

NEWS

Communication honor society renewed at Behrend

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Lambda Pi Eta is the official Communication Studies honor society of the National Communication Association (NCA). The society was founded in 1985 at the University of Arkansas and became a part of the NCA in 1988. Lambda Pi Eta was first recognized as the official honor society of the NCA in July 1995.

Although there are many goals of the honor society, Lambda Pi Eta prides itself on four primarily. First, Lambda Pi Eta intends to recognize, foster and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in Communication Studies. After all, this is an academic honors organization, setting its very foundation on the principles of academic excellence. The second objective is to stimulate interest in the field of communication. The significance and relevance com-

munications has to all disciplines of study is unknown to many scholars; therefore, the organization attempts to make that connection. To promote and encourage professional development among Communications majors is another purpose of the group. College is a place of education and development; it is in practical uses that students fulfill their experiences within their subjects. Lastly, Lambda Pi Eta explores options for graduate education in communication studies and post educational opportunities in a professional setting.

Like other organizations, Lambda Pi Eta has eligibility requirements in order to obtain membership. In order to become a member, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 for all courses taken, and at least a 3.25 GPA for all Communication Studies courses. Along with GPA requirements, interested students must have completed the equivalent of 12

semester credit-hours in Communication Studies and currently be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by the institution's policies. Therefore, not just Communications majors are entitled to join, but minors are also accepted.

Lambda Pi Eta, the Omicron chapter, has recently been reestablished here at Behrend. In the spring semester of 2005, the Omicron chapter inducted its founding members. This elite group of Communication scholars is planning activities in the near future, to be a mix of social, academic and community service activities.

Other sources on the society can be found at the NCA website: <http://www.natcom.org/nca/>. For more information concerning admittance into Lambda Pi Eta, the Omicron chapter, please contact chapter president, Colleen Applebaugh, at cma196@psu.edu or chapter adviser Mrs. Cathy Mester at esml@psu.edu.

Behrend Briefs

Those who wish to nominate one of their fellow student leaders for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" must do so by Friday, October 14. Any juniors, seniors, and graduate students nominated will be considered by the Scholarship and Awards Committee, but those with a GPA of 2.5 or higher will be given preferential consideration. Anyone with questions should call the office at x6171.

The Penn State Behrend Annual All Majors Career Fair will be held Wednesday, October 12, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Junker Center. Student pre-registration is recommended but not required for attendance. Contact information and downloadable registration forms are available on the Penn State Eric website. Anyone with questions may email cap15@psu.edu.

The Student Government Association is in support of their Academic Affairs Committee creating an online database that will assist students with the purchasing of text books online. SGA would also like the faculty of Penn State Eric to participate in and support the textbook database starting with the Spring 2006 semester.

Police and Safety

10/01/2005

Janitorial reported damage was down in the bottom of the stair tower. Found a hole in the wall outside the elevator ground floor well check tape see report.

10/01/2005

Resident from the apartments had his laptop stolen overnight during their huge party.

10/01/2005

Complainant, a member of visiting soccer team, was injured during the match. PSU athletic trainers were on scene. Media 99 and Brookside VFD personnel were dispatched. He was transported to St. Vincent Hospital via ambulance.

Darrell Spencer brought his legs with him

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The sport of boxing, a boxer named Tommy Rooke who has a wife (whom he divorced already), a lawyer who is an alcoholic... If these items intrigue you, then Darrell Spencer is a writer that you should read more from. Last night October 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Smith Chapel, Darrell Spencer read a story that involved all of those items listed above.

Darrell Spencer is the author of several well-known books. They include "Caution: Men in Trees," "One Mile Past Dangerous Curve," "Bring Your Legs With You" and "Our Secret's Out: Stories." Originally from Las Vegas, Nevada Darrell Spencer is now a Stocker Professor in creative writing at Ohio University, teaching seven courses. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Utah.

Spencer's writing is mostly fiction. His most well-known piece is "Our Secret's Out: Stories." As Dr. Tom Noyes introduced Darrell Spencer, he said that Spencer's work can often "knock you for a loop." This means that his writing is of a different caliber. He is serious when he has to be, but adds some clever twists to his work. There is a bit of humor, which is often dry or sarcastic, depending on which piece you decide to read.

The piece that was read last night was called "The Sweet Science," which was published in the book "Bring Your Legs With You." It was about a retired boxer, Tommy Rooke, who is now in the roofing busi-

ness. The excerpt of the story was seen through the eyes of one of his friends. This man is never actually given a name. He is a well-known lawyer in Las Vegas, where this story takes place. He describes every little detail about Tommy Rooke's life, especially about his wife. This story, as quoted from Las Vegas Weekly, is "a creepy little yarn about a guy scamming on Tommy's ex-wife." The character telling the story was is an alcoholic. He vividly describes every drink that he fixes. He even fixed drinks for himself while in front of Tommy's ex-wife Jane, while she was standing there with her baby boy. He just barged right into her kitchen and started concocting different drinks. This man spends a lot of time discussing his friends, Rick, Leo and Tommy. Rick's real name was Frederick, but would get really mad at people if they called him by his real name. Little clever items, such as this, enthrall and draw the audience further into the story.

As the story progresses, the lawyer tends to get more and more drunk, often times forgetting what is reality and what is not. He would constantly go after Tommy's wife. He would call her house and ask her what her baby's name was. She told him what it was and he said a nasty comment to her, which caused her to hang up the phone. I will not reveal any more of this story, in case there are any people out there that would wish to read further into it. Darrell Spencer's work is very well-versed and displays great talent. Hopefully, Penn State Erie can get him back to read more of his published works.



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