Welcome to the first edition of the Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Newsletter, providing news about the program, students, faculty, alumni, and professional development! Name our newsletter - be creative and leave your mark forever on the department. Send all of your ideas to rehgrad@chuma1.cas.usf.edu or drop them off in the GA mailbox in the office.

**Program Announcements**

Job Announcements/Educational Opportunities: Check student bulletin board (next to BEH 359).

Stop by the Graduate Assistant Office (BEH 315) to sign up for comps, get practice questions, explore field placement sites, check out reading materials and textbooks, or study in the student research office.

Interested in joining the Rehab & Mental Health Graduate Students' Association for the promotion of educational and professional development? Contact Gwen Gold - 941-346-7336, gwengold@aol.com. Plan to attend our next meeting - Wed., Jan. 29. Dr. Dixon will be the guest speaker and refreshments will be served!

**Student News**

Current enrollment is 175. We welcome 12 new students to the program for Fall 2002: Ani Barsoumian, Lisa Bright, Johnny Bowman, Amy Browning, Christian Bryan, Melanie Chernoff, Margaret Curington, Laura D'Angelo, Melissa Hodnett, Miranda McManus, Felicia Schaefer, and Trajana Thomas.

Lynn Allen, John Caporale, and Nicole Tomblin are the current student representatives to the External Advisory Committee.

Our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Dan McLaughlin, hospitalized at Bayfront Medical Center after a serious motorcycle accident.

**Classifieds**

Looking to buy/sell old textbooks? Looking for someone to carpool with to or from Sarasota? Let us know - rehgrad@chuma1.cas.usf.edu.
Alumni Updates

Congratulations to Paloma Sparrowhawk ('99) and Lois Maroney ('98) for passing the LMHC exam! Paloma is currently working with the FACT team and Lois is employed at the Deaf Services Center in Pinellas Park.

Congratulations to Paul Campbell ('95) for earning his Ph.D. in Ministry from Logan College in Jacksonville. Paul is employed at Henderson Mental Health Center in Ft. Lauderdale.

Jeanett Mendy ('98) was recently promoted from VR Counselor to Program Analyst with the Department of Veteran Affairs. She is working out of the Central Office in Washington, D.C.

Margarita Cocker ('95), Ray Doyle ('74), Dan Kane ('91), Lois Maroney ('98), and Alan Tyson ('97) are all current members of the Department’s External Advisory Committee.

Susan Whitney ('96) is president of the Tampa Bay Association of Women Psychotherapists. She is in private practice.

New Student Profiles

Johnny Bowman is a certified juvenile corrections officer, and has worked in the criminal justice system for the past 4 years as a house parent. He has earned two Bachelor's degrees from USF, in Criminology and Sociology. He is a Tampa native, who enjoys basketball, running, and watching "Law and Order".

Lisa Bright recently moved here from North Carolina, with her dog Mikey. She is the grateful recipient of the 2002-2003 $10,000 University Graduate Fellowship. She has a BS in Biology, a background in DNA analysis, and is interested in medical rehabilitation and counseling clients with an inherited disorder/disease. She enjoys mountain biking, hiking and kayaking.

Felicia Schaefer has 15 years experience as a psychiatric RN, a BS in Community Health and Human services; mentors 4 children at Lacanto Elementary School (provides emotional support to children from broken homes). She loves karaoke and theatre, and her most recent roles in local community theatre have been the Bride in "Bridal Terrorism" and "Yenta" in "Fiddler on the Roof" (a production to raise funds for the Burn center for Children of Shriner's Hospital). She has two daughters and three grandchildren and is "thrilled and happy to be in this program".

To all alumni...where are you now? What are you doing? Please let us know for upcoming editions.
Dr. Dixon has received a Secretarial Appointment to the Department of Veteran Affairs, Advisory Council on Rehabilitation, which meets quarterly in Washington, D.C.

Dr. DuDell recently provided workshops in California, Nevada and Florida to the addiction staff of Westcare, Inc., on male socialization and working with men in counseling. He will present: two new workshops addressing anxiety disorders and difficulties in attachment (for the Juvenile Welfare Board); "Relationship Violence: The Impact of Gender Roles and Attitudes" (for the Suncoast Mental Health Counselor's Association); and "Understanding Your Life Transitions" (at his private practice). Dr. DuDell thanks all of his students "for their high level of energy, involvement, and commitment".

Dr. Emener's latest book, Ultimate Challenges, was published in June 2002. Ten courageous, dedicated world class athletes are showcased in this book, including Mark Shepherd (a Five Time Gold Medallist in Wheelchair Basketball), and Mike Hudson (a National Champion- One Arm Golfer). Dr. Emener is donating all royalties from the sale of this book to the United States Olympic Committee for the exclusive support of the United States Paralympians.

Dr. Evans published "Encouragement 101: The Courage to be Imperfect" in The Sandspur, Summer 2002. He will be teaching a Marriage and Family course at the University in Riga, Latvia in December.

Dr. Ferrandino has plans to publish his book on interpersonal relationship skills, entitled The Technology of Love: Successful Strategies for Low Maintenance Relationships.

Dr. Kelley will serve the Florida Assertive Community Treatment Program in an advisory capacity/member of the board. This program provides ongoing case management and treatment services for persons with severe and persistent mental illness. She published (along with members of the Advisory Board to Epilepsy Services) 101 Questions and Answers about Epilepsy.

Dr. Weinberg, an adjunct professor and program director at FMHI, reports that his Family Therapy class has 12 wonderful students, who take turns bringing in breakfast, and have done role plays enacting dysfunctional families in "Academy Award Style"! Through Dr. Weinberg's initiative, FMHI received a grant to place four doctoral psychology interns at Tampa's Village of Excellence Academy Charter School. They will work with African-American children at high risk for disruptive behavioral problems.
Department News

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Congratulations and best wishes to our new Department Chair, Dr. Charlotte Dixon, who inspired this newsletter!

Much appreciation to Shari Allen, Office Manager, for her support and encouragement. Lynn Allen and Cecilia Laude edited this edition.

Please send us all your news, ideas, comments, whatever. We'd love to hear from you! E-mail us at rehgrad@chuma1.cas.usf.edu or put a note in the GA mailbox in the office.

Thought for the day: "Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending" - Carl Bard