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Upcoming Biennial Business Meeting to Include Election of New Council Members

On Friday, September 1, 2000, Pi Sigma Alpha will hold its Biennial Business Meeting and Election in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

The order of the meeting will include:

1. Executive Director's Report
2. President's Report
3. The election of six (6) new Executive Council members for 4-year terms, and the election of a President-Elect.
4. Transfer of the Presidency from William J. Keefe (University of Pittsburgh) to Susan MacManus (University of South Florida)
5. Question-and-answer period for chapter advisors
6. Refreshments

Each chapter has one vote in the election and the Chapter Advisor is usually the voting representative for his or her chapter. Of course Advisors are welcome to bring student representatives to the meeting, but the one-vote-per-chapter rule still applies. In June all Advisors will receive an official notice of the meeting by mail, which will include details of the meeting location, the names of the Executive Council nominees, and a reply form for letting the National Office know who will attend. As in the past, the national office will provide a \$50 travel stipend to every Chapter Advisor who attends the business meeting and votes in the election, and the mailing will explain how to apply for the stipend.

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A Note from the Editor

It's been my pleasure for the past six years to edit this *Newsletter*. As editor and as a member of the Executive Committee, I've had the opportunity to get a feel for the inner workings of this organization. More importantly, I've had the chance to work with two wonderful people – Jim Lingle, the Executive Director, and Nancy McManus, the Administrator. I admire each of them greatly, and I wish there were some way for chapter advisors and members to have some sense of how tirelessly these two people work on behalf of this organization. They deserve the thanks of all of us, as do those who put in countless hours as elected officers of ΠΣΑ. My thanks in particular to Dave Magleby, John Bibby, and Bill Keefe.

Prof. John Kuzenski of The Citadel will be taking over the editing duties with the next issue. I wish him well and know that he will bring new energy and new ideas to the production of the newsletter.

I'm leaving academic life at semester's end, but I've had over twenty years of pleasure from political science and the people associated with it. My thanks to all of you who have taught me a lot, both about politics and about friendship.

-- John Tierney



ΠΣΑ President-Elect Susan MacManus and ΠΣΑ Administrator Nancy McManus at the 75th Anniversary Meeting of the Association of College Honor Societies, Orlando, Florida, in February, 2000. *[Editor's Note: Although Susan and Nancy are alike in their dedication to Pi Sigma Alpha, they are **not** related to each other and you can see that their names are spelled differently.]*

Note from James I. Lingle, Executive Director

This issue of the *Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter* marks the end of John Tierney's editorship. John was appointed editor and joined Pi Sigma Alpha's Executive Committee six years ago. As editor, John was responsible for the content, layout, production, and distribution of our biannual newsletter. During his editorship, John single-handedly transformed the newsletter. He redesigned the format and expanded and sharpened the coverage to include more chapter and national office news. Throughout his tenure, John was tireless in his efforts to enhance the quality and newsworthiness of the publication. His commitment is evidenced on each page of each issue.



John Tierney

As a member of the Executive Committee during his editorship, John played an integral role in the recent revitalization and success of Pi Sigma Alpha. From the start, he actively to our chapters and members.

On behalf of Pi Sigma Alpha, I would like express our deep gratitude to John. His sage counsel, professionalism, and collegiality will be sorely missed. We wish him much success in all his future professional and personal endeavors.

John Kuzenski Named *Newsletter* Editor

The National Office is proud to announce that John Kuzenski, a faculty member in political science at The Citadel (Charleston, S.C.) will become the next editor of the *Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter*. Prof. Kuzenski's term as editor will begin with the next issue.

Pi Sigma Alpha is proud to have Prof. Kuzenski take on this role. His service to the honor society is well known to those who follow the society's news. The Beta Iota Chapter at the Citadel, which he serves as faculty advisor, has won two "Best Chapter" awards in the last several years under his guidance. And in 1999, the National Office recognized him with a "Best Chapter Advisor" award.

Prof. Kuzenski earned his Ph.D. at the University of Georgia in 1993 and has compiled an impressive publication record, covering topics as diverse as Southern politics, Congress, electoral politics, political parties, and the presidency.

John Kuzenski brings to his tenure as *Newsletter* editor substantial prior experience as editor of small newsletters, as well as 15 years of combined experience in print and broadcast media. He also is conversant with the sort of desktop publishing programs used to produce this newsletter.



Prof. John Kuzenski of The Citadel
to become *ΠΣΑ Newsletter* editor

Year 2000 Program Announcements

Student Paper Awards, nominations due by June 1

Chapter Advisors are invited to nominate one outstanding student paper for each of these awards. Three copies of each nominated paper, along with a letter of nomination from the Chapter Advisor on department letterhead, must be received by the National Office by June 1, 2000. Chapter Advisors should be sure to include the author's home address and telephone number. In addition to receiving the cash prize, the winners will also have their names announced in the *Pi Sigma Alpha Newsletter*, in APSA's quarterly publication *PS*, and at the 2000 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Graduate Student Paper Award: \$250. The author must be a graduate student in political science and the paper must have been presented at a state, regional, or national political science association meeting during the current academic year.

Undergraduate Class Paper Award: Winner \$250; Runners-up (2) \$100 each. The author must be an undergraduate and a member of PSA. The paper must be an existing paper written for a political science class, and not just for this competition.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Award: Winner \$250; Runners-up (2) \$100 each. The author must be an undergraduate and a member of PSA. The paper must be written as an honors thesis for an undergraduate Honors program.

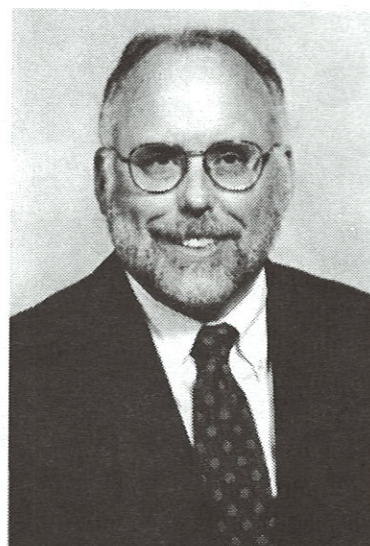
Best Chapter Awards, annual reports due by June 1

Six chapters will be chosen for Best Chapter Awards based upon the information they provide to the National Office in their Annual Reports. Two awards of \$500 each are made to chapters in three categories of institutional enrollment: under 6,000; between 6,000 and 15,000; and over 15,000. The Best Chapters selection committee will review all annual reports received by June 1, 2000, and the awards will be announced in late August. **The annual reporting requirements for chapters are listed in each issue of *PSA Newsletter* and on the *PSA* website.**

Best Chapter Advisor Awards, nominations due by June 1

To honor the best among the many dedicated faculty members who take on the role of Chapter Advisor, the National Office gives up to three Best Chapter Advisor awards each year. Each award includes a cash prize of \$1,000, a certificate, recognition in *PSA Newsletter* and in *PS*, and a letter of commendation which is sent to the president of the winner's college or university.

Nominations for Best Advisor awards must come from the advisor's department chair or dean. The enclosed letter explains the nomination process and encourages the chair to take advantage of this opportunity to reward an advisor who has demonstrated an extraordinary level of dedication and service to the honor society. Their letters of nomination should certify that the advisor has served in that capacity for at least three years, and should give a detailed description of his or her contributions to PSA during that time. Please pass this letter along to your chair or dean, and provide them with the information they need to make the nomination.



Dr. James Wunsch of Creighton University was one of the recipients of the Best Chapter Advisor Award last year.

Announcing the Pi Sigma Alpha/Howard Penniman Graduate Scholarships for the Year 2000

Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, is pleased to offer five scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each to $\Pi\Sigma A$ members entering M.A. or Ph.D. programs in political science in 2000. The scholarships will be awarded by a national selection committee solely on the basis of academic merit and service to Pi Sigma Alpha, the university or college, and the community. Pi Sigma Alpha welcomes applications from any member without regard to race, gender, or ethnicity.

Each $\Pi\Sigma A$ chapter is invited to nominate **one** candidate for the award. A completed application package should be submitted to the National Office by the candidate's Chapter Advisor, and **must include three (3) copies of each of the following (*one original and two photocopies are acceptable*)**:

- a completed individual application form;
- a statement by the candidate describing his or her involvement in the local chapter and related voluntary activities;
- a statement by the candidate describing how graduate study in political science relates to his or her career goals;
- a letter of nomination from the $\Pi\Sigma A$ Chapter Advisor
- letters of recommendation from (2) two other faculty members
- an official school transcript
- a passport-style, black and white photograph of the applicant, not larger than 2" X 3", suitable for publication in the $\Pi\Sigma A$ Newsletter.

Applications must be received by April 15. The recipients of the Graduate Scholarships will be announced by May 15. The scholarship funds will be transferred with proof of enrollment in graduate political science programs in 2000.

New chapters since last Newsletter

Chi Chi Austin	College, Sherman, TX	1999
Chi Psi	McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA	2000
Chi Omega	Linfield College, McMinnville, OR	2000
Psi Alpha	Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA	2000
Psi Beta	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	2000
Psi Gamma	Centenary College, Shreveport, LA	2000
Psi Delta	St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY	2000
Psi Epsilon	Westminster College, Fulton, MO	2000
Psi Zeta	Elmira College, Elmira, NY	2000
Psi Theta	Florida A&M University, Tallahassee	2000

Chapter Activity Grants Awarded

The National Office is pleased to announce the winners of its eighteenth annual Chapter Activity Grants Competition. Chapters submitted their proposals in the Fall of 1999 for activities related to chapter membership, society affairs, and service. The Awards Committee met in December. Some proposals received full funding, some received only partial funding, and some were rejected. Following is a list of the chapters which received grants for activities to be carried out during the 1999-2000 academic year.

SCHOOL, ΠΣΑ CHAPTER NAME, ACTIVITY, and GRANT AMOUNT

U. of Alaska-Anchorage (<i>Pi Rho</i>) and U. of Alaska-Fairbanks (<i>Pi Phi</i>) (<i>joint proposal</i>)	Forum on Press & Perceptions in Politics	2,000.00
Albany State University (<i>Sigma Tau</i>)	"People & Politics" luncheons	738.00
Brigham Young University (<i>Beta Mu</i>)	Voter information project, and 2 nd grade instruction	460.00
California State University, Chico (<i>Upsilon Delta</i>)	Initiation banquet with speaker	1096.00
California State University, San Bernardino (<i>Theta Iota</i>)	Essay contest for members	225.00
California State University, Stanislaus (<i>Tau Lambda</i>)	Departmental recruitment activities	475.00
UCLA (<i>Epsilon</i>)	Faculty-student lunch discussions	360.00
University of Central Florida (<i>Mu Sigma</i>)	Poster session at Florida Political Science Ass'n Mtg.	640.00
The Citadel (<i>Beta Iota</i>)	Graduate study opportunities symposium	1140.00
Creighton University (<i>Theta Alpha</i>)	Student participation in Midwest Student Research Conference	747.00
DePaul University (<i>Xi Iota</i>)	Undergraduate essay contest	299.00
Eastern Michigan University (<i>Zeta Tau</i>)	Various membership-building activities	695.00
University of Florida (<i>Beta Gamma</i>)	Initiation banquet with speaker	1544.88
Florida International University (<i>Tau Rho</i>)	Induction banquet	800.00

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More Chapter Grant Awards . . .

Georgetown University (<i>Delta Eta</i>)	Reform party seminar; Reception	1190.00
Gettysburg College (<i>Nu Psi</i>)	Lecture; faculty-student luncheons; banquet; essay contest	1160.00
Gustavus Adolphus College (<i>Pi Gamma</i>)	Banquet	450.00
Hofstra University (<i>Eta Pi</i>)	Debate with three invited speakers	840.00
University of Idaho (<i>Sigma Zeta</i>)	Speaker on health care policy	867.00
University of Illinois at Urbana (<i>Gamma Mu</i>)	ΠΣΑ alumni database construction	285.00
Illinois State University (<i>Kappa Sigma</i>)	Illinois Conference for Students of Political Science	450.00
Marquette University (<i>Epsilon Omicron</i>)	Career night with 8 speakers	590.00
Mary Washington College (<i>Kappa Upsilon</i>)	Scholarship for 2 high school students	1000.00
University of Maryland (<i>Alpha Zeta</i>)	"Dinner & Discussion" series, and Best paper contest	725.00
University of Massachusetts, Amherst (<i>Delta Lambda</i>)	Best paper contest, and Awards Banquet	625.00
Mercyhurst College (<i>Chi Epsilon</i>)	Dinner with speaker	920.00
Minnesota State University, Mankato (<i>Upsilon Alpha</i>)	Career Day with 8 speakers and lunch (NOTE: A joint project with Alpha Phi Sigma, the criminal justice honor society)	750.00
Mississippi Valley State University (<i>Tau Upsilon</i>)	Public forum on Census 2000 issues	750.00
Monmouth University (<i>Iota Lambda</i>)	Second annual "Political Awareness Day"	800.00
Murray State University (<i>Zeta Phi</i>)	Regional ΠΣΑ conference	775.00

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... and still more Chapter Grant Awards ...

State University of New York, Geneseo (<i>Xi Xi</i>)	Banquet and awards	525.00
University of Pittsburgh (<i>Xi</i>)	High school essay contest	555.00
Providence College (<i>Epsilon Chi</i>)	Alumni panel and Best paper awards	450.00
University of Puget Sound (<i>Omicron Omicron</i>)	Best paper contest	225.00
Purdue University (<i>Delta Omega</i>)	Banquet with speaker	850.00
Rowan University (<i>Pi Epsilon</i>)	Awards banquet	250.00
Saint Anselm College (<i>Upsilon Lambda</i>)	Dinner with speaker	861.00
St. Olaf College (<i>Omicron Alpha</i>)	Panel on "Vietnam: 25 years after..."	1700.00
University of St. Thomas (<i>Chi Theta</i>)	Political science career panel	351.00
San Jose State University (<i>Epsilon Iota</i>)	Annual award ceremony	1000.00
Seton Hall University (<i>Iota Delta</i>)	United Nations guest speaker	250.00
Skidmore College (<i>Tau Gamma</i>)	Student conference on Global Issues of National Security	910.00
University of South Florida (<i>Zeta Pi</i>)	Statewide college student presidential straw poll	1300.00
Sul Ross State University (<i>Omicron Phi</i>)	Mexican-American political heritage project	995.00
Temple University (<i>Delta Rho</i>)	Essay contest and Dinner with speaker	975.00
U. S. Military Academy West Point (<i>Chi Upsilon</i>)	Guest speaker	570.00
Utah State University (<i>Alpha Iota</i>)	Banquet with speaker; Best paper contest	1090.00

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... and (believe it or not!) still more Chapter Grant Awards

Virginia Tech (<i>Epsilon Upsilon</i>)	Career fair	400.00
Wake Forest University (<i>Nu Zeta</i>)	Guest speaker on technology & campaign contributions (NOTE: Joint project with Wake Forest Communications Society.)	650.00
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (<i>Epsilon Xi</i>)	Awards luncheon	250.00
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point (<i>Chi Omicron</i>)	Guest speaker	400.00

Chapter Advisors: Get With It! Join the E-mail Network!

We hope that our chapter advisors are aware by now that we have a mail listserver that allows the National Office to communicate easily, via e-mail, with advisors around the country by e-mail. Important messages and announcements such as program application deadlines are posted by the National Office and go to each advisor on the list as a regular e-mail message.

To participate in the H-Net, chapter advisors must identify themselves to the list server. Neither the National Office nor H-Net is responsible for maintaining the accuracy of the list; when an advisor turns over responsibility for his or her chapter to another faculty member, it will be up to them to correct the H-Net address list. The National Office urges all chapter advisors to take advantage of this new service right away, and not miss any important deadlines.

To participate in the H-Net List:

- Send an e-mail message to: LISTSERV@H-NET.MSU.EDU
- In the message text (not on the subject line), type: SUBSCRIBE APSA-PISIG firstname lastname, affiliation
- Example: SUBSCRIBE APSA-PISIG Sue Jones, Boise State University

After you sign up you will receive a "welcome" message on your e-mail, including some guidelines for participating in the network, sending messages to the editor, changing your e-mail address, and more. Thereafter you will automatically receive whatever messages the National Office puts on the system.

Chapters' Annual Reporting Requirements

All chapters are required to make an annual report to the National Office. The information will be used to update National Office files and to assist in the Best Chapter Award selection process, so make your report as complete as possible. To make it easier to include all the information you need to, we have discarded the old annual report form and now ask chapters to provide the information as a narrative report. Please make certain that, at the very least, your report includes the following information:

- Chapter Name
- Department
- College or University
- Address
- Total student enrollment of institution
- Name of chapter advisor
- Daytime phone number of chapter advisor
- Names and titles of chapter officers
- Dates of initiations in 2000
- Number of initiates in 2000
- Annual budget for chapter
- Amount of cash on hand
- Number of faculty who are members of $\Pi\sigma\alpha$
- Number of students who are chapter members
- Any national $\Pi\sigma\alpha$ programs or services applied for recently
- Programs sponsored (Note whether for members only, for department only, or for university community or public)
- Any other activities or services you think the National Office (or the *Newsletter*) should note

Send Reports to the National Office

Zeta Pi Chapter of University of South Florida Stages Florida State Leadership Conference

Declares Event "A Great Success"

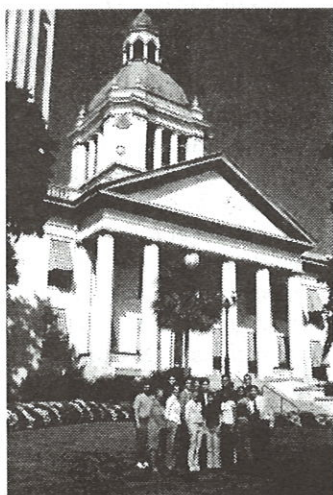
Last September, the PSA chapter at the University of South Florida sponsored the first state leadership conference, held in Tallahassee. Zeta Pi had received a chapter grant for \$1,815 in the 1998 national grant competition. Throughout the summer, the chapter president and advisor worked on the schedule and contacted each Florida chapter several times -- by letter, phone, and e-mail.

All chapters in Florida were invited to send representatives. Zeta Pi's chapter grant covered the costs of lodging and meals. Each individual chapter covered the transportation costs incurred by its representatives.

Zeta Pi's vision was to bring the state's Pi Sigma Alpha chapter leaders together at the beginning of the academic year. In particular, Zeta Pi was interested in developing an inter-university strategic plan to involve Pi Sigma Alpha chapters in Presidential 2000 activities, including the state party conventions [held in the Fall, 1999]. Another aim was to brainstorm about get-out-the-vote efforts, campus political fairs and speaker forums, and straw polls.

The conferees' activities included: a guided tour of the new state capitol building, meetings with state political party leaders, interactions with members of the capitol press corps, meeting political consultants and, of course, the conference on chapter leadership training.

The Zeta Pi chapter considered its conference "a great success for all the chapters involved."



A conference-closing photo in front of the Old Capitol

The chapter report to the National Office concluded: "The conference energized the leaders and the participating advisors. It provided opportunities for participants to get involved in the statewide political party conventions and to make important political contacts that, we hope, will help them bring more candidates to their campuses in the 2000 election cycle. And it provided them with a network with which to brainstorm throughout the academic year 1999-2000."

Six chapters sent representatives to the three-day conference: (an * identifies chapter advisors)

Beta Gamma University of Florida

Laurie-Marie Pisciotta
Patricia Cerquiera
Dr. Renee Johnson*

Gamma Alpha Florida State University

Nick Merlin
Voight J. Thomson

Nu Upsilon University of Tampa

Sarah Rumpf
Keith McBride

Pi Psi Jacksonville University

Cheryl Foss
Mike Foley

Rho Pi University of West Florida

Olga A. Kryazheva
Jeff Snow

Zeta Pi University of South Florida

Julie Kelsey
Tim Lenahan
Christian Myer
Dr. Susan A. MacManus*

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Former Rep. Lee Hamilton to Deliver Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture at APSA Meeting

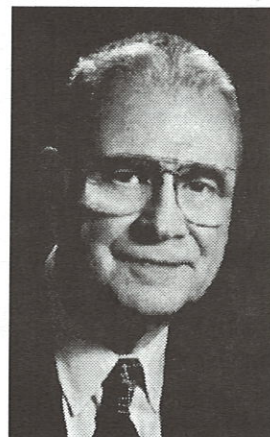
Lee H. Hamilton, Director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and former U.S. Representative, has agreed to deliver the annual Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture at the American Political Science association's annual meeting in Washington in September.

After serving thirty-four years as a United States Congressman from Indiana, Mr. Hamilton became Director of the Woodrow Wilson Center in January, 1999. The Center, located in the heart of Washington, D.C., is a pre-eminent intellectual haven where scholars, policymakers and business leaders investigate and discuss, in a comprehensive and non-partisan manner, public policy issues, their deep historical backgrounds, and their effect on our world.

During his thirty-four year tenure in Congress, W. Hamilton became very influential in the area of foreign affairs. He served as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, now the Committee on International Relations, for his entire time in Congress. He became a subcommittee chairman in 1971, and chaired a Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East from the early 1970s until 1993. Lee Hamilton served for ten years as the Ranking Democrat on the Committee, and was Chairman of the Committee during the 103' Congress. During his years in Congress, he made signifi-

cant contributions to American foreign policy and took a particular interest in promoting democracy and market reform in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, as well as promoting peace and stability in the Middle East. He also encouraged the expansion of US markets overseas and the overhaul of US foreign aid and export policies. His service as a ranking member and a Chairman enabled him to become an astute observer of many significant historical events, such as the Arab/Israeli peace negotiations, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the 1991 Gulf War.

In addition to foreign affairs Lee Hamilton made significant contributions to economic policy. As Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, he worked to create a sound and healthy economy and to promote economic development by focusing on such issues as global market competition, Federal Reserve policy, and long-term economic challenges facing the nation.



Lee Hamilton

More photos from Zeta Pi's Leadership Conference



Zeta Pi Chapter members sit at old Senate desks



Conferees in Senate Chamber of Old Capitol

PI SIGMA ALPHA MERCHANDISE

All orders for $\Pi\Sigma\text{A}$ merchandise must be placed through the National Office and must be prepaid by check or money order. Pi Sigma Alpha does not accept credit cards. Order forms are available from the National Office or on the Internet at: www.apsanet.org/~psa.

Pi Sigma Alpha Jewelry, allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery:

- A. **Necklace**, 18", 10K gold chain with goldklad " $\Pi\Sigma\text{A}$ ", \$32.00.
- B. **Key**, back engraved with your initials, chapter name, and initiation date. 14K gold, \$90; 10K gold, \$70; goldklad, \$24.
- C. **Pin**, same design as key, also engraved. 10K gold, \$75; goldklad, \$28.
- D. **Tie tack**, same design as key, not engraved. Goldklad only, \$26.

Other items:

- E. **Medallion**, \$10.00. Hard-fired cloisonné enamel on brass-finish metal, hung lavalier-style from a broad grosgrain ribbon. Suitable for wearing with cap-and-gown.
- F. **Lapel pin**, \$2.00 each, *minimum order of 10*. Hard-fired cloisonné enamel with a spring pin back.
- G. **Podium Banner**, \$45.00, allow 3 weeks for delivery. 18"x18", fully lined, screen printed on white satin with gold fringe and a "shirttail" top for securing to a lectern, imprinted with your chapter and school name.
- H. **Coffee Mug**, \$10.00. Generous beige ceramic mugs with $\Pi\Sigma\text{A}$ logo, excellent for presentation to guest speakers and as desktop accessories.

Prices guaranteed through August, 2000.

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