

Kent State University Psychology Newsletter

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Please join us for the Alumni Reunion and Kent Hall Building Celebration on June 3 and 4, 2005. Besides giving you a chance to catch up with other graduates and your favorite faculty and staff members, the two-day schedule is packed with events meant to stimulate and entertain. Here is a taste of what to expect:

Friday, June 3, 2005

1-3:30 p.m. — Symposium on future directions in behavioral and social sciences (Ohio CEUs will be offered!) Featured speakers include Dr. Patricia Resick, director of Women's Health Sciences Division of the National Center for PTSD, Boston, VA Health Care System, and professor of psychiatry at Boston University; Dr. Karen Matthews, director of Cardiovascular Behavioral Research Training Program, director of the Mind-Body Institute and professor of psychiatry, epidemiology and psychology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; and Dr. Alan **Kraut**, executive director of American Psychological Society and winner of APA Presidential Citation in recognition of his efforts in the field of mental health and substance abuse.

4 p.m. — Formal celebration of the re-opening of Kent Hall

5-7 p.m. — Welcoming reception with cash bar

Saturday, June 4, 2005

10-11:30 a.m. — Building and campus tours

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Picnic with the Black Squirrels

2-5 p.m. — Dedication of Lilly Seminar Room, history of Kent Hall (Dr. Treichler-style), activities for sharing and reconnecting and decade parties (60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and beyond) for all returning students.

5-7 p.m. — Farewell reception with cash bar

The cost of the event is \$30 per person (additional \$20 if you would like to receive Ohio CEU credits for the June 3 symposium).

We would like to commemorate the event with special stories from you about your time in the psychology department, as well as updates on your life post-Kent State.

Formal invitations will be mailed later this spring to requesting R.S.V.P.s, biographical sketches and favorite memories. So, watch your mailbox and make sure we have your correct mailing address so you won't miss out! Send your information to Kathy Floody at kfloody@kent.edu or to Department of Psychology, Kent State University, PO Box 5190, Kent, OH, 44242-0001.

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Hello, alumni and friends! We're

all excited about our inaugural issue of *The Psyche*. This newsletter is especially timely, because it coincides with a new era for the department, which itself has



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been made possible by the continued success of our faculty and alumni. In this newsletter, we would like to take the opportunity to highlight some events that are responsible for the changing face of the psychology department.

Everyone is excited about the changes made to our cherished, yet somewhat weathered, Kent Hall. The beautiful grounds surrounding the building remain, but an addition has been added, which has state-of-the-art classrooms and pretty spiffy faculty offices, and the rest of Kent Hall has been entirely renovated. The new buildings are fabulous, and you are all invited to the reunion and celebration on June 3 and 4. Make sure you take a peek in the faculty lounge in the new addition. Thanks to Bob Treichler, the original Wm. S. Kent Hall sign from 1938 is hanging there.

Besides these renovations on the structure of the building, a host of new faculty have been added in numerous areas. We've included a short introduction to them in the "Meet the Faculty" section. In each edition of the newsletter, we also plan to include a

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David Riccio (left) and Roy Lilly ponder intriguing research.



continued from Page 1 lighthearted article called "What's Up Doc?" to catch you up with established members of the faculty. David Riccio seemed like a natural for this inaugural edition.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter, and I especially hope to see you at the reunion on June 3 and 4. Please save those dates and join us in celebrating the past, present and future of Kent State Psychology.

- Jan Crowther

REMEMBERING ROY (1940-2003)

Born in Rockford, Illinois, Nov. 30, 1940, Roy Sherman Lilly received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1965 and joined the Kent State University faculty in September of that same year. Dr. Lilly had a long and distinguished career at Kent State. He became a full professor in the Department of Psychology in 1974 and served as chair of the department from 1974 - 1985. He later served as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1991-1992. He was widely recognized as an outstanding teacher and received a Distinguished Teaching Award from the Kent State Alumni Association in 1998. He also received the President's Medal, the highest award given to Kent State faculty, in 2002. In 2003, Roy died after a courageous and long battle with

A star athlete in high school, he lettered in football, basketball

and baseball. His athletic interests continued at Kent State where he served as player/coach of the Department of Psychology basketball team in the Kent Recreation League. This role earned him the affectionate nickname of "Coach."

Roy obviously had a long-reaching and positive influence on the faculty and alumni of the Kent State family, as evident from Dr. Bill Merriman's tribute at Roy's memorial: "Did just about everyone like Roy? Why did they think highly of him? ... He was fair and honest. You could trust him. He was hard working. You could count on him to show up. He was a loyal friend. His decisions tended to be good ones. He was generous... And his insults and gags were pretty funny."

To learn more about Roy's legacy and to read tributes from other faculty members, visit http://dept.kent.edu/psychology/.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

A graduate of Princeton in 1962, David Riccio has been an active member of the Department of Psychology since 1965. Many of you will remember his weekly brown bags and his research on retrograde amnesia and learning — research that has enjoyed continual funding for the past 35 years.

Dave's accolades for research and

dedication to teaching are illustrious. Some highlights include receiving the Distinguished Teaching Award and the Distinguished Scientist Award from Kent State. Outside of Kent State, he has been just as well recognized, holding posts such as the president of Division 6 for the American Psychological Association and the president of the Midwestern Psychological Association.

Of all his accomplishments, however, Dave is particularly proud of his doctoral students. Roughly 35 students have successfully passed through Kent State's halls with his assistance. What pleases him the most is that the majority of his students are pursuing research that is different from his own. "I like to think that they learned something about enjoying research and becoming independent when they were here," Dave adds. Certainly, he has been a positive role model for his own students, not to mention faculty and undergraduates at Kent State.

With all this success, Dave does have one regret in particular. "Coach" Lilly arrived at Kent State in 1965 as well, and they immediately became close friends. Although their research interests differed, they joined forces to publish together. Sadly, Dave recalls that "Coach's cancer caught up with him sooner than we expected, so we never got around to doing the paper, although in his files, I found some of the relevant articles



Left to right: Updegraff, Dunlosky and Fresco

we had begun to collect."

To end on a lighter note, we asked Dave what his preferences were on a couple of life's key dimensions. Here's what he had to say: Red Sox or Yankees? "Red Sox" (Ed. He had more to say about the Yankees that may not be entirely appropriate for this newsletter.) Cats or dogs? "Dogs." Tolman or Hull? "Tolman." New building or old building? "Old building, but mainly because of the very spacious office and lovely view that I had." APA or APS? "Can't choose one over the other." Dave is obviously both a diplomat and a scholar.

MEET THE FACULTY



Left to right: Hughes, Rawson, Joynes and Van Dulmen

With all the excitement about our big move to the renovated Kent Hall, just as much excitement surrounds the newest faculty who will also be moving there. So to acquaint you with the new troops, we offer the following roll call for this edition of "Meet the Faculty."

John Dunlosky. A graduate of the University of Washington (1993),

John studies the influence of aging in adulthood on memory. He is as comfortable in the kitchen as he is in his laboratory.

David Fresco. David graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill (1999); he researches anxiety and depression as a way to integrate emotion regulation and cognitive behavioral theories. A father of two (Nicholas and Madeleine), he enjoys pursuing his passion for fine art, food and wine.

Robin Joynes. Robin finished at Texas A&M University (1998) and explores the role of spinal learning in the recovery of motor function after spinal cord injury. If you can't find her around Kent Hall, she is probably playing with her dog or searching for that elusive hole-in-one on the links.

Joel Hughes. A graduate of The Ohio State University (2001), Joel focuses on understanding how psychosocial factors such as hostility and depression increase cardiovascular risk. He is a father of two (Meagan and Morgan) and a cinch to be the leading percussionist in any band.

Katherine Rawson. Katherine joins us from the University of Colorado - Boulder (2004), and her research involves understanding and improving people's comprehension of texts. In a year, she will be hard to find in her office, which is becoming ever so populated with her family of plants.

John Updegraff. A graduate of UCLA (2002), John investigates the cognitive and emotional processes that underlie well-being and adaptation to stress. His own stress levels are at a minimum when he is creating riffs on his Gibson guitar.

Manfred Van Dulmen. Manfred

received his degree from the University of Minnesota (2001), and his research involves discovering the antecedents and consequences of antisocial behavior during adolescence. A native of the Netherlands, he is a veritable encyclopedia of sports news and statistics.

We're excited about the addition of these new members to our Kent State psychology family. We hope you get a chance to know them even better at the upcoming reunion. And don't worry, we will be showcasing all your favorite faculty in upcoming issues of the *The Psyche*.

LOOP

In each newsletter, we are going to dedicate a section to alumni so that you can renew contacts and keep in touch with fellow graduates of Kent State psychology. In The Loop will include snippets about the whereabouts and dealings of alumni and will occasionally showcase an individual who has contributed significantly to the community or field of psychology. To make In the Loop work, we'll need your help. Don't be bashful! Please share your current information with us, such as where you've been working or where you've retired and any other tidbit that you would like to share with fellow alumni. Send your information to the newsletter editor, Dr. John Dunlosky, at jdunlosk@kent.edu or Department of Psychology, Kent State University, PO Box 5190, Kent, OH, 44242-0001, and we'll make sure to get you back In The Loop.





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