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Reminders

☞ **Sep. 8:** Official class enrollment reporting day (12th day of classes).

☞ **Sep. 10:** Faculty meeting at 3:00 in room 135 Heyne.

☞ **Sep. 10:** Deadline for submitting any/all changes for the departmental directory.

☞ **Sep. 17:** Annual Conflict of Interest Certifications due in main office.

☞ **Sep. 19:** Last day to file application for graduation.

☞ **Sep. 22:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade.

☞ **Sep. 29:** Preproposals due in OSP for the Shell Interdisciplinary Scholars Program.

☞ **Sep. 29:** Deadline for submission of CBM003 forms for new courses and course changes for fall 1998.

☞ **Oct. 14:** Submission deadline to OSP for Research Initiation Grant (RIG) Program proposals.

News and Notes

❖ Welcome Fall 1997 New Graduate Students and New Faculty

The fall class of 1997 has arrived! We are pleased to have such a talented class join the department and hope their experience as graduates will be challenging, enlightening, and fun. *Psycho Philes* will feature a brief introduction to a few of the new grads each month (check out page 4). This month's issue will feature the "life and times" of: **Mark Morris, Candy Warden, Stacy Tomanik, Henry Koehn, and Patricia Haertlein**. Many thanks to **Tricia Spinks** and **Heather Kinnaird** for coordinating and hosting Graduate Orientation Day.

All of our new faculty have arrived. Brief introductions were provided in the May and June issues of *Psycho Philes*. Now that they are settled (you know that I mean), below are their office locations, phone numbers, and email addresses.

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Asst. Professor Raymond "Chip" Knee (Social) -
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Asst. Professor Chet Robie (I/O) -
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❖ New High Speed, High Volume Printer

The Department of Psychology has acquired, on a trial basis, a new high-speed, digital printer, the Konica FORCE 50. The FORCE 50 will replace those copy jobs where you print one original at your desktop printer and the use the copier to make duplicates. The FORCE 50 allows you to perform those big copy jobs directly from your desktop. The FORCE 50 has several features you will find useful, and all of them available to you from your desktop.

- The FORCE 50 prints up to 50 pages per minute.
- Each copy is an original which results in improved quality.
- Double sided printing will save on paper use.
- Set the FORCE 50 to collate and staple your print jobs.

Ok, so how do you access the new FORCE 50? Connecting to the FORCE 50 is just as easy as connecting to any network printer. If you need detailed instructions on how this is done, use the following URL to connect to the Force 50 Printer Help Page.

<http://firenze.uh.edu/departments.html/psychology.html/TechSupport.html/NewPrinter.html/force50.html>

A special note about stapling: When stapling multiple copies of a single document make sure the Collate option is not checked on the software

side (the first window that appears when you print from the file menu). Else, all of your copies will be

stapled in one bunch or the printer could freeze. For the trial period, only faculty and administrative staff

have been given access to the printer. The printer is temporarily located in the conference room of Suite 101. Try it out. If you have any problems or questions, contact Sean Woodward at 3-8531.

Awards, Appointments & Accolades

Congratulations to Asst. Professor, **Chip Knee** whose Ph.D. dissertation was selected as one of the three finalists for the Society for Experimental Social Psychology Dissertation Award. Naturally, the faculty, staff, and students in the Social Program are delighted. This award represents the highest standards of research excellence. Dr. Knee will attend the Society's October conference in Toronto, Ontario.

It's official! **Dr. Dale Johnson's** appointment to the NIMH National Advisory Council was recently signed-on by Secretary of HSS, **Donna Shalala**.

Dr. Howard J. Shaffer, Director of the Addiction Research Center at Harvard Medical School and Editor of the *Journal of Gambling Studies*, has recently appointed **Dr. Richard I. Evans**, Distinguished University Professor, to the Editorial Board.

What's New In Research

Dr. Gordon L. Paul, Cullen Distinguished Professor of Psychology, as well as **William Newbill** and **Julian Salinas**, clinical graduate students who work with Dr. Paul, will attend a three-day conference on Psychiatric Rehabilitation of Schizophrenia at the University of Rochester (September 12-14, 1997). Dr. Paul will present an invited address, "A Planned-Access Observational Information System for Continuous Quality Improvement." **Dr. Anthony A. Menditto** will also present an invited address, "The Social-Learning Program: An Empirically Validated Inpatient Approach to Rehabilitation." Dr. Menditto is an alumnus of the UH clinical psychology program who is directing implementation in the State of Missouri of the assessment and treatment procedures developed by Dr. Paul, **Dr. Marco Mariotto**, Professor and Chair, and their coworkers.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- **Carvajal, S., Phitiades, J., Evans, R., & Nash, S.** (September, 1997). Relating a Social Influence Model to the Role of Acculturation in Substance Use Among Latino Adolescents. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, Issue 13.
- **Johnson, D.** (August 1997). Psychopharmacology training for psychologists in the serious mental illness area. Presented at the convention in Chicago, IL in a symposium on Psychopharmacology Report on Providing Psychopharmacology Training.
- **Knee, C. R.** (in press). Implicit theories of relationships: Assessment and prediction of romantic relationship initiation, coping, and longevity. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

- **Knee, C. R., & Zuckerman, M.** (in press). A non-defensive personality: Autonomy and control as moderators of defensive coping and self-handicapping. *Journal of Research in Personality*.
- **Knee, C. R.** (1997). Review of William Ickes' "Empathic Accuracy." To appear in *Personal Relationship Issues*, the official publication of the International Network on Personal Relationships.
- **Knee, C. R.** (1997, July). Destiny and growth beliefs: Assessment and effects on romantic relationship survival. Paper presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Conference, Oxford, OH.
- **Zuckerman, M., Kieffer, S. C., & Knee, C. R.** (in press). Consequences of self-handicapping: Effects on coping, academic performance, and adjustment. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

PROJECT UPDATES

Courtesy of Dr. David Francis: The July site visit of the Spina Bifida program project application was very successful. We received a priority score of 133 at the 3.2 percentile. **Julia Hannay** and I have heard that the two UH projects were the highest rated components of the application. We are beginning planning now and expect to receive funding in December.

The Early Intervention project is under way. We are gearing up to get out in the schools for October data collection. We are in need of examiners (people to administer the tests to Kindergarten and Grade 1 students) for this project. We also are in need of graduate research assistants for this project and the Spina Bifida program project. Graduate Students looking for research positions should contact me (dfrancis@uh.edu) to learn more about the projects and provide me with information regarding their program and standing, availability, and a brief C.V. describing any relevant research experience.

Dr. Chris Schatschneider and I have been meeting with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's RITE committee to assist them in planning and implementing an external evaluation of the RITE program. RITE stands for Rodeo Institute for Teacher Excellence, a project begun by HLS&R to improve reading performance of HISD students in grades K-3. HLS&R plans to spend \$4Million in HISD over the next 3 years on the RITE program in an effort to get all children reading at grade level or higher by Grade 3.

Finally, I just returned from the Joint Statistical Meetings in Anaheim, CA, where I attended a full-day course on Bayesian Hierarchical Modeling (important in random effects models, such as those used in individual growth curve analysis and meta-analysis), and a half-day course on Exact Methods for Repeated Measures Analysis. Also, of interest to students, I attended a number of poster sessions and visited with many book and software publishers. There is a great deal of interest at a

national level in revising Introductory Statistics Instruction at the Undergraduate and Graduate levels, with most of that effort focused on interactive, multi-media based instruction, active learning, and data visualization.

Jim Bridges (Clinical) has been working with me over the summer to revamp PSYC 6302. Jim and **Sherill Ruth** (Developmental) will continue to work with me over the Fall in an effort to introduce this revamped course in the Spring of '98.

A note to faculty: I saw **Scott Maxwell**, Chair of Psychology at Notre Dame and former UH Psychology Faculty Member, and his family at the JSM Meetings. Scott & Katie send their regards to all their friends in Houston.

Summer 1997 Graduates

Congratulations to the following August graduates:

DOCTORATE

Carr, Daniel A. *Decision Theory And Choosing The Right People: A Cross Validation Study Of Jury Selection*, **Roy Lachman, Hobart G. Osburn**--Chairs.

Colon, Rose M. *Causal Relationships Of Familial Influence And Adolescents' Attitudes Toward Substance Use In Theory Of Planned Behavior: A Social Impact Model.*, **Richard I. Evans**--Chair.

Dewinter, Anne E. *Patterns Of Cognitive Decline In Patients With Malignant Brain Tumors: Analysis Using Individual Growth Curves*, **Julia Hannay**—Chair.

Gutkowski, Joan M. *Investigating A Three-Component Model Of Job Performance: A Construct-Oriented Approach*, **Hobart Osburn**—Chair.

Hyde, Belinda G. *Major: Applicants Reactions To Interview Structure*, **Bart Osburn**--Chair

Lepage, James P. *A Comparison Of Schema And Network Models And The Processing Of Affective Personal Information*, **Lynn Rehm**—Chair.

Schneider, Karen. *Transpatriate Success Factors: A Concurrent Validation Study In China*, **James Champion**--Chair

Snyder, Allison G. *The Neurocognitive Functioning Of Dually Diagnosed Patients With Schizophrenia And A Substance Abuse Disorder*, **Paul Massman**—Chair.

Struchen, Margaret A. *Examination Of The Relation Between Acute Physiological Variables And Acute Outcome Following Severe Closed Head Injury*, **Julia Hannay**—Chair.

Sullivan, Elroy. *Demographic, Behavioral And Psychological Correlates Of Erotic Interest*, **Edwin Willems**--Chair

Wiatrek, Dawn E. *The Impact Of Adolescent Self Perceptions On Decisions To Engage In Substance Use: A Social Development Approach*, **Richard Evans**—Chair.

MASTERS

Caudle, Susan E. *Wisc-III Factor Score Patterns Of Children With Attention Deficit And Dyslexia*, **Kevin R. Krull**—Chair.

D'egidio, Erika L. *An Examination Of Question Type In The Structured Interview*, **James E. Champion**—Chair.

Dasilva, Nancy *Reconceptualizing The Entrepreneur*, **Lois E. Tetrick**—Chair.

Dawgert, Amy K. *Trust And Organizational Citizenship Behavior In The Workplace*, **Allan Jones**--Chair

Fuchs, Kathleen L. *The Construct Validity Of The Continuous Recognition Memory Test*, **Julia Hannay**—Chair.

Gamez-Galka, Christina A. *Proximal And Distal Correlates Of Depression Among Mexican American Low Income Mothers*, **Dale Johnson**—Chair.

Gollapudi, Anuradha. *Social Competence As The Mechanism Of Change In A Prevention Program For Boys At Risk For Conduct Disorder*, **John Vincent**—Chair.

Lewis, Holly L. *Uncovering The Erotophobic- Erotophilic Component In The Attitude Toward Condoms Scale*, **Richard Evans**—Chair.

Rexer, Jennie L. *Global-Local Processing In Unilateral Brain Tumor Patients*, **Merrill Hiscock**—Chair.

Rollins, Cynthia C. *Attitudes Toward Physical Punishment Of Maternal Social Support Network Members And Maternal Aggression Toward Children In A Sample Of Battered Women's Shelter Residents*, **Ernest Jouriles**--Chair



We said a sad farewell to Academic Assistant, **Heather Kinnaird** on Friday, August 29. Heather accepted a position at Rice University. Heather provided exceptional service to the faculty, staff, and students in the Advising Office during her tenure in the department. She will be missed. **Tran** and **Tricia** are "holding the fort down", but naturally, they really feel Heather's absence. The department hopes to have a third person in the office within the next 4-6 weeks. Until then, be patient.

Congratulations to **Aruni Nanayakkara** and **Siegfried (Sigi) Schoen** on the announcement of their wedding on January 9, 1998. Aruni is a social psychology student under the mentorship of **Dr. Chip Knee**. Aruni and Sigi met in October 1994 while both were students at San Angelo, TX. Their wedding will be held in Sri Lanka, Aruni's home country, and will follow old Sri Lankan cultural traditions. For the 200 guests it will be one big party complete with champagne, buffet, and music. Aruni and Sigi will first fly to Buchholz Germany (Sigi's hometown) and spend Christmas, with the Schoen family. They will then fly to Sri Lanka to begin wedding preparations. Sigi's family will join them later in Sri Lanka for the wedding. Best wishes to them both. Aruni has been reminded to take lots of pictures for your friends back here in Houston.

The department administrative offices have a passel of new work-study students---lots of names and faces to remember. Main Ofc.: **Trasetta Jones, Kris Watrous, Meagan Tran, Lucia Tran,** and **Charles McPhail**. Academic Ofc.: **Valarie Villegas,**

Tameka Guillory, Tonnetee London, and Tiffany Davis. Clinic Ofc.: **Lashonda Johnson** and **Wanda Taft.** Computer Ofc: **Laura Brod.** Welcome!

Get to Know . . .

Mark Morris - - - Mark is an I/O graduate student studying under the direction of **Dr. Chet Robie.** Before coming to Houston, Mark was at UT-Austin and then worked for Psychological Corporation in San Antonio for 2 years. He has an M.A. in Political Science and has his own home page at: <http://members.aol.com/ddmorris/homepage.html>. As you can tell, Mark is fond of the internet and also enjoys basketball (you picked a good city for this sport), tennis, and anything sports related. Mark has been married to **Cassandra Ingraham Morris** since May 1994.

Candy Warden - - - Candy is originally from Maryland and received her undergraduate at the University of Houston. She is a developmental graduate student under the direction of **Dr. Tom Power.** Candy, a photo buff, also enjoys travel and reading.

Stacy Tomanik - - - A Canadian transplant, Stacy is a clinical graduate student working with **Dr. Gerald Harris** on the Texas Young Autism Project (more on this project in a future *Psycho Philes*). Stacy received her undergraduate from the University of Calgary and most recently worked at UCLA for three years before joining the department.

Henry C. Koehn - - - Henry's been around. He spent his first 17 years in Long Island, N.Y. Later were stints in upstate New York, Utah, then LA. Henry received his undergraduate from SUNY Oneonta and most recently and attended Cal State Northridge (yes, the one in the earthquake). He and his fiancée, **Ms. Susy**, are scheduled for a July 25, 1998 wedding. Henry's a former competitive pool player and still loves to "hit a good table". He also likes to brew beer when time and money allow (kiss that idea goodbye on your graduate salary, Henry). Henry is a clinical student under the direction of **Dr. Paul Massman.**

Patty Haertlein - - - Patty is a clinical student under the direction of Dr. Melanie Duckworth. She is married to **Al Haertlein** and they have two sons, **Bryant** (16) and **Michael** (14). Patty calls Houston home and comes to us from Rice University. She was a Dental Hygienist in her former life and would be happy to provide lots of helpful dental-related information. Patty's hobbies and interests include jogging, reading, film, and jewelry-making.

It started out innocently enough. I began to think at parties now and then to loosen up. Inevitably though, one thought led to another, and soon I was more than just a social thinker.

I began to think alone - "to relax," I told myself - but I knew it wasn't true. Thinking became more and more important to me, and finally I was thinking all the time.

I began to think on the job. I knew that thinking and employment don't mix, but I couldn't stop myself.

I began to avoid friends at lunchtime so I could read Thoreau and Kafka. I would return to the office dizzied and confused, asking, "What is it exactly we are doing here?"

Things weren't going so great at home either. One evening I had turned off the TV and asked my wife about the meaning of life. She spent that night at her mother's.

I soon had a reputation as a heavy thinker. One day the boss called me in. He said, "Skippy, I like you, and it hurts me to say this, but your thinking has become a real problem. If you don't stop thinking on the job, you'll have to find another job." This gave me a lot to think about.

I came home early after my conversation with the boss. "Honey, " I confessed, "I've been thinking..." "I know you've been thinking," she said, "and I want a divorce!" "But Honey, surely it's not that serious." "It is serious," she said, lower lip a quiver. "You think as much as college professors, and college professors don't make any money, so if you keep on thinking we won't have any money!"

"That's a faulty syllogism," I said impatiently, and she began to cry. I'd had enough. "I'm going to the library," I snarled as I stomped out the door.

I headed for the library, in the mood for some Nietzsche, with a PBS station on the radio. I roared into the parking lot and ran up to the big glass doors... they didn't open. The library was closed.

To this day, I believe that a Higher Power was looking out for me that night. As I sank to the ground clawing at the unfeeling glass, whimpering for Zarathustra, a poster caught my eye. "Friend, is heavy thinking ruining your life?" it asked. You probably recognize that line. It comes from the standard Thinker's Anonymous poster.

Which is why I am what I am today: a recovering thinker. I never miss a TA meeting. At each meeting we watch a non-educational video; last week it was "Porky's." Then we share experiences about how we avoided thinking since the last meeting.

I still have my job, and things are a lot better at home. Life just seemed... easier, somehow, as soon as I stopped thinking.

(I didn't have time to make this gender neutral--you know what to do. MK)

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On The Lighter Side A Thinking Man