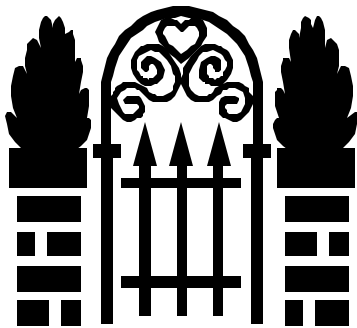


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Thoughts from the Department Chair



The department had an exciting year. We have bright new faculty who have done an excellent job and we have an excellent new graduate cohort. The department has been busy transitioning to the new ASHA certification standards therefore we have made some curriculum changes. There are no academic courses during the externship semester, allowing students to arrange a site that is interesting to them in any location. Recently, we added contractual arrangements with several pediatric and adult medical settings in surrounding states.

Perhaps one of the most exciting aspects of the year has been the receipt of a number of special gifts to the department. An alumna of the university made a generous donation to the Speech and Hearing Center, and part of this will be used to fund our Silent Lunch program with the deaf community and our students. One of the clients and his wife continue to make generous donations to the center, and this year we will be updating our video recording and therapy equipment with their donation. An alumna of our program made a generous gift allowing

us to supplement our Therapy Materials Library with her donation. Finally, we now have an endowment from the estate of Willie Mae Gillis (a previous client) and proceeds from this gift may be used in part to fund several graduate assistantships. These individuals will be honored at our fall symposium luncheon.

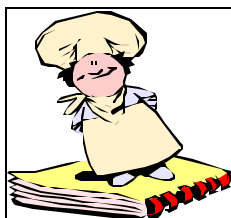
Blessings abound. We are thankful indeed. We hope that you have had a good year. We are proud of our alumni and we hope to see you at the fall symposium in October!

Dr. Mary Beth Armstrong

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NSSLHA News



NSSLHA Cook-books are available in the department for \$10.

NSSLHA has had a busy spring semester. They produced a cookbook to sell to raise money for the local chapter. They also sponsored a walk-a-thon for Communication Independence for the Neurologically Impaired (CINI), a non-profit organization that purchases augmentative & alternative communication equipment for those persons who are unable to afford

this type of technology. During this event they raised approximately \$1400.00 for this worthwhile organization.

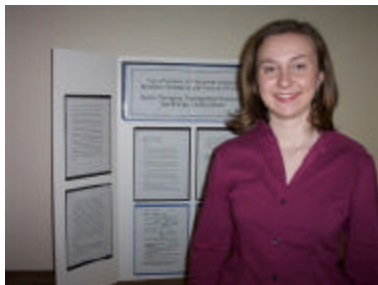
This spring our graduate students repainted the walls and furniture of the upstairs speech and language play therapy room. The walls are sky blue with white clouds. The room looks great! The work of our students is an ex-

ample of their commitment, caring, and character. We have a great group of students who will become excellent clinicians.

The NSSLHA executive board and all of the members have done an amazing job throughout the semester and should be commended for their hard work!

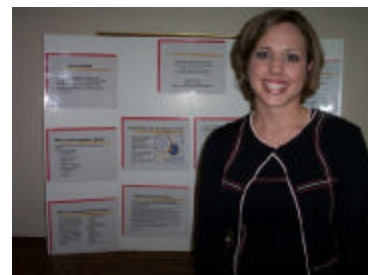
Undergraduate Research

Undergraduate Research Day



Jessica Thompson at Undergraduate Research Day, "Voice Problems and Teachers".

In February, 2003, two students from our department presented their work at the university wide Undergraduate Research Day. Holley O'Connell presented "Post Traumatic Brain Injury." Dr. Johnson was the faculty mentor. Jessica Thompson presented "Voice Problems and Teachers." Mr. Phillips was the faculty mentor for her research. Congratulations to both students for their fine work and effort.



Holley O'Connell at Undergraduate Research Day, "Post Traumatic Brain Injury."

Mid-South Conference on Communicative Disorders

Ashley Gillespie, Jessica Thompson, and Mr. Dan Phillips presented a poster session at the Mid-South Conference on Communicative Disorders in March, 2003. Their research was the culmination of nearly 500 teacher surveys on voice use and voice problems. If you are interested in the results of the study or would like suggestions for teachers with voice problems go to the web site: www.bham-ent.com/voice_problems_and_teachers.



Dan Phillips, Ashley Gillespie and Jessica Thompson in Memphis.

Organized in 1970, the Mid-South Conference is the oldest and largest student sponsored conference in the

country, drawing over 750 attendees from the U.S. and Canada. It features a variety of nationally and internationally recognized guest speakers in the field of communication disorders

who offer workshops and short courses. The conference is organized and conducted by the graduate students of The University of Memphis Chapter of NSSLHA. Next year's conference will be March 11-12, 2004 at the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, TN. We encourage our students to attend this conference. For more information check: www.ausp.memphis.edu/nsslha/conference.html

Alumni Notes

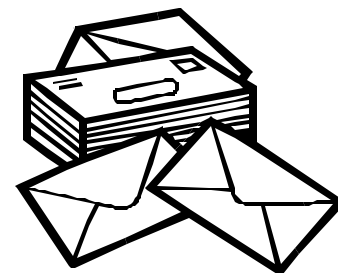
We want to keep in touch with our graduates! Please let us know what is going on in your career. Mail a letter with your news to the clinic address:

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Or send an e-mail to:
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We are especially interested in your address changes and updates regarding employment, marriage, births, etc.

This section of the newsletter is reserved for you!



Keep in touch!

Faculty News

Dr. Armstrong represented the department at the annual Council of Academic Programs and has been working collaboratively with the other chairs in Alabama regarding implementation of the new ASHA standards. She has completed several book reviews for Allyn and Bacon Publishers. Dr. Armstrong will be serving as consultant for the UAB "Putting Reading First" grant. Our graduate students will participate in pre and post assessments. This federal grant focuses on improving educational outcomes for children in low income, low achievement populations.

Dana Boyd will be attending the SEUCD conference in North Carolina. The conference is attended by university clinic directors from the entire southeast. The meeting last year was held in Montevallo. Ms. Boyd will be representing the University of Montevallo at this year's conference. She continues to teach CSD 101 and is developing computer software to track clinic hours for supervisors and students.

Dr. Johnson presented a seminar at the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama (SHAA) on return to school and work post traumatic brain injury. She was also the academic advisor for an undergraduate student conducting research in the area of pragmatics and traumatic brain injury. Dr. Johnson attended the spring meeting of the Legislative Council of ASHA in Washington, DC. She will be participating in a research project at Spain Rehab involving persons with TBI and their ability to use the telephone.

Linda Murdock has recently co-authored and published a program. The program, "Joining In: A Program for Teaching Social Skills," was published through the Autism Asperger Publishing Company. Murdock offered a social skills intervention group this summer, for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) through the Speech and Hearing Center. She continues doctoral work at the University of Alabama.

Dan Phillips taught Seminar in Cleft Palate in Summer II. The class visited the Speech Pathology Lab in Craniofacial Services at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and the Speech Pathology Department at Children's Hospital of Alabama. He continues work towards his doctoral degree.

Dani Waldrep started an early intervention program for children with communication disorders at our Speech and Hearing Center during Summer I. Recently she visited Hand in Hand Learning Center, a program of the United Cerebral Palsy of Birmingham, to observe their AAC program. Ms. Waldrep teaches Phonetics, Seminar in Articulation and AAC and Cerebral Palsy. She plans to begin her doctoral work soon.

Editor's Encouragement

Do you ever think that you don't have enough time to do everything you want to or are supposed to do? It may be that you're trying to do too much or you may need strategies to help, I do. Time management experts say that we really do not manage time but rather we manage ourselves.

There are different ways of getting more done, one way is to assess how you spend your time and determine if time interrupters or time wasters are the problem. You can also prioritize, make lists, break the task into chunks, etc.

One method that I've found helpful is

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"five minutes." Make a list of the things you've been putting off because you don't have the time such as writing a thank you note, filing papers, balancing your checking account, or writing a newsletter. Next decide to spend only five minutes on each task. I was surprised how much I could do in five minutes and I found that I actually spent

more than five minutes once I started, several of my chores were completed and others are closer.

I encourage you to try it for five minutes!



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Loretta G. Brown Fall Symposium

Mark your calendars now for the Fifth Annual Loretta G. Brown Fall Symposium, October 24th, 2003. It will be held at the University of Montevallo in Comer Hall. The featured speaker this year will be Mark Ylvisaker, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Disorders at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York. He has 25 years of clinical and program development experience with children and young adults with neurogenic, cognitive, behavioral, and communication disorders in rehabilitation and special education settings. Dr. Ylvisaker is author or editor of six books on brain injury rehabilitation, including the recently published *Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation: Children and Adolescents* and *Collaborative Brain Injury Intervention: Positive Everyday Routines*. In addition, he is author or co-author of over 80 journal articles and book chapters. He is actively engaged in

the work of several professional Organizations, serves on a number of national and international committees and on the editorial board of five journals, consults to rehabilitation and education programs in 10 countries on four continents, and presents frequently to national and international audiences on topics related to rehabilitation and education of individuals with cognitive, behavioral, and communication disability.

Dr. Ylvisaker will be speaking on *Traumatic Brain Injury: Executive function skills for both adolescents and adults*. This will be a significant conference for those working with children or adults, with traumatic brain injury. Mark, not only is an excellent author, but a skilled clinician who has much to offer in a practical yet sound theoretical manner.

The CEU credit will be approximately 6.5 hours. Registration includes lunch.

Further information regarding the symposium and registration will be mailed in September.

If you need more information please call the department at 665-6720.

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