

Lambda Pi Eta inducts new members Athletics gets a new face

By Emily Shapiro
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The local chapter of the Communication Honor Society of Lambda Pi Eta inducted its newest members last Wednesday.

Eleven students were inducted into the society along with 32 other students who received recognition of being the "Who's Who" among American Colleges and Universities for 2007-2008.

The night began as Dr. Andy Alali, chair of the Communications Department, gave a welcome to the crowd of inductees, families, friends and guests. He then proceeded to introduce the members of the department, including Dr. Donna Simmons, Professor John Emig, Professor Judith Pratt, Professor Kelly O'Bannon-Miller, Professor Emily Thiroux, Professor Christina Cruz-Boone, Dr. Elizabeth Jackson and Professor Mary Slaughter.

Slaughter then introduced the guests to the crowd. The guests were Dr. Shelley Ruelas, Dr. Jacqueline Mimms, Dr. Stanley Clark and Emmanuel "Manny" Mourtzanos. A brief history of Lambda Pi Eta was given by O'Bannon.

Lambda Pi Eta is the official undergraduate National Communication Honor Society. Founded in 1985, it has over 200 chapters and over 4,000 members nationwide. It is fully accredited by the Association of College Honor Societies.

Logos or Lamda means logic, Pi



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Mary Slaughter and inductees to Lambda Pi Eta

or Pathos means relating to emotion and Eta or Ethos defines character credibility and ethics. The LPH chapter at CSUB received its charter on May 25, 1999. Its official Greek name is Iota Zeta.

Goals of Lambda Pi Eta include recognizing, fostering and rewarding outstanding scholastic achievement.

The requirements of LPH include having a Communications GPA of at least 3.25, being in good standing at the college or university and displaying the commitment to the field of Communications.

The inductees were Bobbie Leann Buetow, Sandra J. Crumlish, James L. Davis, Lissa Mara Dirksen, Rebecca Elise Fiske, Jordan F. Mayer, Samuel L. McGahey, Michael Brooks Neil, Rebekah Lynn Nupp, Cymbre A. Waite and Michelle Y. Zigler. Each student was then presented with a plaque and a honors cord. They then repeated the oath and were officially

inducted into the society. Following this was the presentation of recognition certificates to the 32 students for the "Who's Who" Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. This presentation was given by Jackson, Simmons, Cruz-Boone and O'Bannon Miller. The awardees are as follows.

Daniel Atondo, Chris D. Baden, Vockie A. Calabrese, Jacob K. Chandler, Kathryn R. Coats, Destin D. Cook, Noah G. Cornell, Bradley W. Cramer, Sandra J. Crumlish, Rhonda J. Deal, Lissa M Dierkson, Jesse R. Garcia, Christine L. Grontkowski, Jammie C. Hooker Cheryl F. Fitzsimmons, Teresa A. Leach, Carson L. Lindaman, Taarna M. Long, Christa C. McCann, Samuel L. McGahey, Michael B. Neil, Rebekah L. Nupp, Tara L. Polhamus, Nancy L. Regalado, Isabel Z. Rios, Emily Shapiro, Rosie E. Shriver, Eman M. Shurbaji, Erick M Sinkovits, Justin M.

Stufflebeam, Graciela R. Suarez and Gregory S. Watson.

Winners of two separate scholarships were announced by Pratt. Grace Glende, Chris Baden and Carly Cates were the recipients of the Bakersfield Californian Scholarship and Eman Meriam Shurbaji was the recipient of the Don Hopkins Advertising Scholarship.

Sam McGahey was the Iota Zeta Outstanding Graduating Senior Awardee "He stands out for his writing ability," said Simmons, as she introduced him to the crowd.

Michelle Mize was the Outstanding Alumnus Awardee. Mize is a 1990 Communications graduate who owns her own advertising business. She showed a short film which illustrated some of her work and her clients, including Eagle Mountain Casino and Brighton Parks. She had excellent advice to give to the graduating seniors, "Expect to pay your dues, and be nice. Never burn any bridges," said Mize.

At the end of the ceremony the Communications faculty, led by Simmons, presented Alali with a token of their gratitude for his service as chair of the department of nine years.

"I'm going to Disneyland," said Sam McGahey who swept all the awards that night. On his future plans he was unsure, "If anyone reading this can tell me, they'd be doing me a favor," said McGahey.

By John Paul Horn
Guest Writer

\$556,000, a 61 percent increase from last year. His personal goal

CSUB athletics has a new Athletic Development Coordinator. Brian Powell, a 24-year-old recent graduate from the University of Louisville, has taken the mantle.

Powell, who holds a Masters in Sports Administration, started working for the Athletics Department at the beginning of May. Although he has only been in

Bakersfield for a few weeks, he said there are noticeable differences and similarities between Bakersfield and his home, Kentucky.

"It's hotter here than anywhere. The color is different here. It's brown here. Kentucky was a lot more green. The sports schedule is killing me. I can't get used to the West Coast schedule," explained Powell.

Some things that Powell enjoys about Bakersfield are things that many in town might take for granted.

"Bakersfield is a decent sized place but still small enough to get around town. I'm enjoying the sunshine; it's rained all year in Louisville," said Powell.

Powell found out about the position in athletics by going to the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) website. His job is to fundraise for athletics.

According to Powell, more scholarship monies need to be raised and can't be drawn from the athletics operating fund. All scholarship money must be raised privately. The current goal for fundraising this year is



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Brian Powell, a new face in athletics.

is to find new donors for the scholarship fund and to meet the goal for the year.

When asked about his dream job, Powell is very definite about his future plans.

"I want to be a college athletic director for a D1 school. Fundraising is becoming so important, like an arms race, I fell like this is a good avenue for me to get there," explained Powell.

Powell is excited to be a part of this university and looks forward to attending sporting events, especially to support the new baseball team. Baseball definitely holds significance for Powell as he played baseball for the four years of his undergrad at Georgetown College.

"Baseball is going to hit the ground running. We're getting good teams, good facilities and good student athletes," stated Powell.

Although Powell misses home, his friends and his family, he is excited to be here, looks forward to his job at CSUB and hopes to meet more students.

Crime Beat Parking remains an issue for CSUB

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May 15, 2008 Thursday 9:02 am Assist Other Agency

Occurred at Stockdale Hwy/ Don Hart East. BPD is en route to the area on Stockdale Hwy NE of campus to assist an elderly female that appears to be stuck on her motorized cart. They called to see if we by chance had an officer in the area that can verify she still needs assistance. Units will continue to the call until we notify BPD of the situation. Disposition: Unable to Locate. BPD was notified.

3:33 pm Vandalism Report

Occurred at Parking Lot J. To her vehicle. She is now at home. Report Taken. Investigation is continuing.

7:03 pm Disturbance (on campus)

Occurred at Student Services... Subject possibly intoxicated. Report Taken. Officer was able to locate a ride for the person.

May 17, 2008 Saturday 11:37 am Traffic Collision (hit and run)

Collision occurred at University Police Department. Report only. Happened 5/16/08 Report Taken. Investigation is continuing.

5:42 pm Disabled Vehicle

Officer initiated activity at Don Hart East, (Unknown Address), C S U Bakersfield. No Further Action Required. Vehicle is out of the roadway.

May 18, 2008 Sunday 6:25 pm Lost Property Report

Occurred at University Police Department. Reporting person is a student/employee who lost his university-issued keys. Report Taken.

7:47 pm Suspicious Circumstances

Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot I. One male subject at recycling bins. No Further Action Required. Subject was dropping off recyclables.

May 20, 2008 Tuesday 1:08 pm Disturbance (on

campus) Occurred at Parking Lot D. An argument occurred over a parking space. Gone On Arrival. Officer checked the area.

2:27 pm Found Property Report

Occurred at Administration West. Reporting person found a driver's license and social security card. Report Taken. The property was stored for safekeeping.

10:43 pm Check the Welfare

Occurred at Walter Stiern Library. Reporting person states he is in the 24-hr study room and there is a female late 60s-early 70s, wearing a night gown that is disrupting students trying to study. The subject told reporting person that she suffers from periodic seizures and she is laying down, medical aid declined, reporting person states subject appears to be homeless. No Further Action Required. Officers called a taxi, and the subject returned home.

By Eman Shurbaji
Features Editor

The scenario is a familiar one: you are looking for a good parking spot as you eye your car clock with three minutes until class starts. You begin to panic, and wonder why parking is an issue at CSUB.

However, there are two proposals that have been submitted to ASi regarding parking, and these proposals relate directly to student tuition increases, parking fees and the new recreation center.

According to Elena Avina, ASi president, finding a parking place is not an issue: finding a parking spot one wants is the issue. Students often complain of inadequate parking while the real issue they are addressing is that they are seeking spots closer to their classes.

Originally, the Board of

Directors was presented with a proposal by the University Transportation Committee that would increase the parking permit fees from \$36 to \$45 each quarter. All of the parking lots



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One of many parking lots inconvenient to CSUB students.

and maintenance of lots and roads are all funded by parking permit sales.

Although CSUB currently has the cheapest parking rate in the entire CSU system, the increase would be a great reminder of the tuition increases that continue to occur.

"ASi proposed that the increase take place over a time

period," said Avina. The increase in the cost of parking permits can be attributed to the funding of new projects, including two new parking lots. The parking lots would be new

the recreation center and Dore Theatre, and would each have 250 spaces. The cost of implementing the project will cost over \$2 million.

Since the current plan for the Student Recreation Center is to have it be complete by the fall of 2008, it is believed that Parking Lot K will be overcrowded. A new parking lot south of Kroll Way for the Student Union and Rec Center was thus proposed.

However, ASi does not feel the need for the parking projects to get underway since it does not warrant an interest to increase current parking fees. Only time will tell if more student enrollment and greater traffic congestion will lead to the construction of more parking lots.