

ApplAUSe

IPFW Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences

Summer 2006

Notes from the Chair Lucille Hess, Ph.D.

This year has been an interesting and exciting one for the department. This past year we were successful in the submission of the formal proposal to the IPFW community.

In February, the proposal left the campus to make its way through various graduate council levels at West Lafayette and then we hope it will go to the Purdue Trustees and the Commission of Higher Education. We do not know how long this will take, but we are hopeful that the process will be completed in this calendar year. Because the state is working with a tight budget, we all must wait to see if there will be funds available for new programs such as the MA in SLP. In the meantime, we will continue to prepare the documentation for the Council of Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to be ready to proceed if the MA is approved at the other levels. As you read the other sections of the newsletter, you will see what a good and exciting year this has been for our department and our majors.

Congratulations and Kudos to AUS Faculty

This past year, Sharon Egly was elected to serve as Vice-President for Publications and Communication for ISHA. As VP Sharon oversees the teams for publishing the ISHA Directory and the Newsletter, the team for History and Professional Recognition of Members, and the team for Communication that is charged to promote the professions and to provide professional information to members. ISHA also has a website that is monitored by Sharon. This is a busy and important position and we are honored to have another elected officer of ISHA at IPFW.

This spring two faculty members were recognized for their outstanding teaching. Debbie Thompson, a limited term lecturer, who has taught AUS 115 for over 14 years was chosen to be the outstanding Associate Faculty Member for 2006. This award recognizes only one associate faculty in any department or school at IPFW. It is an honor to have Debbie recognized. One of her students described Debbie in this way, "You are a clever, intelligent and hard working professor and should be commended. You did a great job. I was surprised at how much I learned, most of which is applicable to both my future occupation and my life."

Debbie exhibits all of the characteristics of an outstanding teacher.

A second teaching award goes to Dr. Hess. She was chosen to receive the Friends of the University Outstanding Teaching Award for 2006. Like the award for the associate faculty member, the Friends award recognizes only one teacher from any department at IPFW. This prestigious award has been given since 1979 to over 27 IPFW professors. The award recognizes the ability to communicate material to students effectively and to stimulate them to master concepts. Teachers recognized with this award are chosen because teaching does not stop at the classroom door but extends to advising, counseling and professional workshops. The letter informing Dr. Hess of the award states: Your 27 years at IPFW represent a sustained record of excellence in teaching, including development and publication of teaching materials, student and faculty mentoring, contributions to the community and the profession and more." On personal note, Dr. Hess told the speech and hearing club members at their surprise party to honor her, that the students are the reasons such awards exist; she is so proud of current and past students. She also said that the award represents the whole faculty in AUS, past and current because all are or were wonderful teachers.

Two faculty, Chanda Lichtsinn and Fran Clevenger, were awarded certificates of appreciation for their assistance with the Academic Student Achievement Program which is designed to ensure that minority students are successful in their classes. Kudos to these instructors who showed their concern for their students.

Dalby's research project update

With the help of a Purdue Research Foundation Summer Grant in 2005, Jonathan Dalby began the development of a short, easy-to-administer speech intelligibility test for Spanish-speaking learners of English. The study undertaken attempts to develop a list of isolated words that will be diagnostic of non-native speaker's intelligibility deficits and thus predictive of the intelligibility of their connected-speech utterances. To date, English speech production data has been collected from five native Spanish speakers and judged for intelligibility by ten native

American English listeners. Preliminary analysis of the jury data has yielded results Dalby describes as 'promising, but not yet definitive'.

From the Clinic:

Thirteen students completed their first "clinic" at the IPFW Speech and Hearing Clinic, serving a total of 15 clients this spring semester. Students were able to make articulation and language materials with computer programs. Several of the students incorporated the use of the laptop computer during therapy sessions. All of the student clinicians worked hard and enjoyed the opportunity to assist their client(s) and recognized that they really learned a lot. Evaluations returned from the clients and parents of clients reflected a great deal of satisfaction with the students' performance and the progress that was made by the client.

Clinic Materials Received

Clinic materials are being updated thanks to monetary donations from associate and full time faculty members. Outdated toys and games are being replaced and new materials introduced. LinguSystems again this year donated several new products that were useful to students and faculty.

AUS LIBRARY NEED:

Please consider donating your journals 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, particularly if you donate the most recent year's journals. Contact Lucy (481-6411) if you are interested in supporting future SLPS and AuDs in this way.

Visitors to the AUS Library (aka acoustics laboratory) will notice the installation of an array of four brand-spanking new computers. The new machines look cool with their black cases, large flat-panel LCD displays, and fabulous blue LED lights, but actually they are HOT, incorporating the latest in fast processing speed, gobs of memory, and huge hard drives. We don't have actual usage data, but observation says students are using the new machines WAY more than they used the old clunkers that have been replaced.

NEW FACULTY:

Cara Kaiser, MA, CCC.SLP, joined the AUS faculty as a limited term lecturer this spring. Her practice centers mainly on providing therapy for children who have received cochlear implants. Prior to coming to Fort Wayne, Cara was a speech-language pathologist at Riley in Indianapolis. After her marriage to Dr. Kaiser, both came to Fort Wayne in the summer of 2006. Dr. Kaiser works with the ENT Associates and Cara has a private practice. Since Cara joined our associate faculty ranks, we were able

to offer the 551 Aural Rehabilitation for Children course for the first time in many years.

FORMER FACULTY:

Linda Sickman, who taught AUS 115 for the department about four years ago, left to continue her education and earn a Ph.D. at University of Cincinnati. She is in the final stages of working on her dissertation concerning literacy. Linda presented at least four different sessions at the 2005 ASHA. She is becoming quite the expert in literacy and pre-literacy activities. While at ASHA, Sharon and Lucy had a chance to visit with her and attend one or more of her presentations. (See photo)

EVENTS

Kathy Buckley, a Deaf comedienne, visited the IPFW campus on Oct. 18th presenting her brand of humor for students and faculty. She has been billed as "America's First Hearing Impaired Comedienne" and a four-time American Comedy Award Nominee as Best Stand-Up Female Comedienne and lived up to the billing. Her story one woman act, "Don't Buck With Me!" became a highly acclaimed hit in theaters. Her 2001 book "If You Could Hear What I See: Triumph over tragedy through laughter" tells her story as a child with an undiagnosed hearing impairment and the struggles she encountered with her family and in her education. Several AUS students and staff thoroughly enjoyed Kathy's presentation and appreciated her struggle to deal with her hearing loss. She gave the greatest praise for her speech/language pathologists who have worked with her in the past and present which, by the way, excited the students even more about the major.

AAC Class

Augmentative/Alternative Communication (AUS 405) will again be offered in the fall semester this year. The class offers basic knowledge of AAC, the population who use communication systems, as well as hands on experiences adapting materials and working with some devices. The overall project for the class is that the students work to find funding for the appropriate for a "client."

ALUMNI NEWS

Carrie Coughlin (BS 99), lives in Fort Wayne, and works as a program coordinator at AWS in the semi-independent living program. She is an independent consultant for The Body Shop at Home as of last October. She is getting married to Brian Richards on June 3rd. She and Brian hope to start a family in the next few years.

Jill Dettmer (BS 94), lives in Ossian, and works for Creative Health Solutions working part time in long-term care. She reports that she is utilizing Vital Stim training with much success. Jill welcomed baby #4 into the family in February. Baby Riley joins her siblings, Colten,

Kendell, and Addison. Mom reports a home filled with fun and chaos.

Erin Eidson (BS 03), lives in Monroeville, and works as a child/adolescent case manager at Otis R. Bowen Center in Huntington. Erin completed her Master's degree in August of 2005.

Lisa Anne Ford (BS 05), lives in Decatur, and works full time as a branch manager of Decatur Bank and Trust. She was accepted to Ball State's Graduate program and will start in the fall. She and fellow alum Jennifer Graber are to be roomies. Lisa and her husband are celebrating their 4th anniversary in June with a trip to Myrtle Beach and Charleston. She is anxiously awaiting the birth of her niece/newpew (brother's wife due any day), and is going to be matron of honor for her sister in August.

Joye (Zaugg) Fuess (BS 01), lives in Fort Wayne, and works at Adams Memorial Hospital. She will be presenting at the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) conference in Atlanta, Georgia in November on the topic of literacy. She and her husband Rob were blessed with a daughter, Makenzie Joye in October 2005. They are adding to the family this summer by adopting their 15 year old niece Breanna.

Amy Juergens (BS 95), lives in Fort Wayne, and works for Fort Wayne Community Schools. She is working with 3 to 5 year olds with a variety of disorders. She enjoys teaching an apraxia group and working integratively in several early childhood special education classrooms. She is excited about being published in January 2007 with LinguSystems. Amy has two children, Jaret 10 and Grace 3. She and husband Scott celebrated their 13th anniversary last November.

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 one or two sections of the AUS-115 Introduction to Communicative Disorders course at IPFW, and works PRN for Harborside Healthcare. Son Steven and daughter-in-law Nicole, a speech language pathologist for Fort Wayne Community Schools, welcomed a beautiful baby girl January 28, 2006. Kerrigan is grandma's pride and joy! Chanda and her husband Bill are again planning a vacation in paradise, Sanibel Island, Florida for their 26th wedding anniversary this June.

Sara (Blakey) Mowery (BS 01), lives in Decatur, and works for Parkview Hospital full time and part time for Possibilities Northeast (First Steps). She is learning how to insert laryngectomy prosthesis, is vital stim certified, and soon to be brain injury certified. Sara was married in 2003. Her husband is going to school for physical therapy. They are hoping to start a family next year.

Marcia Reynolds (04), lives in Fort Wayne, and works at ENT Associates. She is starting her CFY with Joy Musser. Marcia is proud of son Orin, who recently celebrated his Bar Mitzvah.

Katherine Rubie (BS 99), lives in West Lafayette, and is currently unemployed. She completed her MA from Ball State in July 2003. Katherine reports son Josh Hines,

graduated from Homestead High School last year and is majoring in music education at Ball State. She is engaged and is planning to marry in October of this year.

Candie (Bieberich) Takacs (76) lives in Kettering, Ohio, and works in the early intervention program (PACE) of the Montgomery County Board of MR/DD in the Dayton, Ohio area. She reports a special interest at this time in auditory brain development, with regard to hearing aids and cochlear implants. Candie has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Speech and Hearing Association to purchase a piece of sound enhancement equipment for use in the classroom and at home. She is assessing the equipment's effectiveness for service delivery models and hope to obtain additional funding to purchase more units for all classrooms.

Kristen (Miller) Thiele (BS 97) lives in Fremont, and is working (her fifth year) as a mild disability teacher for Maple Creek Middle School in Northwest Allen County Schools. She finished her course work for her administrator's license to be a special education director. Kristen has been married to Randy Thiele for 2 ½ years.

Sheryl Weideman (BS 05), lives in Winona Lake, and works part time as a speech technician with Wawasee Community School Corporation. She works with preschool to middle school. Sheryl is working on graduate applications, but enjoys working with former grad Susan Schiedt, (who also attended AUS, IPFW) her supervisor. Her brother received promotion and a Bronze Star for his emeritus duty while stationed overseas in Afganistan and Iraq last year. She is very proud and thankful he made it home. Sheryl is planning a three week vacation in Melbourne, and is very excited about the trip.

Staci Byer Williams (BS 01) lives in Fort Wayne works for East Allen County Schools working with children in the special needs preschool. She welcomed daughter, Taylor, January 27, 2006.

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

GRADUATING SENIORS-2006

The graduates were: Miguel Avila, Lori Brown, Chelsea Clark, Erica Davidson, Emily Bryant Folge, Maureen Fulk, Nichole Hondorp, Alicia Hart, Abby Hunt, Anissa Khouri, Nikki Knight, Emily McIntosh, Rose Schenkel, Abby Workinger. Christa Weiss completed her work to prepare her for applying to graduate school next year.

Maureen graduated with highest distinction and Chelsea graduated with distinction-kudos to both of them.

The AUS graduates who plan to attend graduate school in the fall are: Miguel Avila, Chelsea Clark,

Nichole Hondorp and Anissa Khouri who plan to attend IU in the fall. Miguel will begin his study for the AuD, the others will continue in speech-language pathology. Chelsea was awarded an assistantship at IU, kudos to her. Emily Bryant Fogle, Maureen Fulk and Alicia Hart plan to attend Ball State in the fall. A graduate from last year, Lisa Ford, will also begin her studies at Ball State in the fall. Emily McIntosh plans to attend University of Pittsburg, and Rose Schenkel will attend Miami of Ohio where she was awarded a full scholarship for two years to complete her studies. Rose was one of 40 students chosen for a \$1000 scholarship from Sertoma International for her 2006-7 academic year. Kudos to Rose. We are proud of this group of graduates. We wish them well as they begin new chapters in their lives.

AUS Scholarships and Awards 2006

Seven of the department's outstanding students were honored at the 2006 College of Arts and Sciences Honors Banquet held on April 18 in the Walb Union Ballroom. All will have their names added to the honor roll of plaques that hang in the department office.

Graduating senior, Rose Schenkel was named Outstanding Audiology and Speech Science Major for 2006. The award acknowledges not just Rose's high standard of scholarship but also her demonstrated effectiveness in leadership roles in both as a mentor to many AUS majors and through her work in on-campus and off-campus organizations. Rose tutors autistic children and served as the AUS lab/library assistant. She became the department guru of electronic information retrieval. A cash award given as a gift from the Psi Iota Xi Theta Sigma Chapter in Syracuse, Indiana is provided to assist Rose as she transitions to Oxford Ohio to attend graduate school.

Seniors Kara McCrory and Andrea Rodocker will share the Anne M. Balentine Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship, funded by Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Balentine of Bluffton, Indiana, honors their daughter Anne, who is severely disabled. The award will provide Kara and Andrea with tuition reduction. They were selected for meritorious scholarship and their interest in serving persons with disabilities. Kara serves the Fort Wayne community schools as an interpreter and she plans to become an SLP who works with children who are hard of hearing or who have received a cochlear implant. Andrea plans to work with children who struggle with reading. Her interests include the connections of oral language with reading deficits.

Senior Sally Winters was awarded the Downtown Sertoma William Doctor Scholarship for her demonstrated scholarly achievement and her outstanding leadership. The award provides tuition reduction for Sally and is named for a founding member of the club. In addition to being a fine student Sally works as the bulletin board queen along with

Sharon to keep the department area looking nice and she serves as the department lab/library assistant.

Senior Justin Harber received the Psi Iota Xi – Delta Gamma-Donald Doster Memorial Scholarship. This award provides tuition reduction for a SPHT major who has demonstrated academic excellence. Justin's paper for the AUS 115 course still is used as a demonstration paper for other students to use as a model. Justin serves the University community as an Ambassador for the third year. Justin aims to become an Audiologist with an AuD.

Senior Kurt Schmelz was awarded the Psi Iota Xi-Eta Rho Chapter Scholarship in Communication Disorders. Kurt will receive a tuition reduction for his demonstrated academic success. In addition to his academic success, Kurt is an assistant for the biology 203 human anatomy labs and he works several hours a week at other jobs. Prior to becoming a major last year, Kurt planned to become a physical therapist. Since taking AUS courses he changed his mind and now plans to provide speech-language therapy with those who have suffered head injuries.

Junior Shelley May received the Psi Iota Xi Theta Theta Chapter Annual AUS Textbook Award for her proven scholarship as a SPHT major. The award provides Shelly with funds for purchase of texts to enhance her professional library. Shelly is the type of student who asks good questions and never appears without a smile on her face. She has not decided just what area of speech-language pathology she intends to pursue, but she knows she wants to help people who have difficulty communicating.

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 nineteen years of financial support through a scholarship for IPFW speech and hearing majors.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ASL PAH

The ASL PAH Club continued the activities with the deaf community through contacts with the Hoosier Connection.

The Club designed a shirt with their own logo on it, "What your Sign?" printed in ASL. They sponsored several events to earn money to send a deaf child to camp this summer. Again this year the Club sponsored the Deaf World program that took place March 23 in the Walb

Ballroom under the guidance of President, Sally Winters. Everyone must communicate with ASL or other nonverbal means during most of the evening. ASL police make sure those rules are obeyed. It is a wonderful evening bringing Fort Wayne community people together with IPFW students. Over 75 persons participated in the enjoyable evening. We look forward to the next one in 2007.

The American Sign Language-PAH! Club formed a sign language choir this year. Members performed for the first time during the IPFW Winter concert at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in December. The performance was greatly appreciated by the audience. A second performance of the group will be to sign the National Anthem for the IPFW Friends of the University in the Fall. The group continues to add to their repertoire.

The officers for the Club next year are: Kara McCrory, President, Kurt Schmelz, Vice-president, Missy Drapac, Secretary, Erika Alteras, Treasurer, Jenny Sorgeson, Historian. Thanks to Erica Davidson who is graduating for her leadership while she served as treasurer.

SPEECH AND HEARING CLUB

The SHC had an active year. Parties for Head Start children, speakers such as Jodi Gogos and Julie Carrico from Reaching Outloud (both IPFW/AUS alums), IPFW Health Fair participation to screen hearing and provide information about speech disorders, assisting with the Make-It-Take-It day, and several money making events kept the group busy. The on campus Make-it/Take-it day is when students came together in February to make materials for clinic. Students from all levels of the program came and for a nominal fee enjoyed breakfast and lunch as well as took home therapy ideas and games they had made. Thanks to Cindy Gerard of the Communication and Learning Clinic for donating and doing all of the laminating during the activity. The materials made will be useful in future clinic sessions for all of the students. Nichole Hondorp told the members at a recent meeting that they had a busy and eventful year. Thanks to the graduating seniors for their leadership: Nichole Hondorp, President, Emily McIntosh, Vice-President, Abby Workinger, Secretary, Rose Schenkel, Treasurer and Nikki Knight, Historian.

The officers for the 2005-6 year are: Sally Winters, President, Carley McCullough, Vice-President, Andrea Rodocker, Secretary, Kurt Schmelz, Treasurer, Diana Barrientos, Publicist, and Rachel Kline, Historian.