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In Remembrance Dean E. Williams

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It is with great sadness we report the recent death of Dr. Dean E. Williams while



at the same time note our tremendous admiration, gratitude and respect for the many accomplishments he achieved and acts of personal kindness he performed during

his long and extremely active life.

A Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association from which he had also received its highest award, Honors of the Association, Dr. Williams, Professor Emeritus, University of Iowa, and Vice President for Professional Affairs of the Stuttering Foundation of America, died on July 31, 1994, in Iowa City, Iowa.

His funeral took place on August 4, 1994, and on that day, the University of Iowa, in honor of his long service to the University, its students and the citizens of Iowa, flew the flag at half mast over the Old Capitol Building in the center of Iowa's campus.

A widely-known, highly regarded master clinician, teacher, and researcher in the area of stuttering, Dr. Williams is survived by his daughter Devon of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and two sons, Gordon of Coralville, Iowa, and Koudy of Clemmons, N.C.

Dr. Williams was born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa, receiving his Bachelor's degree at the University of Iowa, his Master's degree at Florida State University, and his

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A Giant Step Towards Establishing a Fluency Specialist Recognition Program

by Eugene B. Cooper, Ph.D.

Promoted as "an historic first," the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Special Interest Division for Fluency and Fluency Disorders' First Annual Leadership Conference proved to be just that.

Sixty-five professionals as well as leaders of the nation's support groups

met for three days in April, 1994, to discuss the recognition of fluency specialists (specialists in stuttering). Their discussions resulted in identification of thirty-five principles that will underlie the fluency specialty recognition program now being developed

in conjunction with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Responding to the increasing awareness of the need for fluency specialists as well as the public's increasing demand for the services such specialists can provide, the Fluency Division leaders have focused on the issue of specialty recognition for the past four years.

During that same time period, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association began the development of a plan enabling specialty groups to establish and monitor specialty recognition programs for those individuals who have developed competencies in a particular area of study such as stuttering beyond that required for professional certification.

Adoption of the Committee's proposal by ASHA's Legislative Council—possibly as early as November 1994—will enable the Fluency and Fluency Disorders Division to establish a fluency specialists recognition program. Prospects for the passage of the ASHA specialty recognition program appear excellent.



Left to right: Hugo Gregory, Gene Cooper, Janice Westbrook, Charles Healey, Ted Peters.

On the basis of those prospects, the Fluency and Fluency Disorders Division is already planning to focus on issues related to specialty recognition at its conference planned for April 1995.

"Mentoring: Principles and Processes" has been proposed as the major focus of the conference because the guiding principles adopted at the First Annual Leadership Conference include mentoring activities in the preparation of fluency specialists.

Specialty recognition will go a long way to assuring consumers that they are receiving therapy from a clinician who is interested and competent in working with stuttering. □

SFA-University of Colorado Conference in Boulder Is Success

Warner Bros. Supports Conference

Warner Bros. stepped in with a most generous \$12,000 grant to sponsor this year's seminar for speech clinicians working in the schools. In a



letter to SFA, they stated, "Warner Bros. is excited that the Company will be involved with a project that goes directly to the professionals

who are the "front line" in helping children who stutter."

The program, the participants, and the weather were all a big success on June 3-4, 1994, in Boulder, Colorado, for the Stuttering Therapy: Practical Ideas for the School Clinician SFA seminar!

Co-sponsored by the Stuttering Foundation of America and the University of Colorado in Boulder this year, the annual seminar,



Conference speakers and discussion group leaders
Front row: Bill Murphy, Mary Johns, Ellen Bennett, Pearl Gordon, Barbara Moore-Brown, Ann McKeehan
Back row: Dean Williams, Ed Conture, Rich Forcucci, Peter Ramig who was conference coordinator, Jane Fraser, Charles Healey, Barry Guitar.

designed expressly for speech language pathologists in the schools, was held at the Clarion House Hotel overlooking the mountains on all sides.

Over a hundred school based professionals heard and interacted with fluency experts and clinicians - Peter Ramig, Ed Conture, Barry Guitar, Dean Williams, Pearl Gordon, Ellen Bennett, Bill Murphy, Rich Forcucci, Charles Healey, Ann McKeehan,



Participants exchange ideas over lunch on the terrace overlooking the mountains.



Animated conversation at lunch.

Mary Johns, and Barbara Moore-Brown.

The unique format of presentation followed by discussion groups received rave reviews, and networks of clinicians quickly formed. Participants also responded enthusiastically



Left to right: Pearl Gordon, Peter Ramig, Barbara Moore-Brown, Ann McKeehan, Charles Healey

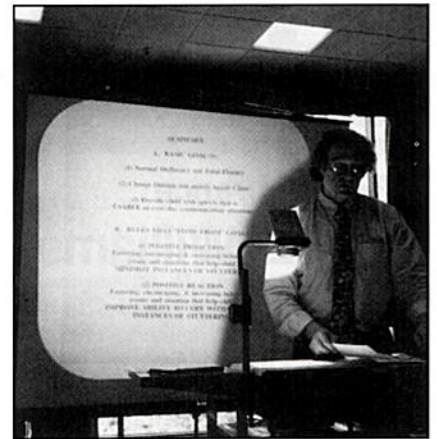
to the Saturday morning case presentations which highlighted successful fluency programs actually operating in schools in several states.

The videotapes of students in pre and post intervention sequences were



Ed Conture, Barry Guitar, Dean Williams, Joe Fulcher

dramatic and reinforced the important role of school speech language pathologists for children and adolescents who stutter.



Dr. Conture's presentation

SFA and all participants heartily thank Warner Bros. for their wonderful support. □



Self-Therapy for the Stutterer by Malcolm Fraser has been translated into Finnish by Antero Tiihikka and is being published in the periodical Painokas of the Finnish Stuttering Association. The Stuttering Foundation is very thankful to Antero Tiihikka for his many hours of hard work in making this translation.

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Editorial Comment

Specialty Recognition – The Time Has Come

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a report on the conference of the ASHA Special Interest Division for Fluency. This was a positive move toward recognition of speech language pathologists who want to concentrate their efforts and training to help those who stutter.

We praise this effort and urge all our readers to support approval by ASHA of moving forward with this program. Malcolm Fraser, as founder of SFA, advocated specialty training as far back as the 1970's. Today, many of the calls we receive are from those who assume that they can find specialists in speech therapy, just as they can find specialists in the medical and dental professions. The public expects to find specialists, and failure to provide for specialty recognition will fail to strengthen the profession.

While we support this movement, at the same time we recognize that such specialty designation is not feasible for all SLP's. We renew our intention and goal to provide the best and most helpful information possible to all SLP's and their clients.

If you are a SLP, we urge you to call and write your state's Legislative Council representative to support approval of the program. If you are a member of the interested public, please send a letter of support to SFA - attention of Joe R. G. Fulcher, Vice-President, and we will collect and forward your comments to ASHA.

Joe R. G. Fulcher
Vice-President, SFA

Jane Fraser
President, SFA

Dr. Hyman Miner Fund –

SFA Receives Outstanding Contribution to Help Children

The Stuttering Foundation has received a most generous bequest of \$45,000 from the Estate of Dr. Hyman Miner. The Fund will be used to help children who stutter by promoting innovative treatment programs.

Said George A. Miner, executor of the Estate of Dr. Hyman Miner in a recent letter, "My best wishes for the continued success of S.F.A. and my appreciation for your efforts in the field of speech therapy."

"This generous gift on the behalf of children who stutter will have a major impact in the years ahead, and we are thrilled to receive it," noted SFA president Jane Fraser. □

Stuttering Foundation and Northwestern University Host Ninth Workshop

The Memphis-based Stuttering Foundation of America and Northwestern University hosted their ninth annual instructional workshop for speech-language pathologists spe-



Left to right: Nina Reardon, Maggie Tshule, Tom Gurrister, Kevin Johnson, Johanna Einarsdottir, Hugo Gregory, Maureen Tardelli.

cializing in stuttering from July 11 through July 22, 1994.

Each year, 20 speech pathologists from around the world with a special interest in stuttering are accepted to participate in the workshop. Under the leadership of Dr. Hugo Gregory, the workshop is organized to focus on therapeutic skills and techniques for intervention with children and adults.

"The amount of information I've learned is tremendous," said Maggie Tschule of South Africa. She notes that in South Africa, with far fewer speech pathologists, getting new ideas is difficult.

This year's workshop participants come from the United States,

Canada, Spain, South Africa, Iceland, and Mexico.

"We're getting new perspectives and are excited to return home with them," added Martha Tarasco, M.D., of Mexico.

This unique workshop has gained



Left to right: Front row- Diane Hill, June Campbell, Joe Fulcher, Jane Fraser, Hugo Gregory, Carolyn Gregory Middle row- Nina Reardon, Susan Iwan, Brian Ray, Marina Llobera, Ricky Burk, Susan Powell, Carol Hubbard, Kim Lawlor, Joan Babin, Johanna Einarsdottir Back row- Kevin Johnson, Martha Tarasco, Linda Chlipala, Tony Churchill, Gary Rentschler, Tom Gurrister, Mary Fagan, Maggie Tshule.

international recognition for its excellence in the post-graduate study of Stuttering.

This year's class of 1994 made a

generous donation of \$250.00 to the Stuttering Foundation of America to honor Dr. Hugo Gregory, director of the workshop. "This gift is particularly meaningful to us," said Jane Fraser, president of SFA. "It acknowledges the confidence the

workshop participants place in the work we are doing on behalf of those who stutter," she added. The gift was presented by Maureen Tardelli of Boston during the closing ceremony. The group requested

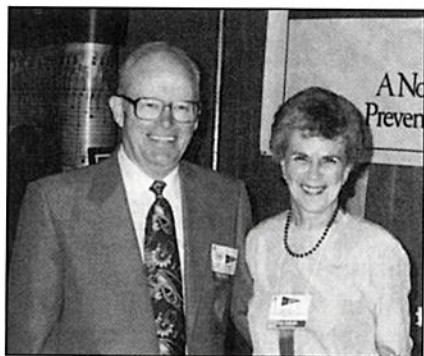
that the funds be used to place the new SFA videotape in public libraries.



Left to right: Diane Hill, June Campbell, Carolyn Gregory, Hugo Gregory, and Jane Fraser, Hugo Gregory □

In Remembrance

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A 1992 photo of Dean and Bette Williams at the ASHA convention in San Antonio. Dr. Williams received the Honors of the Association that year.

Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. He had a distinguished career in the Army Air Corps during World War II where he was a B-29 bomber pilot. He was in the Air Force Reserves in Indiana in the mid-fifties and flew troop transport planes.

After working several years at Indiana University, Dean returned to the University of Iowa in the 1950's where he worked as a professor until his retirement in 1987. During that time, he and his many students—he was major professor to 25 Ph.D. students—were prolific contributors on the topic of stuttering to many professional and scholarly conferences, journals, monographs, reports, and books.

A participant at every SFA conference from 1959 until the week before his death in July, 1994, Dean's contributions were many and substantial both in terms of conference discussions and resulting publications. One cannot truly know the clinical literature in the field of stuttering without knowing Dr. Williams' work; his clear, careful, and thoughtful style of writing and reporting of findings will serve as a model for some of the best the field has to offer.

It is also safe to say, however, that people who stutter and their families served as the wellspring from which many of Dr. Williams' papers flowed. With regard to helping people who stutter, Dean had few peers. A tireless preceptor for generations of students at Iowa, Dean adroitly balanced the sometimes opposing goals of delivering quality service to people who stutter while providing first-rate clinical instruction to student clinicians.

As supervisor, clinician, and himself a stutterer, Dean exemplified and modelled for student clinicians three of the most basic clinical competencies described by Van Riper as warmth, empathy, and genuineness. Simply put, when Dean talked about clinical matters, clinicians of all levels of experience and from all perspectives listened.

His achievements in clinical service, supervision, teaching, and research exemplified a career marked by excellence. He encouraged and supported those around



Dean Williams singing with Hal Luper as Rich Shine plays the piano in 1986.

him to be all that they could be, to strive for their personal best. He sometimes saw in others what they could not see in themselves and thus was often able to help them realize their true but hidden potential. He was never one to build himself up by tearing others down; moreover, his clear, direct, and truthful insights into the actions, beliefs and thoughts of others frequently was the difference that made a difference in their lives.

Thus, on the occasion of Dr. Dean Williams' death, we are very sad we have lost a friend and colleague and that the field of stuttering has lost such a significant contributor. However, at the same time, we can also celebrate the life and accomplishments of an individual who has provided so much to so many in the form of advice, counsel, role model, service, teaching, and research.

He fully understood the difference between being famous and being consequential and lived his life accordingly. And as such, there is small chance that many of us will see his like pass our way again, but we are all better off for having had him do so.

A Stuttering Foundation memorial fund has been established in honor

and in memory of our longtime friend, colleague, mentor, and teacher, Dr. Dean E. Williams. □

— Edward G. Conture, Ph.D.

NEWSBRIEFS

■ For those wishing to obtain a copy of *Self-Therapy for the Stutterer* in French, write to Mr. Richard Parent, 175 Desnoyers, St. Hilaire (Quebec), Canada, J3H 4E2. Please enclose \$10.00 Canadian to cover printing, postage, and handling costs.

■ The XXIII World Congress of The International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics will take place in Cairo, Egypt, August 6-10, 1995. For more information, write Professor M. Nasser Kotby, Chairman, 11 El Ansary Street, Manshiet El Bakry, Cairo, ET 11341, Egypt.

■ *Stuttering and Your Child: Questions and Answers* is being translated into Czech by Alzbeta Peutelschmiedova. For those interested in contacting her, write: Vlkova 10, 77200 Olomouc, Czech Republic.

■ J.C. Nigam, speech pathologist, writes SFA that the Fluency Group, 35-C-Pocket 1, Mayur Vihar, Delhi 110 091, India, has celebrated the World Disabled Week by giving lectures, distributing posters, and publishing "The Child Who Stutters" in a parenting magazine. They would be happy to hear from readers with support for their fine work.

■ Next year's SFA conference on the school-age child who stutters will be held in Baltimore on June 23rd and 24th, 1995. For more information, contact Dr. Nan B. Ratner or SFA at 1-800-992-9392. More details about this exciting conference will be found in the Winter 94-95 Newsletter. □



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