



Bob Novak

From the Department Head

Hello all alumni and friends! It is my honor to write this letter as the Department's Interim Head for the 2006-2007 academic year. As you know, Anne Smith has stepped down

as department head after serving in that position for the past 8 years. Her tenure as head has been a halcyon time of growth in the number of students and faculty, extramural funding, and academic programs. It has been a time characterized by her solid administrative leadership style and anything-is-possible spirit which has enabled our department to achieve its pre-eminent national status. We honored Anne at a reception at the new Dauch Alumni Center in May, 2006 and she officially returned full-time to her research and teaching activities this fall. We cannot thank Anne enough for her important role in the leadership of our department during a very critical period in its proud evolution.

In December of this past year, we received the very sad news that Dr. Robert Ringel was suffering from an inoperable brain tumor. He passed away May 12, 2006. Dr. Ringel served as executive vice president for academic affairs from 1991-2001, was named as the Donald S. Powers Distinguished University Administrator and was currently serving as professor in our department. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees from Purdue and was passionate about the education of our students and excellence in research. In his honor, and with his knowledge before his passing, we have initiated the annual Robert L. Ringel Student Research Symposium which was held for the first time

in September. (see article in this issue). The symposium is funded by contributions from alumni and friends. Bob would have loved to be in attendance at this event! We and the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology will miss him.

We have also had some other changes in our faculty. Mike Pachuiilo, Clinical Associate Professor of audiology and Purdue alumnus, has accepted a position with a private ENT group in Hampton, Virginia, where his wife, Cheryl, has also assumed a nursing position. We will miss his spirit and expertise. We have successfully completed a search for his replacement and have hired Dr. Hala Elsisy. Hala received her Ph.D. in audiology/hearing science from Purdue and has been an educational audiologist with the Logansport public schools since her graduation. Along with her role in clinical teaching and service delivery, Dr. Elsisy will be facilitating the expansion of the educational audiology portion of our Au.D. program. We are also currently searching for a clinical faculty member with expertise in the areas of adult neurogenics and dysphagia to replace Clinical Associate Professor Joanne Gutek, who has accepted a position as full-time mom to her new son. We hope to successfully complete the search for this permanent full-time position by mid-fall, 2006. Our new interim Director of Clinical Education in Speech-Language Pathology is Clinical Associate Professor Mary Lou Poole. Professor Poole replaces Dr. Janet Harrison. Since the last newsletter we also have had a change in our college leadership. Dr. John Contreni, former dean of Purdue's Graduate School and Purdue Professor of History, has assumed the position of

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Pinnacle Award presented to Ruth Steer



The Pinnacle Award was presented to Ruth Steer at a luncheon on September 18 in recognition of a lifetime of giving to Purdue, specifically SLHS, totaling more than \$1,000,000.

'Mack' Steer was the founder of SLHS and he and Ruth have created a legacy of progress and excellence for SLHS. Their gifts have funded scholarships, the Annual M.D. Steer lecture series, and a trust for the M.D. Steer Speech and Audiology Clinics. In April 2006, Ruth Steer gave \$50,000 to a departmental scholarship fund, the Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Alumni and Friends Scholarship. "Mack Steer's legacy is alive today through Purdue's world-class research and clinical operation," said Purdue President Martin C. Jischke at the presentation of the award. "This scholar's vision established a home for some of the nation's top researchers and students. It is a place where they can study topics such as how the brain processes sound and speech, the reasons for stuttering and improved hearing aid devices. We thank Mrs. Steer for continuing to support a program that meant so much to her husband and means so much to Purdue."

The Steers also have contributed to the Robert and Estelle Ringel Gallery, Purdue Convocations, Purdue radio station WBAA, and the Patti and Rusty Rueff Department of Visual and Performing Arts.


From the Department Head continued

Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. He is extremely supportive of excellence in the college and we look forward to working with him as our department faces a particularly important period in its development.

The status of our academic and clinical programs continues to be very strong, with 10 new Au.D. students and 30 new SLP master's students entering the program this fall. This will bring our total number of Au.D. students to 24 and SLP master's students to 50 with 237 undergraduate majors and 17 Ph.D. students in speech and hearing sciences. We will graduate our first AuD class in May, 2007 with great celebration!

Our M.D. Steer Speech-Language and Audiology clinics have served community and university clients during the past year with an array of innovative ongoing programs which include: GLASS Audiology Services, First Steps Early Hearing Loss Detection Follow-Up, Adult Language, Birth-Three, Indiana Veteran's Home, Preschool Speech-Language-Hearing Screenings, Preschool Language, Stuttering Therapy, Social Skills, Voice and Audiology at the Lafayette Otolaryngology Associates, Summer Intensive Articulation & Phonology, Summer Child Language Treatment/Research, Hearing Aid Dispensing, adult Rehabilitative Auditory Communication Training (ReACT), and Audiology Services with Dr. Gorup at the Unity Medical Group. We are also collaborating with the School of Education and ITaP (Information Technology at Purdue) in a project using Internet-based videoconferencing for student-teacher supervision. Assistant Clinical Professor Barbara Cicholski is our liaison for this project which is a joint venture of all six colleges where components of teacher education are housed. It is funded by the Provost's program for instructional innovation.

Our research enterprise also continues to be among the strongest in the university, with \$2.3 million in extramural funding which equates to an average of \$110,000 per research faculty member. The labs for the new faculty (Prof. Karen Kirk, Asst. Prof. Mike Heinz, and Asst. Prof. Preeti Sivasankar) are now all completed and fully functional. Two of the labs are housed within Heavilon Hall and one of the labs is in Pierce Labs. Although we continue to pursue growth of the academic, clinical service and research programs of our department, we have exhausted all current space available in the first two floors and elsewhere in Heavilon Hall. As per our strategic plan, we are now seriously in pursuit of a new physical home for our department and all of its programs. At our March SLHS Advisory Board meeting, the CLA Development Officers, Tom Recker and Lori Sparger, and the University Development Officer, Robin Prokop presented their plan for intensified development activities on behalf of our department and our quest for a new home.



SLHS Goes Live!

WBAA, Purdue's radio station, will air SLHS programming the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 on the AM920 Show. The program lasts for 20 minutes and there is an opportunity for live call-in questions from the radio audience!

A part of that plan has included involving our Advisory Board members in discussions with people across the country who may have an interest in helping us achieve our goal. If you have not been contacted by members of our advisory board or development staff, but have interest in helping our department achieve the development goals necessary to place our department on the list for a new building, either alone or in partnership with another department, then please contact me at 765-494-3788 novakr@purdue.edu or Tom Recker 765-494-6293, terecker@purdue.edu.

A significant new collaborative activity facilitated by members of our department occurred in May. A planning committee consisting of SLHS faculty members Beth Strickland, Bob Novak and Mike Heinz, Biology faculty member Donna Fekete and Engineering faculty members Tasos Lyrantzis, Rusi Taleyarkhan and Luke Mongeau organized the first cross disciplinary workshop in acoustics at Purdue. The purpose of the workshop was to identify researchers and clinicians working in various aspects of acoustics at Purdue University and gather them together to present their research and clinical work. It was intended that this would initiate awareness and stimulate interest in collaborations leading to the identification of funding opportunities for large interdisciplinary research programs in acoustics and the establishment of an interdisciplinary graduate program in acoustics through the integration of acoustics courses and programs currently offered at Purdue. Over 75 people attended the workshop with presentations from over 30 faculty members representing engineering acoustics, physical acoustics and wave propagation, biomedical acoustics and speech, language and hearing sciences. Three world-renowned speakers (Dr. Lawrence Crum, past president of the Acoustical Society of America and current president of the Board of the International Commission on Acoustics, Dr. Steve Colburn, professor and director of the Binaural Hearing Laboratory and Hearing Research Center at Boston University and Dr. Brent Edwards, executive director of the Starkey Hearing Research Center in Berkeley) were invited to present their research and experiences in acoustics program development. (See more information about this vital, new multidisciplinary opportunity in this issue)

In conclusion, this academic year will be one of continued amazing productivity and positive change for our department. I will be serving as the interim head during this period while we conduct the process for identifying a permanent head to be named by Fall, 2007. I am honored to lead the department during this period and look forward to communications with you over the next year as committed alumni and friends of this truly outstanding department. It is my goal to facilitate your ongoing relationship with SLHS as we continue our pursuit of excellence in our missions of learning, discovery and engagement.

Listen FOR THESE PROGRAMS:

November 16: Hope Gulker and Mary Lou Poole: Early Language Development in Children

December 21: Dr. Jessica Huber and Barbara Solomon: Parkinson's disease and its effects on communication

January 18: Dr. Chris Weber-Fox and Bill Murphy: Stuttering

February 15: Dr. Beth Strickland and Dr. Bob Novak: Noise and Related Hearing Loss

March 15: Dr. King Chung and Dr. Jennifer Simpson: Hearing Aid Technology and What Current Hearing Aids Really Can Do

April 19: Dr. Bob Novak and Lata Krishnan: Otitis Media (middle ear infections) in Children

May 17: Dr. Preeti Sivasankar and Barbara Solomon: "Voice Disorders"

June 21: (TBA)



Anne Smith,
Department
Head
1998-2006

Anne Smith, Distinguished Professor and Head, was honored for her eight years as SLHS Department Head with a reception in May at the Dauch Alumni Center. During her headship external funding tripled, faculty and staff increased, the initial search for a new building began, the AuD program was initiated, and both Speech-Language and Audiology programs increased their ranking as top programs in the country. Anne will continue as faculty in the department, devoting her time to research and teaching. Bob Novak is interim head while a search is conducted for a department head.



Anne Smith talks to the guests at her reception.



Anne Smith displays her department gift.

2006 SLHS Outstanding Senior

Meghan Darling is the SLHS Outstanding Senior for 2006 and she will be with us for awhile. She has been admitted to our Ph.D. program and plans to not only be involved in research, but to get her Masters along the way and earn her CCCs to practice in



Meghan Darling

This sounds like a lot on her plate, but considering the number of her undergraduate activities, she has had at practice balancing activities. Meghan has been on the Dean's list throughout her 3 year undergrad career (yes, THREE years—she graduated early!) and is in the Liberal Arts Honors Program. This year, she was not only chosen Outstanding Senior, she also won a Panhellenic Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship Award and many other scholarships during her undergraduate years. She has been active in Students Preparing for Academic and Research Careers (SPARC), Golden Key Honor Society, Delta Gamma Sorority, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, National Students Speech-Language Hearing Association and since the spring of 2005 she has been a member of the Liberal Arts Honors Council. Even with all this, Meghan still held part-time jobs throughout her undergraduate career!

Meghan comes from Dallas, Texas and only happened to visit Purdue on her mother's suggestion as they were traveling to visit relatives in Chicago. She says that until that time she had never heard of Purdue and didn't know of our fantastic reputation in communicative disorders! She had planned to major in English, but was very impressed with the SLHS program. Meghan credits Assistant Professor Jessica Huber for awakening her interest in research. She worked in Dr. Huber's lab and that experience led her to consider a career in research.

Therapy & Research



Bill Murphy

Professor Bill Murphy, a 2006 Hoosier Hero

Clinical Professor Bill Murphy was selected as a 2006 Hoosier Hero by Indiana Dollars for Scholars. Kevin Lange, a student from Benton Central High School, remembered Bill as a person who made a big impact on his life in early elementary school. Kevin stuttered and was treated by Bill weekly. Kevin's nomination of Bill included an essay in which Kevin wrote about his stuttering and how treatment by Bill helped him overcome it. He says that "Today, one would not even realize that I once had a severe stuttering problem". In addition to the \$2,000 postsecondary education scholarship that Kevin received, Bill also had the opportunity to designate an Indiana high school to receive an additional \$2,000 Hoosier Heroes scholarship.

Bill Murphy is a speech-language pathologist and a member of the professional staff. He began his professional career working for two years as a clinician in the public schools. He then accepted a position for three years as a staff speech-language pathologist in a hospital rehabilitation department.

Bill Murphy joined the Purdue staff in 1976. He has supervised both undergraduate and graduate students in a variety of diagnostic and therapy practicum activities. His current primary interest is in the treatment of stuttering. He supervises portions of the graduate level fluency diagnostic/therapy practica. Mr. Murphy also provides direct therapy to a number of clients and serves as a co-facilitator for an adult stuttering group and for a parent group. He is a member of the ASHA Special Interest Group in Fluency Disorders and is the Indiana State Coordinator for this group.



Lyle L. Lloyd

Lyle L. Lloyd awarded an Honorary Doctorate

In May of 2006 Lyle L. Lloyd, SLHS Professor and Professor of Special Education, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He was chosen for this prestigious honor in recognition of his status as one of the fathers of augmentative and alternative communication. His ground-breaking research and teaching of individuals with severe communication problems related to physical and/or cognitive disabilities is world-renowned. In addition, he has played a key role in establishing the augmentative and alternative communication field in South Africa over the past fifteen years. He has collaborated with the University of Pretoria's Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, assisting the development of their augmentative and alternative communication postgraduate programs.

Richard and Mary Lou Hazleton Initiate a Clinic Endowment

The Hazleton's have donated \$50,000 to initiate the Richard and Mary Lou Hazleton SLHS Client Assistance Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to the Audiology and Speech-Language Clinics. The interest from this fund as it grows will provide significant financial assistance to the clinics, enabling particularly our mission of providing clinical services to a wide range of clients and the associated clinical education to our students with less concern regarding clients' ability to pay our fees. If you wish to donate to this fund, please follow the directions for giving shown in this issue. Indicate on your check that the donation is for the SLHS Client Assistance Fund. The Hazleton's have supported SLHS in many ways and we are truly grateful to them.

Local Parkinson's Disease Support Group Formed

Assistant Professor Jessica Huber, doctoral student Bridget Walsh, and former Clinical Associate Professor Joanne Gutek started a local support group for individuals with Parkinson's disease in September 2005. The group was an outgrowth of the research Dr. Huber and

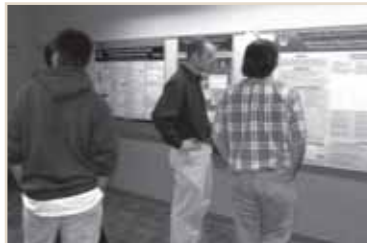
Ms. Walsh were completing in the area of speech disorders in Parkinson's disease. Once a month, the group of approximately 27 members, both individuals with Parkinson's disease and their spouses, meet to talk about topics relating to Parkinson's disease. Most meetings also involve a short presentation by a guest speaker. Last year, the group heard presentations about topics of nutrition, speech problems, balance and falls, and pharmacological interventions for Parkinson's disease. Master's students who have had relevant coursework in motor speech disorders are invited to join the group and interact with the members informally and in small group discussions. The support group is a great example of how our department is merging our discovery, clinical education, and service missions. For more information, please contact Jessica Huber at jhuber@purdue.edu or (765) 494-3796.

iScan™ Loaned by Siemens to Audiology Clinic

In 2005, Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc. introduced the iScan™—the first in-office ear impression scanner designed exclusively for use by the hearing care professional in the office. Now, thanks to a loan of the scanner from Siemens, for the first time SLHS hearing care professionals can scan ear impressions using state-of-the-art technology and then send the custom product order, including the digital impression, electronically to the manufacturer for production. We can now take advantage of digital scanning's known benefits to obtain a more accurate and efficient hearing instrument fitting process! Thank you, Siemens, for helping to make our Audiology Clinic one of the best!

Purdue Acoustics Research Community (PARC) Workshop Leads to Purdue Hearing/Acoustics Science and Engineering (PHASE)

Consistent with Purdue University interest in building new research and academic partnerships between faculty across disciplines, departments and colleges, the Office of the Vice President for Research sponsored the first Purdue Acoustics Research Community Workshop entitled Acoustics: the Wave of the Future. In May, three world-renowned speakers (Dr. Lawrence Crum, past president of the Acoustical Society of America and current president of the Board of the International Commission on Acoustics, Dr. Steve Colburn, professor and director of the Binaural Hearing Laboratory and Hearing Research Center at Boston University and Dr. Brent Edwards, executive director of the Starkey Hearing Research Center in Berkeley) were invited to present their research and experiences in acoustics program development. Over 75 people attended the workshop with presentations from over 30 faculty members representing engineering acoustics, physical acoustics and wave propagation, biomedical acoustics and speech, language and hearing sciences. The invited speakers at the conclusion of the workshop stated that they were very surprised that Purdue University had the second or third largest contingent of faculty involved in acoustic-related research in the world, but that very few know about it! It was clear from the lively discussion among the attendees and invited speakers, that there was great interest in taking PHASE to the next level as quickly as possible. The result has been an agreement between Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering to fund a senior level position and faculty search for a permanent director of what will become the PHASE Research and Learning Center (actual name yet to be determined). It is hoped that a permanent director will be in place by fall, 2007 with interim co-directors (Stuart Bolton, Bob Novak and Donna Fekete) in place during the next 12-month period. The web address for PHASE is <http://www.purdue.edu/research/phase>. We look forward to collaborative acoustics research at Purdue: in PHASE for the future!



Students & Faculty view PARC Poster Presentations.



Professor Jack Gandour explains his research to PARC workshop participants

Crossroads Conference on Communicative Disorders 2006

The Crossroads Conference was held on October 23 and 24, 2006. Each year, the Purdue University chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association coordinates the conference inviting several professionals in, or related to, the field of Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences. Attendees of the conference usually include Speech-Language Pathologists, Audiologists, Early Education Specialists, Occupational Therapists and parents; however, registration is open to anyone with an interest in the topics being presented. This year's guest speakers are:

Kenn Apel, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, is a Professor of communication disorders at Florida State University, and a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. James Jerger, Ph.D., is the Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at the University of Texas–Dallas (UTD). Jill Bolte Taylor, Ph.D., is a trained and published neuroanatomist. Laura Karcher, M.A., CCC-SLP is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at Indiana University. Megan Ahlers is an Assistant Director of special education for MSD Lawrence Township in Indianapolis, Indiana. Colleen Hannigan Zillich, M.S., CCC-SLP, is a speech-language pathologist in Hamilton Southeastern School's Early Childhood Program in Fishers, Indiana. Natalie Conley, M.S., CCC-SLP, MHA, is currently the Administrative Director at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Chicago. Maria Dixon, M.A., CCC-SLP, is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at Purdue University.

Advisory Board News

The SLHS Advisory Board met on March 31, 2006 in the Dauch Alumni Center. Scholarships were presented (see list in this issue). Anne Smith gave the 'State of the Department' report as the outgoing department head. Lata Krishnan gave an Audiology Clinic update, noting that there has been an increase in clinic patients. Debbie Alley and Susan Erler joined us by speaker phone as Robin Prokop, Senior Director of Development at the University Development Office spoke to the group about the Purdue system of fundraising, an understanding of which is important to the members as we continue to search for the means for a new building. The name of the SLHS Advisory Board Scholarship Endowment fund was changed to the SLHS Alumni and Friends Scholarship Endowment fund (see announcement in this issue). Associate Professor Lisa Goffman gave an update about the SLHS Honors program. Assistant Professor Jessica Huber gave a presentation about her Parkinson's research.

Current SLHS Advisory Board Members are:

Deborah Alley,
alum (B.S. 1978)

Anne Beiter,
Cochlear Americas

Linda Mesalam Carroll,
St. Vincent's Hospital, Carmel (B.S., 1977, M.S., 1979)

Linda Charlebois,
Indiana School for the Deaf (M.S. 1978)

Kenneth Dahlberg

Rafael DelGado,
Intelligent Hearing Systems

Susan Erler,
Northwestern University (B.S. 1969)

George Frye,
Frye Electronics, Inc.

Mary Lou Hazleton,
Alum (B.S. 1965)

Peter Hillsamer,
M.D., ENT

Leah Jamieson,
Purdue EPICS program

News Notes

Scott Kepner celebrated his 20 year anniversary with his colleagues at the Purdue Memorial Ballrooms in January with a luncheon. Scott started here at Purdue in 1986, coming to SLHS in 1989. He is the Technical Engineer for the department and helps the department keep in step with 21st century technology. Congratulations to Scott!



Scott Kepner, SLHS Manager of Technical Services, receives his 20-year anniversary gift from Purdue President Martin Jischke and Vice Provost Christine Ladisch.

Carol DePalma (formerly Carol Tebben) retired in June to live in Florida. Carol was with the department for 18 years, starting as the department secretary/receptionist and then as the appointment clerk for the clinics. Carol enjoyed serving all ages of clients and was very patient with everyone. She will be missed.

Steer Lecture Spring 2006

SLHS was privileged in February to have as our speaker for the Spring 2006 Steer Lecture Associate Professor Frank Guenther, Department of Cognitive and Neural Systems, Boston University. The title of his talk was "Auditory, somatosensory, and motor interactions in speech production". Prior to his lecture, a reception was held in his honor. The Steer Lecture Series is funded by a gift from Dr. and Mrs. M.D. Steer, benefactors of the department.

Weinberg Lecture Fall 2005

In September, Hugh Knowles Professor Nina Kraus of Northwestern University was the speaker for the Weinberg Lecture Series. Her talk was entitled "The brainstem response to speech: A biological marker of auditory processing". A reception was held in Dr. Kraus' honor prior to her lecture.

Barbara Solomon Elected to ASHA Legislative Council



The ASHA members of Indiana elected Purdue's SLP Clinic Director, Clinical Professor Barbara S. W. Solomon, to the ASHA Legislative Council for the term January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009. Serving on the Council is one of the most important ways to contribute to the Association. Among the duties the Legislative Council performs is the setting of the Association priorities, approval of the budget and approval of all policy documents. Congratulations to Barbara!

News Notes

Sheila Klinker,
Indiana legislator (B.S. 1961, M.S. 1970)

Chris Miyamoto,
M.D., Riley Hospital

Zipora Ostroy,
SLHS Undergraduate Advisor (retired)

Tom Powers,
Siemens Hearing Instruments

Gabriel Raviv,
Biologic Systems Corporation

John Schneider,
Asst. VP for Industry Research, Purdue University

Ruth Steer,
Honorary Member, department benefactor

Susan McGarvey-Toler,
VA Medical Center (B.S. 1980, M.S. 1983)

Curt Williams,
Oticon, (retired)

Ronda Hamaker Williams,
M.D., Pediatric Ear, Nose & Throat

Awards, Scholarships, Recognition

Scholarships awarded for 2006

Avanti Lal, *Erler Scholarship*
Skyler Jennings, *Swansen Scholarship*
Andrea Moore, *Wilson Scholarship*
Anne Wyman, *Wilson Scholarship*
Kendrea Focht, *Steer Scholarship*
Rebecca Benjamin, *Steer Scholarship*
Janella Clarke, *Steer Scholarship*
Heather Rushton, *Mott Scholarship*
(*undergraduate*)

Charlotte Swartzentruber, *Ostroy Scholarship (undergraduate)*
Sonia Arafat, *Hope Gulker and Jeanette Leonard Graduate Scholarship in Speech and Language Development*
Steven Gehler, *Malcolm Fraser Scholarship*

2006 Indiana Speech-Language Hearing Association

Outstanding Student Awards

Skyler Jennings, *Audiology*

Jamie Pflueger, *Speech-Language Pathology*

SLHS 2006 Best Teaching Awards

Best Graduate Speech-Language Pathology Professor: *Distinguished Professor Laurence C. Leonard*
Best Graduate Audiology Professor: *Associate Professor Allan Diefendorf*
Best Undergraduate Speech Sciences Professor: *Assistant Professor Jessica Huber*

Best Teaching Assistant: *Rebecca Bowen*
Best Clinical Professor in Speech-Language Pathology: *Clinical Associate Professor Joanne Gutek*
Best Clinical Professor in Audiology: *Clinical Associate Professor Michael Pachuiilo*

Recognition

Jennifer (Jadie) Dayton was chosen as the Student Responder for the College of Liberal Arts at Commencement in December 2005 where she received a dual degree in Speech-Hearing and Psychology.

Amy Redman was the only undergraduate chosen to serve on the Dean's Search Committee for the College of Liberal Arts.

Elgustus Polite recently receive a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Predoctoral Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health. The award provides up to three years of support for research training leading to a doctorate or equivalent research degree; the combined medical/doctorate degree; or other combined professional degree and research doctoral degree in the biomedical, behavioral sciences, or health services research.



SLHS Professor and Linguistics Program Director, **Ronnie Wilbur** was presented with a 2006 FOCUS award which is given yearly to people who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of accessibility and diversity. She and Department of Computer Graphics Technology Assistant Professor Nicoletta Adamo-Villani were collaborators on a computer program meant to help deaf youngsters. They created a computer program, Mathsigner, in the character of an animated rabbit that uses American Sign Language and counting to make learning math fun and easier for kids who are deaf.

Professor Karen Kirk and co-authors will receive the 2005 Editor's Award for the best paper in the Hearing section of the Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at the ASHA convention in November.

Alumni News

Joseph David Geeslin, III was the Outstanding Senior for what was then AUS in 1989. After graduating from Purdue, David went on to receive his master's in Deaf Education from Boston University. This spring he received his doctor of education (Ed.D.) degree from Indiana University. David has worked as a teacher in Boston and at the Indiana School for the Deaf (ISD). He has been in administration and various other positions at ISD, and was recently selected to be the new superintendent of the Indiana School for the Deaf (pending governor approval). David married Holly (Dempsey), and they have two daughters, Amelia (13) and Morgan (12).

Holly (Dempsey) Geeslin was the AUS Outstanding Senior for 1987. Holly continued on at Purdue to receive her masters in audiology in 1989. She worked as an audiologist at The Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and the Boston Children's Hospital before returning to Indiana. She received another masters from Indiana University in speech language pathology in 1998, and has worked with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in early intervention at the Indiana School for the Deaf. Holly has enjoyed working flexible hours so that she was able to pursue professional work while being home with her children.



Send us your
E-mail address



Please send us an e-mail so that we can add your e-mail address to our 'Friends & Alums of SLHS' distribution list. Send a message with 'e-mail address for (your name)' in the subject line to jfenters@purdue.edu. We will be sure to keep you updated with some happenings here in the department.

☀️ Preschool Language Program (PLP)

At 3-years-old, Henry was an adorable little boy who was very, very frustrated. His parents reported that he was frequently angry, screaming when he wanted a toy or assistance with a task, and pushing other children who approached his play area. Since Henry's older sister attended the Preschool Language Program (PLP) several years earlier to address speech and language delays related to cleft palate, his parents requested that Henry attend the Preschool in the Fall of 2005. At the beginning of the year, Henry used a very limited vocabulary which was difficult to understand, and he communicated with 1 or 2 words at a time. Unable to explain his intentions to others, he often resisted participating even in enticing activities.

At the end of two semesters at this intensive, therapeutic preschool, Henry has dramatically changed. He is now a usually cooperative, cheerful preschooler who requests that adults read books to him, relates short narratives about his experiences – “I go fishing with Daddy” – and enthusiastically participates in singing, snack, and small group therapy activities like making play dough from flour and salt, or digging in the sand to find hidden objects. Although he has not yet caught up to his peers with respect to language comprehension and use of grammatical forms, Henry has become an active, engaged learner who feels confident when relating to friends and caregivers.

The Pre-school Language Program provides service to the Greater Lafayette and Purdue communities. It was begun in 1985 with a five thousand dollar seed grant from United Way as part of the Purdue University Speech Language Clinic which is an integral part of the professional training program in SLHS. The Preschool Language Program has enrolled 10-12 preschoolers with communication disorders and 2-3 typically developing “peer models” for each of the past 20 years. Located at Redeemer Lutheran Church in West Lafayette, the program has served more than 200 families while simultaneously training approximately 250 graduate students in Speech-Language Pathology. Designed to provide developmentally- appropriate speech language therapy to young children, the program focuses on utilizing an eclectic combination of experiential, child-directed approaches and structured therapeutic activities closely matched to the age and stage of each child enrolled. Supervision is provided by Clinical Professor Jeanette S. Leonard, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, and Clinical Assistant Professor Hope Gulker, M.A., M.S.W., who are

HOMECOMING 2006

NSSHLA Students Represent SLHS at Homecoming!

Our National Student Speech-Language & Hearing Association students were at the SLHS table for Homecoming. They passed out brochures and free ear plugs. NSSHLA advisors are Clinical Assistant Professors Jennifer Simpson and Maria Dixon.



Left to right: Marlene Novatnik, Catherine Dobson, Megan Clark, Alicia Tam, Katie Masterson, and Tess Rathbun

Robert Ringel Student Research Symposium

The 1st Annual Robert Ringel Student Research Symposium was held on September 15, 2006 in Rawls Hall. The symposium is a forum at which our AuD students presented their research. In years to come,

both SLP and AuD students will participate. The Boilermaker Special brought participants back to Heavilon Hall where a reception was held. Mrs. Estelle Ringel attended the reception.



Ringel Symposium students ride the Boilermaker Special.



Front row: Sarah Fischer, Sarah Vojak (Sadie), Andrea Edgerton, Jamie Beck, Kimberly Chamberlain, Estelle Ringel, Jennifer Slanker, Megan Lyons

Back row: Kyle Acker, Skyler Jennings, Lauren Hendrickson, Rebecca Benjamin, Christy Macak, Lindsey Prusick, Lance Nelson

Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary ✨

celebrating their 20th anniversary as colleagues in this successful graduate training and community service program.

Preschool children are referred by community agencies, school systems, local communication professionals, or have been participants in SLHS's Birth to Three Program. Children under three years of age and their families are served through the Birth to Three Program which is funded by the Indiana First Steps Early Intervention Program. This program provides practicum experience for SLHS graduate students and is supervised by Clinical Associate Professor Mary Lou Poole, M.A., CCC-SLP and Clinical Assistant Professor Gulker.

Parents of children enrolled at PLP have been vocal supporters throughout the years. Some comments have included "We truly believe that E. wouldn't be doing as well as he is without the two of you..."; "What a wonderful resource this community has in you"; and "You have gone out of your way to make sure S's needs are met as well as the needs of her parents". Our most treasured feedback concerns the day to day improvements made by the children we are privileged to serve. Quoting one family: "Remember, there's a little boy who is not so self absorbed, who plays with friends, and who can tell you The Three Little Pigs word for word."

Gulker and Leonard say that they are grateful for the support of the families of the children involved in the PLP who have donated materials, provided financial contributions, and assisted with special projects. We are also appreciative of the generosity of Redeemer Lutheran Church in sharing their space and facilitating our service and training missions. The ongoing support of Purdue University, the Department of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences, and many professional colleagues is also very much appreciated.

SLHS celebrates this milestone and looks forward to the future. If you have any questions about the PLP programs or information regarding how you might help support the mission of the PLP please contact Jeanette Leonard (765) 494-3802 or Hope Gulker at (765) 494-3800. You may also use the information found in another area of the newsletter or on the website to send donations to the Preschool program.

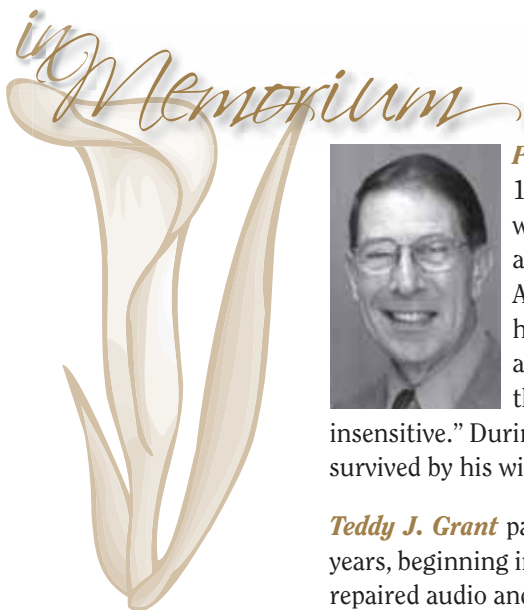
Open House

Purdue 2006 Open House at ASHA

The 2006 Purdue Open House at the ASHA Annual Convention will be on Friday, November 17, from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. in the Oxford/Cambridge Room at the Intercontinental Miami Hotel.



2005 Purdue Open House attendees at ASHA Convention.



Professor Robert Ringel (1937-2006) devoted 43 years to Purdue. He began at Purdue in 1966 as an assistant professor in the department of Audiology and Speech Sciences and later was head of the of that department, the Dean of the college of Liberal Arts, formerly known as the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the Graduate School and a classroom teacher from 2001 to 2006. He and his wife Estelle established the Robert L. Ringel Gallery in Purdue Memorial Union with an initial gift for the gallery. At the ceremony for the gallery, he said, "I came to appreciate the importance of the arts in humanizing a world that can become overly technical and insensitive." During his career, he touched the lives of hundreds of students who will miss him. Dr. Ringel is survived by his wife, two sons and their families.

Teddy J. Grant passed away in September 2005. Ted had been with us in the SLHS electronic shop for 35 years, beginning in SLHS in October, 1968 and retiring in 2003. During his time with us, Ted maintained and repaired audio and video equipment and fabricated special projects for us.

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Tax-deductible donations to SLHS are always needed and appreciated. Due to the rise in educational costs and the decrease in state funding, students are bearing the burden of increased tuition and fee costs. As our faculty continue their pursuit of excellence in Learning, Discovery, and Engagement, the generosity of our friends and alumni to our department and programs is vital. To donate, mail a check payable to Purdue Foundation indicating on the memo line of your check to which fund you are contributing:

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New Faculty



Michael Heinz grew up in Baltimore MD and received an ScB degree in Electrical Engineering from Brown University in 1992. He completed a Masters degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Johns Hopkins University in 1994. In 2000, he received a PhD from the MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology in the area of Speech and Hearing Sciences. Prior to coming to Purdue, he was a post-doctoral fellow in the department of Biomedical Engineering at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

At Purdue, he is an Assistant Professor with a joint appointment in the departments of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences and Biomedical Engineering. He is developing a lab to investigate the relation between neurophysiological and perceptual responses to sound through the coordinated use of single-unit neurophysiology in animals, physiologically-based computational modeling, and psychoacoustics with human subjects. Mike and his wife Karen are enjoying life in West Lafayette very much. The Midwestern pace of life is perfect for them, their three-year old son Jonathan, and one-year old daughter Ainsley. Besides enjoying time with their children, Karen and Mike also enjoy working on their new house.



Mahalakshmi "Preeti" Sivasankar is an Assistant Professor and holds a Bachelors and Masters degree in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Bombay (India). She received a Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Northwestern University in 2005 and is a certified Speech-Language Pathologist. Prior to joining Purdue, she worked as a Clinical Fellow in Speech-Language Pathology at a Traumatic Brain Injury Hospital in Chicago, IL. Dr. Sivasankar's research interests include laryngeal hydration and the diagnosis and treatment of vocal pathologies. At Purdue University she directs the Laryngeal Research Laboratory and enjoys teaching 'Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism' and 'Voice Disorders.'

Preeti is enjoying the relaxed pace of life in West Lafayette. She enjoys the short commute to work, and the biking and walking trails. In her spare time she hopes to further develop her cooking skills, and take yoga and dancing lessons.

Hala Elsisy, Clinical Assistant Professor of Audiology, holds a Medical Degree from Ain Shams University (Cairo, Egypt). She received her Masters degree in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology from Purdue University in 1987 and her Ph.D. degree in Audiology and Hearing Sciences from Purdue University in 2005. Hala is a licensed audiologist and a certified educational audiologist in Indiana, she holds the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, and she's a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology. Hala worked as a Clinical Audiologist in a university hospital and private practice settings, as an Educational Audiologist in school settings, and as a Lecturer in SLHS. At Purdue, she enjoys providing clinical instruction to students in the Au.D. program and clinical services to clients and their families. She also enjoys teaching 'Basic Procedures in Assessment Audiology.'



She takes pleasure in spending time with her family, with whom she enjoys walking, gardening and preparing Mediterranean cuisine.

Karen Iler Kirk is Professor of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences. A native of Southern California, she received her Ph.D. in Hearing Science, from the University of Iowa. Karen also is Adjunct Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine, where she served as Director of the DeVault Otologic Research Laboratory prior to joining the Purdue faculty. Her research examines speech perception, spoken word recognition, and language development in pediatric cochlear implant users.



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New Faculty, continued

Karen continues to conduct collaborative cochlear implant research with her colleagues at the Indiana University Medical School while also pursuing new research directions in her Speech Perception Laboratory at Purdue. She currently is working with faculty in the School of Education to develop and validate new multimodal tests of spoken word recognition, and to collect normative data from adults and children with varying degrees of hearing loss. Karen teaches graduate courses, primarily for students in the AuD program. She and her husband, Dr. Jerry Kirk, live in Carmel. They have three children. In her spare time, Karen enjoys long walks, playing in a women's tennis league and cooking for her family and friends.



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