Welcome to the first edition of the Behavioral Neuroscience newsletter! Please send feedback to Kris Thomason at thomason@ohsu.edu.

**GRADUATED & GRADUATING**

Tina Gremel successfully defended her thesis, "Involvement of the amygdala and nucleus accumbens in ethanol-conditioned reinforcement in mice", on April 17, 2008. Tina was selected as the Ph.D. Graduate Speaker for the 2008 School of Medicine Hooding Ceremony. In September, she will head to NIAAA.

Stephen Hansen's defense talk "Nicotinic cholinergic receptors and cocaine reward" is scheduled for Friday, July 25th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Vollum 1441. Stephen has accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, UT.

Sarah Holstein plans to defend in September 2008. In October, she will start a postdoctoral fellowship at the Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill under the direction of Dr. Clyde Hodge.

**RECRUITMENT 2008**

Thank you to the members of the 2008 Admissions/Advisory Committee: Suzanne Mitchell (chair), Chris Kroenke, Matt Lattal, Tamara Phillips, and Henryk Urbanski. Six students will matriculate in Summer/Fall 2008. They are: Antony Abraham (BS 2007 U of Michigan - Ann Arbor), Anita Cservenka (BS 2008 UCLA), Rebecca Foster (BS 2008 U of Pittsburgh), Will Giardino (BS 2008 U of Washington), Noah Gubner (BA 2005 Pitzer College), and Travis Moschak (BS 2007 U of Iowa).

We received a total of 49 applications. The median GPA was 3.47, median GRE verbal score was 555 (74%), median GRE quantitative score was 685 (68%), and median GRE analytical score was 4.5 (54%).

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

Thank you to Jeri Janowsky and John Crabbe for again offering to host the new student orientation on Wednesday, September 10th, 2008. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend. For details, please contact David Roalf (roalfd@ohsu.edu)

**2008 QUALIFYING EXAM**

The 2008 qualifying examination is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th and Friday, September 19th, 2008 in MRB 735. Pending successful completion of their 2nd year research project Lauren Dobbs, Lindsey Leigland, Jessica Siegel, James Stafford, and Charlene Voorhees will take the exam. We wish these students the best of luck and look forward to welcoming them to the world of senior student-hood.

**BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE STUDENT AWARDS 2007/08 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Allison Anacker: ARCS Scholarship. Ethan Beckley: Individual (F31) NRSA Award; Graduate Research Fellowship - jointly awarded by the APFoundation and CoGDoP; 2nd place award in the Addiction and Behavior section of the 25th Annual Student Research Forum at OHSU. Lauren Dobbs: Travel award from the Division of Basic Neuroscience and Behavioral Research at NIDA to participate in the Early Career Investigator Poster Session at APA in August 2008; Ginger Ashworth Graduate Training Award. Katie Gililand: IBNS travel award; SfN travel award; Individual (F31) NRSA award. Pete Groblewski: Ashworth Graduate Training Award; 2008 RSA Student Merit Award. Stephen Hansen: NIH travel award to attend and present data at the APA conference in August of 2007. Sarah Holstein: IBANGS annual meeting travel award; selected for an oral presentation at the meeting. Lauren Milner: RSA travel award; IBANGS outstanding young investigator award; Individual (F31) NRSA award. Trish Pruis: ARCS Scholarship; a NDSEG Fellowship (Sept 2007-Sept 2010); N. L. Tartar Research Fellowship (2008); nominated by Oregon Chapter SfN for SfN Next Generation Award (June 2008). David Roalf: Fellowship at the Multimodal Neuroimaging Training Program hosted jointly by the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon.

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Angela Scibelli: IBANGS Travel Award; Ashworth Graduate Training Award.
Jessica Siegel: American Foundation for Aging Research (AFAR) fellowship award; ARCS Scholarship.
Laura Villasana: Ashworth Graduate Training Award; OHSU Student Research Award for oral presentation.
Charlene Voorhees: ARCS scholarship; student merit travel award for RSA.

**NEWS**

5th year graduate student, Katie Gililland, will marry Elad Kaufman (3rd year Phys/Pharm student) on August 2, 2008.

4th year graduate student, Laura Villasana, and Veronica Galvan welcomed their daughter to the world. Healthy baby girl, Camille, was born on May 29, 2008.

Faculty member Matt Lattal, and his wife, Jen, welcomed their third child and first daughter. Calista Maas Lattal was born June 29, 2008.

After a 12 year courtship, faculty members Greg Mark and Deb Finn are engaged!

Ph.D. graduates Nate Rystad and Janel Boyce-Rustay proudly welcome the birth of their first child. Daughter Lorelei Genevieve was born on May 20, 2008.

Faculty member Kari Buck and Tim Scherer presented their daughter, Anna, with a baby sister. Leah Nicole Scherer was born on April 21, 2008.

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**Bob Hitzemann**

(A.K.A. "FEARLESS LEADER")

Bob received his PhD in Pharmacology from the University of California, San Francisco in 1975. Since that time, his faculty positions have included: Acting Assistant Professor, UCSF (1975 - 1976); Adjunct Assistant Professor, UCSF (1976 - 1979); Assistant Professor, University of Cincinnati (1979 - 1981); Associate Professor, SUNY Stony Brook (1981-1992); Professor, SUNY Stony Brook (1992 - 2000). In 2000, he accepted the position as Professor and Chair of the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience at OHSU. He has mentored two OHSU PhD students, Tarra Gupta-Barot and Ronnie Dhaher, and has served on many advisory and dissertation committees. Bob lives with his wife, Barb, on a farm in Newberg Oregon. He has two daughters, Heather and Kristin, and two granddaughters, Isobel and Chloe. He also shares his farm with two dogs, three cats, four llamas, countless plants, and 600 grape vines.

**Last Book Read:** The Elegant Universe, by Brian Greene

**Favorite run:** Fairfax to top of Mt. Tamalpais (Marin County, CA)

**Longest run:** Around Mt. Hood (42 miles)

**Who should be profiled next? Suggestions are welcome!**

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