Psychology News -- Week of October 13, 2008

PUBLICATION

Eric Turkheimer had a paper published with Susan South who got her Ph.D. in 2006 from the department:


ANNALS of the DEPARTMENT

Why does Psychology share a building with the Biology Department?

[We thank our Librarian Sandi Dulaney for delving into her records and making this information available]

Before moving to Gilmer Hall in 1963, the Psychology department was in the basement of Peabody Hall. Peabody Hall is the building between Newcomb Hall and McCormick and now it serves as the Undergraduate Admissions Office. At the time, the Biology department occupied a small space in Miller Hall near Alderman Library. Miller Hall has been demolished in 2002 to make way for Harrison Institute and Small Special Collections Library.

These two departments didn't have any similar research interests but each desperately needed more space, so they decided to join forces to convince the University of their needs. Dr. Frank Finger, who was a faculty member between 1942 and 1985 said in an interview with Sandi Dulaney:

"Back in those day, we were not even certain we would get along, but if we joined together, we'd have a better chance. There was a whole lot of politics involved"

After years of negotiations, both departments moved to Gilmer Hall in 1963.

Next week in the Newsletter: Who is Gilmer Hall named after?

DEPARTMENT in NUMBERS

In 2007-2008, the department awarded 350 Bachelors degrees. Here is their distribution by ethnicity:

- African American: 42 (12%)
- Asian American: 41 (11.7%)
- Hispanic American: 22 (6.3%)
- Native American: 2 (0.6%)
- Non-resident alien: 9 (2.6%)
White American: 211 (60.3%)
23 (6.6%) were unclassified.

EVENTS of the WEEK

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

- Sensory and Systems Neuroscience Lunch: 12:30pm-2pm, GIL B001
  Journal club and group discussion, Recent Advances in the Neurobiology of Addiction

Friday, October 17, 2008

- Clinical Lunch: 12pm, GIL 225
  Mia Smith Bynum, Ph.D., Racial Socialization in African American Adolescents