Welcome to our new electronic newsletter. I hope this format helps with the ease of both distribution and access. As you likely know, I’ve just completed my first semester at Tech and enjoyed it greatly. The transition has been a relatively easy one for the whole family, including Loretta, Nicholas and Emma. The faculty, staff, and students have all been incredibly supportive and helpful. In particular, I want to thank our previous Chair, Ruth Maki, for helping make the transition a relatively seamless one. Similarly, our office staff have proven invaluable, including Karen Carroll, Linda Stracener, and Kay Hill. We’re now settled and Loretta has already started as an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership.

One thing that I’ve discovered quickly about the Department is that it’s a very active and productive one. If you take a look at the monthly news updates on our web page, you’ll see that our faculty publish, speak and present around the globe. A few are highlighted in this issue, including Alice Young, Frank Durso, Bob Morgan, and Dick McGlynn.

You’ll also notice that we’ve added a new faculty member, Kelly Cukrowicz. You’ll find a detailed discussion of Kelly’s history in the following section. Let me just add that I’m thrilled we’ve been able to attract someone of Kelly’s caliber. Please take a minute and review some of her accomplishments; I think you’ll be equally impressed.

Let me also share that Greg Mumma is stepping down as the Director of Graduate Studies, a position that he’s served in for the past eight years. Greg has simply done a superb job. With some recent advances in his lab, he plans to focus on his scientific agenda. Steve Richards has agreed to step into the DGS position. Given the lack of diversity on the Department’s executive committee, I’ve asked Susan Hendrick to join us as a diversity representative and I’m pleased to say that she’s agreed. Let me also add a special note of congratulations to faculty in the counseling psychology program for a successful APA site visit this past spring. It was certainly a job very well done!

The coming academic year should be an exciting one. The faculty will be meeting in late August for a half-day strategic planning retreat. Stay tuned for an update in the next issue.

Greetings From Our Department Chair, David Rudd

From Lee Cohen, Clinical

I once heard a quote from an unknown author stating, “Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.” Well, I rarely if ever use the vending machines in our building, but there has certainly been a great deal of change within the walls of the Department of Psychology over the past semester. Last year when I wrote this section of the newsletter, I noted that our division was short-handed as a result of a number of different reasons. I am happy to report that as of the upcoming fall semester we will be back at full strength, and will in fact, have one more clinical faculty member than we have ever had (at least to the best of my knowledge). Specifically, we have added two exceptional clinical faculty members to our ranks that will undoubtedly strengthen both the division and the department – Dr. M. David Rudd, our new Department Chairperson, and Dr. Kelly Cukrowicz.

Dr. Rudd, formerly the Department Chairperson at Baylor University, joined us this past January and brings with him an outstanding professional record of achievement. Along with being one of the most recogniz-
able names in the field of suicide research, he is an award-winning classroom teacher and is amazingly active in professional service at both the state and national level. Just to give you a snapshot of Dr. Rudd’s professional service, he is currently President-Elect of the Texas Psychological Association as well as President-Elect of Division 12 (Section VII) of the American Psychological Association. Formerly, he served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, which he chaired from 2000-2002, and served as President of the American Association of Suicidology. This coming academic year, Dr. Rudd will teach Objective Personality Assessment as well as an Advanced Clinical Practicum. We are thrilled to have Dr. Rudd with us!

Dr. Cukrowicz will be joining us later this summer as an assistant professor and also brings with her quite an impressive record of achievement—especially when you consider she earned her Ph.D. in 2005! She has over 20 professional publications to her credit and has already secured federal research funding. Her primary research interests include mood disorders and suicidal behavior. Currently she is focusing her research efforts on examining interpersonal and emotional factors that contribute to suicide risk in older adults. This summer, Dr. Cukrowicz was invited to attend a Summer Research Institute on Suicide Prevention at the University of Rochester. This coming academic year, Dr. Cukrowicz is slated to teach Advanced Clinical Practicum and plans in the future to teach our Introduction to Clinical Psychology course as well as a Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy course.

The rest of us in the division have also remained active in a variety of areas and continue to contribute substantially to the department, as well as to the university and the field. Specifically, Dr. Gregory Mumma continues to serve as Director of Graduate Studies while Dr. Joaquin Borrego was appointed to the Executive Board for Div 37 (Child, Youth, & Family Services) of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Borrego was also invited to serve as a reviewer on an NIMH panel for child interventions as well as a CDC panel dealing with violence prevention. I was honored this spring by being awarded a university-wide teaching award that was presented to me by President Jon Whitmore, and I continue to serve as project director for our training grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This is the final year of funding for this project and again would like to thank the other faculty members in the department (Drs. Borrego, R. Maki, S. Hendrick, and Morgan) who have been instrumen-

tal in making this grant such a success.

As I have said before, a major indicator of a program’s strength is the strength of its students, I am happy to report that we continue to have incredible success in placing our students at excellent internship sites across the country. Fortunately, as many of our exceptional students leave us for the final stage of their formal training, we continue to attract outstanding students to join our program. This year we bid adieu to six of our students (Monica Cortez-Garland, Jared Dempsey, Lauren Hoffman, Liz Ibanez, Steve Kolar, and Holly Morrell) as they head off for internships. Despite the fact that more and more students nationwide are not successfully obtaining internships, all six of our students were placed at highly rated sites on match day. The future of the program also looks bright as we were able to recruit 7 talented students to begin their studies with us in August.

I hope to hear from many of our alumni over the next year and learn where life has taken you. This information is useful for accreditation purposes, however, it is always good to know what our alumni are doing in the “real world.” As always, we welcome the input of our alumni as we continue our efforts in maintaining a strong and up-to-date training program that is on top of the emerging needs in the field. I would be delighted to hear from you and can easily be reached at lee.cohen@ttu.edu.

…From Robert Morgan, Counseling

As this issue of the newsletter is being written during the summer, it is one of my last official duties before I meander off into the sunset for a much anticipated developmental leave (it will also likely result in a shorter than usual report). Although I’ll be gone in the fall, the program will be in the capable hands of Dr. Sheila Garos. As I return for the spring semester, Dr. Steve Richards will take his turn enjoying some peaceful reflection and an opportunity to recharge his batteries.
As I reflect upon the past spring, the most significant accomplishment was the successful tenure of Dr. Garos. We are excited that she has been promoted to Associate Professor and look forward to her continued commitment to the program (no rest for the successful as she was immediately approached about serving as Interim Director). We are also proud of our five students that will be going on internship this summer/fall. We had five students apply for internship and all have successfully placed.

Additional student accomplishments have occurred. Our three predoctoral interns have all successfully defended their dissertations and have accepted or are in the process of accepting positions. Ms. Annette Kluck will be joining the faculty in the APA-accredited doctoral program in Counseling Psychology at Auburn University. Although Annette is moving to the Southeastern Conference (SEC), we are certain she’ll maintain a rooting interest in the Big 12. Ms. Amy Hersberger has accepted a postdoctoral fellowship in health psychology and will be moving to Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Aven Senter is currently deciding between several professional opportunities, with current job offers with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Closer to home, we are excited to welcome our incoming class of 2006-2007. Congratulations!

Also, Ms. Femina Varghese was awarded the Jane L. Winer Dissertation Scholarship for 2006-2007. This award was based on her dissertation which will examine vocational issues with incarcerated adult males. Mr. Jon Mandracchia was awarded the Counseling Psychology Research Award for his research accomplishments to date. Finally, several counseling psychology students will be highlighted in a forthcoming TTU Diversity Brochure aimed at recruiting a diverse student body to campus. We remain very proud of our many students and all of their accomplishments.

I’m sure there is more to report, but at this point, the only thing that comes to mind is sabbatical, sabbatical, sabbatical, so I’ll close by wishing you all a successful conclusion to the second half of 2006. I’ll miss you as I’m sleeping late (recharging the batteries), playing Internet poker (studying stats), and engaging in any other “professional” activities.

…From Jeff Larsen, Experimental

After 12 of service as experimental program director, Dr. Dick McGlynn passed the baton in January and I volunteered to pick it up. Dick tells me I’m only the fourth director in the program’s 40 year existence. According to his extrapolations, I can look forward to serving until 2019. Be that as it may, so far, so good. We had a successful recruiting year and have five new students coming in from across the country including Texas, Nebraska, North Carolina, and California.

Several students have also graduated and accepted tenure-track positions. Robert Mather completed his dissertation on social expectancies with Dr. Darcy Reich and in an incoming assistant professor at his alma mater, University of Central Oklahoma. He’ll teach undergraduate courses in social psychology, experimental psychology, and statistics, as well as a graduate class in advanced social psychology. Gabriela Carrasco has accepted a position at the University of North Alabama, where she’ll be teaching general psychology and industrial-organizational psychology. She’s finishing up her dissertation on social perceptions of interracial couples with Dr. Clyde Hendrick. Laura Garza will be teaching undergraduate classes in general psychology and social psychology at Texas A&M—Kingsville, as well a graduate course in developmental psychology. She completed her dissertation on cross-cultural differences in beliefs about aging with Dr. Kate Bleckley. Beth Williamson has completed her dissertation on the effects of aging and osteoarthritis on accuracy of movement with Dr. Phil Marshall. She’ll continue serving as an assistant professor of physical therapy at TTU’s Health Sciences Center, where she teaches courses on life span development and physical therapy interventions.

The faculty, of course, have also been busy. Kate Bleckley and others wrote a $35,000 grant to purchase an eye tracker. The grant was funded and the eye tracker is now operational. Kate will use the eye tracker to study how individuals high in low and working memory capacity allocate visual attention. Pat DeLucia will use the eye tracker in studies involving simulations of laparoscopic surgery. I hope to use the eye tracker to better understand emotional reactions to chance outcomes. Having emerged from the chair’s office after a long tenure in January, Dr. Ruth Maki, along with Dr. Bill Maki, went on faculty development leave. They visited colleagues and gave colloquia both in the U.S. and Australia. Ruth also had a backlog of data to write
up and she has been happily typing away in her new office far from the madding crowds. The last I heard was that she has submitted five papers since January. Dr. Alice Young was recently appointed to a 4-year term on the Biobehavioral Regulation, Learning and Ethology Study Section at the National Institutes for Health’s Center for Scientific Review. She also continues to serve as associate editor for the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. In other such news, Darcy Reich and I have recently joined the editorial boards of Journal of Basic and Applied Psychology and Emotion, respectively.

In February, Dr. Roman Taraban organized a conference entitled “To think and act like a scientist: The roles of inquiry, research, and technology in the pre-college and college years” (http://www.hhmi.ttu.edu/conference/). The conference was held at Texas Tech and sponsored by a variety of units including our department and the biology department, the Center for the Integration of Science Education and Research (CISER), the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center (TLTC), and the Teaching Academy. More than 120 attendees came from across the country. Keynote speakers included Ron Sun from the Cognitive Science Department at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, who spoke about the synergy of implicit and explicit knowledge. Many of the speakers will write chapters that Roman is editing.

**Congratulations to Bob Morgan on his new book……**

Our goal in writing *Careers in Psychology: Opportunities in a Changing World* is to discuss the broad range of careers that psychology students might choose. Many students are unaware of the breadth of psychology and its many subdisciplines, and this book will introduce you to the wide range of possible undergraduate and graduate level careers in psychology. A guiding principle of *Careers in Psychology* is that education in psychology prepares students for careers in many fields; however, students have the onus of determining their career interests and tailoring their psychology degree with additional courses and experiences to round out their preparation and enhance their marketability for their chosen career. This principle holds true for undergraduate as well as graduate degree holders in psychology.

*Careers in Psychology* is appropriate for a range of students, including prospective and declared psychology majors. It complements a variety of psychology courses, including introductory psychology, careers in psychology, methodology courses, capstone courses, and seminars for psychology majors. We view this book as a resource for psychology students and their advisors, and we encourage students to discuss the career opportunities they find within these pages with their advisors and career counselors.
Clinical Psychology Graduate Students’ Internship Placement for 2006-2007

Monica Cortez-Garland  University of Florida Health Science Center, Gainesville, FL
Jared P. Dempsey  Medical University South Carolina-Charleston Consortium, Charleston, SC
Lauren E. Hoffman  Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
Elizabeth S. Ibanez  Citrus Health Network, Miami, FL
Stephen M. Kolar  University of Texas Health Science-San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
Holly E. Morrell  University of California San Diego Consortium/VA Med. VA ALC RX/UCSD Adult Opt., San Diego, CA

Counseling Psychology Graduate Students’ Internship Placement for 2006-2007

Jason Frizzell  Western Missouri Mental Health Center, Kansas City, MO
Rico D. Mosby  University of Florida Counseling Center, Gainesville, FL
Alicia T. Rozycki  VA New Jersey Health Care System, Lyons, NJ
Lucas B. Shaw  St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, Washington, DC
Ingrid K. Weigold  University of Houston Counseling Center, Houston, TX

Welcome to Our New Graduate Students for 2006—2007

Clinical
Vanessa Bayer (Clopton)  University of Texas
Teresa Burrell (Borrego)  West Virginia
Tyne Carrington (Harter)  Xavier University
Liliana Cordero (Rudd)  U. of Texas-El Paso
David Heckler (Epkins)  Austin College
Valerie Hobson (Cohen)  Texas Tech
Robert Watts (Mumma)  Eastern Kentucky

Experimental
J.L. Rudine (Bleckley)  Portland State

Human Factors
Eston Betts (DeLucia)  Texas Tech University
Paul Derby (Jones)  Cal State—Long Beach

Social
Kristin Gonzalez (Reich)  University of Houston
Bradley Stastny (Larsen)  University of Nebraska-Kearney

Congratulations to our students—those near the end of their journey and those just beginning.
Psychology Scholarships

The Texas Tech University Psychology Department has several endowed and non-endowed scholarships for which Psychology graduate students can apply. Please consider donating to one of our scholarship funds. Most of the non-endowed funds can become endowed when they reach $10,000. Also, a $10,000 contribution allows one to name a scholarship fund. You can specify any of the accounts below when you contribute to Texas Tech University by specifying the account on your pledge card, or if you would like to create a new scholarship, please contact David Rudd, Department of Psychology, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-2051, 806-742-3711 x224, david.rudd@ttu.edu. If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution, write a check to the Texas Tech Foundation Inc., and put the name of the fund and PSY0 on the memo portion.

Endowed

Graduate Students in Psychology

Dr. Theodore Andreychuk Memorial Endowment

Clay E. George Scholarship Endowment

Major General Vincent Luchsinger Scholarship Endowment

Dr. and Mrs. Barry Norman Scholarship (Clinical or Counseling)

Sharon K. Shoemaker Memorial Graduate Psychology Scholarship (Counseling or Social)

Clinical Psychology

Charles H. Mahone Endowed Scholarship

Robert Earl Maxey Clinical Psychology Scholarship

Walter Locke Memorial Scholarship

Counseling Psychology

Gulf Oil Company Endowment for Psychology

Jane L. Winer Dissertation Scholarship Endowment

Robert P. Anderson Counseling Psychology Scholarship

Undergraduates in Psychology

Sharon K. Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship

Non-Endowed

General Psychology

Psychology Excellence Fund

Clinical Psychology

Clinical Students’ Scholarship

Counseling Psychology

Counseling Students’ Scholarship

Experimental Psychology

Experimental Students’ Scholarship

Making Progress Toward Endowment

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Experimental

Robert W. Bell Endowed Scholarship

Julie Kyle Memorial Scholarship

Veron Perez Scholarship

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Recent Faculty, Staff, and Student Honors

Please take a look at our monthly news updates on our web page at www.depts.ttu.edu/psy for a complete listing of faculty publications and presentations. The list is far too long to duplicate here. Accordingly, what follows is a small sampling of interesting presentations, awards, and related items.

The Psychology Department received a Daily Toreador “Readers Choice Award” (first place) as the “Most Helpful Department”.

Pat DeLucia was selected to serve as an external reviewer for the graduate program in psychology at the University of Cincinnati.

Joaquin Borrego was appointed to the editorial board for Psicologia Conductual. He also served as a grant reviewer for the Centers of Disease Control.

Bill and Ruth Maki gave a series of lectures in Australia this past semester, including talks at Macquarie University and the University of Western Australia.

Mario Casa De Calvo will be featured on the Graduate School website this summer and fall.

The Neuroimaging Group is launching an annual neuroimaging lecture series this fall. This year’s lecture will be sponsored by fund secured from the Student Government Association and the Department of Psychology.

Alice Young has been appointed to the editorial board for the Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior. She has also received a renewal (for year 23) of her NIH grant (direct costs of $244,125). Further, she chaired an NIH special emphasis review panel and was appointed to a four year term as a member of the NIH Biobehavioral Regulation Learning and Ethology Scientific Review Group for 2006-2010. Last but certainly not least, she received a $20,000 TTUHSC School of Medicine seed grant entitled “Learning and memory-based performances in mouse models of Alzheimer’s disease”.

Frank Durso had his research highlighted in Psychology Matters in the APA Monitor. He also was appointed an adjunct Professor of Industrial Engineering at the University of Oklahoma.

Kelly Cukrowicz attended a week-long NIMH funded Summer Research Institute on Suicide Prevention at the University of Rochester, June 11-17th.

David Rudd produced a six-hour training DVD for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center on “Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk”. He also served on a SAMHSA review panel for suicide prevention grants and was elected to the APA Council of Representatives, representing the Texas Psychological Association.

Rosemary Cogan has been appointed as chair of the IRB for Texas Tech University. Rosemary also received a “Readers Choice Award” for “Best Class” for her Human Sexuality class.

Tanecia Blue and Tiffanie Fennell were selected as alternates for the TEACH 2006-2007 cohort.

Susan Hendrick has agreed to serve on the editorial board for the Cancer Newsletter produced by the TTU HSC. Susan and several students also presented at the Oncology Grand Rounds at the UMC, entitled “Communicating with Patients”.

Lee Cohen and Erin Hardin were both selected for Big-12 Fellowships.

Bob Morgan was appointed as a psychological consultant with BrainPower Inc. to evaluate potential draft picks of the Dallas Cowboys at the NFL Combine.

Congratulations and thanks for your positive contributions to the Department!
Dissertation Defenses
June 2005 through May 2006

Scott R. Mooney, “Intraindividual Construct Validity of Anxiety, Depression, Fatigue, and Irritability in Chronic Hepatitis C: A Daily Process Study.” Committee Chairperson, Gregory H. Mumma

Sandra Soenning, “The Measurement of Social competence in Children Using the Rorschach Inkblot Test: A Validation Study.” Committee Co-Chairs, Jim Clopton and Gary Fireman

Kimberly A. Crosby, “Communication, Goals and Self-Efficacy, Social Anxiety, and Self-Perception with Non-Aggressive Rejected and Popular Children.” Committee Co-Chairs, Jim Clopton and Gary Fireman

Aven Senter, “Correctional Psychologist Burnout, Job Satisfaction, and Life Satisfaction.” Committee Chairperson, Robert D. Morgan

Ingrid Katharina Weigold, “Trait Anxiety: Its Relation to Hardiness, Personal Growth Initiative, Self-Efficacy, and Coping in a Structural Equation Model.” Committee Chairperson, Christine Robitschek

Aimee E. Whittaker, “Comparing ‘Models’: The Best Fit for Social Predictors of Bulimic Pathology.” Committee Chairperson, Christine Robitschek

Amy Hershberger, “Compliance with Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings among Hispanic and White Women: The Roles of Autonomous Motivation, Self-Efficacy Expectations, and Acculturation.” Committee Chairperson, Christine Robitschek

Jarrod S. Steffan, “Detecting Inmates Malingering on the MMPI-2: An Analogue Investigation.” Committee Chairperson, Robert D. Morgan

Edyta A. Skarbek, “Psychosocial Predictors of Self-Care Behaviors in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Patients: Analysis of Social Support, Self-Efficacy, and Depression.” Committee Chairperson, C. Steven Richards

Sherry Desselle, “Depression, Coping Style, and Substance Use Disorders in an Outpatient Treatment Population.” Committee Chairperson, C. Steven Richards

Jeffrey Martindale, “The Influence of Desirability for Control, Sexual Obsession, and Closeness to One’s Romantic Partner on Temptation Bias.” Committee Chairperson, Sheila Garos

Elizabeth Najera, “College Students’ Criteria for Dating, One-shot Stands, and Marriage.” Committee Co-Chairs, Susan Hendrick and Clyde Hendrick

Laura Cruz Garza, “Cross-Cultural Differences in Acculturation, Familiarity and Beliefs about Memory in Aging: A Comparison between Mexican Americans and European Americans.” Committee Chairperson, M. Kathryn Blecley

Beth Williamson, “Effects of Age and Arthritis, and Cognitive and Physical Demand, on Performance on a Continuous Tracking Task Using Knee Flexions, and Extensions.” Committee Chairperson, Philip Marshall

Robert Mather, “The Influence of Suppression Goals and Accessible Expectancies on Rebound of Social Inferences.” Committee Chairperson, Darcy A. Reich
Alice Young has been invited to join a study section responsible for reviewing grant applications submitted to the Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health.

Alice also holds an appointment as a professor of pharmacology and neuroscience at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She will serve as a member of the Biobehavioral Regulation, Learning and Ethology Study Section at the NIH Center for Scientific Review. She begins a four-year term on July 1.

Study sections also make recommendations on these applications to the appropriate NIH national advisory council or board, and survey the status of research in their fields of science.

Members of study sections of the Center for Scientific Review are selected based on outstanding achievement in their scientific discipline, which entails significant publications in scientific journals as well as laudable scientific activities and honors. Consistent with her outstanding credentials, Alice recently received word that her NIH funding had been extended for a remarkable 23 years in a row!

Professor Earns Position on Study Section for National Institutes of Health and has Funding Extended

Frank Durso recently completed the second edition of this book, *Handbook of Applied Cognition*. It provides 30 cutting edge reviews, stimulating to experts in the area yet accessible to researchers planning an initial foray into these challenging and important topics. Steward by experienced editors from around the globe and from across applied cognition, international researchers cover topics critical to understanding human mental functions in complex environments.

The *Handbook* presents 10 chapters in each of three sections. The volume begins with a section designed to review the relevant work on the basic processes that underlie application. Any reader familiar with human cognition will recognize the topics: from an opening chapter on applied cognition, to underlying cognitive processes ranging from attention to decision making, and then onward to fundamental phenomena like teamwork and human error. Experts present a broad review of these fundamentals with an eye toward their roles in solving applied problems in a variety of domains.

As the first 10 chapters begin with the basics, so the next 20 supply a comprehensive coverage of cognitive work in particular applied domains.

These 20 chapters capture what appear to be two distinct approaches to applied cognition, often conducted by distinct groups of researchers. The section on *Applying Cognition to Human-Technical Systems* provides reviews of work that attempts to solve the problems of humans dealing with complex technologies. Chapters untangle the issues that are familiar to cognitive engineers who confront them when they study cognition in the context of computers, transportation, and a variety of industries.

The final 10 chapters, *Applying Cognition to Human-Social Systems*, present topics familiar to applied cognitive psychologists who work to understand the interaction of the human mind in its society and culture. Among these chapters are those on forensics, instruction, and important pieces of societal fabric.

With contributions from world-class contributors, this edition of the *Handbook of Applied Cognition* provides an authoritative resource and reference basic researchers, cognitive engineers, and applied cognitive psychologists. It will also appeal to advanced students covering the flourishing field of applied cognition.
Department Hosting Hospitality Suite at APA

The Department will host a hospitality suite at the American Psychological Association annual meeting in New Orleans, August 10-14.

It’s a joint effort by faculty from across all three doctoral programs, including experimental, counseling and clinical. Funding was received from the TTU Graduate School as a part of its effort to enhance graduate programs.

The suite will be in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. We’ll be hosting several events and have already sent out invitations to department chairs and students from around the southwest region. On Friday afternoon, we’ll host a recruiting reception for prospective students from 4:00-8:00 PM. On Saturday morning, we’ll host a faculty recruitment and welcome reception from 8:00-10:00 AM. Food and drink will be available at both times.

In addition to the above activities, Frank Durso will be hosting a reception for Division 21 on Saturday evening.

If you’re going to be in New Orleans, be sure to stop by at either event. It’s a great opportunity to reconnect with departmental faculty and students. We’re more than happy to let you know what we’re doing and what we’ve got planned for the future. See you in New Orleans!

The Many Contributions of Dick McGlynn

As Jeff Larsen mentioned in his column, Dick McGlynn recently stepped down from serving as director of the experimental program after a 12-year stint. Dick is also stepping aside as Chair of the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Rosemary Cogan will be assuming responsibilities as Chair starting this academic year.

Dick McGlynn’s service to the Department has simply been tremendous, stretching across many years and many fronts. I thought it only appropriate to recognize those contributions. Dick’s influence on the IRB has been nothing short of phenomenal. He’s in large part reshaped the TTU IRB, streamlining and refining procedures. Similarly, Dick’s leadership of the experimental program has been profound. Although Dick has stepped aside from these two positions, he’s hesitantly assumed another, heading up our Library Committee in the Department, an extremely important task to retain the scientific integrity of psychology. Thanks for all your hard work Dick!

In the Next Issue: Featured Alum Series

Starting with our next issue, we’ll be featuring an extended story about one of our alums. The series will provide a unique opportunity for alumni to reconnect with the Department and for you to learn more about what colleagues are doing since leaving Tech.

We’ll start the series with a feature story on Dr. BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya, the current President of the Minnesota Psychological Association. Please let us know what you’ve been doing. If you’re aware of fellow alums that have done some interesting things since leaving Tech, please drop us a note. As you might have guessed, our newsletter is moving to an entirely electronic distribution. Please take a few minutes to update your address with the department, and send your email address. You can contact Kay Hill at kay.hill@ttu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.
Jodi Caldwell (Counseling, 2000) was recently promoted to Assistant Director of the Counseling and Career Development Center at Georgia Southern University. She continues to serve on the Directorate of the Commission for Counseling and Psychological Services, a division of ACPA. She was also recently awarded the Georgia Southern University Award of Excellence, for outstanding contributions to the university community. Her email address is Jodic@georgiasouthern.edu.

Alvin Cooper (Clinical, 1986) unfortunately passed away on May 12, 2004. He worked at Stanford University for over 15 years and was the coordinator of the training program. His research interest was sexuality. He was also self-employed in his own practice in San Jose, CA.

Sherry Crowell (Clinical, 1985) wishes to encourage students to study the reason Clinical programs have the most scholarships, followed by Counseling, and lastly Experimental. She has been included in Who's Who in Medicine and Health, Who's Who in Science and Engineering, and Who's Who in Women, among others. She is currently in private practice. Her email address is owell@cox.net.

Robert Katz (Clinical, 1973) is self-employed in private practice in New York City and Westchester. He is also a faculty member at New York University in the postdoctoral program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. He also works for the Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy in Westchester. His email address is dirk593@optonline.net.

Theo Lemaire (Clinical, 1979) completed a postdoctoral M.S. degree in Clinical Psychopharmacology from Alliant International University in December, 2005. He is currently in a group private practice in the metro Baltimore, Maryland area. His email address is lemaireTj@comcast.net.

Julie Tietz (Developmental, 1998) received tenure at Cottey College (Nevada, MO) in Spring 2005, where she teaches classes in developmental psychology as well as human sexuality and gender. She is the sponsor of the psychology honor society chapter and the newly formed Pride Alliance Club. In April 2005, she gave birth to her second child, Jacob Ethan. Congratulations! Her email address is jim.tietz@cottey.edu.

Jim Tuorila (Counseling, 1986) currently works at the St Cloud VAMC. He also recently received the VFW Outstanding VA Health Care Employee of the Year Award. He plans to retire in Sept 2006 but will continue to work in his private practice and fly his three POW-MIA hot air balloons. His email address is jdt2rala429@charter.net. The website for his balloons is freedomflight.org.