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Each spring, colleges and universities throughout the country send forth their graduates, admonished by countless commencement speakers to become the shakers and movers of the future. They are now, it often is said, facing the "real world" which will look to them for solutions to problems, for answers to questions yet unasked.

In part, this is true at California State University, San Bernardino. Yet, on the other hand, many of the Cal State graduates already are out in the world of business, industry, public service, the military and a litany of vital occupations and professions.

When the San Bernardino campus reviews its graduating class, it need not anticipate waiting a decade or so for the members to become influential figures or prominent in their professions. Rather than beginners in the world of work, many are well on their way up the corporate ladder.

Preparing its graduates to be effective participants in society is only part of the university's intrinsic mission. With programs (Page 4) and through people (Pages 1 and 2), the campus seeks to serve the larger community.
Involvement in the community is a key concept for the rest of the university as well. Faculty and administrators, staff and students, are active participants in their home communities, in their professions and in organizations concerned with defining, refining or sustaining the quality of life or business vital to the American society.

James H. Urata’s major role in the planning and growth of the university over the past 23 years has been in faculty development, counseling and advising. His primary involvement in the community, as he worked to help the university protect the quality of the environment surrounding the campus.

As residential and commercial development began to move northward from the city of San Bernardino to the boundaries of the campus, Urata has been active in efforts to relate the university’s concerns about the quality of the projects and the future impact on the campus community.

In his personal involvement in the San Bernardino Community Scholarship Association, Urata has led a contingent of more than 200 groups about his experience as one of the 110,000 Japanese-Americans placed behind barbed wire during World War II. Although born in Los Angeles, he and his family were relocated to Poston, Ariz. He volunteered for the U.S. Army and was an interpreter with the Military Intelligence Language Service.

In his community activities, Urata has served in a variety of leadership roles. He has been involved in the Riverside Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League for more than 20 years and is a past chair of the Uptown Board and a past president of the Metropolitan Board. He was president of the San Bernardino Alumni Club in 1980 and head- ed the Riverside Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League in 1972.

Urata is one of the original cadre of eight administrators chosen in 1963 to establish a new state college to serve San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. As the building program coordinator, he helped develop the major thrusts in his own involvement in the campus from its inception, and over the past two decades, no one has worked harder or given more dedicated service."

Another teacher seemed to echo the feelings of many of the respondents. "No doubt ours is a wakening, enlarged profession and we are treated with great indifference. For those of us who truly strive to be effective, the negative onslaught is often overwhelming. Parents and administrators alike should shift the responsibility of insulating values, morals and responsibility for disciplinary attitudes back to the domestic front from whence it emanates."

"I firmly believe that the cultural variable plays a vital part in the formation of self concept and achievement in students," stated the assistant professor of education at Cal State. "At the same time, a frequent complaint of teacher-practitioners is that they are not adequately prepared for the 'reality shock' of student diversity. So I wonder how much teacher interaction may play a part in the loss of students' interest in school?"

"I don't agree with the psychological theory about heredity and achievement — I believe environment plays a greater part. How much is determined by parents and how much by teachers, we don't yet know. But in an era when children are spending a greater portion of their lives with teachers — beginning with daycare and nursery school — the impact is significant."

Since the minority population of San Bernardino City Schools is increasing by one percent every year and represents more than half the student body in the district, Dr. Henry decided to survey 275 teachers in 11 San Bernardino elementary schools with large minority populations. The teachers were queried on their attitudes about career preparation and awareness of factors that affect communication with minority students, such as knowledge of diverse ethnic and cultural values.

As she begins to compile the results for a report to Cal State and local school officials later this summer, Dr. Henry is discovering a spectrum of reactions. One teacher noted that teacher education was "sorely lacking in preparing new teachers for the real experiences of the real world," while another has found that "despite diverse back- grounds (of students) they all have much more in common than different."

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"Many of my students began to realize that they were not aware of the cultural variables which impact students, from the relevancy of the manner in which subject matter is taught, to the format in which the knowledge is tested," she remarked. "For example, if materials utilized are about skiing, only a few minority students may have had the experience. Teaching needs to be more relevant to life and survival skills, which may motivate youngsters to stay in school. The educational system should be culturally relevant."

The same thing is true with testing, she added. What might seem obvious to the person designing the test might not be so for some students taking the exam. She gave the example of a picture of a comb with teeth missing. Some minority or low socioeconomic students might not see anything wrong with the picture because they are used to a comb with broken teeth.

"I even had Black teachers in my class who thought they were aware, but found they had prejudices to overcome," she said. "If teachers don't have the self-esteem and pride (in their heritage), or don't know the background and frame of reference of other races, then how can they establish effective interpersonal skills with minority young people?"

Dr. Henry's concern over the education of minority youth also is reflected in her work in the community to establish the Provisional Accelerated Learning (PAL) Center in San Bernardino. Operating since February, the facility provides free academic tutoring, counseling and assistance to qualified students ages 14-21. The professional learning center is made possible through the drop-out prevention program "Operation Retain" and the Job Training and Partnership Act.
over on their way to Vegas, when you consider that you can get there in four to five hours driving straight through from here.

A survey of 350 patrons of the Summit Inn at Cajon Pass sampled the awareness and attractiveness of places visited by tourists, demographic and travel characteristics of tourists, money spent and media used by tourists.

Highlights of the preliminary findings indicate that the most well-known tourist attractions beyond Cajon Pass were the Colorado River resorts, Calico Ghost Town and the Roy Rogers/Dale Evans Museum. More than half the respondents were traveling for pleasure or vacation and 43 percent planned to visit casinos in Las Vegas. Twelve percent were headed for Mammoth.

"Tourism in San Bernardino County is growing rapidly, and with an understanding of tourism habits, the industry will benefit greatly if surrounding communities can help with travel management development plans," Dr. Saltzman concluded.

Two lifeblood issues for any community — transportation and tourism — have engaged the recent research activities of Dr. Arthur Saltzman, associate professor of marketing, management science and information management.

Information garnered in a survey he conducted with San Bernardino bus riders one year ago is still at the hub of the planning process for a proposed transit terminal in the city's central business district.

Commissioned by the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and partially funded by the university's Institute for Social and Public Policy Research, the survey calculated specific origins and destinations of passengers in order to analyze the several proposed sites for the terminal. The data revealed that the site between 6th and 5th and "D" and "E" Streets would serve passengers needing to make transfers better than other sites.

Passengers also were asked questions dealing with demographic information, travel characteristics, their attitudes about the present bus system and about amenities that might be incorporated into the proposed transfer facility. The results showed that ridership tends to be slightly more female; the median age is 28.8 years; 42 percent do not own a working car; and 53 percent have incomes of less than $10,000. More than half those surveyed rode the bus for four or more times per week and acknowledged that the coverage area of the transit system was adequate. In regard to functions of the proposed terminal, respondents were most concerned about seating in an enclosed shelter and security.

Dr. Saltzman, who chairs the Transportation Committee of the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce, reported his findings to the Chamber in February. The Chamber endorsed the study and pledged to support a downtown transit terminal provided that its members have input on the design.

In addition, Dr. Saltzman has completed a survey of Chamber members' attitudes on key transportation issues, which will be reported to the City Council in the near future.

Another study which has tapped the expertise of Dr. Saltzman and his marketing students involved establishing baseline data on tourists in San Bernardino County for use by the new Tourism Development Council.

"There is a special interest in travelers coming from the Los Angeles area, who are going through the county on the way to Las Vegas and the Laughlin area," explained Dr. Saltzman. "There is a reasonably high number of people who stop..."
Students Readily Endorse Fee Increase To Finance $1.5 Million Union Addition

Communities which have difficulties in passing bond issues these days might well look to the students at Cal State, San Bernardino, who approved two fee increases by 68 and 73 percent votes— including one assessment fee increase— to be able to enjoy the benefits.

The Associated Students and the student newspaper, The Student, voted to assess them $19.50 a year to build a Student Union Addition to the campus to be able to enjoy the benefits.

Intervening classes have enjoyed the building, a 26,000-square-foot structure containing a lounge, Pub, snack bar, meeting rooms and offices for Associated Students and the student newspaper. Long lines at the snack bar, crowded tables in the Pub, competing demands for meeting rooms, have led the decision to seek funds to enlarge the building.

A vigorous campaign, with late opposition, resulted in approval of the Student Union referendum by 68.4 percent of the votes. The fee for the union, now $41 a year, will be increased at the beginning of the winter quarter.

The student fees collected each quarter will support the sale of bonds to build the $1.5 million addition to the facility, which cost $707,000 to build in 1976-77. Funds must be accumulated for one year before bonds can be offered for sale and construction begins.

Dean of Students Peter Wilson has estimated the new facility will be ready for occupancy in two to three years.

The expansion will provide a new Pub and snack area, additional meeting rooms, a club workroom and a barbershop. The snack area will contain a kitchen, which will greatly expand the menu served in the Union.

Alumni returning to campus for the first time are surprised to find what their fees of a decade ago produced, reports Helga Lingen, Student Union director.

"They are most pleased, even though they didn't benefit themselves, to find that we have a comfortable lounge with fireplace and a snack bar (a change from the vending machines they knew)," she said.

The Pub, which has a beer and wine license, also has hamburgers, pizza, pool and wide-screen TV. On warm days, students may eat and visit in the beer garden panoramaing the Pub. The Associated Students and the Student Union combine funds to provide live music and entertainment in the Pub.

The entire facility is well used, Mrs. Lingen testifies. "Clubs are the heaviest users of the union meeting rooms. The SMP (Student Union Multipurpose Room) is used for organization lunches and dances, as well as campus-sponsored events such as the Career Week information/interest benches.

Audiences this year nearly filled the SMP to hear George Plimpton chat about his life in the sports, said Shirley Chisholm to discuss the current political scene for minorities.

The Union is open until midnight most evenings during the school year, with students using the lounge as a home-like spot to study. Often snacks and free coffee are furnished during finals.

The Union activities are intertwined in many ways with the Associated Students programming. Joint funding has provided a sound system and portable staging, as well as fees for entertainers.

The student newspaper, The Paupaw, in the early days and the Chronicle, today, has quarters next to the AS offices and shares use of typesetting equipment and a darkroom.

The front desk at the Student Union has been the place to make reservations for Shakespeare plays, children's performance series of Escape trips to Dodger games, while watching and a variety of off-campus experiences.

The increase in the Associated Students fee from $36 a year in 1967 to $41 a year in 1986 will continue to support the Children's Center, emergency loans for students, recreational sports, social and special events, sports equipment rental and the Chronicle, in addition to student government.

"The AS has tried to build a portfolio of services which touch every age, interest and need of our students," said Joani George, 1985-86 student body president. "The Book Co-op does more than $15,000 worth of business each year as a textbook exchange among students. The emergency loan fund received more than $18,000 from AS fee revenue. Graduate students particularly appreciate their borrowing privileges at other academic libraries through the Inland Empire Academic Library Cooperative. The AS provides the security fund which guarantees payment for materials lost by Cal State student at other IEAC libraries."

"Even through having more students here has meant an increase in AS revenue, we are working with the same basic fee paid from the beginning. The need for more emergency loan funds, increased support for clubs and sports activities, as well as AS staff and equipment keeps growing," said Miss George. "We've come a long way since 1966 due to the good planning and unselfish efforts of our AS boards. Now we're planning for the future."
The house lights dim. A husk falls over the exclusive audience in anticipation of an exceptional performance.

That mise-en-scène, usually associated with famous sites such as Carnegie Hall, could be the experience of those attending programs in the new performing arts series at the Cal State Recital Hall next year. Orchestrated by the Music Department, "Intimate Performances" will feature top professional musical, dance and theatrical talent in five programs during its premiere season.

Though Cal State has sponsored faculty guest artist series in past years, this will be the university's first effort to bring top-ranked performers to the campus as part of a regular series.

"We've been looking at doing the "Music at Cal State" series for some time," remarked Dr. Arthur Moorefield, who will chair the Music Department next year. "Due to small audiences in the past and the cost of the programs, we could not attract name artists."

The idea of "Intimate Performances," began with a conversation between Phil West, performance coordinator for the Music Department, and Susan Peller, executive director of the Inland Empire Symphony.

"They came up with the idea to subside a series of programs for us — the principle thought being that if an artist was coming to play for the symphony, a recital could be held here, too," explained Dr. Moorefield.

The three music programs will feature artists who have performed or will perform as soloists with the Inland Empire Symphony.

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"We also hope to increase the amount of time an artist spends here through a series of appearances," he concluded. "There also is the possibility of centering the performances here, but taking some of them off campus in the immediate San Bernardino area."
New Deans for Schools of Humanities, Business Bring Administrative Experience in CSU and Government

Two new deans will head the Schools of Humanities and Business and Public Administration beginning this fall.

Dr. Beverly Hendricks of Cal State, Los Angeles will succeed Dr. Stella Clark, who has been interim and acting dean of Humanities for the past two years. Dr. David Porter, director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, will replace Dr. Howard Miller, who is returning to teaching full-time after 13 years as dean of the School of Business and Public Administration.

A professor of speech communication, Hendricks was responsible for establishing the Departments of Letters and Science at Cal State, LA in 1984. She has been there since 1976 and served as acting dean for a year. Hendricks, who is returning to teaching full-time after 13 years as dean of the School of Business and Public Administration.

Dr. Hendricks came to the Los Angeles campus after teaching at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle and the National College of Education in Evanston. She spent five years as chairman of the Department of Speech Communication and Drama at CSULA before moving into universitywide administration.

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Dr. Hendricks was selected as a CSU Administrative Fellow for the 1986-87 academic year. While she held this position, she taught at Loyola Marymount University and was a visiting associate professor at the University of Texas, Austin and the U.S. Bureau of Public Health.

Dr. Porter holds a B.S. in political science and education and a master's degree in political science and economics from the University of Utah. Hendricks earned his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Utah. Porter holds a B.S. in political science and economics from the University of Utah. Hendricks earned his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Utah.

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Although her appointment is effective Sept. 1, Dr. Hendricks will be on the Cal State campus throughout the summer. She and her family have bought a home in Redlands and will relocate from San Gabriel. Dr. Hendricks has a 16-year-old son and her husband, William, is a freelance editor/writer, who holds a Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Illinois.

She has been known to pitch in and help strike a set after a theatrical production. Dr. Hendricks has been a consultant on several projects examining administrative systems for the Intercollegiate Basketball Association.

Prior to his involvement in politics and governmental affairs, Dr. Porter spent more than 10 years teaching at the university level. His academic experience includes teaching at the University of California, Riverside in the graduate School of Administration and Public Affairs.

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Remarking on his appointment, which is effective Aug. 1, he said, "I am excited to become the dean of a School of Business and Public Administration where I can attempt to look at areas where it can work with the public sector, such as in the promotion of tourism and exporting. I am committed to looking for ways to best exploit that feature."

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Coming Drama Season to Provide Wide Variety With Productions from Shakespeare to Moss Hart

A Moss Hart-George Kaufman comedy, a rarely performed Shakespeare masterpiece, an earthy play and another described as "a gift of love" are on the calendar for the 1986-87 drama season at Cal State, San Bernardino.

Plays scheduled by the Theatre Arts Department are:

- "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday," Nov. 13-15, 19-22, described as the tender and moving story of David, who retreats to an island following his wife's tragic death and finds an emotional rebirth with an old friend.

- "Cymbeline," March 5, 7, 11, 14, Shakespeare's sensational melodrama about a king's virtuous daughter, the most admirable of heroines, who flees from accusations of infidelity, only to find the rages of her self-imposed exile as threatening as the dangers she left behind.

- "You Can't Take It With You," May 28-30, June 3-6, the third Kaufman Hart collaboration; when Grandpa Van der Stool comes to stay.

Quentin Moses Named Administrative Fellow

Quentin Moses (B.A. criminal justice 1979), an investigator and crime prevention officer in the Public Safety Department at Cal State, has been selected as a CSU Administrative Fellow for the 1986-87 academic year.

He is one of 11 persons appointed by the Chancellor's Office to participate in the CSU program, designed to provide opportunities for upward mobility in academic administration particularly for women and minorities. Candidates usually are assigned to a campus other than their own.

Moses is seeking a position in student services or university relations at Cal Poly, Pomona. He hopes his experience under the fellowship will direct his career toward management in one of those areas.

"Although my background and experience have been in law enforcement, I enjoy recruiting and talking to youths about the importance of education," Moses said. "As an investigator, I frequently deal with the public, so my experience has helped to broaden my career goals."

Dr. Moses, who has been affiliated with the Public Safety Department for seven years, looks forward to the change of pace. "It will be nice to be able to put my guard down and work more at ease. Instead of looking out for the whole university, I would be concerned with just one department.

In addition to furthering his career, Moses is continuing his education by pursuing a master's in public administration at Cal State.
Alumni Awards Recognize Distinguished Service

From cocktails in the Student Union courtyard to featured speaker Lois Carson’s inspiring concluding remarks, the seventh annual Alumni Awards program May 17 was a celebration honoring this year’s distinguished alumni.

Master of Ceremonies Bob Bates, Alumni President John Kirwan and the honorees reminisced about their memories and experiences while students here — the wind, Spanish class, favorite pros, having only three buildings on campus. Six alumni awarded with plaques were a distinguished group. Their appreciation of the tribute was key to the evening’s success. As one alumna said, “I had no idea I was being considered. I am deeply honored to be chosen for my school’s award.”

Business and Public Administration

Gerald M. Newcombe, twice a graduate from the University, completed his bachelor’s degree in public administration in 1976 and then a master’s degree in 1982. The 25-year veteran of the fire department started his career as a fire fighter in 1960. After a series of promotions, he was made captain in 1970. After serving as captain for six years and deputy chief for four years, Newcombe was appointed to head the department in 1980. He is affiliated with several state and local fire fighting committees and is an active San Bernardino resident.

Newcombe serves on the boards of San Bernardino Community Hospital, Cal State’s Board of Councilors, American Society for Public Administration, the American Red Cross and the Kiwanis Club. He also is involved in lay activities for St. John’s Episcopal Church.

Palm Air Force Base awarded him the Air Force Association’s Commendation and he is in Who’s Who in the West.

Education

Anna Maria Rodriguez, principal of Rialto Junior High School, completed her bachelor’s degree in English in 1971. The Loma Linda resident returned to Cal State a few years later to pursue a graduate degree in education, receiving a master’s degree in 1978.

Prior to her association with Rialto Junior High, she was principal at Miro Continuation High and served as assistant principal in charge of discipline at Eisenhower High School.

In addition to teaching for nine years at Eisenhower, Mrs. Rodriguez chaired the English Department, helped direct student activities and coordinated the administration of special bilingual and compensatory education programs. She also served as a school site council chairperson for Mount Vernon Elementary and Richardson Preparatory in the San Bernardino Unified School District as well as a visiting committee member for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges at Don Antonio Lugo High School in Chino and Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra.

When not directing affairs in school, she’s teaching others at St. Bernardine’s Church.

She is a member of the Association of California School Administrators and the Rialto Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, the honorary society of women educators.

Humanities

Elka Kelly, past president of the Palm Springs Support Activity for Gifted Education, completed her B.A. in music in 1979 and a master’s degree in special education in 1981. She also earned a learning handicapped specialist credential at the university to complement her other teaching credentials.

A resource teacher at St. John’s Juvenile Court School for Boys, she has been involved in special education since 1977 when she served as the site representative for gifted education at Raymond Cree Junior High. Her association with gifted education has led her to chair committees, lobby, testify before senate and assembly hearings, raise funds, create and implement new programs and coordinate communications for several service organizations. She has instructed others in the techniques needed to teach the gifted and talented.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Jennifer Blakely graduated in 1971 with a bachelor’s degree in sociology and in 1979 with a master’s degree in education.

She currently heads the Office of Grants and Community Development for the City of Fontana, a position she has held since 1984. Prior to that, she worked for the County of Riverside for 10 years, the last five as a supervising community development representative for the Housing and Community Development Department.

Blakely founded the Riverside section of the National Council of Negro Women in 1977. In 1971, she was instrumental in founding Kutania People. Kutania (kuo-ta-ne-a), a Swahili word, translates “people helping people.” The organization, comprised of men and women throughout the Inland Empire, provides work and study assistance to minority youth.

Kutania People was the driving force for establishing the San Bernardino Black Athletes Hall of Fame, which provides recognition to athletes who may not have received such attention while involved in area sports.

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors recently honored her with the Black History Month “Significant First” Achievement award citing her contributions to the community.

Natural Sciences

Dr. V. Merriline Smith, a native of Colton, graduated in 1967 with a math degree and was one of the University’s first two students to graduate with such a degree. Since 1967, she has gone on to complete both a master’s degree and a doctorate in math from the University of California, Riverside. Now a full professor of math and chair of the math department at Cal Poly Pomona, she was singled out as the institution’s most distinguished teacher in 1977.

Among her many contributions to the State University system, Dr. Smith served as a member of the writing group composing the entry-level math exam for Cal State freshmen. The writers evaluate the exam to insure its impartiality and fairness.

At Pomona, Dr. Smith earned her way up the ranks, starting first as an instructor, then assistant professor, associate professor, professor and now department chair. Chairing the math department at a technical school is an outstanding accomplishment, and retaining that position pays tribute to the talents she possesses.

Special Alumnus Recognition Award

This award is presented to an alumnus who has provided outstanding support to his alma mater. Nicholas J. Coussoulis is the 1986 honoree. President of the Coussoulis Realty Company, he graduated in 1975 with a bachelor of arts degree in geography and social sciences, and still attends the university pursuing a graduate degree in urban environmental planning.

Coussoulis — a rancher, citrus grower, broker, land developer, among other titles — maintains an active role in university affairs. He serves on the Board of Councilors for the School of Business and Public Administration and is a member of the President’s Circle.

A long list of community organizations he is affiliated with includes the Redlands Chamber of Commerce, Redlands Community Hospital Foundation, St. Bernardine’s Hospital Foundation, the Inland Empire Symphony Association, the Sheriff’s Council and several church-related positions involving St. Elias Greek Orthodox Church.

Because of his talent for development, Governor Deukmejian appointed him to the state Advisory Council on Economic Development.
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Alumni Association Elections

Four new alumni and five incumbents have been elected to serve two-year terms on the Alumni Association’s Board of Directors.

James N. Kennedy BA ’72, MBA ’77, will serve as scholarship director; Angela Lavin BA ’83, as awards director; and Linda Ricketts Mitchell BA ’75, as membership director. Calvin White MA ’79, was elected the new Black Chapter president.

Kennedy, a managing partner at Kennedy & Kennedy, CPAs in San Bernardino, is in charge of accounting and auditing services. His background includes work in real estate syndications, litigation support, mining and chemical refinery operations. He also spent three years as an executive search consultant in Los Angeles.

Lavin, who received her BA in political science, was active in student government while at Cal State, San Bernardino. She chaired the A.S. Publications Board and the Elections Committee, and served on the A.S. Finance Board as well as being a student representative on several Faculty Senate committees. She currently is a special projects technician for the Riverside County Job Training Partnership Department, and does volunteer staff work for Congressman George Brown.

Mitchell, an active supporter of the university through her work with marketing students and the alumni Business Administration Chapter, received her BA in administration with a special emphasis in marketing and consumer behavior. She has 15 years experience in all facets of marketing, including advertising, public relations, and promotions. She currently is special market manager at Gate City Beverage in San Bernardino.

The new Black Chapter president, Calvin White, received his MA in education from Cal State. His undergraduate work was at Grambling State University in Louisiana. He is a life member of the alumni associations of both universities, as well as the Pi Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, of which he is president. White is a guidance counselor at Cajon High School.

Lawrence Buck, who started his term as president of the Business and Public Administration Chapter in winter, 1986, received his MBA from CSUSB in 1983, and is director of marketing at the International School of Theology in Arrowhead Springs.

Re-elected to a second term are: President, John Kirwan BA ’71, president of PAYTALK Incorporated; first vice president James Penman BA ’69, attorney; second vice president, Lee Ann Overstreet BA ’84, graduate student in the CSUSB MPA program; secretary/treasurer, Alan McAllister, BS ’81, MBA ’85, executive vice president of PAYTALK and president of McAllister CPA Accountancy Corporation; and finance director, Carol Clark BA ’80, accountant in the finance department, City of Riverside.

In May the board approved two changes to the association’s Constitution and By-Laws involving board structure. The addition of a second vice president will provide a liaison between the campus community and the association. The first vice president will serve as liaison between the community and the association, and will assume the duties of president in the latter’s absence. The second change is the combination of secretary’s and treasurer’s duties into a secretary/treasurer position.