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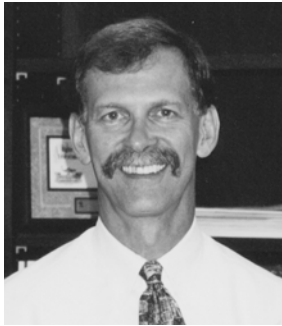
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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD



*Stephen W. Kiefer*

I appreciate this opportunity to talk with all of our alumni and friends each year. The most difficult aspect of this message, though, is trying to restrict the amount of information. There is so much to relate that has occurred in the previous twelve months. Our newsletter committee, headed by Dr. Harris, does an excellent job of providing you with an overview of the events that have occurred in the department.

Both our undergraduate and graduate programs continue to be strong. The introduction of a minimum GPA reduced our number of undergraduate psychology majors and it has stabilized at approximately 400 (this includes both regular and pre-psych majors). The enrollment pressure for our upper division, core courses has lessened significantly and we believe we are better able to teach those critical courses as enrollments have become smaller. Our graduate program also continues to excel, both in terms of the quality of graduate students that we are able to attract and in their accomplishments in teaching and research. Last year Richard Fogg received the Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence by a Graduate Student, the second time a psychology graduate student has won this all-university award since its inception in 1996. Our graduate students who teach have been a valuable resource for allowing the department to offer a large selection of undergraduate courses. Research efforts continue to be very high at the graduate level, with students presenting papers at many conferences and publishing in journals.

Perhaps the most significant changes related to our instructional responsibilities involve the new technological advances that have been made at the university. This past summer, the university arranged for the lecture hall in Bluemont (BH 101) to have a large projector system installed, complete with a computer, videotape player, and an overhead projection system. As of this date, there are still several technical details to address but the university has clearly made a commitment to enhancing our instructional capabilities.

While we are excited by the changes, some concerns have arisen that the technology may become an end to itself rather than the means to better instruction. This is a concern that we must monitor closely. Regardless, adjustments will have to be made on the part of instructors, students, and the administration alike.

We feel very privileged to have our two new faculty members on board: Drs. Kip Smith and Deidra Schleicher. They have both acclimated to our department very quickly and we feel proud that we were able to attract such high quality individuals in our searches last year. We have featured both of these individuals in this issue of the newsletter.

Although we hired two new faculty, we regretfully lost two faculty to retirement at the same time: Dr. Thad Cowan and Dr. Charles Thompson. We are fortunate that Dr. Thompson visits the department on a regular basis and continues to pursue his scholarly endeavors. He and our other Emeritus faculty serve as good role models for us. Alas, the one person we will not be able to see often is Dr. Cowan, who moved to Utah to join his wife Peg Wherry. Dr. Cowan will be sorely missed in the department. We wish him all of the best and hope that he is able to return to Manhattan often. With his absence, I believe I heard a collective sigh of relief from all of the undergraduate psychology majors who will be presenting papers at the annual Undergraduate Research Convocation in the spring.

The year ahead promises to be another exciting one. The Dean has given us permission to recruit two, perhaps three, new faculty. As with all psychology departments around the country, we are assessing our long-range goals and the recruiting issue will naturally be a large part of such plans.

We continue to enjoy hearing from all of our alumni and friends (in fact, this weekend a 1984 graduate was in town for the football game and she re-introduced herself to me at the mall; it was great to hear how well she was doing in her career as a lawyer). Keeping in touch with everyone is certainly a valued benefit of working in this department. I hope you will all feel welcome to correspond with us.

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## RETIREMENT HONORS



On May 24, 1998, a very special retirement party was celebrated at the Wareham Opera House. We celebrated the 1998 retirements of Professors Thad Cowan and Charles Thompson and the 1997 retirement of James Mitchell. At their request, it was an informal affair with good food and drink and fine fellowship with old friends and family. All gifts and speeches were expressly forbidden, although contributions to

favorite charities were accepted. Having all come to KSU in the 1960s, our three colleagues together represent almost one hundred years of service to the KSU Department of Psychology! They will all be greatly missed.

Thad has moved to Ogden, Utah, to join his wife Peg Wherry, who has lived and worked there for several years. Chuck remains in Manhattan (at least much of the time), where his wife Carolyn has several more years as an Architecture professor before retirement. Jim has already been traveling around camping, having spent much of last winter in the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas.

Congratulations on your many years of exceptional service to KSU. Enjoy your retirement! With all these retirements, there will be many new faces here on our faculty. Two of those have already joined us. Meet them below.

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## NEW FACULTY PROFILES: Deidra J. Schleicher, Kip Smith



*Deidra J. Schleicher*

Deidra was born and raised in a tiny town in MN named Millville; a town so tiny there were no names on the two streets, unless you count “main street” and “the back street” as names (Deidra lived on main street). The most interesting aspect of

growing up was being the daughter of a third-generation funeral director (kids can be cruel). Such an experience undoubtedly influenced the path “undertaken” by her!

Deidra’s desire to be an Industrial/Organizational (I/O) psychologist was shaped mainly by two significant experiences: (1) the great education in psychology she received at a small liberal arts college; and (2) what she did to earn money during the summers while in college. After graduating from high school, Deidra attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA, a school which has become famous (well, not exactly) for its “One-Course-At-A-Time” program. There she had the benefit of hands-on experience with psychological research, and one-on-one contact with some incredible psychology professors, who helped foster her growing interest in and aptitude for psychology. She loved all the psychology classes she took, with the only problem being the realization that one day (when she grew up) she would have to decide which area of psychology to go into. (Unlike English professors, psychologists can get away with ending a sentence in a preposition.) Fortunately, however, the second significant experience—her summer job—made it clear that I/O was the natural choice.

For five summers, Deidra worked as a quality control person in a vegetable canning factory in MN. In addition to

observing things that would make anyone want to avoid canned vegetables for the rest of their life (and then some), she also observed a lot about organizational behavior and management. That experience remains, to this day, the single best course she has ever had in what organizations should not do.

Upon graduating from Cornell College in 1993 (proud of her Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa status), she began graduate school at The Pennsylvania State University. It was quite a culture shock to go from her Cornell classes which were capped at 25 students to her first job as a TA for an Intro to Psychology course of 400 students! Deidra originally planned to earn her Ph.D. in I/O and then make “big money” going to work for industry. However, she quickly fell in love with both teaching and research (as well as the Nittany Lions), and it soon became clear that she would be taking an academic path.

While at Penn State, her research interests and experience centered around the influence of training interventions and cognitive and personality variables on organizational behavior. Specific areas included cognitive aspects of the performance appraisal training process (e.g., impression content, aptitude-treatment interactions); self-management training interventions; the cognitive variable of self-complexity; and the construct validity of “alternative” predictors of performance (e.g., self-monitoring personality and assessment centers). She hopes to continue her work on assessment centers and self-management training, adapting them to the university setting.

Last December, Deidra accepted a job here at Kansas State. She is happy to be returning to the Midwest, and even happier to be at a school with a football team to rival Penn State’s!



*Kip Smith*

In 1965, Kip was one of 66 teens in the first year of a new coeducational boarding school, the Athenian School, 40 miles east of his home in San Francisco. Classes were small. Discussion was the norm. By the time he graduated, the school had grown to

125 students. He moved on to a bigger school, St. John's College in Santa Fe, NM, with an enrollment of 225. St. John's is the "great Books" school; it offers one curriculum. Everyone majors in philosophy, with texts written by the great thinkers of the Western world, from Homer to Heidegger. There were no lectures, only reading, conversation, and a dab of laboratory experimentation. By the time Kip graduated, he was convinced that any question that had a right answer was not worth asking.

Unfortunately, a degree in liberal education didn't pay the rent. To support himself he took a job as a lab technician with the U.S. Geological Survey, because he figured it would be a good place to understand where, why, and how hot water came out of the ground in the Jemez Mountains. At St. John's he'd had many a fine party in the Jemez Hot Springs. Kip's interest in geothermal energy also led him to a University of New Mexico research assistantship working on the electromagnetic mapping of the plumbing of the Jemez volcanic pile. It took him four years to make up undergraduate requirements and get a master's in geophysics. He heard his first lecture along the way and didn't much like it. Physics was the worst: so many equations, so many right answers, so much droning on from the professor. The fun part was figuring out how to get the earth to reveal its secrets.

Kip spent the next 12 years in geophysical research in both universities and industry. He found a lot of great hot springs in Nevada and Oregon and developed computer tools that others would use to find copper and oil. During this time he met and married geologist Monica Clement; they recently

celebrated their 20th anniversary. Once Kip had moved up the professional ladder and became confined to an office, his interest turned to capturing the thinking of skilled geophysical analysts as they interpreted data. He started writing computer programs that were a type of expert system. Not the more familiar type of system that spits out solutions to endless dreary problems, these were systems built by and for skilled people to help them define and improve what they did so well.

When British Petroleum gave all its American employees (including Kip and Monica) "involuntary severance packages," they set off to the University of Minnesota to pursue new careers, Kip in research on skilled decision making and Monica in science education. Kip received a Ph.D. in Business Administration (Information and Decision Science) in 1996. His dissertation research concerned expertise in foreign currency trading. SPOT, the computer system he built to emulate traders' thinking, trades as well as most traders and, more critically, predicts their mistakes.

Since 1993, Kip has been Principal Investigator on an FAA-funded interdisciplinary research program on decision making in Free Flight. Free Flight is an impending reorganization of commercial aviation in which pilots will make some of the decisions currently made by air traffic controllers. The goal of Kip's FAA research is to understand the constraints on safe and efficient decisions about routing and separation. To this end, his students conduct laboratory and field studies of air traffic controllers and airline pilots as they work to keep aircraft on course and out of harm's way. The analysis of outcome, psychophysiological, and process data help build information processing models of decision making and knowledge systems that test those models.

Kip and some Minnesota colleagues recently received an NSF grant to collect PET scans of the brains of people making choices under uncertainty, risk, and ambiguity. This work will be the first to link experimental economics, cognitive psychology, and neuroscience in an attempt to establish the neural foundations of choice.

When Kip recently joined the Psychology Department at KSU, Monica joined the Geology Department. Both are happy to be together at K-State.

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## ALUMNI SURVEYS

During the 1998–99 school year the IDEA Center at KSU will be surveying graduating seniors and one-year and four-year alumni. If you are in one of these groups, please take a few minutes to respond to these surveys. These are a very important part of our ongoing process of program evaluation, and we depend on this feedback to make appropriate modifi-

cations to our undergraduate and graduate programs. These surveys are on a four-year cycle, so you won't be asked to complete one again until the next millennium (2002–2003, to be exact). Incidentally, one of the major people behind these surveys is our own Amy Gross (KSU Ph.D. in Industrial Psychology).



## STUDENT GROUP NEWS



*Department Head Stephen Kiefer visits with grad student Rickey Thomas and his wife Lisa at the fall picnic.*

### **GAPS (Graduate Association of Psychology Students)**

GAPS continued to play an active role in the department during the 1997–98 academic year, starting off with a variety of activities to welcome the incoming graduate students. Events included the traditional mentor-protégé dinner at 12th Street Pub, social events for students and faculty at Last Chance and Porter's, and the fall department picnic at Keats Park. Throughout the course of the year, GAPS provides for the well-being of our graduate students by maintaining the department library, participating in faculty meetings and search committees, and planning social events such as bowling, football tailgating, the Halloween costume party, wallyball, the annual Valentine's Day Edible Art Contest, golf, and the spring picnic at Keats.

In addition to the regular services that GAPS provides to graduate students, we are also looking to provide a new opportunity for financial support. Presently, graduate students are not provided with any type of financial assistance to attend professional meetings. We are therefore investigating the possibility of setting up an account at the KSU Foundation. Tax-deductible donations from KSU Psychology Alumni would provide the investment base. The interest generated from the account would provide necessary travel awards to graduate students for the purpose of attending professional conferences. At this point, the account is only in the discussion phase. We are curious to hear from alumni with your thoughts on this project. You can e-mail Helen Kaczmarek ([nator@ksu.edu](mailto:nator@ksu.edu)) or the department ([psych@ksu.edu](mailto:psych@ksu.edu)). Also, feel free to fax (785-532-5401) or phone (785-532-6850) your comments.

The newly elected '98–'99 officers (Jeff Bartel, Nina Turner, Helen Kaczmarek, and Mike Tagler) are looking forward to another exciting year. GAPS invites any and all alumni to keep in touch (especially if you know of job openings or internship possibilities!) through the departmental web page ([www.ksu.edu/psych](http://www.ksu.edu/psych)), or by e-mailing Jeff Bartel at [jbartel@ksu.edu](mailto:jbartel@ksu.edu).

—Helen Kaczmarek

### **BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK '98**

March 16–22 marked National Brain Awareness Week this year. This was the third year for the national campaign, which was started by the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and the Society for Neuroscience. For a second consecutive year, the K-State Psychology Department has participated at the local level by visiting Manhattan elementary and middle schools to do presentations on the brain. Graduate students Katherine Hill, Helen Kaczmarek, and Jeff Sable, along with Professor Stephen Kiefer, led teams of undergraduate students to the schools. The program reached a much larger audience this year, with multiple classes participating at each school.

As with Brain Awareness Week '97, this year's program was a big success. The school presentations are a great opportunity to foster an interest in the brain in youngsters. The younger children learn the importance of what the brain does for them, while the older children and their teachers recognize the importance of brain research. The presentations feature several brain specimens, including rat, dog, sheep, cow, horse, and human. The students also participated in sensation and memory demonstrations.

Dr. Kiefer and his graduate students look forward to Brain Awareness Week '99. This year, the Psychology Department is also planning a Brain Bee competition for high school students from northeast Kansas. Teams of 2–3 students will compete against one another in February 1999. The first place team will win a slot in the National Brain Bee competition, which will be held in Washington DC during Brain Awareness Week. The Brain Bee offers an exciting new addition to Brain Week and an opportunity to foster enthusiasm for the brain in adolescents.

—Katherine Hill

### **PSI CHI**

The undergraduate honorary organization, Psi Chi, continued its usual activities during the 1997–98 school year. These included field trips, tightrope-running rat demonstrations at KSU Open House, and the spring banquet at Clyde's Restaurant. Officers for 1998–99 are Olivia Lee Ann Guerra (President), Sara Hernstrom and Brian Zamzow (Vice-Presidents), and Megan Ellithorpe (Secretary/Treasurer).

—Richard Harris

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## ALUMNI NEWS

**William Cooper** (M.S., 1970) teaches in the Biology Department at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne IN. He has been an active researcher for many years, having published over 130 papers on the behavior, ecology, and evolution of lizards, with emphasis on pheromonal communication and chemosensory identification of food in relation to diet and foraging mode. He reports that this research has given him good excuses to travel, most notably several trips to southern Africa. He has a grown son Charlie from his first marriage, and he and his wife Donnie have two daughters Alexandra and Anna (ages 9 and 12) (cooperw@ipfw.edu).

**Burrton Woodruff** (B.S., 1963, M.S., 1967, Ph.D., 1970) continues to teach at Butler University in Indianapolis (599 W. Westfield Blvd., #36, Indianapolis, IN 46208, e-mail: woodruff@butler.edu).

**Randy Zohn** (B.S., 1975) has worked as a School Psychologist with the Harvey County Special Education Coop in Newton KS for the last 21 years, after receiving a M.S. in School Psychology from Fort Hays State University in 1977. He and his wife Kathi live in Newton with their children Ryan (19) and Shannon (17). (619 Terrace Ct., Newton, KS 67114).

**Cia Verschelden** (B.S., 1976) rejoined the Social Work faculty at KSU this fall after spending two years working with the Lubicon Cree Native Canadians in Little Buffalo, Alberta, sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee. She and her husband Dean Denner have children Patty (18), Emma (10), Abe (7), and John (5) (e-mail: cia@ksu.edu).

**Jaime Boaz Dubitsky** (B.S., 1980) and her husband **Tony M. Dubitsky** (Ph.D., 1982) recently moved to Denver, CO, where Tony is working as Director of Database Development at Western Union.

**Gerdi Weidner** (Ph.D., 1981) is Professor of Psychology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She does research on the behavioral and psychosocial factors in the etiology of coronary heart disease. In April 1998 she gave a guest colloquium at KSU.

**Bernie Carducci** (Ph.D., 1981) is Professor of Psychology at Indiana University-Southeast, New Albany IN. His textbook *The Psychology of Personality: Viewpoints, Research, and Applications* was recently published by Brooks-Cole. He is working on a second textbook, on theories of personality, also for Brooks-Cole (Division of Social Sciences, Indiana University Southeast, 4201 Grant Line Road, New Albany, IN 47150-6405, bcarducc@IUS.Indiana.edu)

**Alan Abramowitz** (B.S., 1982) is currently Legal Counsel for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Previously Alan earned a law degree from Florida State University, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer 1990-92, and was a prosecutor and criminal defense attorney. Alan and his wife Jodi

Katzin have a son Brennan Michael, who will be two in December 1998; they live in Orlando, FL (AlanJodi@juno.com).

**Angela Mangione Spencer** (B.A., 1983) is a Clinical Psychologist in private practice in Solana Beach, CA, specializing in group, marital, and family therapy. She also teaches at the University of Phoenix in San Diego and coordinates the Colloquium Series for the local California School of Professional Psychology, where she had earlier received her Psy.D. degree. She and her husband Marshall have been married 27 years and have two children Lucas (18) and Jennifer (13). (3509 Chauncey Rd., Oceanside, CA 92056).

**Kim O'Gilvie-Franz** (B.S., 1987) still lives in Manhattan and works in tax and financial planning for Keating and Associates, Inc. She uses her KSU work in Gerontology and Psychology in relating to the firm's many older clients, with whom she feels a particular affinity. Kim is married with two children (e-mail: weezer8@juno.com).

**Daphne A. Ulveling** (B.S., 1987) received her M.S. in Counselor Education and Educational Psychology from KSU in 1990 and later worked as a Community Support Specialist for Region VI of the Eastern Nebraska Behavioral Health Administration in Omaha, NE. She worked with individuals diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness, trying to keep them out of psychiatric hospitals. Daphne has three grown children, John, Elizabeth, and Margaret, and twin grandchildren born in April 1997. (1216 N. 95th Ave., Omaha, NE 68114-2239, e-mail: dulveling@pop.omah.uswest.com).

**Lawrence M. Schoen** (Ph.D., 1987) continues as director of the Klingon Language Institute in Flourtown, PA. Lawrence has been active in building up the institute, which now has over 1600 members in 45 countries. The institute publishes an academic quarterly journal, as well as collections of fiction and poetry written in Klingon. A translation of Hamlet into Klingon has been completed, and a translation of the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into Klingon is underway. Lawrence also is actively at work as a science fiction writer, having completed one novel and published several stories. He and his wife Janet live near Philadelphia, PA.

**Therese Meyer** (B.S., 1989) recently completed her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Auburn University. After a clinical internship at the Health Sciences Center at West Virginia University and a Predoctoral Fellowship position at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine for three years, Therese recently began working as a staff psychologist at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL.

**David A. Watson** (B.S., 1990) works as a professional photographer in and around Summit County, Colorado, specializing in portrait and wedding photography. He also publishes articles and photographs regularly in the local *Breckenridge Magazine*. In summer 1997 David had some photographs



*Student researcher Suzanne Jones (l) shares a happy moment with her grad student mentor Jenean Flanagan (r) after the Undergraduate Research Convocation.*

shown at a major art exhibition in Denver. David reports using his psychology degree every day in his work as a photographer! (P.O. Box 5123, Breckenridge, CO 80424).

**Stephani Johns** (B.S., 1991) works as an Intensive Supervision Officer for Sedgwick County. She and her husband Dilan live with their children in Mulvane, KS.

**Edmond Leboeuf** (B.S., 1992) received his Master's degree in Public Administration and a graduate certificate in Community Development from KSU in 1994 and an Associate degree as a Legal Assistant from Washburn University in 1997. Ed works in Topeka, KS as the Legal Assistant to the Chief Counsel of the Kansas Department of Transportation.

**Danny Aschebrook** (B.S., 1992) is attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne IN. He is also a Chaplain Candidate in the National Guard. He and his wife Deb are fixing up a small house they bought, as well as raising their two children Abeni (7) and Caleb (2). (910 Lagro Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804-1124, daschebrook@juno.com)

**James Glenn** (B.S., 1992) is a program director for Mental Health Association of the Heartland in Kansas City KS. He supervises several programs, working primarily with mentally ill substance abusers. James completed his Master's degree in Social Work in May 1998.

**Tiffany Smith** (B.S., 1993) works for Random House Publishers in Nashville, TN and was planning a 1998 wedding.

**Heather Carmichael Whealy** (B.S., 1993) works as a Certified Early Intervention Specialist for the Early Childhood Intervention Program in Fort Worth, TX. She works in the home with children from birth to three years who have medical needs or developmental delays. Heather and her husband Britt Whealy were expecting their first child in early 1998.

**Kamila ("Kami") White** (B.S., 1993) recently began her predoctoral residency/internship at the Brown University School of Medicine Clinical Psychology Consortium, receiving special training in Behavioral Medicine. Upon completion of this, she will receive her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Kimberlee (Deck) Budke** (B.S., 1993) completed her degree in occupational therapy at Kansas Newman College in 1997 and is now a registered occupational therapist at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Her husband Brent works for First Choice Consulting, which develops and installs software for hospitals across the United States. (11535 W. 14th St. Circle, Wichita, KS 67212).

**Sabrina (Chain) Daveline** (B.S., 1993) completed her nursing degree (R.N.) in 1997 and now works in the Operating Room at Menorah Medical Center in Kansas City. She and her husband Dan, who is a CPA, live at 14207 Hardy, Overland Park, KS 66203.

**Greta Ann Herin** (B.S., 1994) is now working on her doctorate in Neurobiology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School. She is studying NMDA receptor function under hypoxic conditions (837 Mirror St.,#2, Pittsburgh, PA 15217).



*Doctoral student Andy Karafa explains his poster to fellow grad student Kelley Folkerts.*



**Carla (Hayes) Whitman** (B.S., 1994) is a Business Analyst in the Information Technology Systems group at Sprint, for whom she has worked since graduation from KSU. She works in Contracts Management and Measurement, where she manages acquisition of computers and helps develop technical standards and products that Sprint will support. She started working on her Project Management Certificate in 1998. Carla was married in February 1997 to a 1995 KSU grad in Architecture (8320 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114; e-mail: CWhitman@igate.sprint.com).

**Dori Hilker** (B.S., 1995) is currently in her second year of a Psy.D. program at Baylor University. Before that she completed her master's degree in Clinical Psychology at Emporia State University, where she decided she really liked clinical work but did not want a career in academia (510 Hawthorne Dr., Apt. 403, Waco, TX 76710).

**Gretchen Meyer Upton** (B.A., 1995) works as a Senior Research Assistant at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, KS. She and her husband Kory Upton live in Rossville, KS and have a two-year-old son Oliver (e-mail: mamuwaldi@aol.com).

**Mary M. Miller** (B.S., 1995) continues work toward her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at the University of Akron. She returned briefly to K-State to marry Joseph Lewis on October 10, 1998 at Danforth Chapel.

**Kristin D. Janssen** (B.S., 1995) recently received her M.S. degree in Counseling Psychology from Oklahoma State University and is now working for Carr and Associates, a psychological consulting firm in the Kansas City area. She lives in Lenexa, KS (e-mail:kristinj@juno.com).

**Brad M. Hastings** (Ph.D., 1995) is beginning his fourth year as Assistant Professor of Psychology at Adams State College in Alamosa, CO. He and his wife Maria have a two-year-old son Adam.

**Kimberly Harper** (M.S., 1995) and her husband Gary had their first child, Sullivan Gabriel Harper, in December 1997. Kim started a new job as an analyst for Metromail in November 1997. They live in Lincoln, NE. (e-mail: kimberly.harper@metromail.com or kkggharper@sprynet.com).

**Charles C. Horn** (Ph.D., 1995) continues his postdoctoral research at Columbia University on the controls of feeding behavior in *Aplysia* (sea slugs). In addition he teaches a neuroanatomy course at the medical school. His wife Clelia graduated from New York University Dental School in 1998. Charles and Clelia's son Marcus Stephan Horn was born May 22, 1997. (E-mail: cch27@columbia.edu).

**Aimee N. Rieck** (B.S., 1996) uses her degree in I/O Psychology in her work as a Support Representative in the Staffing Services Department at Barnett Bank in Tampa, FL. She does support work for three recruiters in a high volume office and also attends job fairs and administers biodata surveys used in personnel selection.

**Julie Partridge** (B.S., 1996) recently completed her master's degree in Sport Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is now working on her doctorate at Colorado State University.

**Julia Pounds** (Ph.D., 1996) has moved to Oklahoma City, where she works as a researcher for the Federal Aviation Administration.



*"Mr. Shredded Paper Snowman" greets visitors to the department office.*

**David M. Schrag** (M.S., 1996) spent a year studying in Berlin and currently is a non-degree student in anthropology at the University of Kansas. David and longtime sweetheart Tina Huang were recently married in Hillsboro, KS on October 10, 1998.

**John M. Hill** (B.S., 1996) recently received his master's degree in Human Resources and Industrial Relations from the University of Minnesota and has begun working in Cleveland OH for Allied Signal as a Human Resources Generalist (1436 Hunters Chase, #1B, Westlake, OH 44145).

**Travis S. Brown** (B.S., 1996) is now working on his master's degree in International Relations in the Department of Political Science at KSU. He spent summer 1998 working in a friend's business in Cannes, France and traveling in Europe. Travis was also recently married, to a Ukrainian exchange student at KSU (e-mail: dingo@ksu.edu).

**Shannon Jacobson** (B.S., 1996) was married in May 1997 and moved to Worcester, MA, where she is in the master's program in counseling at Boston College.

**Christine Giarmo** (Ph.D., 1996) recently completed a year of teaching in a temporary faculty position at Morehead State University in Morehead, KY. She and her husband **Gerald Giarmo** (Ph.D., 1997) are now in the Clinical Psychology Recertification Program at the American School of Professional Psychology in Arlington, VA, where they plan to become recertified as clinical psychologists.



*Santa Claus (a.k.a. Professor Thad Cowan) checks his computer files to see who has been naughty and nice.*

**Angela Helmick** (B.S., 1997) is now living in Lanham, Maryland (suburban DC area) and working as a Community Living Specialist. In this position she helps 15 severely and persistently mentally ill clients maintain independent living. Her fiancé Tim Benson recently began his work on a Ph.D. in Kinesiology at the University of Maryland.

**Gina Engel** (B.S., 1997) has recently begun studies toward her master's degree in Clinical Psychology at Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS. She spent time working at the Regional Crisis Center in Manhattan for her Psychological Technician internship and time following that.

**Deborah Gilbert** (B.S., 1997) was married "to a great person" in September 1997 and currently lives in suburban VA in the Washington DC area.

**Thuy Pham** (M.S., 1997) is now beginning her second year in the M.S. program in Anthropology at the University of Kansas, with a specialty in acculturation in Asian-Americans. She is also engaged to KSU psychology doctoral student J. Andrew Karafa; they are planning a summer 1999 wedding in Michigan.

**Cari Robison** (B.S., 1997) is now in her second year of working on her master's degree in Clinical Psychology at Washburn University (robisonc@washburn.edu).

**Aaron Wichman** (B.A., 1997) is beginning the Ph.D. program in Social Psychology at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, after a year of teaching German 1 and German 2 classes at KSU.

**Jacob Arnett** (B.S., 1998) is beginning medical school at the University of Kansas. Jake plans to become a Family Practice physician someday.

**Prasanth Reddy** (B.S., 1998) is also in his first year of medical school at the University of Kansas.

**Nicole Knopp** (B.S., 1998), **Jennifer Campbell** (B.S., 1998), **Candace Schultheiss** (B.S., 1998), and **Joyce Christensen** (B.S., 1997) all recently began working toward their M.S. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at KSU. They are the "transition class," as the I/O Master's program moves from a residential to a distance-learning program.

**Brandi Trujillo** (B.S., 1998) was recently married and is living near Philadelphia, PA.

**Noah Mosier** (B.S., 1998) is a first-year law student at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS.

**Tracey Russell** (B.S., 1998) is a first-year law student at Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS.

**René Forst** (B.S., 1998) recently began graduate study for a master's degree in clinical psychology at Washburn University, Topeka, KS.

**Jeffrey A. Gibbons** (Ph.D., 1998) is now Assistant Professor of Psychology at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI.

**W. Richard Walker** (Ph.D., 1998) is now Assistant Professor at Winston-Salem University in High Point, NC. Before that he briefly worked in medical research in northern Kentucky.

**Shanna Dick** (B.S., 1998) recently started work on her M.S. in Youth and Adolescence in the Marriage and Family Therapy program in the College of Human Ecology at KSU. Shanna also was married on July 18 to Ben Trujillo, a teacher and coach at Manhattan High School.

**Amy Benson** (B.S., 1998) also recently began in the Youth and Adolescence M.S. program in Marriage and Family Therapy in the College of Human Ecology at KSU.

**Amanda Chamberlain** (B.S., 1998) is now an Admission Representative for K-State. In her work she travels around the state recruiting students for KSU.

**Lyndsey Miller** (B.S., 1998) is beginning graduate study for a master's degree in counseling at University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**Regina Dulac-McKinney** (B.S., 1998) recently began graduate study in English at KSU in the area of creative writing.



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**Sacha Haukenberry** (B.S., 1998) recently began study for her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at Oklahoma State University.

**Douglas A. Peterson** (Ph.D., 1998) continues in his second year of teaching at the University of South Dakota, in their Ph.D. Human Factors program. Doug and his wife Sara live in Vermilion, SD.

**Guy Vitaglione** (Ph.D., 1998) recently began teaching in a tenure-track position at West Virginia Institute of Technology, near Charleston, WV.



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