From The Director

The Hawkline is under new management, the KU Psychological Clinic has a new Director, and we have a newly streamlined curriculum waiting for next fall's entering class.

As you know, Nancy Hughes is now retired from the Clinic and the Hawkline. Her departure not only represented the passing of an era (no longer are there social worker positions within the KU Psychological Clinic), it also heralded a new beginning. Along with Nancy's retirement came approval from the College to hire a new Director for the Clinic. On August 18, Sarah Kirk, a 1998 graduate of our program, took over the reins and, as they say, “hasn't looked back.” You can read more about Sarah and her new regime in the pages that follow, but you heard it first here: she is moving full speed ahead to modernize the clinic, its operations, and practicum training opportunities at KU. It is humbling to say, but my best move to date as Program Director has been to remove myself from the Clinic Director business. I am stepping aside as fast as I can!

In another example of wise leadership, I cajoled Rick Ingram into heading up a committee to evaluate the program's curriculum. Rick and his committee (Nancy Hamilton, James Grobe, and Hal Shorey--a student) met throughout last spring and summer and proposed a slate of changes early this fall. We recently (November 21) adopted nearly all of them, and approved a revised curriculum for the fall 2006 entering class. A total of 14-16 credit hours have been eliminated from the program requirements. Perhaps just as important, we've also made significant changes to our student evaluation and advising procedures as well as to the task system. You can examine the revised curriculum at http://www.cc.ku.edu/~clinprog.

Sarah and I have been working together (with huge assists from Bonnie Schafer and Sarah's husband, Tom Hutton) to bring you this year's version of the Hawkline.

The appearance and format have changed, but the guiding vision has not. We still aspire to nurture and connect the community of KU Clinical Psychologists that began more than a half century ago. We hope you enjoy this year's reminiscences, but we will begin by celebrating the accomplishments and promise of the freshest additions to our growing family.

Clinical Program Student Awards

Schulman Award

Robin Aupperle and Susan Reneau were co-winners of this year's Schulman Award for Excellence in Clinical Psychology.

Robin received her BA in Psychology from Oklahoma State and joined KU in the fall of '02. Her masters thesis, done under the direction of Doug Denney, , was entitled "Omega-3 fatty acids and multiple sclerosis: Relationship to diet, disability, and depression." Robin continues her focus on biological psychology, but has decided to specialize in anxiety disorders. Her dissertation will use fMRI (functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging) to examine the effects of D-Cycloserine on brain activation in response to phobic stimuli and a verbal learning task. Beyond KU, Robin hopes to continue conducting research on the biological mechanisms involved in the etiology, maintenance and treatment of anxiety. She hopes to focus her clinical work on neuropsychology and the treatment of anxiety.

Susan received her BS in psych. (with minors in English and women's studies) from the U. of Alabama in 2001. At KU, she has worked with Charlene Muehlenhard and has focused on couple's relationships and human sexuality. Susan's master's thesis, "Unwanted Consensual Sexual Activity (UCSA) in Heterosexual Dating Relationships," concerned...
sexual activity that individuals consent to--or even initiate--even when the activity is unwanted. Interestingly, most of her sample (91% of women and 75% of men) reported engaging in UCSA at least once. She found a positive relationship between UCSA and pretending orgasm, and a negative relationship between UCSA and relationship satisfaction. While at KU, Susan is currently applying for internship, after which she hopes to get a post-doc and to one day be involved in clinical practice, teaching and clinical supervision.

### B. Kent Houston Award in Health Psychology

**Carla Berg** received her BA in psych. and mathematics from Dakota Wesleyan U. in South Dakota. Her thesis concerned the relationship of hope to pain management, specifically the perception of pain in a cold presser task. Her dissertation tests an intervention designed to enhance hope which, hypothetically, will also enhance the ability to cope with pain. Overall, Carla's main research interests are integrative medicine and health promotion. She has worked in the areas of positive psychology (particularly hope), smoking cessation, weight management, medication and counseling adherence, and scale development. Her clinical interests are mainly in cognitive behavioral therapy and health psych., particularly weight management, smoking cessation, and coping with pain and illness. She hopes one day to have an academic medical center faculty appointment so she can continue her research, clinical work, and teaching.

### Mitch Handelsman/Lori Irving Teaching Award

**David Landers** A true first-generation college student, David reports not having a clue about college when in high school. He did know his passion was psychology, though, and began taking psych. courses at Dallas County Community College. After following his friends to Austin and The U of Texas, he earned a BA in Psych., Summa Cum Laude. He also worked in a psychophysics lab studying 3-D vision. This experience was so productive, resulting in several published papers, that he enrolled in the Neuroscience PhD program to pursue it further. Several years later, he realized that he had missed his calling, clinical psychology, and left the program after completing his MA thesis, "The Role of Occlusion Cues in Stereoscopic Depth Bias" (Dave says you don't really want to know), and came to KU. Here, he has enjoyed working as a therapist and teacher, but has been especially smitten by his forensics practicum at Western Missouri Mental Health Center (KC, MO), where he does competency and responsibility assessments for the state of MO. He aspires to a career in forensic psych., and would also like an adjunct teaching position on the side. David is excited about his dissertation, "Developmental Instability and Psychological Fitness: Can Morphological Asymmetry Predict Psychopathology?" He's borrowing a construct from evolutionary biology, fluctuating asymmetry (FA), which is the degree to which bilaterally symmetric organisms deviate from perfect symmetry. Biologists know that FA predicts physical and reproductive fitness in a many plants and animals; David wants to know if it also predicts psychopathology in humans.

### C. R. Snyder Award for Research in Positive Psychology

**Kim Pulvers**, last year's co-winner of the B. Kent Houston Award, adds this year's C. R. Snyder award to her credits. Kim is currently completing her internship at the Leavenworth VA and, upon completion of the internship, is anticipating a move to San Diego, CA, where her husband, Ron, has accepted a soccer coaching position. A good student who always enjoyed school, Kim writes that it was Psychology that most challenged and excited her and that she feels “incredibly fortunate to be building a career in an area for which I have a genuine passion.” Kim also reports that, “Nearing the end of my doctoral training, my general interests now are in disease prevention and health promotion. My more specific focus is on addiction and relapse prevention, along with smoking cessation and obesity treatment. While recognizing deficits and pathology, I view individual problems through a positive psychology lens, with a focus on protective factors and human strengths.”

### OTHER STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

**Robin Aupperle's Masters Thesis (Omega-3 fatty acids and multiple sclerosis: Relationship to diet, disability, and depression)** received the award for Most Outstanding Thesis in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences during the May, 2005 graduation ceremonies.

**Carla Berg** received a 2005 American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Award. The award is intended to help offset the dissertation research costs.

**Leslie Karwoski and Jennifer Prohaska** won the Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology student poster session award at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association. The research they presented was: Karwoski, L., Prohaska, J., Lehman, K. A., Stites, B. A., Steidtmann, D., & Ilardi, S. S. Therapeutic Lifestyle Change (TLC) for Depression: Initial Results with a Severely Depressed Outpatient Population.
Rebecca Joines, a first-year student, was awarded a Chancellor's Fellowship from the Graduate School. The fellowship provides four years of support for graduate education. Andy Lehman, a second-year student, was awarded a Chancellor's Fellowship last year.

Matt Gallagher, a first-year student, was awarded a First-Year Fellowship from the Graduate School. This fellowship guarantees four years of funding.

Natalie Stevens, a first-year student, was awarded a Diversity GTA Award from the Graduate School. This award provides four years of support. Previous recipients of this award who are still active in the program include Thao Bui, Danyale McCurdy, and Phuong Chau.

Chantal Young won the award for Best Student Presentation at the recent (November, 2005) conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, held in Atlanta, GA. Her presentation was “The Meanings of Masturbation.” Chantal works with Charlene Muehlenhard.

Nestling Hawks: 2005 Entering Class

Steve Bistricky (General Program), BA, U. of Arizona.

Matthew Gallagher (General Program), BA, Rice U.

Rebecca Joines (General Program), BS, Loyola University, Chicago.

Christy Nelson (Health Specialty), BA, Luther College; MA, St. Mary's U.

Jennifer Prohaska (General Program), BA, U. of Kansas.

Natalie Stevens (Health Specialty), BA, Randolph-Macon Women's College.

Fledgling Hawks: On Internship

Four General Clinical Program and three Health Specialty students are completing their internships this year:

Jennifer Austenfeld (Health): U. of Kansas Watkins Health Center, Lawrence, KS.

Wendy Dodrill (General): Norfolk Regional Center, Norfolk, NE.

Lesley Laub (Health): Family Service & Guidance Center, Topeka, KS.

April Minatrea (General): VA Eastern Kansas Healthcare System, Leavenworth, KS.

Kim Pulvers (Health): VA Eastern Kansas Healthcare System, Leavenworth, KS.

Kevin Rand (General): Duke Univ. Medical Center, Psychiatry Dept., Durham, NC.

Lorie Ritschel (General): Duke Univ. Medical Center, Psychiatry Dept., Durham, NC.

Hawks in Flight

THE 70's

Sheila Ribordy joined the psych. department at DePaul University in 1975 and directs the DePaul Univ. Mental Health Center. She recently received the Rev. William T. Cortelyou-Martin J. Lowery Award for Excellence and Distinguished Faculty Lecture. Sheila has also received grants from NIMH to support her in developing a model for doctoral programs' diversity training and to assist her work in the areas of child abuse and clinical training. She also was honored at the recent APA convention with the Harry McNeill Award for Innovation in Community Mental Health.

Philinda Smith Hutchings Since 2000, “Phindy” has been Professor and Department Chair of the Clinical Psych. Programs at the Arizona School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University/Phoenix and, in 2004 stepped up to the position of Dean. Before that, she was at Nova Southeastern University where she directed their internship program for 12 years. Philinda is President-Elect of the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP), and has served as Membership Committee Chair, Conference Chair for the 2005 NCSPP mid-winter conference, and Chair of the Women's Issues Committee. She sees Lorraine Mangione, an 80's KU grad, at the NCSPP meetings. Lorraine is at Antioch New England Graduate School. Philinda also reports enjoying country and swing dancing, stained glass, needlecrafts, beading, and puzzles of all kinds.

David Bennett is in his 21st year at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO and still enjoys it! Dave sees a range of children and enjoys working with two other KU grads., Rochelle Harris and Kathryn Pieper. Together, they oversee an APA approved internship program. Dave also
has taught a graduate course at UMKC for 23 years. He writes that “Times change….I used to fight with the dreaded IRB, and now I serve on the IRB. Family-wise, I have been married to Judy for 33 years (of course we were married when we were about 13) and we are the proud empty-nester parents of two great adult kids, Molly and Adam. As they are in their twenties, Judy and I are getting our IQ points back that we lost during their adolescence.” (Editor's Note: Dave was my supervisor and mentor when I was an intern and postdoctoral fellow. He is a great colleague and, along with Rochelle and Kathryn, made for an incredible six years at Children's Mercy S.K.)

THE 80’S

David Lutz is at SMSU in Springfield, MO. In 2004 he received the Foundation Award in Teaching. Two out of 700 faculty are honored each year with the Foundation Award. This was David's third such recognition: he also has twice received the University Award for teaching at SMSU. David credits his graduate training at KU with giving him experience and opportunities in teaching and really giving him an advantage. Sounds to us like he's picked up a few tricks of his own since graduate school. Congratulations David! And thanks for the shout-out.

Rochelle Harris has worked at Children's Mercy Hospital in KC. MO since 1988. She focuses on assessment and treatment of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Learning Disorders, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. She recently completed a study on phonological awareness and reading development in first and second language learners. Rochelle married Doug Bonney and they have two children, two dogs, two cats, and two fish. Rochelle claims that her 15 year-old daughter, Tessa, has surpassed her in knowledge about important matters and has managed to reveal vital errors in Rochelle's thinking. Conrad, her 12 year-old son wants to be a major league sports player. He still credits his parents with doing a fairly decent job, but his critical thinking skills are still developing.

Jeanne Miranda has pursued a research career as a faculty member, first at UCSF, then Georgetown and now at UCLA. She has always worked in Departments of Psychiatry, pursuing research in the treatment of depression. Jeanne indicates she is happy at UCLA where she focuses on mentoring junior faculty members and doing her research. Jeanne is married to Ed Klein and they have three adopted children ages 14, 13 and 8. Jeanne keeps in regular touch with our own Rick Ingram and has fond memories of grad. school.

THE 90’s

Irene Elkins (1993) has been at the Minnesota Center for Twin & Family Research at the U. of Minnesota since graduation. She shared the following publication, which is likely to come out in February 2006: Elkins, I.J., King, S.M., McGue, M. & Iacono, W.G. (in press) {HYPERLINK "ELKINS06.PDF"}Personality Traits and the Development of Nicotine, Alcohol, and Illicit Drug Disorders: Prospective Links from Adolescence to Young Adulthood. Journal of Abnormal Psychology.

Rhonda Reinholtz married fellow student Joseph Colletti in 1995. They have a son, Noah, now 7 and in the second grade. Rhonda splits her professional time between teaching and providing supervision at the U. of Wisconsin-Madison and working in private practice with Joseph. She reports her biggest challenge is to balance personal and professional demands and enjoys doing pilates which she heartily endorses.

Chris Cameron lives in Lafayette, Colorado with husband Joe. Their boys, now 5 and 8, attend a bilingual school. Chris is still running a website on pregnancy and depression (www.pregnancyanddepression.com). Her latest move is into the realm of politics. She was recently elected to the Lafayette City Council. Lafayette is a small (24,000), diverse community outside of Boulder, CO and Chris is looking forward to the challenge and excitement of the job! Chris and her family take advantage of the great Colorado weather to hike, bike and “geocache.” Anyone else geocaching? Chris would love to hear from her old classmates (ccameron@peakpeak.com).

Laura Giusti, after leaving KU, completed her internship and a postdoc at Brown Univ. in Providence, RI and has been in full-time private practice for the last 6 years. Laura married Jeff Haan in 2003, and gave birth to Eva Elizabeth in March, 2005. Laura now works two afternoons and is home with Eva the rest of the week. Laura loves being able to keep her professional mind stimulated with work and colleagues, while primarily being a stay-at-home mom. Laura reports greatly valuing the friendships formed in the time she spent at KU.

Twila Preston (1999) writes that she has a “circuit riding” private practice in Nebraska that includes serving an American Indian Tribe, a rural general hospital, and a rural college. She has two MA level therapists working with her and just hired a certified anger management specialist. Twila says she loves what she does but may work a bit too much. She has two cats, a dog, and a son who is now a freshman in college (he was 4 when Twila started at KU). Twila is true to her roots and, apparently, is just as energetic as ever.

Fred Metzger writes: “Here is a quick update (in order of relative importance). I became engaged to Amy Wallhernfechtel in June of 2005 and am scheduled to get married in September of 2006. Most who know me
understand the long engagement and have begun to hoard heating oil, parkas, and other cold weather gear in preparation for hell freezing over. Amy is a graduate student in history at St. Louis University and we enjoy a lot of outdoor activities, e.g., biking and hiking to name a few. She seems to exercise good judgment in everything except her interpersonal relationships. I continue to fence, although I now win bouts through treachery and guile rather than speed and strength. I finally won my “B” national rating (second highest rating possible) and continue to compete around the Midwest when my knees, back, and hip co-operate. I ended up finishing a substance abuse fellowship at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System and worked for a brief time at Bert Nash until I moved to the St. Louis Veterans Hospital. I work mostly as consultant to staff for the treatment of chronic pain and the identification of misuse of opioids. I also chair the hospital's pain management committee and have started dabbling in using teleconferencing equipment to provide therapy to rural areas. It is true that TV adds 10 pounds, or at least that's what I tell myself to help me sleep at night.” (Ed's note: Same old Fred.)

THE 2000’s
Jennifer Cheavens writes from KU East (aka: Duke Univ.). She notes that she enjoys regular contact with her KU colleagues Lorie Ritschel and Kevin Rand. She also writes that Julia (Taylor) Woodward and Mark Connelly are within throwing distance. In addition to his duties at Duke, Mike Babyak (90’s) is reportedly playing in a band, but no review was given of his performance. Jen says she was in the Biloxi, Mississippi area with the Red Cross just after hurricane Katrina. Jen reports it was an amazing experience that gave her some perspective while feeling humbled, inspired and honored.

Charlotte Collins is a staff psychologist in behavioral medicine at The Miriam Hospital in Providence, RI with a specialization in cardiac psychology. She is also an assistant clinical professor at Brown Medical School and serves as a supervisor for Brown behavior medicine interns. Charlotte writes that she and David are settling into Rhode Island, but are not quite bonified New Englanders. Her son, Brian, graduated from KU and is living in D.C. Charlotte says she loves the hospital and loves doing the work she always hoped to do.

Phan Hong writes that she is loving her postdoctoral training at BRTC at U. of Washington and the DBT Center of Seattle. She balances clinical work and research with persons with Borderline Personality Disorder. Phan writes that her husband, David Lishner (a KU social psych. grad) will be on faculty at U. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, so she will likely relocate there after her postdoc.

Psychological Clinic

This year we have had several changes in staffing. As mentioned previously, Nancy Hughes retired last spring and has kept busy archiving her husband Ogden's papers. Rebecca Thom, our clinic secretary/receptionist, accepted a journalism internship with the University Daily Kansan and Crystal Leal replaced her in June. Lorie Ritschel went off to Duke for her clinical internship and passed the responsibilities of Clinic Systems Coordinator to Thao Bui in May.

The Clinic also has a new director, Sarah Kirk. After our social workers, Donna Flory and Nancy Hughes, retired Ray decided to create a new job position. As the clinic director Sarah is responsible for phasing the clinic into the new millennium. Altogether, it is a major challenge, but since she started at the beginning of the fall semester, Sarah has proved to be quite the champion.

Sarah came to us from Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, where she worked for six years as a staff psychologist and co-director of their integrative pain management clinic. Her clinical graduate studies were completed right here at KU. Sarah was in the health track and worked closely with Mike Rapoff and Annette Stanton. She began in 1992 and graduated in 1998. Her internship was done at Western Missouri Mental Health Center and her post-doc took her to Children's Mercy. It was clear that Sarah had the qualifications and experience we were looking for, but what really sold us was the “incandescent,” in Ray's words, references he received from her co-workers at Children's Mercy.

On Sarah's part, she wanted to participate more in program development and training. Our position offered her the chance to expand her supervision and teaching roles, while also allowing her to continue her clinical work. The fact that Lawrence is a much shorter commute from her home outside of Lecompton is also a perk.

Sarah shares her farmstead with her husband Tom and six cats, one indoor and five outdoor. They watch over some cattle for her family to complete the pastoral scene. Tom and Sarah both grew up in Lecompton, but didn't actually date until they met later in college as members of the same softball team. They remain active on local sports teams. Tom works in Lawrence at a printing company, and also spends a lot of time with Sarah working on home improvement projects. Currently, they are finishing work on a two-car garage.

So far, Sarah says her experience with her new job and co-workers has been awesome. She has felt very welcomed and it already feels like home. We at the clinic feel
fortunate to have her on our team.

(A few words from the new Director ….I could not be more thrilled with the opportunity this position has brought me. I am looking forward to advancing the clinic's technology and materials to meet the increasing demands that will be placed on students as the move on to other sites of clinical work. I am also enjoying my work on program development and working on outcome assessment and quality improvement in the clinic. I have many goals for the clinic and hope to share them in future Hawklines. -- S.K.)

Faculty Sampler

Rick Ingram notes “In last year's Hawkline I noted how happy we were to be at KU after being exiled in Texas. This year it is time to look forward. With this in mind I have been carefully evaluating a series of goals that I hope to accomplish next year. After an initial submission to myself, followed by asking myself for a revision and resubmission, I have finally accepted my set of goals. In the process, I have narrowed it down from several hundred to my top 5 goals for next year. My number 5 goal is to, at least once, stroll along Jayhawk Blvd without exhaling any bus fumes. My number 4 goal is to attend a Christmas skit that is actually funny. Number 3 on my list is to not hurt or embarrass myself playing softball (this is one, especially the embarrassment, is a real long shot). Number 2 is to find and hire Steve Ilardi's PR agent. And my number 1 goal for 2006 is to find all of my old classmates' clinic pictures and post them on the internet. 2006 looks to be great year.” (Editors note: Lighten up a bit, Rick. Some of the skits WERE funny!)

Rick Snyder writes: “On the personal side, the fishing was good at Snyder Pond (now holding steady at around 5 acres with decent rains). Channel and black catfish of 7 to 15 pounds have been common. We also catch large-mouth bass, but have yet to see the crappie we stocked last year. We catch and return the fish. Our lake is on 34 acres of land just north of Douglas County in Jefferson County. Zach lives in a house that we built inside of a 50' by 80' Morton building. It is two stories of about 1000 sq. feet per story, and he has fixed it up with nice wood interior throughout. It is very quiet in that it basically is a house built within a house. Daughter Staci and granddaughter Drew live on the same acreage in an old trailer that Zach rebuilt. There also is a beautiful old barn, but it finally has succumbed to gravity and is falling down (much of the wood is 100-year old walnut).

Trenton, our 3 year-old grandson spends considerable time with us, and Rebecca and I are relearning all of the old nursery rhymes. He loves backhoes, and so far I have made 4 books from backhoe pictures taken from the internet. (His nickname at the day care center is Backhoe!) The raccoons are back and trying to live in our house, but so far I have live caught three and transported each about 20 miles away (any closer and they supposedly come back!). I let each raccoon free in the middle of the night right in the front yard of Doug and Jacqueline Denney’s house in Baldwin.

We thought that we were losing my father this summer in that he was falling frequently and even had a 16-hour period where he was stuck and could not get out of his bathtub. Turns out that when his medications were cut back considerably, he seems to have perked up again.

On the professional front, I had the honor of serving as an informal campaign manager as Sharon Brehm made a (successful) run at becoming APA President. Congratulations to Sharon!

Also on the professional front, I was elected as a Fellow in the American Psychological Association, Division 22 (Rehabilitation). I always have had a special interest in rehabilitation, so this was very moving to be recognized by this division. Additionally, I gave the commencement address at Indiana Wesleyan University on April 30, 2005 and, much to my surprise, they then awarded me with a Doctor of Human Letters, Honoris causa.

As always, I close with my “top 2” list of resolutions for the coming year (well, not exactly true, in that at one point in the past it was the “top 15,” and then it came down to the “top 10.”). Anyway, here are those top two:

#2. I will not mention the score of the football game this year to my Nebraska relatives. I make this vow even though, over several decades in a row, those graceless “Rig Red” fans never refrained from rubbing in how they had stomped Kansas by many touchdowns…

#1. KANSAS 40 NEBRASKA 15 (OK, so I lied in #2 above…) Rock Chalk JayHawk KAY…U !!!"

Michael Rapoff was 1 of 41 people who received a Star Award for “significant contributions to the field of rheumatology during the past 40 years” at the annual meeting of the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (division of the American College of Rheumatology) on November 14, 2005 in San Diego, CA. Mike was also appointed to the Scientific Advisory Council of the Research and Education Foundation, American College of Rheumatology. Recently, Mike was appointed the “Ralph L. Smith Professor of Pediatrics.” Mike has had a bit more of a swagger lately--a well-deserved one.
Doug Denney pens: “The edition of the Hawkline really caught me off guard. I was certain this important scholarly journal was going to disappear following the retirement of Nancy Hughes. And frankly it was with some relief that I greeted the opportunity to allow my life to settle into that more regular “petty pace from day to day,” instead of continuing the frenetic, jet-setting existence I had been compelled to lead in order to provide fascinating tidbits around which my former contributions to these pages have been organized. I know the following revelation will be seasoned with equal measures of dismay and disappointment to you all, but I hope you will at least understand why I must announce that not much has been happening since my last installment. I had a few papers accepted for presentation at a conference on MS research held in Thessalonika, Greece, but of course, for the reasons supplied above, I didn't go. Thessalonika was founded by Alexander the Great, and I had already seen the Oliver Stone Movie maybe the worst film I’ve ever watched rivaled only by the Greek Tycoon, loosely based on the Onassis-Kennedy “affair.” Two movies that deserve to be viewed simply for their badness. Makes you want to go out and crash your pickup truck into a fraternity. But, before you conclude that all my candidates for worst movie ever involve Greeks, let me hastily add that one of my all time favorite movies is Zorba the Greek. If you’ve never seen it, consider renting it (ain't Netlix great?)- and I hope you enjoy it. Happy holidays to all of you.”

Doug Witt continues to work in the KU Psychological Clinic as a Team Leader/Supervisor. He also works for Social Security Disability Determination Services. Doug has taken over KU's correspondence course on Adolescent Psychology from Dennis Karpowitz (begun originally by Paul Gump). Doug also proudly reports his daughter was married in his and Sandi Shaw's backyard this Spring. Doug plans to spend Christmas in Alaska with Sandi's daughter.

Charlene Muehlenhard reports that “This year I traveled to San Francisco, Montreal, and Atlanta. Five students also went to the Atlanta SSSS meeting, where we learned a whole new perspective on CBT. At home, Katey (the new young cat), was driving Bailey (the old cat) crazy, constantly pestering him to get him to play. To get a playmate for Katey and to give Bailey a break, I adopted another young cat, whom I named Pokey because he was always poking into things. He earned his name a few weeks later when he poked into the trashcan and ate a 5-foot piece of dental floss, which had to be surgically removed.” (Ed's note: We report ALL of the news, with the emphasis on LOCAL!)

Nancy Hamilton writes: “This has been quite a year. Our research lab is up and running and my students and I have been collecting data for two studies, one looking at how sleep and depression relate to cardiovascular health and the other examining how people regulate emotion. On a personal level, Rick (Ingram) and I have been delighted to sever our ties with Texas. We finally sold our albatross--I mean house--in Texas, and bought a house near campus. On nice days, we enjoy our pedestrian commute to campus. During the recent cold snap, however, we have been driving just like everyone else. Next year should be very exciting, our daughter Suzanna will be turning 3, we have plans to remodel our house, and I (as a good assistant professor should be) will be chained to my desk during the day and dreaming about regression equations during the night.”

Former Faculty—Where Are They Now???

Sharon Brehm made a run at becoming President and succeeded! She was recently elected for the 2007 term as APA President. Since leaving the KU Clinical Program, Sharon has made quite a splash on the academic administration scene. She has served as the Dean of SUNY-Binghamton, the Provost of Ohio University, and the Chancellor of Indiana University-Bloomington. Congratulations to Sharon on her new post!

Rue Cromwell Upon leaving grad school Rue thought to himself, “In only a short time I will be appraised and exposed.” As he walked to the podium at end of his retirement festschrift in 2001 he thought to himself, “Gee! I made it all the way and was not found out.” Rue definitely was not an academic imposter. Writing in a self-disclosive mood for the Hawkline, however, Rue reports that, in some ways, he was “faking it” in his time at KU. His progressive retinitis profoundly affected his life he says. While an Assistant Professor at Peabody, he could walk into the commons area, scan its length and wave or speak to each student and colleague he knew. By 1986 at KU, Rue reports he often could only respond with a cheery “hello,” to people who greeted him, “as if” he recognized them. His vision problems also had other consequences. As the number of research advisees and hours of reading journals and drafts increased, Rue's work time expanded to midnights, weekends and missed vacations just to keep up. What Rue regrets most is the toll his work habits took on his ability to have the kinds of social and intellectual interchange--and the sharing of personal lives--he would like to have had with his colleagues.

Rue is now making great progress on writing a book: Being Human: Human Being. The book, written for informed lay persons, gives Rue's vision of what
psychology is about from the infant's developing initial constructs (discriminations) through the cycles of information processing and their attendant neurotransmitters to how constructs are developed by theologians and modern physicists. Writing the book “ain't easy,” Rue reports. Most of his life has been spent writing for psychologists and he is having to learn a new way of communicating. Herb Spohn, retired Director of Menninger Research, has urged Rue to collaborate with him with other writing projects, such as why psychopathology research of the 20th century was such a profound failure, but Rue is committed to finishing his project first.

Rue's fondest memories are of the weekly evening research meetings that came to be known as “Rue's Crew.” He watched many students bloom from their anxious, idea-less and awe-struck beginnings to become leaders, mentors and scholars. He learned so much from them all, and is grateful.

Rue is still lives in Lawrence. He finally quit following Indiana basketball and avidly follows Jayhawk football and basketball both the men and women. The most enjoyable part of his life is the two funny women in his house. “Ginni tells me porny jokes from the Chinese internet. Often much is gained in the translation. Wyn is a high school junior rounding out her 16th year. She seems to want a bite of everything in life: cross country, forensics, soccer, that first boy friend, counselor-in-training at YMCA camp (now they pay and Rue doesn't!), TIP camp twice, manager of the junior high boys' basketball team, part time job at Culvers, plays, musical, maybe track at Free State, and, oh yes, homework.” Rue owns the car but “Wyn subsumes and consumes it. It was great looking out the back window on Labor Day as she drove the 1640 miles to my grandson's wedding in Michigan. Our home is becoming a hangout place. I still say that Kansas sunsets are the most beautiful in the world.”

Michelle Edwards, a clinic social worker during the 70's and 80's, has long been out of touch. Shortly after resigning her position in the clinic, Michele and her husband, Steve, who was then Director of the World Wildlife Federation, moved to Geneva, Switzerland (we believe), later returning to the States and residing in Washington, D.C. We believe we are correct (but please don't quote us) that Michelle worked for some time with FEMA following their return to the U.S. (and may still be with FEMA), but her whereabouts are unknown to us now.

Donna Flory writes: “What am I doing? Well, my "retirement" is really a second career, and I find myself challenged everyday. I'm still working for Hospice Care in Douglas County, sometimes very little and sometimes I struggle to stay at 40 hrs. especially with weekend hours. I truly love this work, and find my patients and families to be the greatest teachers of life. Some patients I have for hours, others for months. There are tears but also joy in helping them die with their families close by. My husband Jim is still with the US Attorneys Office but, aside from our work, we keep busy on our 9 acres, gardening, fishing in our pond, splitting wood for Kansas' winters, and mowing. It seems like only yesterday that my daughters were hanging out in Fraser Hall, but in truth they're all grown up. Our youngest daughter, Lisa, got married in Lawrence this past July. Now she and her husband live in Columbus, Ohio where her husband is in Grad school at Ohio State and she is working in advertising. Our oldest daughter, Louise, is still living in NYC, where she is following her passion for acting and film that started in the 4th grade. I hope this has been a good year, and may the Holidays bring you peace and joy.” Peace and joy to you, Donna.

Meg Gerrard is still active and on the faculty at Iowa State U. where she and her husband, Frederick X. Gibbons, relocated following their years in Lawrence. Meg still teaches and publishes in the health psychology area, especially where it intersects with social psychological theory. Her current “research interests include social psychological perspectives on health behavior and risk-taking.”

Chuck Hallenbeck After retiring in 1994, Chuck spent two years in Lawrence before returning to his boyhood home, Hudson, NY where a surprising number of his childhood friends are still around “to tell about it.” Chuck writes that, like him, “a goodly number ... have returned after years away to prepare a place for their bones.”

Chuck has been active in local politics and has done what he can to promote crucial causes locally. He helped organize a series of public education forums on the issues surrounding the USA Patriot Act, and has tried to advance arguments for the peace movement. Chuck is married again--to a high school sweetheart he re-met after his return to Hudson.

Chuck spends most of his time working with computer technology (surprise!) and has continued to be of support to other visually impaired persons through software development and remote assistance with computer issues. He is an enthusiast for the Linux operating system and an advocate of Open Source software.

Chuck's last Seeing Eye Dog, Dash, succumbed to cancer a year after returning to Hudson, and he has not had the heart to train with another. Chuck and Mary live in a new development outside Hudson after spending six years rehabilitating a 19th century Victorian in the center of
town. Mary and Chuck are both 75 now, in relatively good health, and grateful for the time they have together.

Nancy Hughes Since Ogden's death in October 2004, Nancy Hughes Lindsley has continued to live west of Lawrence on the 1860's era ranch they bought in 1980. So far, her scheme to interest local government in buying the place for a living history homestead has come to naught. She hasn't given up, though, as it's a fitting use for one of the more intact 19th century properties in rural Douglas County.

Nancy traveled a great deal in 2004 and 2005, participating in memorials and celebrations held in Ogden's honor. She has taken over management of his business, Behavior Research Company (BRCo) in Kansas City and is renovating the building to accommodate both the business and Ogden's professional archive. The official dedication and opening of the archive will be Friday, 2 November 2007, in conjunction with the 20th annual International Precision Teaching Conference, which BRCo will sponsor. (See www.behaviorresearchcompany.com for BRCo news, tutorials and products.) Scott Born, a KU HDFL graduate student mentored by Ogden, pitched in and has been a tremendous ally in assuring BRCo's ongoing success. To honor one of Ogden's final requests, the membership of the Standard Celeration Society (www.celeration.com) voted to establish their executive offices at BRCo.

Nancy expects to remain busy in Lawrence and Kansas City for the next two years, then may return to her Colorado roots. Until then, she can be reached at 366 North 1600 Road, Lawrence, KS 66049 or njhughes@aol.com and would love to hear from old friends.

Charlie Neuringer shares that he is enjoying retirement. He reads plays, does some acting, and enjoys doing ceramics.

Marge Rust wasn't with us for long and we have lost touch with her. We believe her to be living in the Denver, CO area.

Frank Shontz remains active in Lawrence and Kansas City. He consults with Resource Development Institute (RDI) in Kansas City. RDI is involved in the development of not-for-profit social programs such as the mental health court (a program similar to drug court for persons with mental illness) and crisis intervention training for police officers. Frank also has started the Nancy Shontz Educational Series at Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center. This is an annual training series that was developed in memory of Nancy. Frank enjoys recreational activities including playing pool, bowling, woodworking, and reading. Thankfully, he also reports having a strong recovery from quadruple bypass surgery a year ago this past April.

Mary Townsend has just published a book “Telling It Like It Is: The truth about all the women in the Bible.” The book is available at our Lawrence downtown book store, The Raven.

Beatrice A. Wright now lives in Madison, Wisconsin. Two of her books were among the first 25 to be selected for inclusion in APA's projected canon of distinguished books in psychology. The two are: “Physical Disability- A Psychological Approach” (1960) and “Physical Disability A Psychosocial Approach” (1983).

One of the citations reads “The American Psychological Association presents this Distinguished Books citation to Beatrice A. Wright in recognition of her contribution to the canon of noteworthy scientific and professional literature for the publication of Physical Disability: A Psychosocial Approach. We award this citation to acknowledge and honor this achievement which has significantly advanced the science and profession of psychology.”

Beatrice says she received a special invitation to a wonderful conference in Poland in September 2004 in honor of Kurt Lewin, PhD. She contributed to the conference from her archives and is the only still-living PhD student of Dr. Lewin. Beatrice still receives requests to speak and most recently gave a guest lecture at the University of Tennessee. KU and Lawrence still hold a very special place in her heart. And she in ours.

Passings

Harold McNamara (1928-2005) a 1960 graduate, passed away July 24, 2005 in Wichita. Harold worked at the Menninger Hospital and the KC and Wadsworth VA hospitals between 1956-1964 before joining the Wichita Psychiatric Center in Wichita in 1964. He entered into private practice in 1974. Harold was survived by his wife, Coleta, two sons, a daughter, two sisters and six grandchildren.

Tom Reilly, a 1966 graduate of the KU Clinical Program died, in Lawrence, on December 27, 2004. In addition to being a graduate of the KU Clinical Program, Tom was a member of the clinical faculty for 25 years. He joined the faculty in 1967 and retired on August 1, 1992. He was best known for his astute clinical supervision and contributed immensely to the clinical training of scores of Clinical students over a quarter century of service to the program. Tom was survived by one brother.
Steve Laird, a 1992 graduate, died in February, 2005, of cancer. In his note informing us of Steve's death, Rick Snyder observed that Steve “was 41 years old, and had four beautiful children. I wrote some poetry for him during his final months. What a shame (his death, but perhaps my poetry also). Steve is the third of 'my' students who have died--Mark Clair (a 1977 grad), and Lori Irving and Steve Laird (both 1992 grads).

Mark Purviance, a 1987 graduate, died on August 11, 2005 after a long battle with cancer. Mike Rapoff, Mark's good friend and mentor gave the eulogy at Mark's funeral and has given us permission to excerpt a few remarks from the eulogy about Mark, the man:

“When I visited once in Washington, D.C. in the winter, we were driving into the city and he said he had to make some stops. Several places, where he saw homeless people, he would stop, open his trunk and distribute coats and other clothing to people on the street and stop to chat with them.”

“We had many fun nights on the town when Mark was in Washington, D.C. and El Paso, TX, the details of which are not for public consumption. On these outings, Mark would say that we were "just a couple of farm boys from Kansas." One time we pretended that I was Mark's cousin from Russia who didn't speak English and we spoke sporadic Russian to each other and he translated in English for me to the waitress.”

“Mark defined what it means to be a true friend. These types of friendships are few in number and are to be cherished. Neither space nor time can separate you from lifelong friends. When you get together, you pick right up where you left off. You don't miss a beat. That is what is has been like to be Mark's friend. I made the decision to stay at KU on my last trip back to KC after seeing Mark. And what he helped me to see (in his words and his life) is that money, prestige, and positions in life are not what matter most....it is the relationships you have with family and friends.”

John Colombo, Janet Endelman ('80), Jane Finn ('77), Mary Fristad (86), Louis Gamino ('81), Keri Kinnaird ('87), Sarah Kirk ('98), Dan Larsen ('78), Greg Long ('86), David Lutz ('80), Charlene Muehlenhard, Marc Quillen ('79), Dana Roberts ('95), Kim Seaton ('01), Brett Steenbarger ('82), Bernard (Rusty) Sullivan ('77), Virginia Whitener ('71), Laura Yamhure Thompson ('03), Ernst & Young Foundation, Eli Lilly & Co. Foundation

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Edward Aberger ('84), Lois Allen ('71), Tim Boaz (87),