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Reminders


 **Apr. 6:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw.


 **Apr. 20:** First day of registration


 **Apr. 22:** Faculty Senate meeting, Kiva ,Farrish Hall, 12:15-1:50 pm.


 **May 1:** Deadline for master's and dissertation submission.


 **May 1:** Deadline for submissions to the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

 **May 4:** Last day of classes.

 **May 6-14:** Final examination period.

 **May 15:** Official closing of spring semester.

 **May 15:** General graduation ceremony, Hofheinz Pavilion.

 **May 16:** College of Social Sciences Commencement, Hofheinz Pavilion, 7:00 pm.

News and Notes

❖ Travel UPDATES

- If you are planning to book your own flight because you think you have found a lower fare with a non contracted agency, please notify Yolizma or Ashraf before the ticket is purchased. We will need to get written quotes from contracted agencies before you buy that ticket. Remember, all airfares must be charged to the state's American Express accounts.
- Booking on the Net: If you have contacted Ashraf or Yolizma regarding purchasing your own ticket, it's fine if you book your airfare through the Net. However, **YOU CAN NOT BOOK CONTRACT FARES** on the Net. Booking on the Internet is **NOT** an allowable exception for not using the contract airline or fare.
- Some airlines have eliminated Advanced Boarding Passes. This means that all travelers **MUST** be at the boarding gate at least 20 minutes before flight time or your seat will be released. In other words, if you aren't there to claim it by that time, they will give it to someone else.
- Use Ticketless travel! Unless there is a special reason not to use it, please consider it the "norm" from now on.
- Rental Car Reminders: If you are renting a vehicle under the state contract, from AVIS or ADVANTAGE, **DO NOT** accept the Loss/Damage Waiver (L/DW) or primary liability insurance. These are included in the contract rate.
- As of April 7,1998, VIP Supertravel will **NO LONGER** be a state contract agency.
- New Airport Security Scanner Damage Film: New scanners (part of the recently instituted bomb detection program), at airports can ruin film with one pass. The new scanners are currently in use at six domestic and ten international airports. For security reasons, the names of the airports can not be released. Additional scanners will be installed throughout this year. Your best protection is to carry film and cameras by hand and request a hand search.

❖ CPR and First Aid Classes Available

UH Environmental and Physical Safety Department (EPSD) is offering American Red Cross "Community CPR" and "First Aid" classes to members of the UH System. All classes are free of charge and can be scheduled on-site. Persons wanting to take these courses must be in good physical condition, and those completing the courses will be issued the American Red Cross certification card. The EPSD training schedule is posted on the web at www.uh.edu/admin/epsd/ or call 3-5858 for more information.

Last year the Dean's office, sponsored by the Social Sciences Alumni Association, hosted an informal reception for the graduates of the College of Social

❖ Grad Reception Committee Needs Volunteers

Sciences. The reception, which simply consisted of punch and cookies, was so well received that we would like to host a repeat performance. A committee has been formed to organize this effort but we still need volunteers to serve after the Commencement Ceremonies. If you would like to volunteer and support your fellow students, soon to be former students, call Sean Woodward at (713) 743-8531. (Ed. Note: The Graduate Reception Committee is the first working committee formed from the new College of Social Sciences Staff Meeting initiative.)



BYTES FROM TECH SUPPORT

OFFICE 97 Has Arrived

We are happy to announce that the department has received the order for Office 97. We will be testing deployment of this software during the first three weeks in April. We expect desktop deployment to occur sometime in the last week of April. The department has acquired software that will allow for remote installation of this and many other software products or updates. Because we will be installing this software after hours and remotely, special attentions must be paid to your end of the day procedure. When you leave for the day, be certain to save your work, close all programs and log off from your computer. This means when you "shutdown" your computer, select the option "Close all programs and log on as a different user" not "Shutdown" or alternatively press Ctl+Alt+Del and select the "Logoff" option, please do not turn the power off. This is important because we will be working remotely and will sometimes need to restart your machine. We wont be responsible for lost, unsaved work when we remotely restart your machine. Your cooperation will allow us to efficiently administer your computer. If any part of this announcement confuses you call User Support Services, xx3-8531.

There will be a UH Psychology department vs. Texas Instruments paintball game on April 19. It's going to be A LOT of fun and all participants are beginners. The cost is \$31 for all equipment and 300 paintballs. If you're interested email Alex Lou (alou@bayou.uh.edu) for further details. UH is going to kick some TI microchips!

From the Academic Office

✓ Courses Not in the 1998 Class Schedule

Summer I

- ◆ PSYC 3334 (06151): Psychology and Law 6:00-8:00 pm MTWTH McCary 106 AH

- ◆ PSYC 4321 (04873): Abnormal Psyc 12:00-2:00 pm MTWTH Feldman 16 AH
- ◆ PSYC 4397 (06158): Psychology of Gender 2:00-4:00 pm MTWTH Perry 7 AH

Summer III

- ◆ PSYC 3347 (04833): Problems of Normal Life (ITV) arrange Kasschau
- ◆ PSYC 4322 (05549) & (06146): Behavior Modification (ITV) arrange Harris

Summer IV

- ◆ PSYC 4321 (06136): Abnormal Psychology 12:00-2:00 pm MTWTH Stephens 11AH

Fall

- ◆ PSYC 7305 (11871): Structural Equations arrange Francis 122-H
- ◆ PSYC 8393 (11870): Selected Topics in I-O Psychology arrange Ellis 122-H
- ◆ PSYC 8397 (11919): Infant Development 1:00-4:00 pm Power 122-H

✓ **Registration:** The 1st day of registration is April 20th. The class schedules may be purchased from the bookstores, the University Center, or the Satellite. The office will have a class schedule available for students to read or check on classes.

✓ **Master's Thesis and Dissertation:** All faculty will have a section for students to register on a list in the academic office on April 20th. Please keep in mind the section for the committee chair must be used when registering, because the committee chair will give the grade.

✓ **Special Problems:** These courses are for research and a general petition must be filled out in order to be registered. The general petition must include the description of the work being done and be signed by a psychology faculty member (not adjunct) and the department chairman's signature which the academic office will handle. Once the general petition is filled out, the form can be turned into the academic office for completion.

✓ **Practicum Courses for PBs:** These students must have a general petition filled out just like the special problem courses. PBs are grouped in the undergraduate classification and must have written permission from a faculty member to register in the practicum courses.

✓ **Teaching Evaluations:** Teaching evaluations will be available in the academic office on Monday, April 27th. The new evaluation is causing some delays at the printers. Because of this, it is unlikely instructors will receive the evaluations before April 20, so there is not much turn around time. Please schedule time to allow students to fill out a form on

the instructors, either during the last week of classes or during the final.

✔ **Final Grade Sheets:** Will come out sometime during the first two weeks of May and are due 72 hours after the final exam. If anything happens to the grade sheets (i.e. lost, ink marks, or rips), the forms must be re-typed on a clean form. Students cannot be added on the final grade sheets. Students must have a non-academic reason for dropping (i.e. hospitalized, family death, mental institution, and other very serious situations), because technically students should not be dropped.

✔ **Graduation Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for graduation to help the department organize all the students participating in the ceremony. Any staff, faculty, or students interested in helping, please e-mail Tricia (tmspinks@uh.edu) or come by the office 122-Heyne.

✔ **Graduation Participants:** You must be at Hofheinz Pavilion by 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 15, 1998 to line up. We have at least 325 undergraduate and graduate students total to line up alphabetically. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm and everyone must be ready.

✔ **Book Orders:** Book orders are due April 30th, but the sooner you turn them in, the better the chances students will have for a book refund.

APA Workshops for Post Doctoral and Graduate Students

The Science Directorate and the Education Directorate of the APA will continue an effort begun at the APA 1997 Convention in Chicago where a workshop entitled "To Get, to Have and to Hold an Academic Job in Psychology" attracted a large audience by offering workshops directly aimed at Post Doctoral and graduate students. The workshops will be held this year at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, May 1-2, 1998, in Chicago, and at the meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, held in Denver, September 1998. The workshops will focus on the nature of the academic market, on the search process, on the job interview, and such matters as negotiating with the chairs. If you are interested in attending either of the workshops, please email your intent to participate to edonchin@uiuc.edu.

What's New In Research

NEW RESEARCH AWARDS

Babcock, Julia. "The Typology of Batterers Project." Research Initiation Grant, (\$6,000).

Jouriles, Ernest. "Teen Dating Violence Prevention Project." Limited Grant-In-Aid, (\$2,000).

Knee, Raymond C. "Implicit Theories of Relationships." Research Initiation Grant, (\$6,000).

Vincent, John. & Jouriles, Ernest. "Evaluation of Court-based Services for Families of Divorce." Two-year project funded by the Ima Hogg Foundation, (\$91,282).

Dr. H. Julia Hannay began her one year term as International Neuropsychological Society (INS) President in February 1998. During her tenure as president, Dr. Hannay will focus on bringing INS into the information age and working toward linking future INS meetings with national neuropsychology meetings so that the joint meetings will take on the flavor of the host country. Dr. Hannay is also the President elect for the Association for Doctoral Education in Clinical Neuropsychology.

Dr. Ernest Jouriles has been invited to deliver two lectures at McGill University on Friday, April 3 at a special conference addressing the impact of marital conflict on children's functioning. His lectures are titled "Marital Conflict, Marital Violence, and Child Adjustment Problems: What Do We Really Know?" and "Marital Conflict, Marital Violence, and Child Adjustment Problems: Bridging the Gap from Research to Practice."

Dr. Dale Johnson has a busy spring schedule. In April he will attend the International Perspective on Treatment of Schizophrenia in Paris, France, where he is member of planning group. In May, Dr. Johnson will present "Barriers to implementation of family psychoeducation" at the World Schizophrenia Fellowship and World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation, in Hamburg, Germany. He will then travel on to Istanbul, Turkey, to present "Families of People with Serious Mental Illness in the United States" at the Conference on Schizophrenia.

Mini Poster Session

I/O is having a mini-poster session, where those who have posters accepted to conferences and those who have finished their theses/dissertations will have posters on display. There will also be light refreshments. It's on April 13 at 4:00 in room 135 Heyne.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, & WORKSHOPS

Adams, K.A. & Osburn, H.G. (April, 1998). "Reexamination of the Exercise Effect in Assessment Center Ratings." Paper presented to the 13th Annual Conference of Society of

- Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Dallas, TX.
- Dement, Donald F., M.A., Perry, Susan M., Ph.D., Nash, Susan G., Ph.D., and Evans, Richard I., Ph.D. "Stability of Self-Esteem in Adolescent Drug Use". Paper presentation at Society for Behavior Medicine Nineteenth Annual Scientific Sessions March 25-28, 1998, New Orleans, LA.
- Hannay, H.J., Bieliauskas, L., Crosson, B.A., Hammeke, T.A., Hamsher, K. des., & Koffler, S. (1998). Proceedings of the Houston Conference on Specialty Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, Special Issue, Vol. 13, No. 2.
- Hannay, H.J. (1998). The Houston Conference on Specialty Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology, APA Newsletter 40, Winter/Spring, pp 2-13.
- Lewis, Holly, M.A. "Uncovering the Erotophobic-Erotophilic Component Toward Condoms Scale". Paper presentation at Society for Behavior Medicine Nineteenth Annual Scientific Sessions March 25-28, 1998, New Orleans, LA.
- Lewis, Holly, M.A. "Examining the Effect of Sexual Experience on Condom Intentions and Condom-Use Behaviors". Paper presentation at Society for Behavior Medicine Nineteenth Annual Scientific Sessions March 25-28, 1998, New Orleans, LA.
- Manke, B. & McGuire, S. (1998). "Using sibling designs to understand adolescent peer relations." Organizer and chair of symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, March.
- Manke, B., Pike, A., and McGuire, S. (1998). "Adolescent peer groups: A Longitudinal behavioral genetic study.: Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, March.
- Manke, B., Robertson, R., O'Brien, K., MacDonald, P., Wyche, C., and Berglund, J. (1998). "Developing Multi-Ethnic Family Studies on a Shoestring: Emphasizing University-Community Collaborations." Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Southwestern Society for Research in Human Development. Galveston, TX. March.
- Massman, P. J. (1998). Book review of "Searching for Memory: The Brain, the Mind, and the Past" by Daniel L. Schacter. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 4, 201-202.
- MacDonald, P.M. (1998). "Mother-child interactions and peer relationship quality: A test of genetic mediation." Poster presentation at an innovative program session at the 1998 meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, February, San Diego, California.
- Perry, Susan M., Ph.D., Nash, Susan G., Ph.D. and Evans, Richard I. Evans, Ph.D. "Difference Among Adolescent Abstainers, Experimenters, and Frequent Alcohol Users". Paper presentation at Society for Behavior Medicine Nineteenth Annual Scientific Sessions March 25-28, 1998, New Orleans, LA.
- Photiades, Joanna R., M.A. and Lewis, Holly L., M.A. "Incorporating Affect into Social-Cognitive Models of HIV Prevention". Paper presentation at Society for Behavior Medicine Nineteenth Annual Scientific Sessions March 25-28, 1998, New Orleans, LA.
- Photiades, Joanna R., M.A. "A Discriminant Analysis of Condom Purchasers and Non-Purchasers". Paper presentation at Society for Behavior Medicine Nineteenth Annual Scientific Sessions March 25-28, 1998, New Orleans, LA.

The Merrill Lynch Forum Innovation Grants Competition

The Merrill Lynch Forum will award \$150,000 in grants to recent Ph.D. recipients from universities worldwide. The Innovation Grants Competition seeks to encourage Ph.D. candidates to explore the market place potential of their dissertation ideas. In addition to cash awards, winners will meet with leading entrepreneurs and venture capitalist to discuss their work. All Ph.D. candidates in the sciences, liberal arts and engineering who successfully defend a dissertation between January 2, 1996 and May 31, 1998 are eligible to enter the competition. Awards will be announced in September, 1998. Application and entry information can be obtained from the Forum Web site at www.ml.com/innovation or via e-mail to InnovationGrants@ml.com.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

by Chris Schopen of the Houston Area Women's Center
(Courtesy of Dr. Beth Manke)

What is rape? Simply stated, rape is any unwanted sexual activity forced upon one person by another. It can happen to anyone, any time, any place. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, 90% of rapes are not reported. Furthermore, 75% of rapists use weapons or threats, 60% of rapes occur in the home, and 80% of rapes are committed by someone the survivor knows (e.g., friend, friend of a friend, family member, fellow student, police officer, doctor, etc.).

Since 1 in 3 females and 1 in 7 males will be raped in her or his lifetime, it is highly probable that you or someone you know has been affected by sexual violence. The Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC) and other women's centers across the country are devoting extra time during April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, to raise the level of awareness of sexual violence and its ramifications for society.

What does HAWC do year round to help put an end to sexual violence? For over 20 years,

HAWC has provided crisis services to women, men, and children regardless of race, creed, origin, sexual preference, political preference, or socioeconomic status. HAWC provides services for survivors of sexual violence, as well as their friends, family members, and significant others. They offer shelter to survivors who need a safe place, group counseling to those who need a support system, individual counseling to those who have more specific counseling needs, an anonymous crisis hotline to those who simply need an understanding, nonjudgmental "ear," and educational information about sexual violence to community, professional, and student organizations. Due to the generous donors and numerous volunteers, HAWC is able to provide all of these services free of charge.

What can YOU do to help put an end to sexual violence? 1. **EDUCATE yourself!!** Get involved with your local Women's Center. Once you have learned about the dynamics of sexual violence and its impact on society, you can become a part of the fight to end sexual violence. 2. **ORGANIZE community meetings!!** Get to know your "neighbors," including fellow students, professionals, colleagues. Set up meetings to discuss the effects of sexual violence on the community and what your organization can do to help. 3. **GET INVOLVED!!** Whether you are a student, a parent, a professional, or just some-one who cares about your environment, find out what you can do to continue the battle against sexual violence. 4. **DONATE!!** If you cannot help your local Women's Center financially, volunteer your precious time. You can truly make a difference in your community by volunteering.

If you are interested in volunteering at HAWC or would like more information about sexual violence, please call the Houston Area Women's Center: (713) 528-6798 ext. 298, Volunteer Services, (713) 528-7273 (RAPE) Rape Crisis Hotline, (713) 528-2121 Women's Center Hotline.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: A NEW SUMMER CLASS!!

In conjunction with the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC) Rape Crisis Program, the Psychology Department will be offering a new course this summer titled, *Rape Crisis Intervention Skills*. This course is open to all graduate students and undergraduate students. Trainers from HAWC, as well as the course instructors (Drs. Beth Manke and John Vincent), will present the course material. This course meets the guidelines set by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault certified training program and can be used toward licensing. This course will cover both didactic information about sexual assault as well as practical training in crisis intervention skills. All students will be expected to attend the "in class" portion of the course and to complete a minimum number of 30 direct service hours at HAWC. This course will begin on Tuesday

June 2 and will meet in class 8 times (a complete schedule of class dates and times can be obtained from the Academic Advising Office). Students will then have a total of 8 weeks to complete their direct service hours which can be done at the student's convenience. This course is a great opportunity to earn course credit, applied skills, and certification at the same time. Please note that the course is listed under Summer Session III--Selected Topics In Psychology and you must register for it in the Academic Advising Office. That is, you cannot register for this course over the phone.



Congratulations to **Pam MacDonald**, Developmental student under the direction of **Dr. Beth Manke**, on her recent acceptance of an Assistant Professor of Psychology position at Washburn University, Kansas. Pam will start in July, 1998.

Charles Norval Cofer, professor emeritus of psychology at the Pennsylvania State University, died March 14 at his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was 81. Cofer, a native of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, received his A.B. from SE Missouri State University, his M.A. from University of Iowa, and his Ph.D. in 1940 from Brown University. He was a member of the faculty at George Washington University, the University of Maryland, College Park, where he was chair, New York University, as director of graduate studies in psychology, the University of California, Berkeley, as visiting professor, and the Pennsylvania State University (where he became professor emeritus in 1977). He held subsequent research professorships at the **University of Houston**, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Duke University, and the University of New Mexico. Cofer was the author or more than 125 articles and books in psychology, primarily in the areas of motivation and cognitive processes. He was editor of the *Psychological Review* and Chief Editorial Advisor for the *American Psychological Association*. He served as president of the Eastern Psychological Association and as an officer in many learned societies. He was awarded a citation by Brown University in 1984 in recognition of his distinguished professional achievement. A festschrift was held at the Pennsylvania State University in 1985. He is survived by his wife, **Lynette**, professor of psychology at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; two sons, **Thomas M. Cofer**, Los Angeles, CA, and **Jonathan C. Cofer**, State College, PA; three step-children, **Matthew W. Friedrich**, Arlington, VA, **Peter J. Friedrich**, Los Angeles, CA, and **Paula L. Friedrich**, Seattle, WA; and one grandson, **Jonathan C. Cofer**, State College, PA. A memorial service is planned for the

August, 1998, meetings of the American Psychological Association in San Francisco, CA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charles N. Cofer Memorial Scholarship Fund in Psychology, the Pennsylvania State University, College of the Liberal Arts, 101 Sparks Building, University Park, PA 16802.

Sponsors are needed for the Houston to Austin Multiple Sclerosis - 150 Bike Ride. **Drs Bruno Breitmeyer and Merrill Hiscock** will again be peddling their derrières off for this worthy cause. Your sponsorship of their ride is needed. Entry sheets are located in the main office. The ride is sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Psycho Philes is published around the 1st week of each month. Submissions should be sent to Mani Kuffel at mkuffel@bayou.uh.edu, or directed to the business office. All submissions are subject to editing for space and content.

On The Lighter Side

From the World of CompuSpeak

Home is where you hang your @.

The E-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail.

A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click.

You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.

Great groups from little icons grow.

Speak softly and carry a cellular phone.

C:\ is the root of all directories.

Don't put all your hypes in one home page.

Pentium wise; pen and paper foolish.

The modem is the message.

Too many clicks spoil the browse.

The geek shall inherit the earth.

A chat has nine lives.

Don't byte off more than you can view.

Weird and Wacky Laws Features:

California

- In Los Angeles, a man may legally beat his wife with a leather strap, as long as it is less than two inches wide, or she gives him permission to use a wider strap.
- It is a misdemeanor to shoot at any kind of game from a moving vehicle, unless the target is a whale.
- In Pacific Grove, "molesting" butterflies can result in a \$500 fine.
- In Pasadena, it is illegal for a secretary to be alone in a room with her boss.
- It is illegal to set a mousetrap without a hunting license.
- In Long Beach, it is illegal to curse on a mini-golf course.
- In San Francisco, it is illegal to wipe one's car with used underwear.
- It is illegal to cry on the witness stand in Los Angeles courts.

Connecticut

- In Hartford, it is illegal to educate a dog.
- It is illegal to dispose of used razor blades.
- In New Britain, the speed limit for fire trucks is 25 m.p.h., even when going to a fire.
- In Hartford, it is illegal for a man to kiss his wife on Sunday.

Delaware

- In Lewes, it is illegal to wear pants that are "form-fitting" around the waist.
- Getting married on a dare is grounds for an annulment.
- It is illegal to fly over any body of water, unless one is carrying sufficient supplies of food and drink.

Florida

- In Miami, it is illegal for a man to wear any kind of strapless gown.
- Unmarried women who parachute on Sundays may be jailed.
- In Sarasota, it is illegal to sing while wearing a bathing suit.