

IUP Counseling Department Newsletter

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Welcome to this edition of the Counseling Dept. Newsletter. As always, we are immersed in a busy and exciting semester. The article in the opposite column shares good news about receiving approval to add 2.5 tenure track faculty to the Department primarily to respond to the growing Monroeville program. Drs. Rishel and McCarthy have hit the ground running, by contributing to the Department, students, and the mental health community. Dr. McCarthy will join me in the fall as co-editor of the Newsletter. We have started a search for a half-time faculty member, bringing the counseling faculty to 8.5 members by next fall.

This is a busy time as we recruit and review applications for the campus and Monroeville programs. We appreciate alumni recommending our programs to potential students.

We have included two Alumni Spotlights -- Bob Sukolsky (1991), a Program Director at Spectrum Family Network, and Susan Sibert (1993), a school administrator in the Purchase Line School District. Dr. Dandeneau has provided timely information related to licensure. I strongly recommend you review this information!

We have included information about special topics courses being offered this summer, and "A Wellness Day for Counselors" offered on April 19, 2002 in Monroeville. We have also included a peek at what it is like for students to receive their degree as part of a cohort.

On a personal note, I'm surrounded by boxes as I am moving in two days. I was married on February 24th in Florida, and my wife, Debbie, and her children will be moving to Western PA next month. This is exciting for me and it's a "good life." We hope you find this

issue informative.

Dr. Bob Witchel

Counseling Department Adds Two Full-Time Faculty

Thanks to the advocacy work of Dr. John Butzow, Dean of the College of Education and Educational Technology, the department received 2.5 permanent faculty positions to support the growth of the department, primarily the Monroeville



The impact of licensure in Pennsylvania on alumni of our program is quite varied. Everyone should be informed that the Governor has extended the grandparenting for licensure to **February 19th of 2003**. The extension will allow for more alumni to apply to be licensed under this section of the law. Many of you have called seeking assistance. I have done my best to help you and tried to respond to your individual needs/cases. I wish there was a one-step easy process that the department could do to facilitate the licensure and grandparenting process for all of you. Since this is new to all of us and we are under a very quick time deadline, I thought that it might be helpful to provide a list of frequently asked questions and answers.

The deadline for grandparenting has been extended, but what does that mean in practical terms? There are several criteria for grandparenting, but the one that is most critical is that you must hold a national counseling credential. This means you must be a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC). Information about the NCC credential can be found at <http://www.nbcc.org>. In order to get the NCC, many of you may need: courses to total 48 credits, a multicultural/social foundation course, a career class or an ethics class, and in some cases, a second "field" experience. If you are NOT a NCC and are wanting to apply for licensure under the grandparenting clause, it is **critical** that you understand that there is **ONLY ONE**

the students. Shirley has found a different job, but has stayed on to help the department keep the library functional for students.

Students Present at PSCA Conference

Kim Stoklosa and Dr. Claire Dandeneau

“Would You Like Your Own Personalized Guidance Page?”

“Children Diagnosed with ADHD and Their Perceptions of Parental Helpfulness with Homework.”

Barbara Rhine, Megan Schoenfeld, and Dr. Worzbyt “Home and School Strategies for Caring and Community Building.”

Ebony Holliday and Nicole Jackson “Self Esteem: How It Affects Minority Students in School”

Erica Faye “Religion in the Guidance Office”

Barbara Rhine and Megan Schoenfeld “People Building Strategies for Classroom Learning and Caring.”

Our Department on the Web

Dr. Witchel maintains the departmental websites on the Internet. <http://www.coe.iup.edu/ce/>

