

the Journalist

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Kappa Tau Alpha initiates 5 new members

By Robby Warren

Kappa Tau Alpha is not your typical Greek organization. It is the National Honor Society for Journalism and Mass Communication. April 23, five new students were initiated into the society.

In order to become a member of Kappa Tau Alpha, students must rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class and maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average in upper-level journalism or mass communications courses.

All of the current initiates have maintained a GPA of 3.62 or higher and are actively involved within the department.

Junior Joe Astrouski is a journalism major with a minor in creative writing. He has contributed to *The Daily Eastern News* as a staff reporter, administration reporter, and currently serves as city editor.

In addition, he works as a writer for WEIU-TV NewsWatch,

and has helped with the production side of broadcasting.

Juliette Beaulieu has worked for *The Daily Eastern News* as a managing editor, page designer and copy editor. She also worked as a copy editor intern for *The Daily Herald* in Arlington Heights, from May to August 2008.

Christina Guadiana is an active member of the Agency, working on several public relations campaigns for non-profit organizations. Guadiana currently has an internship in the public relations department at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. In the past, she has contributed stories and photographs to *The Daily Eastern News*.

Zach Nugent is a very active member of the broadcasting team at WEIU-TV and an award-winning television news reporter. He has worked as a reporter, anchor and producer for the television station.

Nugent has been honored by the Illinois Broadcasters Association

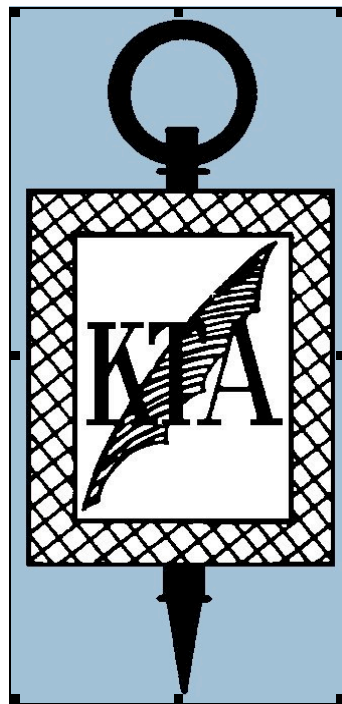
and the Broadcast Education Association's Festival of the Media Arts, where he won the highest honors for his TV feature reporting.

Emily Zulz is the associate news editor for *The Daily Eastern News* this semester. She has held the positions of administration editor, activities reporter, staff reporter and copy editor. Zulz is also an active member of the American Copy Editors Society and serves as secretary for the Society for Collegiate Journalists.

Astrouski, Beaulieu, Guadiana and Zulz were joined by Erik Pheifer at the KTA induction ceremony. Pheifer was inducted last year. Zachary Nugent attended a different award ceremony that evening.

Kappa Tau Alpha is the seventh oldest national honor society. It was founded at the University of Missouri in 1910 and remains as the only journalism/mass communications society recognized by the Association

of College Honor Societies. Today, more than 90 chapters are located at different colleges and universities throughout the United States. Prof. Terri Johnson is the adviser.



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Angelo plans to develop DEN online

By Amy Foster

Tyler Angelo was appointed the editor of *The Daily Eastern News* for the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters. Angelo is excited about his appointment to editor and plans on making changes in the newsroom.

"I plan on bringing the online editors into more meetings. That is where they are a separate entity right now," said Angelo. Currently, the online editors do not attend meetings with the print editors, and the newsroom is somewhat divided. Angelo wants to bring the online and print staff together and create unity in the newsroom. He believes that everyone should be working together.

One of Angelo's goals is to put out a professional paper for the campus to read. He also emphasized the pride the editors and staff should take in their work.

Another change Angelo plans on making is not having a set editorial board. He wants to rotate the editors every two weeks, so everyone can get experience writing editorials.

"Multimedia is the way to go," said Angelo, who also wants to bring more people and stories to the online version of the newspaper. This initiative aligns Angelo with the goals of John Ryan, director of student publications.

Ryan also wanted to see *The Daily Eastern News* move forward and onto the Internet.

"This year we are like every newspaper in the world. We are still working on where online comes into the mix, and how should it be used," said Ryan. "Online works as a separate department that answers to the editor. They are going to try to figure out how to get everyone working online."

The decision to appoint Angelo editor for next school year was made at the publication board meeting April 7. Sarah Jean Bresnahan was also appointed summer editor of the newspaper at the meeting. Bresnahan is currently seeking writers who will be in the area for the summer to assist in the production of the newspaper.

Ryan said that, when picking



Tyler Angelo, newly appointed editor of the *Daily Eastern News*, plans to unite the newsroom and enhance online media.

an editor, the board looks for someone who is a good manager and understands both the news gathering and production sides of the paper. Angelo has

gained both through his experience working on the DEN and through his journalism coursework.

Nobles chosen as new *Minority Today* editor

By Jessica Leggin

Minority Today has a new editor-in-chief who has plans and changes in mind to improve the publication. Newly-appointed Spenser Nobles, a junior journalism major, said his main goal for *Minority Today* is that the publication be filled with more diverse stories and become more interactive among students on campus.

"I want to cover more issues, like how do people deal with

racism on campus, or how people deal with sexism on campus, and diversity," said. "I want to cover more issues and how the campus reacts to them," said Nobles.

He also plans to cover more issues in *Minority Today*, in hopes of gaining more readership and returning it to bi-weekly publication status.

Part of the process, he believes, is making the stories more about the students.

"For example, I think if we

do a piece on racism, I think people will be more inclined to read it and they might be more interested. It would draw more interest from the general campus," said Nobles.

The new editor also plans to develop a staff that adheres to his new changes. He said he has plans to start early when it comes to recruiting students who are interested in helping the publication.

"In terms of getting a bigger staff, my plans are to do some

recruiting during the summer," he said. "My plan is to send out letters to students who may be interested and would like to write for us."

He also has high expectations of his staff when it comes to some of the tasks they will be faced with, said Nobles.

"I want my staff to interact with the multicultural groups on campus such as LASO, Asian American Association, African

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“It’s not all black and white” for Godbey

By Christina Guadiana

Christine Godbey was named as the new *Warbler* editor for the 2009–10 yearbook. Godbey was selected by the publication board in March.

She was chosen after a grueling application process which included multiple interviews with Dr. Sally Turner, yearbook adviser, who said Godbey’s plan for the yearbook was very clear.

Immediately after being selected, Godbey jumped into her position, covering Greek Week for the future book. One of the most difficult aspects of her job is choosing which events to cover.

“There are things that occur each year,” said Godbey, “but there are also some new things that happen.” Finding the balance between these two and de-

ciding which particular events made the year special, is part of the art of being yearbook editor. “You have to be flexible,” said Godbey.

2009–10 marks an important milestone for the *Warbler* — it will be an all-color book.

Appropriately, the theme of the book is “It’s not all black and white.” Individual sections will be titled with color-related headlines. The aim is for clever, not corny, labels, said Godbey.

Godbey also has big changes in mind. She plans on taking a spread-by-spread approach to the book. “Each page is going to have its own personality and be something special.”

She also wants to change the way organizations are presented in the yearbook, using feature-like photographs with fact boxes rather than posed group shots. One thing Godbey made

clear: her goal is to make an exceptional publication.

“We want to win awards for this book,” said Godbey.

The nature of the yearbook production schedule presents unique challenges. “It’s easy to lose consistency and theme over the course of the year,” she said.

The addition of full-color only adds to the challenge of producing a cohesive and consistent look. To prevent this, Godbey has decided that only three colors will be used for each section with complimentary shades and tints accenting each section. “We want to avoid overstimulation,” said Godbey. She also plans on adding section editors to her staff to help preserve the theme over the course of the year.

Godbey’s core staff has already been chosen, but she is currently looking for photographers, a photography editor and writers.

There is a lot of work to be done over the summer with many photographs and stories being submitted.

Godbey will also have to develop story ideas, create spreads and design pages, but she is ready for the challenge. “I’m really excited about this book,” said Godbey.

Godbey is a communication studies major, who has been very involved in the journalism department. She is a member of the Society of Collegiate Journalists and serves as treasurer. She has also been a member of the *Warbler* yearbook staff.

New *Minority Today* editor - continued

Students Association, International Students Association and Black Student Union.”

Nobles said students who are interested in the *Minority Today* are expected to be dedicated.

“I think one thing people need to know is that it is not an extremely easy job to do,” he said.

“My biggest [criteria] is that they have to take pride in what they are doing to make it a good publication. When you take pride in something, you are going to put everything you have into it to make it as good as possible.”

Like all journalists, Nobles said his staff must be dedicated to come in and write and talk to

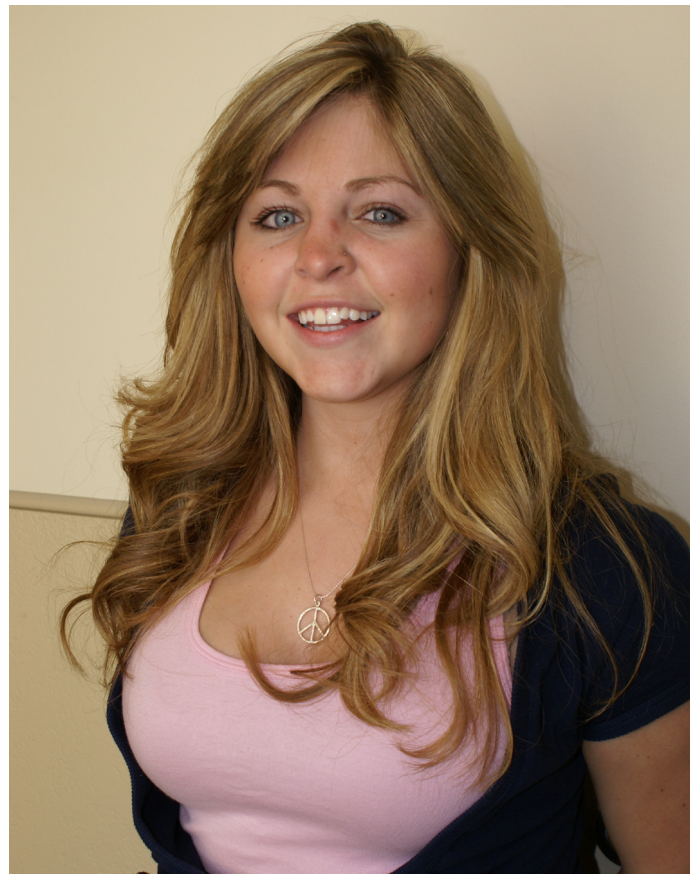
people.

Nobles also plans on recruiting writers outside of the journalism department for the publication.

“I am not just going to stick to recruiting journalism students for writers, because that might exclude a lot of good writers,” he explained.

As Nobles takes the responsibility of being editor-in-chief, he said he knows there will be some challenges he will face but he is optimistic.

“I think I am up for [it],” he said. “I have come up with standards and rules for my writers. Everybody has to adhere to those rules so we can actually work and get everything done.”



Christine Godbey, new editor of the *Warbler*, will face the challenge of editing the first all-color book produced by the staff.

Student publications receive SCJ awards

The Daily Eastern News, the Warbler and WEIU-FM and -TV all won awards in the 2009 Society for Collegiate Journalists competition. The awards received included:

The Daily Eastern News

First Place - general excellence for a newspaper published more frequently than weekly
Kristen Graham of The Philadelphia Inquirer was the judge. She said the publication was: "a really cohesive product. Good writing and a good mix of stories. I liked the headers above each story that quickly identify for readers whether the story is about the city, student government, etc."

Continuing Coverage

First Place - Marco Santana for coverage of the FutureGen project

Second Place - Stephen DiBenedetto for coverage of the two students who were injured when a panel fell in the Doudna Fine Arts Center

Third Place - Stephen DiBenedetto, Matt Hopf and Scott Richey for coverage of the Mark Bonnstetter trial

Feature Writing

First Place - Katie Anderson for "Under Dogs (Ego and the making of Henry IV: Part 1 of 6"

Third Place - Marco Santana for "The Gospel According to Mavis Staples"

Sports News

First Place - Matt Daniels for "New athletic director makes history"

Second Place - Scott Richey for "Former Panther dies"

Sports Features

Second Place - Brandy Provaznik for "Eastern sophomore has football past"

Staff Editorial

Honorable Mention - Matt Kelly for "Faculty Center, counseling center need to clarify"

Editorial Cartoons

First Place - Chris Lee
Second Place - David Pennell

Graphic Illustration

First Place - Chris Lee and David Pennell

News Photo

Second Place - Karolina Strack, "Walking out of peace"

Third Place - Alycia Rockey for "Practicing their faith"

Feature Photo

Third Place - Eric Hiltner for "Tobacco Fear Factor scares"

Sports Photo

First Place - Amir Prellberg for "Soccer action"

Third Place - Robbie Wrobleski for "Valliant [sic] but no victory"

Photo Essay

Second Place - Karolina Strack, "Walking out of peace"

Front Page Design

Honorable Mention - Tyler Angelo and Sam Sottosanto

Inside Page Layout Hard News

Second Place - Tyler Angelo
Honorable Mention - Kevin Murphy

Inside Page Design Soft News

First Place - Chris Lee for "Two Men, One Harmony"
Second Place - Chris Lee for "Under Dogs"

Sports Page Layout

Second Place - Scott Richey.
Honorable Mention - Dylan Polk

The Warbler

Second Place - Overall excellence, large schools, enrollment 6,000 and above

Third Place - Coverage of the year

Third Place - Concept of the book: theme, idea, structure

Second Place - Reporting in words: copy, reportorial writing

Second Place - Photography
Third Place - Display: layout, design, graphics

WEIU-FM and -TV

Feature Broadcast

First Place - Jonathon Mattson for "Winter storm preparedness"

Sports Broadcast

First Place - John Twork for "EIU vs. Cincinnati wrap"
Judge Brett Tannehill, senior reporter at Alabama Public Radio, said of John's entry: "Best of all the entries we judged in any category, good use of sound, good analysis."

Commercial, Promotion and Public Announcement

First Place - Jonathon Pieczynski for "Bahney Foundation"

TV Broadcast News

First Place - Zach Nugent for WEIU-TV NewsWatch

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