

# ApplAUSe

IPFW Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences

Summer 2008

## Notes from the Chair

**Lucille Hess, Ph.D.**

The 2007-08 academic year has been a busy one for Audiology and Speech Sciences. The Indiana Commission of Higher Education approved the new master's degree in speech-language pathology in late August. The accreditation paperwork to the ASHA Council of Academic Accreditation is ready and awaiting approval from IPFW administrators. Once the CAA peer review team gives us the go ahead with the application, it will take a minimum of 18 months before the first students can be enrolled. Simultaneously, we must secure funding for three new faculty positions and larger space to accommodate the clinical and academic needs. The process is a long one and not always without frustration. However, we have come this far and the question now is when the master's degree will begin not if.

As you will read in the rest of the newsletter, besides the development of the master's degree, there are many things happening within the department. Please stop in when you are in town or when you come to the campus. We are delighted to visit with alums and other friends. Email messages are also welcome.

## Change in Faculty

Susan Fricke, AuD. is leaving IPFW to pursue other career and personal interests. Fricke has taught AUS 460 Introduction to Audiology and 550 Aural Rehabilitation for Adults for over 5 years. We will miss her but we wish her well in her future endeavors. For fall 2008, Anne Livingston will be teaching the AUS 460 course. Livingston has her master's degree in audiology from Illinois State University and next spring 2009, Livingston plans to have her AuD degree from Pennsylvania College of Optometry-School of Audiology. Livingston is currently in employed with The Hearing Center in Fort Wayne. Prior to moving to Fort Wayne last fall, Livingston was employed at the Midwest Ear Institute, PC in Indianapolis. We are delighted to welcome her to the AUS family.

## Kudos to the AUS Faculty

Four AUS faculty members received a certificate of

appreciation for participating in the Academic Student Achievement Program. This venture is designed to assist students who are at risk for poor academic progress. Kudos to Dr. Dalby, Sharon Egly, Lynn Frye and Chanda Lichtsinn who took the time to help young people achieve.

## Summer 2008 Instructional Development Grant

### Awarded:

The CELT (Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching) Advisory Board is pleased to announce a winner of the 2008 Summer Instructional Development Grant to and AUS faculty member. Sharon Egly will receive funding to produce a DVD for "Teaching a Fundamental Clinical Skill." The DVD will be used to teach the skill of performing an Oral Facial Mechanism Screening for beginning clinicians. The DVD will teach segments of the exam and allow the students to perform that part of the exam before continuing to the next segment. The winning faculty member will attend a half-day institute before starting work on her project and will give presentations about her course transformation during the Spring 2009 semester.

## Kudos to AUS majors

Sophomores Elizabeth Learnard and Mariesa Rang were selected to be Orientation Assistants for the Summer 2008 SOAR program. These students will assist incoming freshmen to learn about IPFW and to help them feel at home here. Ty Lambert played catcher for the women's softball team and Stephanie Hoppes was the team captain for the women's golf team. Stephanie was elected President of the Student Athlete Association for 2007-08.

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## From the Communication and Disorders Clinic

Our clinic's name has changed!! We are getting ready for the Master's program so we are changing the clinic name to reflect what type of services are offered. Twelve students completed clinic this past spring. Fifteen evaluations were performed with thirteen clients served. One student had both a school age client and a geriatric client so that she could complete her "Geriatric Certificate." All of the clients either met or made progress toward their goals. The students were not only happy with

their client's progress, but also with the progress each of them made toward their own goals as beginning clinicians.

### **Sign Choir**

The IPFW ASL Choir had two performances this year. The Choir performed America, the Beautiful at the Indiana Speech and Hearing Convention for the business meeting in front of the membership in March. In May, the choir consisting of Rachel Kline, Brandy Weaver, Karrie Fredrickson, Stephanie Hoppes, Ashley Sellers, Jenni Schuldt, Shelley May, Missy Drapac, Tiffany Roberts, and Rachel Jones performed the National Anthem at Commencement. Both performances were warmly received by the audiences.

### **AAC Class—may be new information from Egly**

Members of the AAC class were able to do more than just listen to lectures last fall when a young man offered to come to the class as a guest speaker. He demonstrated how he uses his big toe to access his device. He later returned when the Prentke Romich Company allowed the department to keep devices (sent to be used for a remote broadcast) for a few days so that he could be evaluated for a new device. Students took an active role in taping the event, helping set up equipment, and discussing positioning possibilities along with the high school student's parents, teacher, occupational therapist, and speech/language pathologist. Theory and practice came together with the active problem solving that is so often needed in this type of speech/language therapy.

### **AUS LIBRARY NEED:**

Please consider donating your journals (no older than 5 years please) when you are finished reading them to the AUS library. Students use these unbound copies to take home to read as they prepare reports. You can claim a tax deduction with such a donation. Contact Lucy (481-6411) if you are interested in supporting future SLPs and AuDs in this way.

Visitors to the AUS Library/Lab will notice the installation of three beautiful bookcases. The library/lab has a little more space because we removed the shelves so we could group the bookcases that looked the same. Students continue to make good use of the library/lab. A lot of brain energy emits from the doorway especially when projects are being prepared.

### **ALUMNI NEWS**

Mystee Eagleson (BS 01), lives in Fort Wayne, and works for IPFW as a research analyst. She and her husband are expecting a second child, a son, in June. Mystee's husband also started his own construction business, Evergreen Remodeling earlier this year.

Sharon Egly (B.S. '90) became a grandmother for the third time to William David Egly on December 13, 2007. He is the son of Keith and Amy (Dickerson) Egly and he weighed in at 11 pounds, 4 ounces.

Teri (Ousley) Fields (BS 00), lives in Columbia City, and works as Lead Speech Therapist for Parkview Hospital. Teri is vital-stim certified and has received training for laryngectomy patients. She and her husband Chad are celebrating their 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June. They have three horses (Sadie, Levi, and Sunny) and a Sharpei (Bowser). Teri and Chad have recently built a horse barn and have had a lot of fun designing and decorating the interior.

Anissa Khouri (BS 06), lives in Bloomington, and is attending Indiana University's graduate program. She plans to graduate May 2008. Khouri is enjoying her classes and notes her areas of interest are early language development, cleft palate, and dysphagia.

Chanda Lichtsinn (BS 96), lives in Fort Wayne, and works for full time as the Lead Pediatric Therapist for Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults, part-time teaching two sections a semester of the Introduction to Communicative Disorders course at IPFW, and works PRN for Harborside Healthcare. In her spare time, she spends each precious moment with her granddaughter, Kerrigan. Soon grandma will have even more to love, son Steven and daughter-in-law Nicole are expecting late this year! Chanda and her husband Bill are again planning a vacation in paradise, Sanibel Island, Florida for their 27th wedding anniversary this June.

Terri McLaughlin (BS 01) lives in Wheeling, Illinois, and works in the Educational and Life Skills program at Northern Suburban Special Education District in Highland Park. She provides services to junior high and high school students with moderate to severe disabilities. Terri presented at the Illinois Speech Language Hearing Association in February on animal assisted therapy. She is also co-teaching a choir class with regular and special education students, with a focus more on participation rather than performance. Terri is also taking a distance learning class on reading and literacy skills for students who use AAC.

Kristi (Loy) Miller (BS 04) lives in Fort Wayne, and works for Theracare Inc. at the Heritage Point United Methodist home. She graduated with her master's degree from Indiana University and is in the process of obtaining her certification and licensure. Kristi is looking forward to celebrating her first wedding anniversary in October. She and her husband are currently remodeling their home.

Hope Snyder (BS 04) lives in Fort Wayne, and works at the Hearing Center. She is in charge of the assistive listening devices, as well as managing the new east office. Hope received her hearing aid dealer license in September. She has two boys, Conan (2 ½) and Liam (6 months).

Kristen (Miller) Thiele (BS 97) lives in Fort Wayne, and is working (her sixth year) as a mild disability teacher for Maple Creek Middle School in Northwest Allen

County Schools. Kristen and Randy are expecting their first baby, due August 10<sup>th</sup>.

*A heart-felt thank you to the alumni that took time out of your busy lives to share your personal and professional information.*

Sincerely your Editor, Chanda Lichtsinn (BS 96)

## **2008 Graduating Seniors**

The graduates were Missy Drapac, Karrie Fredrickson, Beth Hinson, Allison Hurley, Sherie Kirchgassner, Rachel Kline, Leah Mau (December 08), Shelley May, Rachel Mincoff, Nicole Moran, Bobbie Morhart, Tiffany Roberts, Ashley Sellers, Jenni Schuldt, and Brandy Weaver. Katheryn Rehling, who had a BS degree in Communication, completed two year's work of undergraduate courses in the major to prepare herself for graduate school. Rehling was accepted at Indiana University for fall 2008. Sally Winters and Diana Barrientos (07) AUS graduates will attend Ball State University in the fall.

May graduated with distinction. May and Fredrickson were awarded monetary prizes from the IPFW chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honorary for the National Fellowship competition. Kudos to both of them.

The AUS graduates who plan to attend graduate school in the fall for speech-language pathology are Drapac who will attend Governor's State (IL), Hurley will attend University of Toledo, May will attend Miami of Ohio with a full scholarship, Fredrickson and Morhart will attend Ball State for SLP masters, and Weaver will attend Ball State for the AuD degree, Roberts will attend East Tennessee State University, and Schuldt will attend Marshall University in West Virginia. We are going to miss this wonderful group of graduates and we wish them well as they begin new chapters in their lives.

## **AUS Scholarships and Awards 2008**

Eight of the department's outstanding students were honored at the 2008 College of Arts and Sciences Honors Banquet April 15. All have their names added to the honor roll of plaques that hang in the department office.

Graduating senior Tiffany Roberts was named the Outstanding Audiology and Speech Sciences Majors for 2008. The AUS department continues to have a large group of outstanding seniors so the selection was difficult. The award acknowledges a high standard of scholarship and demonstrated effectiveness in leadership or service roles. Besides being a curious student who believes that linguistics is almost as cool as speech and hearing, Roberts worked as a tutor on campus for several courses. She was

one of the first students to become a conversational partner for IPFW ESL students who want to practice their English. She is an active member of the ASL sign choir and was able to sign the national anthem at graduation with her peers. Roberts participated in the IPFW Prevention Clinic hearing screenings over ten times. AUS joined in this monthly effort in January 2007. Because Roberts can speak Spanish, she was a welcome participant. A few times she had to help translate the findings of the hearing screen for clients who understood very little English. A cash award was given to Roberts as a gift from the Psi Iota Xi Theta Sigma Chapter in Syracuse, IN.

Senior Whitney Christner, and juniors Jade Januseski and Regency Sharma shared in the generous scholarship from the Anne M. Balentine Foundation. The scholarship funded by the Conrad Balentine family of Bluffton, IN is in honor of their daughter and sister, Anne, who is deaf, blind and physically challenged. The women were selected for meritorious scholarship and their interest in serving persons with multiple disabilities. Christner believes that children with physical challenges can do "huge things if someone believes in them." Christner will head the large SHC project of Make-it-take-it next year. Januseski wants to help those who confront several challenges because of developmental delays or strokes and brain injuries; She was elected historian for the SHC next year. Sharma's goals are to assist those with physical and mental disabilities first in the US, and then back in her own country, India where she plans to join with her sister who is a physical therapist.

Senior Jennifer Hart was awarded ,for the second time, the Downtown (FW) Sertoma William Doctor Scholarship for her demonstrated high scholarship and for her unfailing desire to assist children who have autism or other challenging disabilities. The award was named for a founding member of the Sertoma Club. Hart knows first hand what obstacles persons with communication challenges confront since she is the mother of two children who are on the autism spectrum.

Senior Tiffany Owens received the Psi Iota Xi Delta Gamma (FW)-Donald Doster Memorial Scholarship. This award provides tuition reduction for a SPHT major who has demonstrated academic excellence. Owens is an overachiever and resourceful. She will be the Treasurer of the SHC next year.

Senior Elizabeth King was awarded the Psi Iota Xi-Eta Rho Chapter (New Haven, IN) Scholarship. In addition to excellent academic ability, she worked as a mental health assistant at Parkview Behavior Health Center. She is a mother of an 18month old daughter who has become her personal laboratory for language development.

Junior Ann Dukjiewics received the Psi Iota Xi-Theta Theta Chapter (FW) annual AUS Textbook Award for her

scholarship and for her interest in teaching young children or those with head injury how to communicate. Dukjiewicz will serve as the treasurer for the ASL PAH club and publicist for the SCH club next year.

### **Independent Study**

Jennifer Hart is working on a project under the direction of Dr. Hess, studying her son's development of phonemes and how his therapy compares to what she learned in her AUS 521 course. The project will be completed in the fall. The plans are to submit this project to ISHA for the convention in spring 2009.

### **American Sign Language PAH Club**

The ASL PAH! Club continued into the seventh year participating with the deaf community through contact with the Hoosier Connection. They sponsored several events to earn money to support someone locally to attend Deaf Camp and to support the purchase of a dog trained to recognize seizures for one of the children of an AUS major. Again this year, the Club sponsored the Deaf Deaf Deaf World event in March. Everyone must communicate using ASL or through nonverbal means during most of the evening. ALS "police" make sure those rules are obeyed. The event brings the community to IPFW to learn and help educate students. More than 80 people attended the event.

Under Missy Drapac's leadership, several speakers were invited to attend Club meetings and after the business was discussed the members played a variety of fun games using their sign skills. Graduating seniors who served as officers are: Drapac, President; Jenni Schuldt, Vice-President; Brandy Weaver, Treasurer, Shelley May Historian. Officers for next year are: Lisa Kleinheksel, President; Elizabeth Learnard, Vice-President; Erin St. Myers, Secretary; Ann Dutkiewicz, Treasurer and Jasmine Downton, Historian.

### **Speech and Hearing Club**

Under the leadership of Jenni Schuldt, the SHC had an active year. Two make-it-take events were scheduled, one in the fall and one for the spring semester. Make-it/Take-it day is when students came together to make materials for clinic practicum. Students from all levels of the program came and for a nominal fee enjoyed supper as well as took home therapy ideas and games they had made. Again this year, Cindy Gerard of the Communication and Learning Clinic donated the laminating materials for the day. Sharon Egly and Lucy Hess spend the time at the event laminating while the students colored, cut, and pasted their new materials. The materials made will be useful in future clinic sessions.

Speakers came to campus to discuss their clinical experiences. Anne Livingston was invited to share what different tasks an audiologist performs and to discuss ways

to prepare for graduate school in audiology. The Club participated in the campus Health Fair by screening hearing and by providing information about stroke and voice problems.

T-shirts were designed this year to have the SHC club name on the front and the top 10 ways to recognize a speech-language hearing professional on the back. The Club raised money to support sending a teenager to AAC summer camp.; to support purchase of a dog trained to recognize seizures for a AUS major's child; to promote literacy through the Literacy Alliance; and to support the ISHA scholarship for students.

Graduating officers include: Schuldt-President, Missy Drapac-Vice-President; Karrie Fredrickson, Secretary; and Shelley May, treasurer. Officers for next year are: Stephanie Hoppes-President; Elizabeth Learnard Vice-President; Rose Gillani-Secretary; Tiffany Owens-Treasurer; Ann Dutkiewicz, Publicity and Jade Januseski – Historian.

### **IPFW Prevention Clinic Participation**

Beginning in January 2007, students who have taken the Audiology class, AUS 460, were invited to screen the hearing of persons who come to the clinic located at 2700 South Lafayette Street. Most of the folks using the clinic have limited resources for health care. On the first evening, as Tiffany Roberts began to screen the hearing of a client, she discovered that the client only spoke Spanish. Roberts then talked to her in Spanish helping her understand what she needed to do and to understand the results of the screening. Fortunately, Roberts was there that evening to help although most of the folks who attend the clinic do speak English. A supervisor and at least two students attend the clinic which is offered the third Wednesdays of each month from 5-7 in the evening. To date, four students have participated in the clinic screening.

### **THANKS TO SERTOMA FOUNDATION and the DOWNTOWN SERTOMA CLUB**

Every year the Sertoma Foundation generously supports the continuing education of AUS faculty with a stipend to attend ASHA. This stipend helps defray registration expenses for the faculty. We are grateful for the support of both the Foundation and the Downtown Sertoma Club that has the AUS department as an affiliate of its Club. Many thanks and kudos to the Downtown Sertoma Club for the past twenty years of financial support through the scholarship for IPFW speech and hearing majors.