Welcome to the Fall issue of the Department of Counseling Newsletter. After 8 years, we have changed the design of the newsletter, and hope you like it. As always, it has been a busy Fall semester and the department continues to evolve and grow. In addition to Holly Moore joining the department as our newest faculty member (see p. 2), we welcomed new students to our Indiana campus programs and 28 new students in the 6th Monroeville community counseling cohort. Our student population will increase further in the Spring semester as we add 28 additional students to the new secondary school counseling program in Monroeville. In total, we will have about 100 students enrolled in Monroeville; we have come a long way since our Monroeville pro-

Robert E Wubbolding Ed.D. will present a one-day workshop on April 27, 2005 titled, Using Reality Therapy with Disengaged, Disillusioned, and Resistant Students, and Clients (see p. 2). In addition, the department will co-sponsor with the College, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual School Counselor Professional Development day on Jan. 7, 2005. This year's focus is on Children and Resiliency (see p. 6).

We are proud of Kelli McLeod who is the first counseling student in over 15 years to write and successfully defend a master's thesis (see p. 6). We are seeking new members for the Dept. Advisory Board (see. p. 3). The Digital Training Lab continues to expand and students are utilizing this state-of-theart facility on the Indiana campus.

I am in my 24th year at IUP and 18th year in the Department. I continue to be excited and energized about our students, the growth of our programs, and my colleagues. We have come a long way since 1990 when there were only four counseling faculty. I am always excited when I hear from alumni, and wish you all a happy holiday and healthy new year.

On October 8, 2004, Kelli C. McLeod was the first counseling student in over 15 years to write and successfully defend a master's thesis. She conducted an excellent study titled School Counselors' Work With LGBQ Students: Barriers and Supports to Programmatic and Responsive Services. Her thesis committee consisted of Lorraine J Guth (chair) and Claire J Dandeneau and Janet H. Fontaine (members).

Kelli created a survey to gather information about Pennsylvania secondary school counselors' (162) experiences work-

Van Johnson graduated from the IUP M.Ed. program with elementary certification in 1992. Two of his daughters, Katie and Jayna, are now students in the Counseling Dept. Van returned to West Branch Elementary School where he had been teaching for 17 years and continued to teach until last year when he was hired as the elementary school guidance counselor. Johnson also holds a degree in elementary education, has certification in special ed., has an associate's degree in Science, and has obtained a second master's degree

The Department of Counseling and the College of Education and Educational Technology is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual School Counselor Professional Development day.

# Looking for a Job?

The Counseling Dept. often receives requests from employers (both schools and community agencies) for immediate openings in their organizations. We help qualified graduates who are looking for their first place of employment link up with agencies and schools who have vacancies. If you are looking for your first job, please contact Dr. Fontaine at (724) 357-7593 or e-mail her at fontaine@iup.edu. An employment form will be mailed to you.

These forms will be used to identify qualified individuals (e.g., whether you will consider a temporary position, geographic areas you will consider, etc.) to refer to openings. Please note that this service is only for individuals looking for their first job after graduation in the school or mental health counseling fields. The IUP Career Services is available for others by calling (724) 357-2235 or by email: career\_services@iup.edu.

## Dr. Spinelli Memorial Fund

If alumni wish to contribute to the Dr. Spinelli Memorial Fund, they can contact the annual Fund at (724) 357-5555 or write to:

The Office of Annual Giving ,313 Sutton Hall, Indiana University of PA, Indiana. PA 15705

The annual award is \$400 and is given to a current counseling student.

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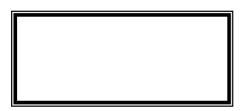
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