**Director’s Notes-Dori Danko, Acting Director**

Welcome back to a very snowy start to the winter semester. I trust everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season with their family and friends.

Steve Goldberg, Director of the School of Accounting, is on sabbatical this semester and I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak to you through the General Ledger. The new School of Accounting plans on enjoying a productive and action packed winter semester.

**Internships:** This semester our School has 45 students hard at work on internships with 69% of those students enjoying busy season in public accounting firms. Interns vary greatly ranging from undergraduates to MSA students, part-time to full-time employment, and some taking a full semester off of classes to taking a reduced course load.

**Scholarships:** Every accounting major received an email requesting students to apply for our School of Accounting scholarships. If you did not receive an email, please contact the School at 331-7414 and we can quickly send you an application. Scholarship eligibility ranges from junior to graduate level. Do not miss the deadline for application submission on March 1, 2009.

**Banquet:** Our annual accounting banquet is scheduled for April 17 at the University Club of Grand Rapids. We are thankful to Larry Oberst, audit partner of BDO Seidman, for his and BDO’s assistance in sponsoring this event. We welcome all accounting majors to attend as our guest.

Our new School of Accounting looks forward to a wonderful semester of productivity and fun!

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**Beta Alpha Psi — Lindsey Gilles, President**

The Kappa Beta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi is anticipating another exciting semester by the looks of our busy winter 2009 schedule. We have a variety of educational speakers and events set up in order to continue the professional development and growth of the students here at GVSU. Of course, this opportunity would not be possible if it weren’t for the continuing support of the School of Accounting, the community of Grand Raids, and the GVSU faculty.

Our chapter is proud to announce a new executive board. In order to become better acquainted with the hardworking individuals of our chapter, the following provides a short insight to each officers of Beta Alpha Psi.

- I, Lindsey Gilles, am the current president of Beta Alpha Psi. Goals are to graduate from GVSU in April, and continue my education in pursuit of my MSA degree. After completing the MSA program in the spring of 2010, I plan to start my CPA examination in January of 2010, in order to have certification before I begin my career, at Crowe Horwath, in September of 2010.

- Brianne Eluskie is our Treasurer. Brianne will be interning at Plante Moran this summer and has hopes of getting a job working for a public accounting firm. She would also like to do some traveling on her time off.

- Drew Burnett is our Vice President. Drew just graduated with his BBA in Accounting and is currently enrolled in the MSA program. In the fall, Drew enjoys playing water polo for GVSU. He also plans on earning his CPA license in the near future.

- Justin Wambaugh is our Corresponding Secretary. Justin has an exciting summer ahead of him, as he is planning to study abroad in France. In the future, Justin hopes to move to a different state and work as a CPA.

- Christian Goedel, our Reporting Secretary, is currently a senior and plans to graduate in December ’09. He would like to pursue his CPA

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Caleb Tollefson is our VP of Professional Development. He actually prefers to go by his middle name, Caleb, although his first name is Joshua. Caleb is in his senior year at GVSU, and in the future he plans to start his own business.

Matthew Gary is our VP of Information Systems. Matt is currently a senior at GVSU pursuing an ACC/FIN double major. He plans to attain an internship next winter with a big four CPA firm. Matt would also like to get his CPA license and MBA within the next couple of years.

Matt Huston is our VP of Development. Matt enjoys playing guitar, golfing, watching Pittsburgh Steelers football, working out, and hanging out with his friends. He has lived all over the nation; born in Orange County, CA, lived in Atlanta, GA, resided in Rockford for 10 years, moved to Fort Collins, CO, and just recently moved back to Grand Rapids this past year. Matt is double majoring in ACC/FIN, and currently works full-time as a cook. His future goals include earning his CPA license with in the next year and a half.

Brittany Byndas is our VP of Community Service. She is an ACC/IB major with a Chinese Minor. Brittany’s plans for the summer include studying abroad in Shanghai, and interning at Deloitte.

Kevin Walkotten is our VP of Social Events. Kevin was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His father and uncle are both CPA’s, and Kevin would like to pursue his CPA license as well. He enjoys playing poker and basketball, and currently works as a financial analyst intern at Huntington Bank. In the future, Kevin would love to manage a stock portfolio.

Our winter agenda consists of a variety of firm presentations in order to better acquaint our chapter’s members with the diverse opportunities in the industry. Some of the attending firms include Crowe Horwath, Rehmann and Becker CPA, to name a few. An internship panel will be on our agenda as well in the latter part of the semester. The panel will consist of members who have previously interned in public and private accounting positions. This meeting will offer insight and advice on how to acquire an internship, how best to obtain the maximum benefit from the internship, and how to transform that internship into a full-time position.

Several of the chapter’s executive board members will also be attending Beta Alpha Psi’s Midwest Regional Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. This event will be held on February 27th-28th and will be hosted by Bradley University and Eastern Illinois University. Our chapter has been given the opportunity to present on “Chapter Operations” at the conference. This conference is expected to further promote and recognize the chapter and its successes, while giving rise to the opportunity for Grand Valley members to network with Beta Alpha Psi members from surrounding universities.

As an honors society, members are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA in their upper-division (300-level or higher) accounting courses and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Additionally, each semester members are required to regularly attend weekly meetings, complete a ten-hour community service hour requirement and pay dues of $65 for members and $120 for pledges. Membership in Beta Alpha Psi presents students with good networking opportunities in the accounting profession.

For more detailed information regarding any of the above mentioned items, a schedule of events or any additional information, please visit our website at http://www.gvsu.edu/bap/.

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Important Dates:

March 2. School of Accounting Scholarship Application deadline.
April 17. Annual Accounting Awards Banquet. All accounting majors are invited as a guest of the School of Accounting.

Contact the School of Accounting at 331-7190 with any questions about these events.