Here we are, another semester almost over. We hope everyone’s having a successful and prosperous year. As you can see, we have a new name for our newsletter. The response to the first issue was tremendous and we appreciate all of the ideas, comments, and news. In fact, the response from alumni was so prolific that we’ve decided to devote this issue to them - Where are they now? What are they doing? - for the benefit of those who knew them when as well as those of us looking forward to finishing up here and getting out where they are. So enjoy, have a great summer, and thanks again for all of the input!

Program Announcements
The Department has openings for two Graduate Assistants to begin this Fall. GAs work 20 hrs/week and receive hourly compensation as well as a partial tuition waiver. Call Shari - 974-0970.

The Department will be co-sponsoring a workshop June 5-7 entitled Assessment, Evaluation & Placement of Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities & Ethics to be held at the Embassy Suites in Tampa. Contact Cecilia Sumner 904-632-5007.

Coming Events
April 23  4:30-5:30 Rehab Club  BEH 359-Tampa
May 3  Commencement
May 12 – July 18  Summer Session
Jun 5-7  Workshop (above)
Aug 25  Fall semester begins

Classifieds
We’ve set up a textbook selling/trading list in the Student Research Office (BEH306). Stop by if you want to unload any or if you need some but don’t want to enrich The Man.

Student News

Congratulations to Cecilia Laude and Felicia Schaefer whose paper, Mental Health Care Disparity Among African Americans, was accepted for presentation at the 11th Annual Conference of the National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns in New Orleans this summer.

Alumni...we are looking to form an Alumni Association. Contact Geri Carter (02) if interested - 941.923.4660
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Rehab Club
Have your voice heard in the Department. Be the first to learn about opportunities for attending and presenting at conferences. Hear from guest speakers in the field. Join the Rehab Club. Currently we don’t charge dues, but as we achieve critical mass (and we will), that will change. The club is in its infancy which provides a unique opportunity to guide its direction and shape it into the kind of organization that we want it to be. We currently have 12 members and are already sending two to a conference this summer. So please join us. The greater our number the greater our say and the greater a resource the club will be for all of us!

The Rehab Club has established a Student Advisory Committee to serve as liaison between students and Department administration by voicing our concerns and interests.

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The club sponsored its first fundraising activity April 5 with a thrilling gator-dodging canoe trip down the beautiful Ocklawaha. Stop by the office to see pictures of the bruising (in some cases), traumatizing (specific phobia-arachnid), fun-filled adventure.

Alumni News
W. Gardner Morgan (73) is President of the Mental Health Counselors Association, Palm Beach County.

Kathy Allen Coulson (74) is a National Board Certified middle school teacher and recently earned an Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction. She lives in Covington, GA.

Wayne Starkey (76) is the Operations Director for a Regional Mental Health Center in Waterbury, CT.

Edward Garren (78), LMFT is in private practice in Los Angeles County and has been published in the Los Angeles Times and in a book featuring his poetry.

Christy Herrschaft Gunther (80) is recently married and has a private counseling practice in Asheville, NC.

Clement Street (80) has worked in insurance rehabilitation, as a vocational rehabilitation consultant and expert witness, and was certified as CRC, CIRS, and CVE. He is now an ordained minister and serves a small church in NE Colorado.

Michelle Wrobel Lawson (85) is a Case Manager at Lee Memorial Hospital in Ft. Myers.

Gary Kropp (88) works in the field at several locations in the Tampa area.

Todd S. Snyder, LMHC (91) has a private psychotherapy/EAP counseling practice, is clinical coordinator at EAP Sarasota, and is a doctoral candidate in Counseling Psychology at Argosy University in Sarasota.
More Alumni News

**Audra Moran**, CRC, NCC, (93) is Director of the Research Grants Program for the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression, in New York.

**Michael Demask**, Ph.D. (94) is associate professor at the Hazelden Graduate School of Addiction Studies and recently published “HIV: Facilitator’s Guide.”

**Jim Reinach**, CRC, LMHC, CAP (96) is in private practice in Tampa.

**Jill Kotlin Bershad**, LMHC (97) moved with her growing family to Massachusetts after spending time in a substance abuse private practice in Florida. She recently passed the LMHC exam there and is now licensed in both states.

**John Darby** (97) is Director of Human Services with the Salvation Army in Tampa and Secretary for the Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition.

**Kris McGuire** (97) recently became a LMHC and works for Camelot Community Care as an in-home therapist.

**Janet Mitchell** (97) is Emergency and Transitional Housing Program manager with the Salvation Army in Tampa, and an active member of the Hillsborough County Homeless Coalition.

**Dora Limoncelli** (99) is a registered mental health counselor intern working with underserved multicultural families at Catholic Charities in Sarasota.

**Curt Mathes** (99) works at Haven House in Sarasota with adults and children with Downs Syndrome.

**Dr. Robert Riggs** (99) recently passed the LMHC exam and is now licensed in FL. He is in private practice in Tampa, and specializes in counseling couples, adult victims of childhood trauma, and substance abuse. He owns and operates a halfway house for persons in recovery.

**Linda Falkner** (00) works in domestic violence intervention, has published 3 books, and is available for public speaking.

**Nilda Pyronneau** (00) recently passed the LMHC exam and has applied to Rutgers University Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice in New Jersey, where she now lives.

**Mary Ann Gale**, CRC (01) works as a RMHI at Confidential Christian Counseling Center.

**Carl Greenwald** (01) is an independent contractor working for Behavioral Sciences Center, in Safety Harbor where he works with general clientele, federal prison inmates, and U.S. Probation Office Supervision clients. He was recently promoted to provide administrative support and supervision to mental health providers in Florida.

**Lisa Montalvo** (01) has worked as a therapist for the National Deaf Academy since graduation.

Congratulations to **Tracy Van Ess, Tim Davis, Jim Williams**, and **Ellie Megonegal Maffeo** (02) for passing the CRC Exam.
Mission Statement
The mission of the Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling is to promote quality services for individuals with differences in abilities and to help the state meet its human service needs in the areas of rehabilitation and mental health through teaching, research and service.

Department News
Dr. Susan Kelley has authored an article concerning mental health disorders in the aging population to be published soon in the Journal of Rehabilitation.


Questions, comments, news, ideas, announcements…rehgrad@cas.usf.edu/813-974-2855

“The final frontier may be human relationships, one person to another.” - Buzz Aldrin