

IUP Counseling Department Newsletter

*"A semi-annual newsletter for the IUP Department of Counseling
alumni and students"*

Once again, I am doing the final editing for another Counseling Dept. Newsletter. This is the 7th year I have been involved with this important project. As you will see in this edition, our Counseling family continues to evolve in many ways. We are now a faculty of nine, more than doubling in size since the first edition of this Newsletter. We welcome Dr. Joe Utay to our faculty and MaryAnne Lupinetti as our new secretary. Our faculty has also given birth to three babies in the past 4 months. Our 1st Monroeville Cohort graduated this past summer, and we admitted 24 students for the 4th Monroeville Cohort this fall. We continue to attract high quality students for all of our Counseling programs.

Kristin Curci, my graduate assistant deserves much credit for this Newsletter edition, and I am very pleased that she spent time with Mrs. George Spinelli and wrote a wonderful article about her experience. This Newsletter contains information about continuing education workshops we have sponsored, new electives being offered, and highlights of what alumni, faculty and graduate assistants are doing.

My wife, Debbie, and I just returned from an American Academy of Psychotherapists (AAP) conference in Washington, D.C. For over 2 years, I have been serving as program co-chair for this conference, so it was exciting to see it come to life and to have Debbie attend her first AAP conference. I also co-presented (with Dr. Guth) a workshop on Intersexuality.

I am excited about teaching an elective in Monroeville during spring semester on Gestalt Therapy: Individual and Group Counseling. I've been involved with Gestalt work since 1970 and this is first time I am teaching a course in this dynamic approach. The class will meet on Monday nights, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. from January 13 – April 21, 2003 at the IUP Monroeville Graduate and Professional Center. See page 5 for more information.



I hope you enjoy this Newsletter edition and stay in touch.
Dr. Bob Witchel

We Welcome Dr. Joe Utay

The Dept. was excited to add Dr. Joe Utay to a half-time permanent tenure track position this Fall. Dr. Utay has worked part time in the department as a temporary faculty member for the past 2 years.



Dr. Utay earned his undergraduate degree in Education and Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh and his Master's and Doctoral degrees in Counseling from Eastern Texas State University (currently known as Texas A & M).

Dr. Utay work experience includes: classroom teaching, school counseling, school psychology, psychiatric casework supervision, private practice, and University teaching. Before coming to IUP, Dr. Utay was a tenured professor in the Dept. of Counseling at Eastern Kentucky University. He was Editor of the Kentucky Counseling Association's state professional journal and was re-elected twice as President of the Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association. Dr. Utay relocated to Wexford, PA where he and his wife, Dr. Carol Utay, founded Total Learning Centers.

In addition to teaching part time at IUP, Dr. Utay works as a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist as well as administers psychoeducational evaluations for Total Learning Centers. Currently, Dr. Utay is teaching Intro. to Community Counseling and Individual Practicum at the Monroeville campus.

Dr. Utay does a lot of community service writing. He co-authors regular monthly columns for *Northern Connections* and *North Hills Monthly Magazine* with his wife and colleague, Dr. Carol Utay. Dr. Utay also writes several articles a year for *Pittsburgh Parent* and *Pittsburgh Magazine*.

Dr. Utay resides in Wexford, PA with his wife, Carol and daughter, Andrea. In closing, Dr. Utay extends an open invitation for anyone interested in visiting Total Learning Centers. He added, "I might even let you loose in the Play Therapy room!" If interested, you can contact him at 724-940-1090.

Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Joe Kloba

The Career Journey of IUP Counseling Graduate



Since my early days, as both an undergraduate and graduate student at IUP, I remember being "torn" between a variety of career options. First it was between teaching and psychology. After interning in both areas, I knew I wanted to help prevent problems - not deal with them after the fact. So, school counseling seemed like a good option. After graduating with my B.S., I began teaching in Greensburg and entered the counseling program

After earning my M.Ed., and beginning my career as a school counselor, I was accepted for doctoral work at the University of Rochester. While at Rochester I had a profound experience that has impacted my life and career ever since. Raised in a church environment, I had what many may term a "born-again" experience. My professors encouraged me to research how my new-found faith in God could be integrated with psychology.

After completing my doctoral degree, principal and superintendent certifications, I served as a professor, and counseling department chairperson. However, I became increasingly frustrated that I was unable to overtly integrate my faith with psychology in the state university setting. It was then I was offered to become the founding administrator of a new program in Christian professional counseling at Regent University. Regent was one of the first such programs in the U.S. having a course and experiential work in Christian worldview integration.

Just when I was beginning to wonder where Christian professional counselors could be employed, I accepted a position as a corporate director of operations for a psychiatric health care organization placing Christian psychiatric units in secular hospitals throughout the U.S. Here, I learned how healing could be expedited and sustained by addressing spiritual issues in counseling.

Additionally, I served as the Vice President for the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC). Over the years AACC has grown from 800 to 48,000 members, almost exceeding the membership of the American Counseling Association (ACA). Many ACA members joined AACC as they desired a forum to address the place of God in counseling.

In August 1995 I went to Palm Beach Atlantic Univ. to start a new Master's program, and serve as dept. head and professor. I also accepted the position of associate provost on the basis that I could retain my role as director and professor of counseling on a half-time basis. So now I am a professor, a counselor and an administrative leader in a place where I can overtly talk about God. I am not torn, but am richly blessed!

**Mrs. Ruth Spinelli Shares Her Story:
A Tribute to the Late Dr. George Spinelli**

By: Kristin Curci



As a current student, I have noticed the small paragraph in each Newsletter asking for donations toward the Dr. Spinelli Memorial Scholarship Fund. I'm aware that this scholarship is given annually to a current counseling student. What

I didn't know was the history of the person behind the scholarship; or, the story of his loving family who began this scholarship with a generous donation in order to keep his memory alive. However, by having a heartfelt conversation with Mrs. Ruth Spinelli (Dr. George Spinelli's widow), I learned the story of a great, hard working man; a story that each counseling student should know and work to keep alive.

During WWII George Spinelli was drafted into the service. Upon graduating as a 2nd Lieutenant, he was assigned to Courtland Army Air Base in Alabama where he attended Officer's Candidates School. There, he met his wife, Ruth, who was serving at the time as an Army Nurse. Previous to fulfilling her duties in Alabama, Ruth held the positions of volunteer American Red Cross Nurse and Operating Room Supervisor in Akron (Ohio) Children's Hospital .

After a year-long courtship, Ruth and George made plans to be married in June of 1944. These plans were altered when Ruth received a message summoning her to depart immediately for an overseas assignment. They discarded the planned June wedding, and were married the following day, March 29, 1944. As Ruth was overseas, George made his way through the ranks, and would eventually become a 1st Lieutenant at Courtland Army Air Base. "No matter where George went, he always got promoted," recalls Mrs. Spinelli. "He put his whole heart and soul into whatever he did."

In 1946, after suffering from, and eventually overcoming, a serious infection generated by a leg wound from the war, George was discharged from the service. His next goal was to go to college. He attended the University of Pittsburgh on the GI Bill. The Spinelli's began their family, and in 3 years they had three children - George, Greg, and Dolores also known as "Dotsy."

During this time, George was busily finishing his dual undergraduate degrees in Biological Sciences and Social Sciences. His continued education included an M.Ed. (1950), and D.Ed. (1962) in Guidance, Secondary Education, Administration and Supervision, and Educational Psychology.

During a time period spanning more than a decade, George Spinelli was not only climbing the ladder of his own educational knowledge, but he was also educating others.

Mrs. Ruth Spinelli (con't)

Dr. Spinelli began his career in education as a junior-senior high school teacher. He then became a guidance counselor, and principal, in the Laurel Valley Joint School System, in New Florence, PA.

In the summer of 1959 Dr. Spinelli joined the faculty at IUP (then known as Indiana State Teacher's College). He taught undergraduate and graduate courses in counselor education and psychology. He was instrumental in paving the way for the formation of the Dept. of Counselor Education, serving as first Chairperson from 1966 until his retirement in 1983.

It is clear, that as a scholar and a leader, Dr. George Spinelli was quite exceptional. But it was his character qualities and his care for others that put him in the category of extraordinary. Mrs. Spinelli noted her husband's personal qualities through saying: "George gave people the strength and confidence to continue with their education. He helped people to believe in themselves. When he died, I received dozens of letters describing how George had made a difference in the paths people chose in their lives."

Mrs. Spinelli hopes that the scholarship keeps Dr. Spinelli's qualities of hard work, perseverance, compassion, and caring alive. I asked her what kind of person she would like to see the scholarship awarded to each year. Her answer was quick and to-the-point. "I hope the person is interested in the well-being of others." It's clear that Dr. Spinelli certainly was.

Wellness Course

A Success for the Monroeville Program

Last spring, Dr. Robin Rishel taught a newly offered elective at the Monroeville campus entitled, Wellness-based Counseling. With the collaboration of Dr. Jane Myers (University of North Carolina), Dr. Rishel developed this course and reports it was an exciting and rewarding challenge. In the course, students learned about theories surrounding personal change as well as assessing their personal levels of wellness and past attempts at change.

Assignments included taking a wellness assessment, scoring the instrument and designing a personal wellness profile and plan using a wellness workbook. Students worked in groups under the headings designated by the Wheel of Wellness, critiqued research articles and presented creative group projects on each of the following topics which are "spokes" of the Wellness Wheel: Spirituality, Work and Leisure, Self-Direction, Friendship and Love. There were also a number of guest speakers that were invited to share their expertise on such areas as Spirituality and Worksite Wellness programs.

The students seemed enthusiastic about the course. They gave Dr. Rishel much appreciated feedback on how to make the course even more beneficial. Dr. Rishel hopes to teach this class again in the near future.

Welcome to MaryAnne Lupinetti

We are happy to welcome our new Secretary, MaryAnne Lupinetti. MaryAnne was hired in October and we share her with Student Affairs in Higher Education and Adult and Community Education.



MaryAnne brings 25 years of secretarial experience and a history with IUP that spans 10 years. She has worked in several departments and gained some of her previous secretarial experience in Stouffer Hall. MaryAnne sees her new position in Stouffer as a "happy reunion." She is excited to be working with familiar faces from the past.

MaryAnne resides in Indiana with her husband, 4 children, and a dog. Additionally, MaryAnne is working towards obtaining her undergraduate degree in Business Education from IUP. In the future, she would like to teach in the Business program at the high school level.

MaryAnne has many outside hobbies and interests. When she is not working and going to class, she enjoys spending time with her family, cooking, doing needlework, and scrapbooking. We welcome MaryAnne to the Counseling Dept.

Play Therapy Workshop Provides Area Counselors with Continuing Education

The Counseling Department held a workshop on September 13, 2002, which attracted 90 participants. The conference entitled, "Introduction to Play Therapy," was co-sponsored by the School of Continuing Education and was held at the Indiana Holiday Inn. The Counseling Department seminars have been designed to provide continuing training for area counselors, alumni, internship supervisors, and students. The "Introduction to Play Therapy" followed two workshops given during the Spring 2002 semester entitled "Impact Therapy" and "Wellness for Counselors."

The workshop presenter was Dr. Joanna White, Chair of the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services at Georgia State University and President-Elect of the Association of Play Therapy.

Spring 2003 Workshop on "Motivational Interviewing"

The Counseling Department will be offering a workshop on "Motivational Interviewing" in **March, 2003**. For more information, contact Dr. John McCarthy, Assistant Professor in the Counseling Department, at jmccarth@iup.edu.

First Monroeville Cohort Graduation



1st Monroeville Cohort Graduates join Drs. Dandeneau, Witchel, L'Amoreaux, & Rishel for a graduation picture

Fourteen students from the first Monroeville Cohort graduated on August 2, 2002. The ceremony was held at Boyce Campus of CCAC and was attended by faculty and over 75 family and friends of cohort members. Each graduate expressed appreciations to each other, family, faculty and other supporters, resulting in a very personal evening. In the words of one graduate – “the bond that connects our cohort is strong and will always be an important part of my past, present and future.” This first cohort has paved the way for those of you currently in the program and those yet to be admitted. We wish them well on their continued journey!

Three Special Additions to the Counseling Family, and a 4th on the way

“Babies” has been the key word in describing some of the recent activity in the Counseling Dept. Dr. Guth gave birth to Adriana Mary on July 30. Adrianna weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz, and was 19.5 inches long. Dr. McCarthy's partner, Susanna, delivered a baby girl on Thursday, September 19, just before noon. Mary Cate weighed 7lbs, 12 oz (the exact birth weight of her older sister, Clare), and was nearly 20 inches long with enough hair on her head to already need a haircut. Both she and her mother are doing quite well.

They say that “things happen in three's,” – which is undoubtedly true in this case – Dr. Robin Rishel and her husband David are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Katherine Ann Rishel. She was born October 19, 2002 and weighed 5 lbs, 14 oz. They are both very excited and exhausted! Dr. Rishel wants to say thank you for all of the support and encouragement she received from both faculty and students. Dr. Rishel will resume teaching summer 2003. She will truly be missed during her maternity leave. Welcome to all of the new babies as they enrich the IUP Counseling family!

FLASH NEWS: Dr. L'Amoreaux is expecting in May and will be adding to the Counseling Family!!

Diagnostic and Treatment Issues: A New Elective Offered in Monroeville

A new elective, “Diagnostic and Treatment Issues for Counselors” was offered for the first time this summer and is being repeated during the Fall 2002 semester. Taught by Dr. McCarthy, this course examines the history of the DSM and looks at the criteria, characteristics, empirically supported counseling approaches, and prognoses for major mental disorders.

This three-credit class was held on five Saturdays during the summer, and this format received positive feedback from many participants. Dr. McCarthy commented on the class in saying: “What I particularly enjoyed about the class this summer was the diversity of students. There were about 15 in the class, many of whom were alumni of the program and brought great experience to the classroom.” The course is currently being offered in Monroeville, and 20 students are registered.

Counselor Licensing

The State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family & Professional Counselors has made significant progress in implementing the licensing process. While we continue to monitor this process, we recommend you review current issues at the PA Counseling Association Legislation & Licensure website: <http://www.pacounseling.org/pcaleg.html>

Dr. Spinelli Memorial Fund

If alumni wish to contribute to the Dr. Spinelli scholarship fund, they can contact the Annual Fund at (724) 357-5555 or write to the Office of Annual Giving, 313 Sutton Hall, IUP, Indiana, PA 15705. The annual award is \$400 and is given to a current counseling student.

Our Department on the Web

Dr. Witchel and his GA, Kristin Curci, maintain the department website on the Internet. It is located at <http://www.coe.iup.edu/ce/> The website has had almost 15,000 hits since it's inception. If you have any feedback or suggestions feel free to email us.

This Newsletter is on the Web

You can view this newsletter and previous issues of our newsletter on the Web, as well as link to other sites identified in the Newsletter. This issue is located at:

<http://www.coe.iup.edu/ce/newsletterFall02.html>

Kim Stoklosa, M.Ed.

Named 2001-2002 Student of the Year

Congratulations to Kim Stoklosa who received the 2001-2002 Outstanding Student Award. The Award is earned by a student demonstrating professional service, volunteer work, and shown a commitment to the counseling profession through memberships in national and local organizations. Additionally, the recipient must have achieved and maintained noteworthy scholarship. Kim not only significantly performed in all areas related to the Award, but she did so in a gracious and humble way.



During her time spent at IUP, Kim was involved in many organizations including: CESA, the Graduate Student Assembly, Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi, the American School Counselor Association, and the PA School Counseling Association.

Kim served as Dr. Witchel's GA for 2 years. During this time, she contributed much to the Department. She was responsible for re-designing the Department website, consulting with faculty on website projects and developing the bi-annual Newsletter. Kim managed to excel in her work and still maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

Kim graduated in May 2002 and is presently working as a guidance counselor at Bethel Park Middle School. We would like to congratulate Kim and thank her for her hard work.

Looking For a New Job?

The Counseling Department 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 email 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

Gestalt Therapy Elective to be offered in Spring 2003 at Monroeville Campus

This spring, Dr. Witchel will be teaching a newly offered elective in Gestalt therapy, COUN 681, section 503. Gestalt therapy is a dynamic approach to self-discovery and personal development, with a primary focus on "awareness" of present experience, and "self-responsibility." We will cover theoretical origins and development of Gestalt Therapy, present and practice therapeutic strategies, and explore a wide range of applications of Gestalt including, working with individuals, groups, children, couples, families, and persons having substance abuse or mental health diagnoses. The course will be held on **Monday evenings from 5:30 - 8:00 pm.**

Alumni Updates

Thanks to all of you who responded to our Spring Newsletter. We are always pleased to hear from alumni. See the back of this page for a feedback form to return to us.

- 1977 Sharon Porterfield**, Elementary Principal at Dayton Elementary in the Armstrong School District.
- 1979 Richard L. Sleber**, Licensed Psychologist at Sleber Associates in Harrisburg, PA.
- 1991 Lael Jenkins**, Supervisor/Mental Health Therapist at Cambria County Mental Health Center.
- 1993 Julie Fleck**, School Counselor at Altoona High School.
- 2000 Susan (McLean) DeVaugh**, Residence Director at IUP.
- 2001 Amy Woomer**, Elementary School Counselor at Claysburg-Kimmel Elementary

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Dr. Dandeneau served as the facilitator for the National Institute for Correctional Education Advisory Board held in Pittsburgh this fall and to be held in Washington, D.C. this coming spring. She will also be presenting at the Correctional Education Leadership Forum in Baltimore this spring. See Dr. Worzby's write-up for the book she co-authored.

Dr. Fontaine: In September, Dr. Fontaine had a chapter published entitled, "Transgender Issues in Counseling", in Burlew and Cappuzzi's (eds.) book Sexuality Counseling. She was recently invited as keynote speaker to the Rural Counselor Institute sponsored by Shippensburg Univ. to present on sexual minority youth issues in the public schools.

Dr. Fontaine is keeping busy by teaching Dr. Rishel's Individual Counseling Practicum course which meant she has had to screen 64 volunteer clients this semester! Lucky she went on that Scandinavian cruise in August to rest up! (and brought back some real Russian vodka!)

Dr. Guth: Dr. Guth welcomed a new baby girl into her family on July 30th. Dr. Guth arrived at the hospital at 5:00 a.m. and Adriana Mary was born at 5:10 a.m. Big brother Alex, now 3 ½, is enjoying his little sister.

On campus, Dr. Guth is currently the Chair of the University Senate Research Committee and is serving on the Graduate School and Research Reorganization work group. She has conducted several campus presentations related to listening and responding skills. In the community, she is a member of the Mother Friendly Childbirth Initiative Leadership Team at Indiana Regional Medical Center. On the national level, she is the Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW) Awards Committee Co-Chair.

Dr. Guth was pleased to be awarded a \$1,000 information literacy grant from the library. She is collaborating with a faculty librarian to increase the information literacy skills of students who are enrolled in her Community Counseling class. Dr. Guth was awarded a \$3,500 University Senate Research Fellowship grant to examine students' attitudes toward diversity training. She continues to work on several collaborative projects related to diversity, sexuality, technology, and group work. She has had the following national conference presentation and publications:

Guth, L. J., Witchel, R. I., Witchel, S. F., & Lee, P. A. (2002, March). *Sexuality, gender identity, and self-concept of people born with intersexuality*. Paper presentation at the American Counseling Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.

Guth, L. J., Clements, K. D., Rojas, J., & Lopez, D. F. (2002). Using thought listing to examine attitudes toward homosexuality: A case study. *New Jersey Journal of Professional Counseling*, 56, 13-16.

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Guth, L. J. (2002). Getting to know each other. In J. L. DeLucia-Waack, K. H. Bridbord, & Kleiner, J. S. (Eds.), *Group work experts share their favorite activities: A guide to choosing, planning, conducting, and processing* (pp. 42-44). Association for Specialists in Group Work.

Guth, L. J. (2002). The group metaphor using pick up sticks. In J. L. DeLucia-Waack, K. H. Bridbord, & Kleiner, J. S. (Eds.), *Group work experts share their favorite activities: A guide to choosing, planning, conducting, and processing* (pp. 75-77). Association for Specialists in Group Work.

Dr. L'Amoreaux provided leadership for the Dept.'s 5-year review process and is presently helping us to prepare for the 2003 NCATE re-accreditation process. She made a presentation at the PSCA conference in Lancaster with Nicole Dunmire (her GA during last year). She has a presentation with Dr. Guth at ACA World Conference in Anaheim, CA in March on the impact of WebCT on developing student's technical competencies. She is involved with Dr. Rishel on a project exploring the learning styles and attitudes of Counseling Graduate students.

Dr. McCarthy In addition to welcoming a new daughter into the world, Dr. McCarthy has been active in teaching and writing. His summer was filled with 3 classes, including a new course on "Diagnostic and Treatment Issues", taught on five consecutive Saturdays. (See related article.) Several alumni enrolled in the class. Dr. McCarthy stated that the course was a "wonderful way to connect with some people who have been involved with the Dept. for a much longer time than I." The course was enjoyable to teach, and the Saturday format was one that received positive feedback from most participants.

Dr. McCarthy notes that his writing has been a source of much pleasure. He recently had had an article on individualism and collectivism accepted by the *Journal of Multicultural Counseling & Development*. Dr. McCarthy also served as the primary author on a book chapter on motivational interviewing. The book is entitled "Counseling employees: A multifaceted approach" and was published this Fall by the American Counseling Association. Finally, Dr. McCarthy had a paper on traditional masculinity and counseling accepted by the *Journal of Counseling & Development*. It is co-authored by Ebony Holliday, a recent graduate and Dr. McCarthy's former graduate assistant. Ebony is now working on her doctoral degree at Lehigh University. Dr. McCarthy is also currently collaborating on an article with two students in the Monroeville program, Barb Weiner and Mary Ellen Jarrett.

Dr. McCarthy has offered two recent presentations. The first was to the executive board of the

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Pennsylvania Counseling Association and involved the workshops and seminars that our Dept. has been developing to students, alumni, and area counseling professionals. The second was offered to faculty, student affairs professionals, and students at Robert Morris University and concerned the mental health needs of college students. He also had a presentation accepted at the ACA conference in March, 2003, which will focus on helping clients think differently.

Dr. Rishel Dr. Rishel is currently spending most of her time with her newborn daughter, Katherine. She is on maternity leave until Summer 2003. A highlight of Dr. Rishel's Wellness Course is featured on Page 5.

Dr. Worzbyt has been reviewing book manuscripts for Wadsworth Publishing Company in Belmont, California. He, Dr. Dandeneau, and Dr. O'Rourke have completed their textbook entitled Elementary School Counseling: Strategies for Caring and Community Building. This text is currently in press (Bruner-Rutledge-Taylor and Francis Books, Inc.) and will be released in spring 2003.

Dr. Worzbyt continues to work on two additional books, which he hopes to complete by spring 2003. He presented a program for the 2002 Mid-Atlantic Addictions Training Institute, the PA Assoc. for Safety Education 53rd Annual Conference, and the PA School Counselors Assoc. Conference in Lancaster, PA. He continues to offer trainings in risk-management and drivers education and has been actively involved in day trainings with his caring children program. He was the keynote speaker and workshop trainer for a workshop on Celebrate the Family in central PA.

Dr. Worzbyt will be offering his one week Caring Children Build Caring Communities workshop for the final time in summer 2003 (June 23-27) and plans to offer half day and one day trainings in spring 2003 on his Caring Children Make Caring Choices program to interested elementary schools through-out PA. A free 231-page curriculum and binder is provided to all workshop participants.

2002-2003 Graduate Assistants

***Stephanie Will** (M.Ed./Secondary) completed her B.A. in Clinical Sociology at IUP in May 2002. Stephanie serves as the GA for the Graduate School Admissions office. Her main task is to complete the files of domestic applicants to graduate programs.

***Erica Faye** (M.Ed./Secondary) received a B.A. in Psychology & a minor in Religion from Grove City College in May 2001. As Dr. Dandeneau's G.A., Erica's duties primarily include admissions coordination and workshop preparation. Erica also serves as a co-president of CESA.

2002-2003 Graduate Assistants

***Kristin Curci** (M.Ed./Secondary) is originally from Canton, OH. She completed her B.A. in Communications at Grove City College in May 2000. Kristin is Dr. Witchel's GA. Her main tasks include maintaining the Counseling Department website and developing the counseling Newsletter.

***Brian Heath** (M.Ed./Secondary) received his B.S. in Corrections and Juvenile Services with a minor in Sociology from Eastern Kentucky University. Brian has worked in the juvenile justice system as a probation officer and with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. as a therapeutic group leader at a wilderness camp for at-risk youth. As Dr. Fontaine's GA, his duties include helping with the Counselor Link and new student orientation. He also helps screen clients for the Individual Practicum class.

***Judy Long** (M.Ed., Secondary) is originally from Distant, PA She earned her B.A. in Sociology and Psychology from Clarion University in May 2002. Judy is Dr. Rishel's GA. Her duties include assisting in the scheduling and screening of potential clients for the Individual Practicum class and assisting Dr. Rishel with class preparation.

***Angelina Teres Santus** (M.A. Community Counseling) received her B.S. degree in Child Development/Family Relations, minoring in Psychology & Sociology from IUP. She is currently working as Dr. McCarthy's GA and assists with workshops and in editing the Monroeville Counselor Link. Other duties include researching various topics, proof-reading, and designing PowerPoint presentations.

***Kelli C. McLeod** (M.A. Community Counseling) received a B.A. in Psychology from Penn State Univ. Kelli is Dr. Guth's GA and her duties include: performing literary searches for research projects; collaborating with Dr. Guth in writing research articles; assisting in the preparation of class materials; and, assisting in the preparation of materials related to other organizations, task forces, and committees with which Dr. Guth is involved.

***Andrea Epple** (M.Ed./Elementary) graduated last May from Penn State Univ. with a B.A. in Psychology. Andrea is Dr. Worzbyt's GA. Her duties include assisting with research on caring children and caring communities within the school environment, which will be used in the 2nd edition of Dr. Worzbyt's book entitled Caring Children Make Caring Choices.

***Melissa Roskos** (M.Ed./ Elementary) graduated from IUP with a BA in Psychology and a minor in music. Melissa is currently Dr. L'Amoreaux's GA. Her duties include web design and research data compilation, as well as research and organization of class materials.

***Tony Jackson** (M.Ed./Secondary) graduated from Penn State Univ. majoring in Biobehavioral Health is working in the Associate Dean's office works as an academic counselor for the Student Assistance Center.

Alumni Feedback

We want to know what our alumni are doing – professional activities, publications, employment and so forth. We want to update our mailing list, and obtain e-mail addresses. We are interested in knowing about employment and internship opportunities for our current students. Please return this form (add additional sheet if needed):

Name _____ Year of Graduation _____ Degree _____

Address _____ Home phone _____

E-mail _____ Work phone _____

Place of Employment _____ Job Title _____

___ Yes, I am interested in being added to the email list to be notified of position openings.

___ Please list topics for elective courses you would like to see the Department offer:

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