

Psycho Philes

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Reminders

👉 **Feb. 6:** Nominations for Staff Excellence Awards due to Human Resources.

👉 **Feb. 16:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade.

👉 **Feb. 18:** Faculty meeting, room 135 Heyne at 3:00 pm.

👉 **Feb. 20:** Last day to file university application for graduation.

👉 **Feb. 20:** College staff gathering in 135 Heyne at 11:15 am.

👉 **Feb. 26:** Joke competition deadline.

👉 **Mar. 1:** IDC Usage Reports due to Mani.

👉 **Mar. 6:** Deadline for submissions to the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

👉 **Mar. 16-21:** Spring holidays.

👉 **Mar. 20:** Office closed for Spring break.

News and Notes

❖ I/O Faculty Member to Join the Department

Dr. Barbara Ellis has accepted the department's position offer as an Associate Professor in the Industrial/Organizational program. Dr. Ellis will begin her position in the department fall semester 1998. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Psychology Department at the University of Texas at El Paso where she directs the Center for Organizational Research. Her primary research interest are in the areas of applied psychologic measurement, item response theory and differential item functioning, and the measurement of personality attributes, intellectual abilities, and attitudes across cultures. We look forward to Dr. Ellis' arrival and contributions to the department. Please contact **Dr. James Campion**, I/O Program Director, if you would like more information about Dr. Ellis.

❖ PSY4347 Guest Speaker

We will be fortunate enough to welcome a distinguished visitor from NASA to the University of Houston at 11 AM on March 11th, 1998. **Dr. Al Holland** will be speaking in room 135 Heyne to PSY 4347 class (Psychological Assessment) on the topic of personnel selection for long duration space flight. Anyone who happens to be interested in industrial organizational psychology, astronaut selection or related topics is welcome to attend.

❖ College of Social Sciences Staff Gathering

Come out to meet your friends and associates in the college. Lunch is on the college. To extend the esprit de corps widely felt at the Holiday Turkey Cook-Off, the college is planning a staff gathering. All staff are invited. We'll provide the pizza and soda. We need you to make it fun. While mixing, mingling and munching, we will explore the potential for this type of gathering in the college. Friday, February 20, from 11:15 am - 12:45 pm, Room 135 Heyne.

❖ Career Development Scholarships

The UH Committee on the Status of Women is accepting applications for Career Development Scholarships. This scholarship is designed to enhance the status of women by providing resident tuition and fees for one 3-hour course taken at the University of Houston during the 1998-99 academic year. Applicants must meet the following requirements: be a staff member of UH campus and in a benefits eligible position, and have a minimum GPA of 2.5. A copy of the application and guidelines are available from the main office. Submission deadline is March 3, 1998.

❖ College of Social Sciences Joke Competition

Sponsored by the Economics Club, Psi Chi, and the Social Science Alumni Association, the students of the College of Social Sciences invite all University of Houston students to help us make fun of ourselves. Turn in up to 5 anecdotal joke(s) per person about one or all of the departments of the College of Social Sciences. Jokes must be turned in with \$2 to the Social Sciences Dean's office (room 110 Heyne building) or SOS 5341. The top ten people with the best jokes will win a bowling/pizza party to be held in the UC Games Room at 7 p.m., March 10. Jokes must be turned in by February 26. Winners will be called March 2. We urge students not to submit personal stories or attacks as they will not be considered. For more information contact Noel Clarke at 743-3977 or e-mail nclarke@bayou.uh.edu.

❖ **Campus Lighting Retrofit Project**

The Heyne building is to receive a lighting retrofit during the period March 31 -April 14, 1998. The retrofit aims to install more efficient florescent lamps and ballast and convert incandescent fixtures to florescent. The work will be carried out at night from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am from Monday evening to Friday morning.

❖ **W-2's**

Anyone who has NOT yet received their W-2 form, please see Caroline ASAP. Generally, the problem is that payroll does not have your correct home address. This is an easy problem to fix if you see Caroline right away.

❖ **Spring Commencement**

The University General Commencement will be held on Friday, May 15 at 10:00 am in Hofheinz Pavilion. The College ceremony will be Saturday, May 16 at 7:00 pm in Hofheinz. All faculty who have students graduating are strongly encouraged to attend. Full regalia is required. The department will pick up the cost of regalia rental for the first five (5) faculty requests. Newly tenured faculty are especially urged to attend. The President's office and the college will cover the cost of regalia for these individuals. If you plan on attending, please see Caroline before Friday, Feb. 20 for a fitting.

Statistics Jokes

Which statistic knows where it is going?
Answer: Coefficient of determination

What procedure was designed for road workers?
Answer: Path analysis

❖ **Force 50 Update**

After much intervention, repair, and a memory boost, the Force 50 is running better than ever. However, there are still a couple of annoying paper tray

problems that still need some work. A technical crew will be out this week to "tweak" the computer a bit more. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the problems can be worked out this week. Sorry about the inconvenience this has caused some of you.

❖ **Remodeling of Room 135 and 226 and More**

We have received a special allocation of funds for classroom enhancement from the Provost's office. Both rooms 125 and 226 in the Heyne building will receive a much needed updating and an increase in room seating capacity. We are attempting to schedule much of the work on weekends, evenings, and during spring break. Work should begin on these room later this month. Other projects underway include a general spruce-up of the Heyne building's exterior, windows, painting, and some mechanical work. Replacement of door fixtures with lever handles and some bathroom remodeling will be done to bring the building up to ADA standards. As we understand it, all this work will be done this spring and summer. We will keep you posted as we hear more about project schedules.

❖ **It's Annual Performance Appraisal Time**

It is that time of year. All regular staff employees who have completed their probationary period of employment will receive a formal performance appraisal. Annual appraisals must be completed on the official University of Houston Staff Performance form and according to guidelines contained in MAPP 2.01.04. Materials will be distributed to supervisors by early next week. All evaluations must be completed and returned to Mani by March 16.

❖ **8th Annual George Magner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising**

Nominations are being accepted for the 8th Annual George Magner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising. Any staff or faculty member whose responsibility is to provide academic advising services to undergraduate students may be nominated. A copy of the nomination procedures is located in the business office. Nominations should be returned to Catherine Murphy, 320 Student Service Center, ADC-3243.

❖ **Volunteers Needed, TX Academic Decathlon**

UH will host the Texas Academic Decathlon on February 27 - March 1, 1998. Competing in this event will be 40 Teams (360 students) from large Texas High Schools. The Office of Student Outreach Services still needs volunteers to work as Proctors, Runners, Aides, and Timekeepers. Training sessions will be held for the volunteers the week before the event. This is a great opportunity for recruitment. If you are interested in helping out, contact Melinda Koonce at 3-5171 or Eric Ellwanger at 3-9618.

UH Community Violence Project Update

The Community Violence Project **Career Trips** began with the introduction of approximately 30 middle school students to the University of Houston Main Campus. The campus walking tour provided a "feet-on" exploration of academic and career options available at the University of Houston. The Community Violence Project wishes to express their appreciation to **Jamail Stringfellow** of the Hotel and Restaurant Management Hospitality Association and **Jose Cantu** and **Monica Clay** of the Admissions Office for their professional and engaging conduct of the tour.

From the Academic Office

12th Day Class Rolls

The 12th day class rolls are now out. Please call roll in class and/or check the roll for students who should not be in your class. Please sign the last sheet at the bottom and keep the yellow copy for your files. All class rolls must be returned to the academic office by noon on Thursday, February 12.

Summer/ Fall 1998 Teaching Schedule

The teaching schedule will be out for review soon. Changes are due no later than Monday, February 16th.

New Staff Member Joins the Office

The Academic Office has a new face. Welcome to **Tom Pickering** who joined the undergraduate advising team on February 3. Tom works for us in the afternoons and in June will become a full-time advisor in the department. He has been the undergraduate advisor in the Anthropology department for the past couple of years and will continue his part-time position as an advisor in that department through May when he expects to complete his Master's. Please stop in and introduce yourself to Tom and welcome him to the department. We were sorry to see **Cecilia Corredor** leave the office. Her last day was February 3.

What's New In Research

Congratulation to **Dr. Linda Acitelli** who was elected to serve on the Editorial Board for *Journal of Marriage and the Family*.

Dr. David Francis has agreed to serve on the TEA Task Force on Adult Education Accountability. The basic charge of the task force is to assist TEA in establishing an accountability system for adult

education programs in the state. Dr. Francis has also been nominated to serve on a National Research Panel to be convened by NICHD in consultation with the Department of Education. Congress mandated the formation of the committee to assess the status of research-based knowledge on reading development, reading disabilities, and reading instruction. There are about 260 names on the nomination list and the 15 person panel is to be comprised of professionals and non-professionals from various segments of society that have a stake in reading education. Decisions as to who will be on the committee will be made soon.

4th Annual WI Symposium on Emotion

The 1998 Wisconsin Symposium on Emotion will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, April 17-18, 1998. The symposium is a two day international forum focused on the neurobiology of emotion. This year's topic will be "Affective Neuroscience". Up to ten travel awards with a maximum of \$700 each will be granted on a competitive basis to undergraduate and graduate students and trainees and post graduate trainees. Travel award applications and advanced registrations are due by February 27 1998. Contact the HealthEmotions Research Institute at shattuck@facstaff.wisc.edu for more information.

Check-Out the Division of Research Web Site

There are a number of useful references located on the Division of Research Web Site, <http://www.research.uh.edu>, including a section called "Special Alert Funding Opportunities." This month you will find that the National Research Council Associateship Programs is accepting applications for postdoctoral and senior research associateships. The programs provide opportunities for Ph.D. Sc.D. or M.D. scientists and engineers of unusual promise and ability to perform research on problems largely of their own choosing yet compatible with the research interests of the sponsoring laboratory. Awards are made for one or two years and stipends range from \$30,000 to \$47,000. Upcoming deadlines are April 15 and August 15, 1998. More information is also available at [hvwww.nas.edu/raptwelcome.html](http://www.nas.edu/raptwelcome.html).

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, & WORKSHOPS

Coy, D., Duckworth, M., Frederiksen, K., & Benitez. (1998) Real-life violence exposure moderating physiological reactivity to media violence. Poster to be presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine 19th Scientific Sessions, March 25-28, 1998, New Orleans, LA.

Duckworth, M., Hale, D., Nguyen, L., & Acosta, C. (1998). Cardiovascular reactivity in violence-exposed children. Poster to be presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine 19th Scientific Sessions, March 25-28, 1998, New Orleans, LA.



Yolizma and **Joe Zapata** are expecting their first baby in September. Joe and Yolizma are delighted, but still a bit of a dazed from the news. Fortunately, they still have several months to get used to the idea. Yolizma plans to continue working up until the birth of the baby and will return to work after her maternity leave.

Dean's List, Fall 1997

Our congratulations to the following students who made the Dean's List last fall.

Michele L. Adair, Jennifer L. Albano, Cesar E. Alberto-de Paz, Zeenat T. Ali, Anna M Archer, Najwan-Saleh Asaad, Kelley L. Astolfo, Opel C Barnhouse, Alberto J Barrera, Margie Benitez, Sandra G. Bertani, Melissa D. Blair, Mary Ann McLennan Brooks, Erin Elizabeth Burke, Kevin A Burke, Laurie Michelle Burke, George R. Burnetz, Kavita Chander Buxani, Michael C. Camero, Christian F. Capitaine, Suzanne D Carpenter, Eric Alfred Carrera, Semida E. Cerean, Samantha Monique Chan, Michelle L. Colvard, Janette Rose Conner, Rebecca A. Cook, Charles B. Cooper, Robert F. Cote, Martha M. Daniels, Anne M. Dauser, Tennille M. Delahoussaye, Chris P. Deleon, Vaishakhi K. Desai, Misty D. Dimitroff, Jane P Downs, Lauren B. Duncan, Donita Jo Eaves, Christopher R Elliott, Yolanda A. Espinosa, Sarah K Evans, Kristin M. Fishbeck, Laura L Frakey, Ricki Yvonne Fram, Amy L Franklin, Andrea K. Freeman, Lance M. Freeman, Veronica Fuentes, Sara Fuller, William J Fuller, Brent M. Furrow, Shayna C. Gandee, Omar E. Garcia, Amanda R. Gignac, Bradford Daniel Glass, Lisa D Goetz, Tanya L. Gonzales, Rita C. L. Gray, Tameka N. Guillory, Holly Christine Guynes, Katherine Ann Haggard, Christopher Michael Hale, Andrea Lisa Hampton, Kristina Herrera, Ruwa Hijazi, Monica A Hinojosa, Tam D Ho, Phanary Hok-Cruz, Jennifer Leigh Holcomb, Matthew W. Holloway, Chellann Howell, Rebekah E. Hubbard, Babette L Hughes, Shanteria T. Jackson, Jesse Baird Jamerson, Carolina A. Jimenez, Margaretha L. Johnson, Uns A Khudairi, Harley Jacob Kimbrough, Meredith A. Lashlee, Vinh Quang Le, Roberta M Leal, Angela Lee, Ho-Wang Lee, Lacinda D. Leech, Daphna L Liberboim, Taryn N. Lindsey, Laura A. Little, Maria Isabel Lucio, Kim T. Luong, Tammy V. Luu, Naomi Rachel Marmell, Jodi M. Martinez, Vanice Michelle Martinez, Pamela Marie McCarty, Deborah Lynn McCormick, Jaime Rachel McMinn, Timothy R. Melvin, Magdalena Mendoza, Marla L Meriano, Clayton Alton Miller,

Traci Marie , Ana A. Moreno, Stephen B Mueller, Leigh Adrienne Nall, Charlene S. Nassif, Anh N Ngo, James A. Ngo, Anh Ngoc Nguyen, Phong Nguyen, April L. Oberly, Jacqueline Anne Ochs, Joseph Jesus Pacheco, David Linn Palmer, Mindy D. Palmer, Julie N. Parham, Jennifer L. Patterson, Kevin S. Persad, Roslynn L. Pettigrew, Amy H. Pham, Alex Pierre, Cathy L Pina, Jonathan David Polley, Chad K Prouse, Michael J. Radosky, Glenda Lee Martin Rice, Jennifer R. Rieken, Carla A. Riga, Anne N. Rinn, Valerie J. Rodriguez, Jennifer C. Rotermund, Christopher N Ruggerio, Autumn M. Semmelmann, Purvi Vinod Shah, Jennifer L Sharon, Shonna J. Shaw, Jasminder K Singh, Timothy H Smith, Francisca I. Sosa, Yu-Li Sun, Virginia Sarah Taddesse, Grace A. Taupo, Dawn R. Tezino, Khue H. Thai, Pamela S Thomas, Thelma L. Thompson, Ernest D Tolliver, Michelle M Torres, Kristi D. Towler, Giang T Tran, Kim D Tran, Nguyetque N. Truong, Bethany L Van Schaick, Eric Mitchell Vancleave, Teresa A. Wagner, Tammy Dawn Walker, Emily J. Wallen, Kristen Michelle Watrous, Robin Elise Weidick, Sarah J. West, Justin P Wheeler, William Cordell Wieghat, Shellene M. Wilson, Amber D Winchester, Erin W. Winfield, Amy D. Womack, Jason Frank Woods, Riki Yahalom-Arbel, Tammy T. Young

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