

Hello again! We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and the winter break. Here at the BDIC office there is not much to report this month, so a full version of Newsletter 608 will be returning in mid-February. However, we would like to share with you some of the highlights of our end of semester party. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

BDIC Staff

## Holiday Party at BDIC

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On December 15, a holiday celebration took place at BDIC. With a wonderful turnout of students, faculty and alumni, we spent the night listening to the music of The Ntelect Quartet and enjoying food from Atkin's Farms while meeting new people and enjoying the company of old friends.

The evening was a great success allowing students to meet with some alumni. The alumni that attended were Erica Fayrie, Deborah Savage, Alex Chan, Stephen Kelley and Tucker Litchfield. Tucker, a glass artist, along with current BDIC student, Dana Mazarelli, a jewelry designer, brought a few of their crafts to sell at the party.

All evening, passerbys wandered in to listen to the live music of the Ntelect Quartet. Anka Mason, George Drouillard, Chris Duston, and Josh Gale performed beautifully some classic and modern holiday songs. They are the same group that had performed for BDIC at the Spring Projects Fair in 2004. Their music really set the tone for the evening, making the event truly enjoyable.

Of the many people who came, there are a few that we'd like to mention. New mom, Rachel Besserman, brought her newborn son who seemed to enjoy the music and his new pal, peer advisor, Erinn Ambs. Also, Dean Kregg Strehorn and Dean Pamela Marsh-Williams joined us along with Supervisors, Jose Ornelas, Henry Geddes Gonzelez, Paula Stamps and all the Peer Advisors.

For some, this Holiday Party was their last event at BDIC. Peer Advisor Melissa Rodriguez will be finishing up her last semester in Palm Springs, California with her husband who recently returned from his station in Iraq. Jenn Aronson, a former Peer Advisor, will be spending her last semester

abroad in London, England. We wish them luck with their final semester and hope to see them again at graduation. A final congratulations to Aimee Murray on her graduation and we all wish you good luck with the coming baby!

The Holiday Party was a great time for everyone. And for one evening, the office was turned into a winter wonderland in hopes that all would enjoy the holidays and have a Happy New Year. We hope everyone enjoys winter break, and we wish everyone good luck with Spring semester!