapter can nominate up to two candidates for TECA international office. The candidate(s) are to be members of the local TECA chapter and ITEA.

For **PRESIDENT-ELECT**: (Nominate a Freshman or Sophomore, who then serves as the President-elect the first year and President before graduation.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For **VICE-PRESIDENT**: (Nominate a Junior or lower)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For **SECRETARY**: (Nominate a Junior or lower)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For **REPORTER**: (Nominate a Junior or lower)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please include a BRIEF BIOGRAPHY and a DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH of each nominee with this nomination form. The biography should include the nominee's telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address. We will publish all available biographies and photos in the January edition of the *College Comment*. Biographies and photographs will be posted on the TECA web site which is listed under the ITEA web site. Campaigning by the candidates can begin after: 1) submission of all documents, 2) notification by the International Advisor, 3) November 1, 2004.**

**Forms must be submitted by: January 15, 2005**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
TECA Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please e-mail (as a word document) to: [busbyj@uwstout.edu](mailto:busbyj@uwstout.edu)**

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