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Greetings... From Our Department Chair, Ruth Maki

Here it is the end of Fall Semester already. Another semester has flown by. This is especially exciting time for me because I have a faculty development leave in Spring 2006, and I will finish my term as Department Chair in December 2005. I will be on Faculty Development Leave during Spring 2006. I look forward to writing several papers and to developing an undergraduate statistics course. I am delighted that we were able to hire Dr. David Rudd as our new chair. Read about Dr. Rudd on p. 6 of this newsletter. He is enthusiastic and has lots of good ideas, so I expect that the department will continue to get better and better.

There are other changes in the Department as well. After 39½ years of service, Dr. Dennis Cogan is retiring at the end of this semester. He and his wife, Helen, will live in Roswell. We understand that they have purchased 10 acres there and plan to have horses. Dennis has done many things for the department over the years. He taught graduate-level statistics courses and the graduate physiological psychology course. More recently, he has been teaching undergraduate courses in research methods, learning, physiological psychology, and statistics. Dennis came to Texas Technological College in September, 1966 (yes the name was not changed to Texas Tech until 1969). He has seen a lot of change in the department, most notably a huge increase in undergraduate majors, from 380 in his first year here to 860 today. Dennis was fresh out of the University of Missouri, where he completed a Ph.D. under the supervision of Dr. Melvin Marx, who was well-known for his work on learning and the history of psychology. The Department thanks Dennis Cogan for his many years of service.

There are other changes in the Department as well. Frank Durso, who served as Associate Chair the past 2 1/2 years is stepping down from that role at the end of 2005. Roman Taraban will replace him as Associate Chair. Dick McGlynn has announced that he will step down as Director of Experimental

Psychology, a role he has held for many years. His replacement has not yet been named. Our directors of clinical and counseling, Lee Cohen and Bob Morgan, respectively, are now in their second year. Both of them were tenured and promoted to Associate Professors in Fall 2005. I think it's great to have so many younger faculty taking on leadership roles in the department. As I always tell them, they are the future of the department. I am confident they will continue to make the department stronger and stronger.

We admitted one of our largest doctoral classes in Fall 2005. As you will see when you read about these new students (pp. 4-5), they come from all over the nation. I'm impressed with their ability and enthusiasm. I expect these students will follow the footsteps of our alumni in becoming strong psychologists in academia, industry, health settings, clinics or private practice.

As always I encourage you to donate to Texas Tech, specifically our Psychology Department Scholarships and other support funds. Dick McGlynn is working to endow the Bell Scholarship (see pp.3-4). Experimental also has the Perez Scholarship. Counseling has the Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship, Jane Winer Dissertation Award, and the Robert Anderson Scholarship. Clinical has the Charles Mahone, Walter Locke, and Maxey scholarships. We'd love to receive tax-deductible contributions to these funds. We also love to hear from you. Please send us information on the "Keep in Touch" form or by e-mail.

Best wishes for the new year to all of you.

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News From Our Graduate Programs

From Clinical (written by Joaquin Borrego, Assistant Professor of Psychology)

There have been numerous exciting activities occurring in the department and in our research lab that focus on under-served populations. As you may be aware, the department is in the midst of the Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) grant funded through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The goals of this grant are to expose students to working with underserved populations in a variety of settings and to work with multidisciplinary teams. A desired outcome of this project is for students to work effectively with ethnic minority populations and to increase the probability of wanting to work with traditionally underserved populations. The following are three training sites that I would like to highlight: 1) the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of the South Plains, 2) the Wellness Center of East Lubbock, and 3) the Department of Pediatrics' Endocrine and Metabolism Clinic. At CAC, doctoral students in the Clinical and Counseling programs have an opportunity to work with maltreated children and their non-offending family members. Students get to provide a breadth of services ranging from crisis intervention to support groups. This placement allows the advanced student to work with a multidisciplinary team ranging from Child Protective Services to the District Attorney's office. At the Wellness Center, our students get to work with a predominantly low-SES ethnic minority population from East Lubbock. In this placement, students get exposure in providing brief interventions such as increasing compliance with medical treatments. Students also have the opportunity to work closely with nurses from the TTUHSC School of Nursing. Another placement exposes students to children who are experiencing health complications ranging from being overweight to having diabetes. Students in this placement get to work closely with the attending physicians, medical residents, nurses, and the dietician. The Department of Pediatrics will be starting a *Healthy Kids* weight management program in January 2006. Our students have been working closely with the program coordinators in helping shape the structure of the program. They will be providing brief interventions and consultation.

I would also like to highlight work by graduate students in my research lab that focuses on under-represented and under-served populations. Currently, there are also various on-going research projects in the Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) lab that focus on ethnic minority populations (e.g., Mexican Americans). Elizabeth Ibanez, 5th year Clinical Psychology doctoral student, will be conducting her dissertation on the use of corporal punishment in mothers of Mexican-origin. She will be examining the impact of acculturation on the use of corporal punishment and the role of *respeto* (respect) impacting the use of corporal punishment. Joy Reeves-Pemberton, 4th year Clinical Psychology doctoral student, is completing her research project examining

the effects of family feedback on treatment acceptability. Like Joy, Stuart Spendlove, 3rd year Clinical Psychology doctoral student, recently completed his 2nd year project titled, *Acculturation, Ethnic Identity, and the Risk for Psychological Problems in Mexican-American Youth*. Data from this project could provide clinical researchers with relevant cultural information to address in the context of the provision of mental health services. Carol Jackson, 3rd year Clinical Psychology doctoral student, is busy building a prospectus for her Qualifying Exam. Carol plans to critically examine the cultural competence and therapy literature in relation to working with ethnic minorities and training implications for Clinical Psychology. Rocio Villarreal, 2nd year Clinical Psychology doctoral student, is in the midst of conducting her 2nd year project titled, *Health Related Quality of Life in Hispanic Children*. Finally, Chikira Barker, 1st year Clinical Psychology doctoral student, is busy planning her 2nd year project. Chikira plans to validate the Dyadic Parent-Child Interaction Coding System (DPICS) with Mexican American families.

Finally, we are getting prepared to start reviewing student applications for our doctoral program for the 2006-2007 academic year. The last couple of years, we have held an *Interview Day* on the second Friday in February. Of the total number of applications we receive each year, approximately 20-25 students get invited to visit our program. Though it involves significant teamwork from both faculty and students, it has been a very successful process. We feel this process is important as it gives prospective students an opportunity to visit with different faculty and students in person. It also gives potential students an opportunity to learn more about our department, the university, and the community. As a final note, we will also be interviewing prospective faculty applicants to fill a vacancy in the Clinical division. In addition to having Dr. David Rudd chair our department starting in January, the division is excited about the possibility of having a new colleague for next fall.

From Counseling (written by Bob Morgan, Director of Counseling Psychology)

I'm happy to report that the Counseling Psychology program ranked 27 out of the top 40 counseling psychology programs in research productivity according to a spring issue of *The Counseling Psychologist* (Volume 33, May, 2005). During the last review (1994) we were unranked. I consider this a very important milestone that is beneficial for all of us, as students and professionals alike. In my opinion, we are now on the counseling psychology research productivity map.

As many of you know, it is time for our accreditation review. First, I want to thank all of you who returned the Alumni Survey. This is a vital component of our self-study, so we needed your help. I'm pleased to report that our Self-Study Report was submitted to APA by the deadline and we are waiting to learn the dates of our

Site-Visit (some time in the spring). I'll provide more details regarding the site visit in the spring edition of the newsletter. Until then, keep your fingers crossed for us.

We recently learned that we will be short handed in the 2006-2007 academic year. Dr. Steve Richards and I received approval (pending final Board of Regents approval) for Faculty Development Leaves. I will take my leave in the fall of 2006, and Steve will take his leave in the spring of 2007. Although this will leave our division short handed, it will hopefully pay off in productivity over the long haul. I will be working with Dr. Rudd to ensure proper coverage for all student needs.

The Counseling Psychology Division is pleased to introduce to you our newest cohort of graduate students. Welcome to Ashlee Brown, Allison DeFinis, Kasi Howard, Shelda Iverson, Lindsey Moore, Danielle Murray, Sandra Rodriguez, and Cynthia Spering (see pages 4-5 for more information regarding these students). Although we don't typically take eight students in a class, we simply could not pass up any of these students.

Finally, the Counseling Psychology Division would like to thank Dr. Ruth Maki for her years of service as Department Chair. We are very grateful for the support she has provided our program and particularly grateful for her commitment to students (e.g., funding). I believe we are in very good shape for the site-visit and a large part of that is due to her support and commitment to helping us become a stronger program. Although many of us don't like change, with it comes new opportunities. As such, we are excited about the arrival of Dr. David Rudd as our Department Chair beginning in the spring. Although Dr. Rudd has large shoes to fill, we are excited about the new energy and potential he brings for the department and the Counseling Psychology program in particular.

From Experimental (written by Phil Marshall and Dick McGlynn, Professors of Psychology)

Overall, the portrait is 16 in. by 20 in., and the medium is what the art world calls a silver gelatin print, made the old fashioned way with paper, and several trays of liquid chemicals. Daylight illuminates the left side of the torso and head, and the right hand, holding an unfiltered Camel, is poised against a prominent cheekbone and furrowed brow. The smoke from the Camel spirals upwards, intermingles with, and then exits the sparse curls of a shock of hair that forms a modest widow's peak. The cupped hand creates a bit of a shadow on the slightly squinted, maybe tired, right eye, but even so one can still look back into the penetrating gaze of someone who has willingly agreed to let his portrait be taken, and is trying, maybe, to hold a dramatic pose. Beneath the blue blazer, his top-button-unopened white shirt is filled with the scraggly chin hairs that form a beard that has seen few professional clippings. A few ashes have

dropped onto the shirt, and add defining detail to complete the portrait.

The portrait was taken in 1986, in his office on the third floor of the psychology building. Bob Bell was tolerant and maybe even welcomed my photographic interruption. The portrait hangs in my new office, that of the chair of the Department of Political Science (don't ask, it is a long story). I intentionally take a look at my good friend Bob whenever I'm having a rough day or confronted by a difficult decision or situation....WWBD? If it could actually counsel me, the portrait would probably say something like "calm down, look at your options, be fair, and do what you have to do." Bob had a brilliant mind, a great wit, a passion for teaching, and a desire to help every student succeed.

If Bob Bell helped you to get where you are now, if knowing or experiencing his friendship has ever helped you get through a tough day, if you ever remember and smile at one of his oft told tales, you must contribute to this memorial scholarship fund. It is the right thing to do....it is what Bob would do.

In preparing to write a piece encouraging alumni and friends to help finish the endowment of the Robert W. Bell Scholarship, I asked his good friend Phil to write a portrait of Bob that would remind us why this project is worthy of support. I wasn't thinking that Phil is a professional photographer who, in fact, had already produced a magnificent portrait of Bob that hangs in his office. I think he uses it to good effect here.

As most readers will know, Bob Bell came to Texas Tech as department chair in 1973, a position that he held for eight and a half years and served as a faculty member until retirement in May 2000. Many of us were fortunate to spend some time with Bob at a department party the night before he died suddenly in September 2000, and many more over the years were fortunate to be his students, his friends, his colleagues. Shortly after his death, the Bell Scholarship was begun. As of now the fund has about \$5100. The minimum amount for an endowed scholarship that will produce interest that can be used for scholarships is \$10,000.

Most major development campaigns, as we now call fund raising, begin with a silent phase which everyone knows about, but which takes place before the official beginning of the campaign. I want to reverse that in this case. I hereby announce the public phase of this campaign to endow the Bell scholarship. I am also pleased to announce that the first \$1000 in contributions before June 1, 2006 will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor. If the public phase does not succeed, in the silent phase you will be hounded by direct mail and calls from people you don't want to talk to. Let's wrap this up by next June.

New Graduate Students for 2005-2006

Joshua Arduengo- I am from Houston, Texas. I majored in psychology and am working with Dr. Ruth Maki. As an undergraduate at Texas Tech, I worked with Dr. Frank Durso and Dr. Ruth Maki and I am an author on work out of both of those labs. My hobbies include: hiking, camping and cooking. My research will investigate predictors of prospective memory.

Chikira Barker I earned my B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in Criminology from the University of Florida. I'm working with Dr. Joaquin Borrego in the Parent-Child Interaction Therapy Lab. My research interests include ethnic minority families, PCIT, child maltreatment, and family violence. Outside of school, I like reading and watching sports.

Ashlee Brown- I am from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and did my undergrad at the University of Wisconsin - Madison in English and Philosophy. I then moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the past 4 years and received my Masters in Counseling Psychology at the University of Saint Thomas. I am working with Dr. Sheila Garos on research in hypersexuality, sexual biases, etc. I hope to do some research in the area of attitudes and bias about the sexuality of women.

Curtis Craig- I am originally from Denton, TX. I graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with a B.S. in Cognitive Science and a M.S. in Applied Cognition and Neuroscience. I'm studying under Dr. Ruth Maki. My interests are expertise, comprehension, and judgment & decision making. I'm working on situation model updating, which is part of text comprehension literature.

Alli DeFinis- I am from Florida, and graduated with my B.S. in Psychology from the University of Florida (GO GATORS!). I am originally from Southwest Florida, where I grew up on the beach. I desperately miss the beach, palm trees, and anything else that reminds me of The Sunshine State. I am working with Dr. Susan Hendrick and therefore my research will focus on relationships (although I'm not quite sure about specifics just yet). Hobbies and interests...let's see...I like playing basketball, despite the fact that I am vertically challenged. I also enjoy other sports such as tennis, football, and swimming. I also love photography, traveling, live music, and good food.

Allyson Hall- I am originally from Amarillo, Texas. I graduated from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi in May 2005 with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology, minor in Business Administration. I am currently an Experimental Human Factors Psychology graduate student working under the mentorship of Dr. Keith Jones. My research focus is in Perception and Human-Computer Interaction.

Kasi Howard- I was born in Midland, TX but I spent the majority of my childhood in a small town in Kansas (Newton) with my mother, while summers and holidays were spent with my dad in Midland, TX. I went to Austin College, a small private liberal arts school in Sherman, TX (hour north of Dallas) for my undergraduate degree. I am currently a first year counseling student working with Dr Susan Hendrick. I have an array of research interests some including: all aspects of relationships, emotions, personal growth, identity development, positive psychology, and existentialism.

Diana Hudson- I'm from Gladstone, Michigan, which is in the Upper Peninsula. I came from Northern Michigan University, with a Bachelors and Masters in experimental psychology. I am now working with Dr. Bleckley investigating working memory and attention differences between older and younger adults.

Shelda Iverson - I am from Indianapolis, Indiana. I lived there with my parents and younger brother until I finished high school. I then moved to Anderson, Indiana to attend Anderson University. I majored in Psychology while I was there, and I also minored in Spanish. One of my best memories in college was getting the chance to study Spanish in Costa Rica for a summer. My advisor is Stephen Cook. Although I am still in the process of developing research ideas, I anticipate that my research will involve religion/spirituality in some capacity. One of my hobbies is long distance running.

Brandy Ledbetter- I am from San Marcos, TX. I Graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. I am working with Dr. Clopton, researching eating disorders. Specifically, I'm interested in how eating disordered behaviors affect relationships and attachments to others. At home, I loved to float the river and hang out on the lake, so I'm looking for new hobbies here in Lubbock! I also love to play with my pup, Barclay.

Lindsey Moore- I am from Gardendale, Alabama. I attended the University of Alabama for my undergraduate education where I double majored in Psychology and Spanish. During the spring of 2004, I had the opportunity to study abroad in Spain as an exchange student. Today, I am working with Dr. Stephen Cook and I plan to be researching topics in the areas of spirituality, religion, and coping.

Kerstan Mork- I am from Albuquerque, NM and received my B.S. in Psychology from the University of New Mexico. After working at several completely unsatisfying jobs waiting tables, I decided to move to Pensacola, FL (beautiful white sand beaches!) where I earned my Master's in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. While attending University of West

Florida, I decided that I really enjoyed cognitive psychology and human factors. Because of these interests, I pursued a human-factors related thesis on situation awareness and driving... I just couldn't get enough school, so I decided to pursue a PhD in Experimental Psychology with a concentration in human factors psychology at TTU. On a personal note, I got married in December and I'm really excited!!

Danielle Murray- I was born in Stuttgart, Germany. My mother is German and my father is from Barbados. I've moved over 20 times because my father was in the military. I went to high school in Killeen, TX and then went to Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Beautiful place, strange people! I went to that university because I got a scholarship to play basketball. There I majored in Psychology and minored in Recreation & Leisure. Why minor in Recreation & Leisure? I'm still working that one out in my mind!

Randy Overbeek- I hail from deep in the north woods of Bemidji, Minnesota. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Macalester College (in St. Paul, Minnesota). My undergraduate work focused on cognitive topics such as language and false memories. For graduate school, though, I have decided to concentrate on my primary interest: close relationships. I hope to study the effects of beliefs and expectations on relationships, along with other constructs such as religion and gender. I look forward to working with my advisor, Clyde Hendrick, and the rest of the community here at Texas Tech.

Sandra Rodriguez- I'm originally from Los Fresnos, TX. This is a little city in the Rio Grande Valley, which is only a 20 minute drive from South Padre Island and 20 minutes from the Mexican border. I lived in San Antonio, TX for 5 years and worked on my Bachelor's degree at St. Mary's University. During my time there, I developed a passion for traveling after getting involved with a work-abroad program. Since then, I have traveled extensively through Turkey, Europe, and the northern coast of South America. These experiences deepened my interests in multicultural issues in Counseling

Psychology. Under Dr. Erin Hardin's supervision, I plan to do research about Hispanic Acculturation.

Adrienne Sloan- I came from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Yes, the famous hippie mecca, but it's also where a lot of elite athletes train. I didn't become a hippie, but I did become involved with the runners and bikers (not motorcyclists). I have run a couple marathons and various other races, so in case you couldn't tell, I love running. I also like to bike and swim, and most of all, I love to laugh. I moved down here to work with Dr. Lee Cohen on substance abuse, mainly tobacco, but it's looking like alcohol might be in there too...yeeha! Go Buffs...I mean Go Tech!

Cynthia Spering- I am originally from southeastern Pennsylvania, and went to Boston University where I majored in Psychology. After graduating, I was employed as a research assistant on a cognitive training project with the elderly population, and later as a consultant for an aging services agency. I am working with Dr. Christine Robitschek and will be researching Personal Growth Initiative (PGI). My main research interests include geropsychology and positive psychology. My other interests and hobbies include animal assisted therapy, animal rescue, corvettes, art, and horseback riding.

Joe VanderVeen- I graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago in 2002. I was born and raised in Chicago, IL and I am trying to adjust to living in a city with 2.7 million less people. I have a B.A. in Psychology and I am currently pursuing my graduate degree in Clinical Psychology. I am working with Dr. Lee Cohen and my current research interests involve looking at the relationship between nicotine use and binge drinking.

Ben Williams- I hail from the great state of Wisconsin. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a B.S. in Psychology. I am currently working with Dr. Stephanie Harter and have research interests in the areas of constructivism and neuropsychology. When I am not immersed in psychology, I enjoy reading about the marvels of ancient history and mythology, watching the Badgers win, and long walks on the beach.

And a Big Welcome to our Newest Faculty Member. . . .

Dr. David Rudd-My undergraduate degree is from Princeton University. I completed doctoral training at the University of Texas-Austin and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in cognitive therapy at the Beck Institute in Philadelphia under the direction of Aaron T. Beck. I'm a Diplomat of the American Board of Professional Psychology and a Fellow of three professional societies, including the American Psychological Association (Divisions 12 and 29), the International Association of Suicide Research, and the Academy of Cognitive Therapy (a founding fellow). In addition to my clinical work, I'm an active researcher with over 100 publications, with the majority addressing suicidality and management of high-risk patients. I've authored several books, including *Treating Suicidal Behavior* (2001, Guilford, 2nd printing in 2004) and *Suicide Science: Expanding the Boundaries* (2001, Kluwer Academic Publishers)

and the soon to be released, *The Assessment and Management of Suicidality: A Pocket Guide*. My research focus has been on clinical suicidology, cognitive therapy, as well as ethics and regulatory issues in psychology. My research has been recognized through the receipt of the Edwin Shneidman award from the American Association of Suicidology (1999), the Outstanding Contribution to Science Award from the Texas Psychological Association (1998), and the Aleteia Award from the Aleteia International School of Cognitive Therapy in Italy (2001). Most recently, I was awarded the first-ever American Association of Suicidology Exceptional Leadership Award in 2005. I'm pretty active nationally and internationally with continuing education workshops providing training in the assessment and management of high risk patients to a broad array of healthcare professionals including psychologists, psychiatrists, family physicians, social workers, and counselors. I've served as a consultant to many organizations nationally and internationally, including the United States Air Force, the U.S. Army, the Department of Defense and the Beijing Suicide Prevention and Research Center. More recently I participated in a national panel to identify "core competencies" in the assessment and management of suicidal patients, with the publication due out shortly by the Suicide Prevention and Resource Center. Additionally, I currently serve on a Jed Foundation panel addressing the standard of care in identifying and treating depressed and suicidal college students. I'm also a very active forensic reviewer in the area of malpractice and negligence in cases of suicide, taking cases from across the United States. I serve on a number of editorial boards, I'm the past Chair of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, President-Elect of the Texas Psychological Association Board, Past-President of the American Association of Suicidology, and President-Elect of Division 12, Section VII of the APA.

Updates From Our Alumni

Thank you to those who contributed to this section. Please help us add to this column next time by sending in news about yourself. We look forward to hearing from you!

Bill Albrecht (Ph.D., Experimental, 1987) respecialized in Counseling Psychology in 1992 at the University of Georgia and has worked at the VA Medical Center since 1993 specializing in PTSD. He is also teaching part-time at Augusta State University. He has been married to Nettie Albrecht (Clinical, 1987) for 21 years. Their oldest son, Zack, is a sophomore at the University of Georgia and their youngest, Ben, is a junior in High School. Bill's favorite activity is napping in his gray chair, pretending to watch baseball on his large screen TV. Bill's email address is William.Albrecht@va.gov

Catherine Lundy (Counseling, 1978) is the current editor of the *Washington Psychologist*, the Washington State Psychological Association's (WSPA) newsletter. Her daughter recently graduated from college.

Fred Melowsky, Ph.D.(Clinical, 1978) recently passed the ABPP exam in Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology. Fred is in a multi-specialty private practice group in Cincinnati with his wife, Susan, a clinical social worker (TTU, 1977).

Larry Norton (Experimental, 1986) is currently the VP of Organizational Development with PETsMART, Inc., a \$4 billion national retailer of pet products and supplies headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona. Larry and his wife, Lynn, have been married for 20 years and have two children: Andrew, age 10, and Jennifer, age 7.

Steven M. Savlov (Ph.D., Clinical, 1973) In Oct of

2004, Steven and his wife, Suzanne, moved to Surprise, AZ (Northwest Phoenix). He has taken a job with a large neurology group where he practices providing Pain Management and Neuropsychological expertise. He also does rounds at two hospitals doing memory evaluations, functions on an in-patient Rehab Team, does pain management evaluations for the attending physicians, and assesses patients who have Behavioral Health and Behavioral Medicine issues in addition to their presenting problems. Steven wishes to express his gratitude to TTU for giving him the tools and the preparation to lead to the privilege of doing what he has done for the past 32 years.

Some Unfortunate News

Sadly and suddenly, **Steve Duecker** (M.A., Counseling, 1994) passed away on July 17, 2005. He was at a boy scout camp in the Sante Fe mountains with his son, felt bad suddenly, sat down and died of a heart attack. His children are now 19 and 14 years old. The service was held in Pflugerville. *Thanks to Beverly Alexander (PhD., Counseling, 1990) for providing this information. Our best wishes go out to Steve's friends and family.*

Sadly, **Dave Post** (Counseling, 1977) passed away on June 3, 2005. He was president-elect of the Louisiana Psychological Association. Our deepest condolences to his wife Pat (Counseling, 1977) and their friends and family.

LLANO ESTACADO UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY – FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH & SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

This coming April 7th and 8th, Texas Tech University will host the 4th Annual Llano Estacado Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference. The conference will feature presentations by Dr. Robert Helmreich (University of Texas—Austin) “Dealing with danger in the cockpit and operating room,” and Dr. Christine Robitschek (Texas Tech University) “Stories, statistics, and strategies of personal growth initiative.” Students are invited to send abstracts for oral and poster presentations. Awards for best presentations, breakout lunches with faculty and professionals on sub disciplines, and panels on graduate school are part of the two day conference. Students also compete in an electronic trivia contest testing their psychological knowledge. A nominal registration fee (\$35) includes a gen-u-ine Texas Bar-B-Q and a breakfast and a commemorative of the conference. This conference is targeted at helping undergraduate researchers make their initial inroads into the fascinating world of psychological research. More information can be found at www.psychology.ttu.edu/llano.

Recent Faculty and Student Honors

Kate Bleckley, Lee Cohen, and Erin Hardin have been selected as new members of the TTU Teaching Academy.

Jennifer Boothe (Clinical graduate student now on internship) won the Texas Psychological Association’s Bo and Sally Family Psychology Research Award for a manuscript (Parenting Children with Special Needs: The Couple’s Relationship) based on her dissertation. She received a \$1500 check and a certificate from TPA.

Joaquin Borrego Jr. was elected to the Executive Board as a Member-at-Large for APA’s Division 37 (Child, Youth, and Family Services)

Joaquin Borrego Jr. and **Stuart Spendlove** were invited to participate in the 2005 APA Education Leadership Conference. The meeting was held Sep.16th-19th in Washington, D. C. The theme of the conference was “Dialogues on Diversity: Individual, Organizational and Epistemological.”

Lee M. Cohen & Frank L. Collins Jr., were awarded a grant: *The effect of chewing gum flavor on nicotine withdrawal*, William Wrigley Jr. Company, Funding Dates, November 2005 – October 2006, Total Direct Costs, \$124,307

Stephen Cook has started a two-year term as President of the South Plains Association of Psychologists, the local area society of psychologists in professional practice.

Erin Hardin and **Chris Robitschek** have joined the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Career Development*.

Stephanie Harter has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Society for Constructivism in the Human Sciences.

Ruth Maki has been appointed to APA’s Board of Educational Affairs standing appeal panel for 2006-2007. This panel hears appeals from programs that were denied accreditation or were placed on probation.

Bob Morgan was elected President of the Criminal Justice Section of APA’s Division 18 (Psychologists in Public Service).

Bob Morgan has been appointed to the editorial board of *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

Bob Morgan received a grant: Tailoring Services for Mentally Ill Offenders, National Institute of Mental Health, September 31, 2005 – May 31, 2008, Total Direct Costs: \$325,000.

Darcy Reich joined the Editorial Board for *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*.

Chris Robitschek has accepted an invitation to join the *Journal of Counseling Psychology* editorial board, beginning January 2006.

Roman Taraban was elected President-Elect of the Society for Computers in Psychology (SCIP).

Alice Young will serve on APA’s Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA), which is the primary advisory body to the APA Science Directorate. BSA is concerned with all aspects of psychology as a science.

Thanks to Ben Williams, First-Year Clinical Student, for putting this newsletter together.

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