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Reminders


 **Nov 18:** Faculty meeting, 3:00 pm, room 135 Heyne.

 **Nov 25:** Deadline for submitting signed original and copies of thesis and dissertation for binding.


 **Nov 25:** Graduate student council meeting.


 **Nov 26-27:** UH closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday.


 **Dec 4:** Applications due to the College of Social Sciences Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

 **Dec 4:** Graduate student council winter party.

 **Dec 5:** Last day of classes.

 **Dec 9-17:** Final examination period.

 **Dec 16:** Faculty meeting, 3:00 pm, room 135 Heyne.

 **Dec 24-Jan 3:** Offices closed in observance of winter holidays.

News and Notes

❖ Heyne Remodeling Plans and Schedule

Remodeling of the suites 122, 128, and 132 are scheduled to begin around the second week in December. Faculty and students in these suites will be moved to suites 101, 105, and 107 around Dec 4-8. The departmental offices will be moved into suite 122 until construction in the 132 suite is completed. As part of the remodeling, new graduate and undergraduate computing facilities will occupy part of the current 122 suite. The graduate computing facility will be available 24 hrs/day. As a reminder, this is phase one of a complete space review and reassignment in the Heyne building. The purpose of this first phase is to provide a centralized location for all departmental activities (both business and academic), reduce or eliminate redundant functional areas, reduce and improve the efficiency of the space used by departmental offices, provide students with enhanced access to technology, and to increase the amount of available research space. We'll keep you posted as to progress and changes.

Work continues on the plumbing and electrical upgrades in the building. Asbestos abatement will occur at the 1st and 2nd floor toilet rooms starting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 1998; this will necessitate discontinuation of air-conditioning system through Sunday morning, 11/21/98. This work will remove all vinyl tile flooring and piping insulation from the main toilet rooms on the 1st floor, Rooms 113/115, and piping insulation from the small toilet room at the west end, Room 133B. Partial piping insulation abatement will occur at the 2nd floor, Rooms 213/217, at the lavatory locations currently removed.

❖ Non Resident Tuition Exemption

All out-of-state graduate students are reminded to come by the business office and complete a Non Resident Tuition Exemption form for spring semester.

❖ Changes for Contract Processing

Contracts for \$5,000 or more must be submitted to the contract office at least 30 days in advance. This means that contracts must arrive in our business office at least 32 days BEFORE the contract is to begin. Late submissions will certainly result in delayed payments and possible non-payment. Also, all late submissions will require a detailed justification form. If the monetary amount of the contract agreement triggers bidding requirements (over \$2,000 of state funds; over \$5,000 of local funds), then our business office will also need to submit a sole source justification form. All of this takes extra time for processing. Please plan accordingly.

❖ FY99 Supplemental Grad Travel Awards

The department has set-aside funds to help support graduate student travel to professional

meetings. These funds are supplemental and not intended to cover all travel expenses. Preference will be given to graduates presenting at meetings. Program directors should submit nominations to Marco Mariotto. Nominations should include the student's name, destination, purpose of trip, whether student will be presenting, topic of presentation, and amount requested. If more than one student from a program area is nominated, program directors are asked to rank nominations.

❖ **Excellence Awards: Res. & Scholarship**

UH has announced the Awards for Excellence in Research and Scholarship Program for 1998-99. Separate awards of \$3,000 each will be made to three faculty members; Full Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor rank. Specific requirements for each rank are posted in the business office near Caroline's door. Nominators must be faculty members at the University of Houston and may make not more than one nomination at each rank. Nominations are to be made on forms available in the Division of Research Office or on their web site: www.research.uh.edu. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, February 5, 1999.

❖ **Graduate Student E-mail Addresses**

All graduate students should have a working e-mail address. If you do not currently have an e-mail address, get one before the beginning of the new semester or provide Dr. Lachman with an alternative way in which to contact you. Effective with the spring semester, most information of importance to graduates will be communicated via e-mail.

From the Academic Office

✔ **Teaching Evaluations:** Please pick up the teaching evaluations in room 122.

✔ **Book Orders** were due November 20th, if you have not turned in your book order, please do so ASAP.

✔ **Final Grade Sheets** will be coming out in the month of December. The grades must be completed and turned in 72 hrs after the scheduled 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, or other very serious situations).

✔ **Special Problems for Undergraduate Students:** These courses are for research or special assignments for undergraduates with a GPA=3.00 or higher and completion of PSYC 2301 Introduction to Methods. General petitions must be filled out for registration. The general petition must include the description of the work being done and signed by a psychology faculty member (not adjunct or a graduate student). The signed forms must be turned in the academic affairs office (122-Heyne).

✔ **Special Problems for Graduate Students:** These course are for research and a general petition must be filled out for registration. The general petition must include the description of the work being done and signed by a psychology faculty member (not adjunct). The signed forms must be turned in the academic affairs office (122-Heyne).

✔ Please list the course additions & changes (see the copy in your box)

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Your GSC (Graduate Student Council) members are **Laurie Smith** (Dev.), **Oscar Cabrera** (Dev.), **Anika Gakovic** (IO), **Mark Morris** (IO), **Aimee James** (Soc.) & **Amy McQueen** (Soc.). **Aruni Nanayakkara** (Soc.) and **Jim Bridges** (Clin.) are the Co-Chairpersons. Clin./Clin.-Neuros: Your 3 seats in the GSC are vacant. Elected representatives or volunteers are welcome. Our next meeting is on Nov. 25th.

We are excited to be your representatives for '98 -'99 and with the current changes in our department, we plan to be very busy on your behalf. Our first job was to inform you of what we do and survey if there was anything further that we could do for you. Thanks for your responses! If you haven't already responded, please take a moment to do so and help us be a more effective student representative body. If you have further concerns that we could address, or if you would like to be on our newly created email list, please don't hesitate to contact us by email or through the GSC mailbox (room 105). While you are in the mailroom, check out our newly designed bulletin board. Last but not least, let's have some fun at

our annual holiday party tentatively set for Dec. 4th (last class day). Details coming soon. --
Provided by Aruni Nanayakkara

Psycho Philes is published monthly. 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.

Get to Know . . .

Here's more of the "dirty" on our new graduates

Veronica Lozano--Veronica is a UH graduate and a student in the clinical neuro track studying under **Dr. Kevin Krull** investigating the neurophysiological correlates of attention in different pediatric populations. Veronica's other academic interests include traumatic brain injury and the long-term effects of different disorders on neuro-cognitive functioning. Veronica says that she loves neuropsychology and has worked with children with different disorders as well as with adult dementia patients. Her non-academic interests include travelling across the country by care (ala Jack Kerouac style), walking for fitness, and spending time with friends and family, especially her nieces and nephews.

Steve Richins-- Steve is a first year I/O Psychology student. He recently moved to Houston from the Dallas area (Frisco) with my his wife, **Cindi** and my two kids, **Zach**, 8 and **Hailey**, 5. Steve graduated from Austin College - a small liberal arts college in Sherman, Texas, in the fall of 1997 (go Roos!) with a double major in Psychology and Philosophy, summa cum laude with honors in Psychology. Steve says that he always expected to pursue some sort of professional career in philosophy, but "I came to realize rather early that "philosophy" and "professional career" are mutually exclusive

concepts. So, I decided to look into psychology, and my business experience gave me an obvious lean toward Industrial & Organizational" Steve looks forward to the many challenges and opportunity grad school will undoubtedly provide and is hoping the experience doesn't make him too cynical.

Laura Carter Robinson--Laura is a clinical student with research interests in marital conflict and violence and its effects on children. After graduating from Duck, she spent several years in the publishing field as an editor of scholarly and university press books. Before becoming a graduate student, she worked on research focused on children's social cognitions at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and on children's peer rejection at Duck. Outside of school, Laura's interests include hiking and camping, creative writing, drawing and painting, playing sports, reading, and travel. Since moving to Houston, she and her husband **Bruce** have had fun fixing up their first house and hanging out with their new cat.

Tim Yerington--Tim is a clinical student in the child and family tract working with **Dr. Julia Babcock** studying domestically violent men. His research interests focus around marital interactions, and he would like to study homosexual relationships. Outside of school, Tim is happily married and enjoys going out with friends. Tim graduated from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.

CORRECTION: It was incorrectly reported in last month's Psycho Philes that **Joan M. Glaman** received her Masters degree. Joan, in fact, completed her doctorate.

Please note the following changes to the spring 1999 class schedule

COURSE ADDITIONS & CHANGES Spring, 1999

Undergraduate:

<u>Time & Day</u>	<u>Course #</u>	<u>Section #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
11-12 MWF	PSYC 1300	12329	Intro to Psyc	Wagener
12-1 MWF	PSYC 1300	12330	Intro to Psyc	Wagener
1-2:30 TTH	PSYC 1300	12419	Intro to Psyc	Salinas
2:30-4 TTH	PSYC 1300	12420	Intro to Psyc	Salinas
10-11 MW	PSYC 2301	12332	Intro to Methods	
10-12 M	PSYC 2301L	12333	Methods Lab	
10-12 W	PSYC 2301L	12334	Methods Lab	
11-1 TH	PSYC 2301L	12335	Methods Lab	
1-3 TH	PSYC 2310L	12336	Methods Lab	
10-11 MWF	PSYC 2380	12339	Intro Soc Psyc	
1-2 MWF	PSYC 2380	12340	Intro Soc Psyc	
5:30-7 TTH	PSYC 3310	12338	Intro to I/O	Klein
7-8:30 TTH	PSYC 3310	12337	Intro to I/O	Klein
12-1 MWF	PSYC 3360	12341	Child Dev	
2-3 MWF	PSYC 3360	12346	Child Dev	
7-8:30 TTH	PSYC 336-	12347	Child Dev	Barry
8-9 MWF	PSYC 4344	12343	Cultural Psyc	Vietor
9-10 MWF	PSYC 4344	12344	Cultural Psyc	Vietor
8:30-10 TTH	PSYC 4345	12421	Emotion & Motiv.	Hale
1-2:30 TTH	PSYC 4345	12342	Emotion & Motiv.	Hale
11:30-1 TTH	PSYC 4397	12331	Visual Percep. & Art	Breitmeyer

Graduate:

5-8 pm M	PSYC 7326	12345	Prof. Prob/Applied	Vandaveeer
Arrange	PSYC 7337	12327	Mental Health Sys II	Paul
Arrange	PSYC 6393	12325	Clin Res Practicum	Jouriles
Arrange	PSYC 7393	12326	Field Practicum	Krull

Time Changes:

8:30-10 TTH (from 10-11 MWF)	PSYC 3361	09547	Psyc of Adolescence	
10-11:30 TTH (from 1-2:30 TTH)	PSYC 4397	09519	Fam Change & Dev	Manke
2-5 pm M (from 1-4 M)	PSYC 6357	09562	Clinical Assess II	Krull

NEW RESEARCH AWARDS

Francis, David: Early Interventions for Children with Reading Problems, subcontract with UTHSC/NIH, \$393,857

Hannay, H. Julia: Treatment of Physiological Disturbances after Head Injury, subcontract with Baylor, NIH \$47,364

Velasquez, Mary: Preventing Alcohol Exposed Pregnancies Among High Risk Women in Special Settings, Subcontract with UT, \$70,502

What's New In Research

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, & WORKSHOPS

- Davis, R. N., & Nolen-Hoeksema, S. (1998). Cognitive inflexibility among ruminators and nonruminators. Poster presented at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy 32nd Annual Convention, Washington, DC, November, 1998.
- Daza, P., Spiller, L., Miller, P., & Jouriles, E. (1998, October). Understanding maternal aggression toward children in a maritally violent sample. Paper presented at the 4th International conference on children exposed to family violence. San Diego, CA.
- Jouriles, E.N., Spiller, L.C., Stephens, N., McDonald, R., & Swank, P. (in press). Variability in adjustment of children of battered women: The role of child appraisals of interparent conflict. *Cognitive Therapy and Research*.
- Jouriles, E.N. (1998). Knives, guns, and interparent violence. Paper presented at the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Washington D.C.
- Tetrick, L. (1998). The Links Between Organizational Restructuring and Employee Well-Being. Invited address at the Tokyo Medical University International Symposium: Work-Related Stress and Health in Three Post-Industrial Settings: The European Union, Japan, and the United States, Oct 31-Nov 3, 1998.

Congratulations to **Dr. Ernest Jouriles** who was invited to serve on the Violence and Traumatic Stress Review Committee for the National Institute of Mental Health.

The National Research Council, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, has commissioned a paper by **Dr. Richard I. Evans**, Director of Social Psychology at the University of Houston. His paper, "Prevention of Gambling Among Adolescents", will be part of a report prepared for the United States Congressional Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education. Dr. Evans reports that gambling among teenagers is disturbingly high and is related to other serious problems such as substance abuse. Dr. Evans is also on the Scientific Advisory Board for the

Center for Responsible Gaming that has been sponsoring research into this critical problem.

Dr. Dale Johnson represented the World Schizophrenia Fellowship at the World Psychiatric Association Latin American regional meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico, in October. He chaired a symposium on families of people with serious mental illness and spoke on "Strategies for organizing family associations."

College of Social Science's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects

The College of Social Science's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) has successfully completed its third month of reviews. Applications for new proposals from any of the departments within the college are now being reviewed by this committee. Applications for renewal of proposals previously approved by the full university committee will still be reviewed by that full committee, as will applications, which include medical or physiological procedures. Deadlines for submission are the first Friday of the month for the full university committee and the second Friday of the month for the college's committee. Meeting dates are generally the third Friday of the month for the university committee and the fourth Friday of the month for the college's committee.

In reviewing the submissions over the past three months, the college's CPHS committee has begun to perceive a pattern, which has stimulated a request for feedback to the college. Applications are being submitted by graduate students to the CPHS committee for approval prior to the student's proposal meeting. Several applications have thus been re-submitted following changes recommended by the student's thesis/dissertation committee, which has not only increased the number of applications to be processed but may also delay the students progress. The college's CPHS committee would like to make sure the faculty and graduate students are aware that the application for a thesis/dissertation project does not have to be reviewed by CPHS prior to the proposal meeting. This may be a requirement set by an individual faculty member, which is obviously their prerogative; however, this is not a requirement of the CPHS.

Calendar--Social Sciences Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects Schedule

Deadline for Applications

Friday, September 11, 1998
Friday, October 9, 1998
Friday, November 6, 1998
Friday, December 4, 1998
Friday, January 8, 1999
Friday, February 12, 1999
Friday, March 12, 1999
Friday, April 9, 1999
Friday, May 14, 1999
Friday, June 11, 1999

Meeting Date

Friday, September 25, 1998
Friday, October 23, 1998
Friday, November 20, 1998
Friday, December 18, 1998
Friday, January 22, 1999
Friday, February 26, 1999
Friday, March 26, 1999
Friday, April 23, 1999
Friday, May 28, 1999
Friday, June 25, 1999



Welcome **Sherry Rivera** as the new office assistant in the Academic Affair office. Sherry comes to our department from UH postal services. Prior to working at UH, Sherry was an assistant supervisor at Jolley Printing Inc. She begins her new position on Nov. 23.

A very sad goodbye to **Mary Ordonez** who has accepted a position in the corporate business office of Foleys department store. Mary has been instrumental in positive changes that have occurred in the department over the past three years. The Foleys' position allows Mary the opportunity to pursue her long held desire for a career in retail. Although Mary's last full-time day will be Wednesday, Nov. 25, she will continue to work weekends in our offices over the next couple months to help train and complete current projects.

On The Lighter Side

25 things I have learned in 50 years (by Dave Barry)

1. The badness of a movie is directly proportional to the number of helicopters in it.
2. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight-saving time.
3. People who feel the need to tell you that they have an excellent sense of humor are telling you that they have no sense of humor.
4. The most valuable function performed by the federal government is entertainment.
5. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
6. A penny saved is worthless.
7. They can hold all the peace talks they want, but there will never be peace in the Middle East. Billions of years from now, when Earth is hurtling toward the Sun and there is nothing left alive on the planet except a few microorganisms, the microorganisms living in the Middle East will be bitter enemies.
8. The most powerful force in the universe is gossip.
9. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status, or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we all believe that we are above-average drivers.
10. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age 11.
11. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
12. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.
13. There apparently exists, somewhere in Los Angeles, a computer that generates concepts for television sitcoms. When TV executives need a new concept, they turn on this computer; after sorting through millions of possible plot premises, it spits out, "THREE QUIRKY BUT ATTRACTIVE YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN AN APARTMENT," and the executives turn this concept into a show. The next time they need an idea, the computer spits out, "SIX QUIRKY BUT ATTRACTIVE YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN AN APARTMENT." Then the next time, it spits out, "FOUR QUIRKY BUT ATTRACTIVE YOUNG PEOPLE

LIVING IN AN APARTMENT." And so on. We need to locate this computer and destroy it with hammers.

14. Nobody is normal.
15. At least once per year, some group of scientists will become very excited and announce that: * The universe is even bigger than they thought! * There are even more subatomic particles than they thought! * Whatever they announced last year about global warming is wrong.
16. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meetings."
17. The main accomplishment of almost all organized protests is to annoy people who are not in them.
18. The value of advertising is that it tells you the exact opposite of what the advertiser actually thinks. For example: * If the advertisement says "This is not your father's Oldsmobile," the advertiser is desperately concerned that this Oldsmobile, like all other Oldsmobiles, appeals primarily to old farts like your father. * If Coke and Pepsi spend billions of dollars to convince you that there are significant differences between these two products, both companies realize that Pepsi and Coke are virtually identical. * If the advertisement strongly suggests that Nike shoes enable athletes to perform amazing feats, Nike wants you to disregard the fact that shoe brand is unrelated to athletic ability. * If Budweiser runs an elaborate advertising campaign stressing the critical importance of a beer's "born-on" date, Budweiser knows this factor has virtually nothing to do with how good a beer tastes.
19. If there really is a God who created the entire universe with all of its glories, and He decides to deliver a message to humanity, He will not use, as His messenger, a person on cable TV with a bad hairstyle.
20. You should not confuse your career with your life.
21. A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person.
22. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
23. When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.
24. Your friends love you anyway.
25. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.