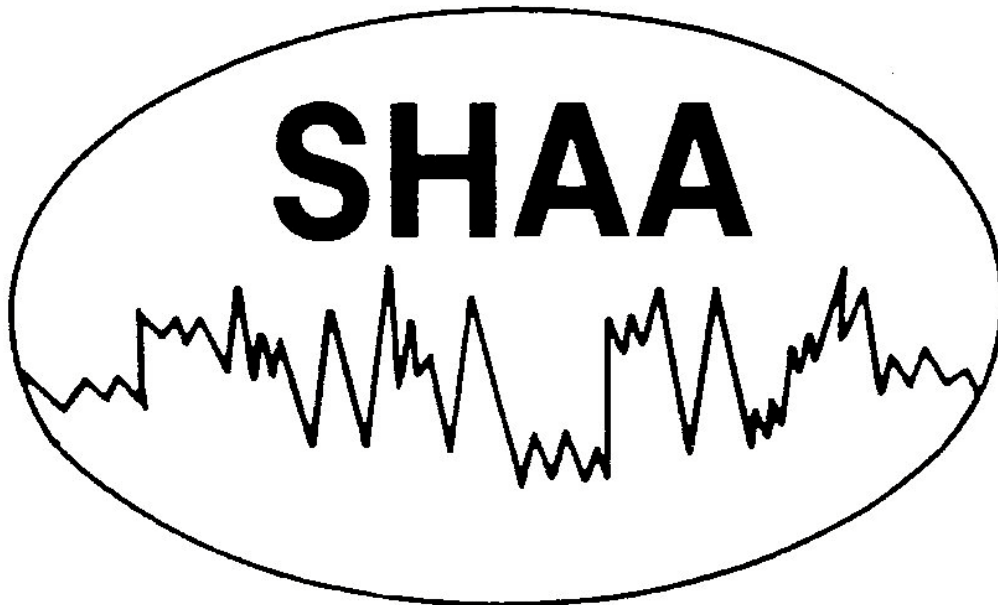


The History of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama

1959-2003



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When we think about our professional organization, about SHAA, there are many who had the opportunity and joy to give it birth and to nurture its growth throughout the years, and to enjoy rewarding friendships. This history can serve as a window into those times when our professions were new and our association just beginning. SHAA's history is really a story about dedicated people who have been willing to go the extra mile, to dream big dreams, and to persevere during times of adversity. As you read this history, it is hoped that you will come to know and appreciate the founders and leaders of SHAA and to gain insights into the major professional issues which have been central to our disciplines. Also, as you review the convention programs over the decades, you will be impressed by the quality of topics, presenters, and the caliber of professionalism which has been a hallmark of SHAA since its inception.

The history of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama (SHAA) is presented through a review of the important events, professional issues, conventions, Executive Council and Executive Board meetings, and SHAA General Business meetings that occurred during the term of office of each of SHAA's presidents since our beginning in 1959. The available minutes of SHAA meetings, copies of SHAA convention programs, copies of available publications of SHAA, interviews, and materials supplied by some presidents were the sources of the information provided in this document. This history has been reconstructed as accurately as possible from the available information. With apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted from this document, here is SHAA's History.

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All Recording Secretaries of SHAA

The Beginning of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama

“The Speech and Hearing Section of the Speech Association of Alabama was the first organization of speech and hearing professionals in Alabama. Marsee Fred Evans of Birmingham-Southern College, T. Earle Johnson of the University of Alabama, Laura F. Wright of Alabama College (now the University of Montevallo), Frank Davis of Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University), Florence Pass of Ensley High School, Frances Cotton and Mrs. Willie Perry Rose of the Birmingham City Schools were some of the “old timers” who were instrumental in the organization of the Speech Association of Alabama and later the Speech and Hearing Section of that organization for those interested in communication disorders. The Speech and Hearing Section met twice a year with the Speech Association of Alabama during the spring convention of the Alabama Education Association and at a fall meeting held on the campus of one of the training institutions. There were no training or certification requirements for membership.

As interest in speech pathology and audiology grew, as recognition of the American Speech and Hearing Association as the professional organization representing speech pathology and audiology increased, and as more professionals entered the field, it was found that the professional interests and concerns of speech pathologists and audiologists in Alabama could no longer be met by an “interest group” in the state organization in the general area of speech. More stringent requirements by the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) for membership and certification were the factors that climaxed the trend toward a separate professional organization.

The Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama (SHAA) officially came into existence as a separate organization on October 24, 1959, during a meeting of the Speech Association of Alabama at Johnston Junior High School in Anniston, Alabama. On this date the first constitution was approved that began the process allowing our recognition as a state association by the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) and granting SHAA a seat in the House of State Delegates. Dr. J. Buckminster Ranney of Auburn University was elected the first president of SHAA and Dr. T. Earle Johnson was elected Alabama’s first delegate to ASHA’s House of State Delegates which was held in California.” (From an article, “SHAA – No Longer a Teenager” by Loretta G. Brown and included in the 20th Anniversary Issue of The Shaa Journal, Volume Eight, Number Two, Spring 1979.

**Charter Members
The Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama
1957 - 1958**

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| Ollie L. Backus | Thomas G. Giolas | Allan L. Richards |
| Amy Virginia Baird | Lucille K. Groves | Catherine Riser |
| Barbara Anne Benton | Louise Hammett | Jeannette Roach |
| Loretta G. Brown | Barbara A. Hanners | Robert E. Roach |
| May Gill Carlin | Victor J. Jemelka | Vivian I. Roe |
| Frances Cotton | T. Earle Johnson | Helen P. Snell |
| Gibbs Daniel Couch | John Henry Jones | Janet Summers |
| Margaret A. Crary | Edward E. Matis | Louise M. Ward |
| William P. Dorne' | Mary Virginia Moore | Elizabeth J. Webster |
| Cruz Hardigree | Don A. Olson | Grace Wilson |
| Alice Ferguson Holmes | Margaret Perritt | Alva Craig Wolfe |
| Ted Fuller | J. Buckminster Ranney | Laura F. Wright |

(This information courtesy of Dr. Mary Virginia Moore when Charter Members were recognized at the President's Luncheon during the 1979 Annual Convention which celebrated the Twentieth Birthday of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama.)

Dr. J. Buckminster Ranney, SHAA President 1959 – 1961

Executive Council

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| President | J. Buckminster Ranney |
| Vice President | Don A. Olson |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Vivian I. Roe |
| Councilor | Loretta G. Brown |
| Councilor | Louise Hammett |
| Councilor | T. Earle Johnson |
| Editor | J. Buckminster Ranney |
| Delegate, House of State Delegates | J. Buckminster Ranney |



Dr. J. Buckminster Ranney, “Buck”, received his B.A. and M.A. from New York University and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1957. He came to Alabama in 1957 as Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic of Auburn University. In 1966 he spent a year in Puerto Rico where he concentrated on audiology after having majored earlier in speech pathology. He returned to Auburn in 1967 as Professor of Audiology and Speech Pathology and remained until 1969. The twelve years Dr. Ranney spent in Alabama were the early ones in the development of our professions in Alabama, and the training and service programs in speech pathology and audiology at Auburn University. Upon coming to Alabama Dr. Ranney joined the Speech Correction Section of the Alabama Speech Association. He joined with Dr. Laura Wright of the University of Montevallo, Dr. Ollie Backus and Dr. T. Earle Johnson of the University of Alabama, Dr. Robert E. Roach and Dr. Don Olson of the Medical College of Alabama, and others to urge the formation of a separate professional organization to better meet the needs of the communicatively handicapped in Alabama, and to gain full recognition as a state association by the American Speech and Hearing Association. He was elected the first president of SHAA and was the first editor of the SHAA Letter, our initial publication, beginning Volume I, Number I with a one page duplicated issue. He was one of the first delegates to the ASHA House of State Delegates. He worked with governmental agencies such as State Vocational Rehabilitation and Crippled Children’s Services to assist the communicatively handicapped. He was interested in the professionals practicing in Alabama and offered them support and encouragement. In 1961-62 he planned and presented a series of programs on Alabama Public Television, “An Open Door for Johnny,” informing the public to the needs of children with speech, hearing and language problems. He later produced a series on Alabama Public Television, “Why Johnny Can’t Read.” Dr. Ranney joined the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke in 1969. At the time of his retirement in 1990 he was Deputy Director of the Communicative Disorders Program of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

In recalling the early days of SHAA, Dr. Ranney felt that the publication of the first *Directory of Speech and Hearing Personnel in Alabama* in 1959 was significant in our recognition as a profession. Fifty-five professionals in speech pathology and audiology and fifty-one teachers of the deaf were identified. Dr. T. Earle Johnson

remembered the significance of the Nemours Foundation Second Alabama Conference on Handicapped Children sponsored by the University of Alabama in February 1960 as it was devoted to speech and hearing problems and provided professional recognition of SHAA.

At a meeting of the SHAA Executive Council on January 14, 1961 at Talladega, Dr. Ranney made appointments to SHAA's Standing Committees. He, Vivian I. Roe, Louise Hammett and Catherine Riser discussed the long range objectives and programs of SHAA: 1. work toward a therapist in every county in Alabama; 2. promote public relations and interest in speech and hearing problems through the continuation of speech and hearing clinics; 3. recruitment programs for teachers of the deaf as well as speech and hearing personnel; 4. consider meeting for the Fall SHAA meeting at the same time the Alabama Speech Association met on the Auburn campus; 5. delay notification of 1961 SHAA dues until the directory is published so that eligibility for membership can be determined.

The Spring 1961 meeting of SHAA was held at the University of Alabama Medical Center's Speech and Hearing Clinic and the Basic Science Building in Birmingham. Dr. Ranney presided at the Business meeting. Dr. Jasper Harvey of the Special Education Department of the University of Alabama spoke on "Plans of the State Committee on Special Education." Dr. Katherine Vickery, Chairman of the Department of Psychology of Alabama College spoke on "Peace through Communication." Members of SHAA were invited to attend the Alabama Speech Association luncheon at Highland Terrace Gardens. The lunch per person was \$1.50.

The Fall meeting of SHAA was held September 23, 1961 on the Auburn Campus. The professional meeting featured four speakers, Mrs. Margaret Perritt of the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham, Mrs. Kelmie Bigelow of the Mobile Rehabilitation Center, Miss Penny Theurer of the Deaf Education Department of the Birmingham Public Schools, and Mr. Edward Matis of the Speech and Hearing Clinic of Florence State College. Dr. Ranney presided at the business meeting and SHAA committees met after a luncheon shared with the Speech Association of Alabama.

Dr. William P. Dorne', SHAA President 1961 – 1963**Executive Council**

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| President | William P. Dorne' |
| Vice President | Thomas Giolas |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Marjorie Rittenour |
| Recording Secretary..... | |
| Speech-Language Pathology Councilor | |
| Audiology Councilor | |
| Education of the Hearing Impaired Councilor | |
| Delegate, House of State Delegates | T. Earle Johnson |



Dr. William P. Dorne', "Bill", received his B.S. in 1949 from Rutgers University; the M.A. in 1950 from Teachers College, Columbia University; and his Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1959. Dr. Bill Dorne' of Auburn University was the second president of SHAA. During his tenure a brochure was published by SHAA entitled "Alabama Speech Correction and You" which provided information about the three training programs in Alabama at that time (University of Alabama, Alabama College, later the University of Montevallo, and Auburn University) preparing professionals in speech pathology, audiology and deaf education as well as the speech and hearing clinics throughout the State offering services.

Dr. Dorne' presided at a meeting of SHAA at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham on January 20, 1962. Dr. Robert E. Roach, Director of the Hearing Clinic welcomed members. The program was "A Brief Historical Perspective of Speech Correction in Alabama." Dr. T. Earle Johnson reported on the history "Thru 1957" and Dr. J. Buckminster Ranney "1957 on _____." During the business meeting Dr. Ranney reported on the previous ASHA convention and informed members that membership in ASHA will be synonymous with ASHA certification. States were three to one in favor of the Master's degree as a minimum requirement for ASHA certification and membership. Dr. Ranney reported the strong feeling at the ASHA convention that there were too many "teachers of expression" attempting to be speech therapists; therefore, the need to push for the Master's degree as the minimum requirement for ASHA membership and certification was crucial. Members also discussed the implications of this with the Alabama Department of Education and public school programs. Dr. T. Earle Johnson noted that the majority of persons listed in the ASHA Directory did not have ASHA Basic Certification. The necessity of "Grandfathering" was discussed.

The concept of the Cleft Palate Team approach of State Crippled Children's Services was discussed with members of the team announced. The method of referral to the Cleft Palate Team was explained.

Alpha Brown, Consultant for the Program for Exceptional Children of the State Department of Education, held a workshop on September 14-15, 1962 at the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery for "All White Personnel Working with Exceptional Children." Group sessions dealt with arithmetic, emotional problems, materials of instruction,

reading, science, speech, and the gifted. Meals and hotel room for the two day meeting cost \$20.00.

Dr. Thomas G. Giolas, SHAA President 1963 – 1965

Executive Council

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| Vice President | Vivian Roe |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Mary Virginia Moore |
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| Delegate, House of State Delegates | Laura Wright |



Dr. Thomas G. Giolas received his B.S. and M.A. from Indiana University at Bloomington, and his Ph.D. in 1960 from the University of Pittsburg. Dr. Tom Giolas was Co-Director of the Speech Pathology and Audiology training program at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. He was the third president of SHAA. During his administration the publication of a newsletter was begun with Dr. Buckminster Ranney as the first editor of the *SHAA Letter*. Concerns addressed by President Giolas were implementation of new certification and membership requirements of ASHA, the establishment of a SHAA speakers' bureau, a plan to foster the development of public school speech and hearing programs, and an increase in SHAA dues which were one dollar a year.

In the Volume 1, Number 3, November 1964 issue of the *SHAA Letter* in the "President's Message", Dr. Giolas wrote of certification and membership changes required by ASHA. ASHA, the one organization that represented the areas of speech pathology and audiology, came into being in 1925 as the Academy of Speech Correction and through growth and subsequent name changes became a scientific and professional association of 10,000 members. On January 1, 1965, membership requirements were revised. Previously a member needed a bachelor's degree or higher in speech pathology, audiology, or a tangent area. The master's degree or equivalent with major emphasis in speech pathology, audiology or speech and hearing science would now be required. The "associate membership" which had been available to undergraduates was eliminated and an "affiliate membership" which required a bachelor's degree in speech pathology, audiology, or speech and hearing science, or enrollment in a graduate program in one of those areas, was put in place. Dr. Giolas urged SHAA members to join ASHA immediately since all ASHA members on roll January 1, 1965 were placed automatically on the new membership rolls regardless of academic degree (Grandfathering). Previously ASHA had two levels of certification in each area, "Basic" and "Advanced". After January 1, 1965 a single level of certification, the Certificate of Clinical Competence, identified persons as fully qualified to provide services. Dr. Giolas noted that using certification as a method of establishing the degree of clinical competency of a member was not perfect. But the growth of the professions of speech pathology and audiology and the employment of persons in non-educational situations where teacher certification was not effective, brought pressure for certification or licensing other than that provided by a state department of education. In

addition, certification that crossed state lines was needed. The new Certification of Clinical Competence (CCC) required: 1. Membership in ASHA; 2. Completion of 60 semester hours (42 professional hours); 3. 275 hours of clinical practicum; 4. One year of professional work (CFY); 5. Recommendation from the director of the graduate training program; and 6. A written examination.

The 1965 Spring Meeting of SHAA was held March 19, 1965 at the Hearing and Speech Clinic of Spain Rehabilitation Center, Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham. The program included presentations by Dr. Jerry Griffith of the University of Alabama, "Deep Testing: Principles and Therapy" and Dr. Edward Hutchinson of Auburn University, "Differential Diagnosis and Delayed Speech." The agenda included a Business Meeting with reports from the ASHA House of State Delegates and the SHAA Executive Council.

Miss Vivian I. Roe, SHAA President 1965 – 1967**Executive Council**

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| Vice President | Edwin Martin |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Mary Virginia Moore |
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| Audiology Councilor | William Overby |
| Education of the Hearing Impaired Councilor..... | Ronald Evelsizer |
| Editor..... | J. Buckminister Ranney |
| ASHA House of State Delegates..... | E. C. Hutchinson |
| ASHA House of State Delegates..... | Thomas Giolas |



Vivian Roe graduated from Whitewater Normal School and received the B.A. in 1936 from the State University of Iowa. She had the distinction of receiving the first Masters of Arts Degree in Speech Pathology awarded by Indiana University in 1940. She received the M.S. in 1957 from Indiana University with a major in Guidance and Counseling. Miss Roe was Associate Professor of Speech, and Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at then Alabama College, now the University of Montevallo. She was concerned with the recruitment of superior students into the profession.

As President Miss Roe formed a committee on recruitment as she felt recruitment of strong students to be a professional responsibility. Miss Roe continued the efforts of SHAA presidents to offer excellent programs at SHAA meetings of the membership. She and the members of the Executive Council recognized the problem of meeting the needs of members in the many different types of work settings as well as the areas within our profession.

The 1965 Fall Meeting of SHAA was held October 8, 1965 at the Speech and Hearing Clinic on the campus of Alabama College in Montevallo. Invited graduate students from Alabama College, Auburn University and the University of Alabama presented a panel on "Research, Clinical Experience and Theory." Four Panel presentations were: A. "Testing Children's Hearing" by Griffith Brackett of the Medical College of Alabama, Harriett Volk of the Huntsville Center, and Thomas Giolas of the University of Alabama; B. "Therapy in Public School Settings" by Ted Fuller of Birmingham City Schools, Alva Wolf of Montgomery Schools and Vivian Roe of Alabama College; C. "Education of the Deaf" by Catherine Riser of the Alabama School for the Deaf at Talladega, Ron Evelsizer of the University of Alabama, and Celia Hawkins of Birmingham City Schools; D. "Therapy with Adults" by Ed Matis of the Northwest Alabama Rehabilitation Center, Peter Mueller of Auburn University and Mark Von Redlich of Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery. The keynote address of the meeting was presented by Dr. Norman Ellis, Professor of Psychology at the University of Alabama, whose topic was "Behavioral Research in Mental Retardation."

Volume 2, Number 3, October 1965 of the *SHAA Letter* featured an article by Miss Roe entitled "A Challenge for Superior Students: Speech Pathology and Audiology." President Roe had stressed the recruitment of superior students into our

profession throughout her career . She had appointed Mary Virginia Moore, Secretary/Treasurer of SHAA , who had prepared recruitment materials for distribution to outstanding high school students. Characteristics Miss Roe felt were important for the student to demonstrate were the desire to help others reach their maximum potential; desire to study physics, biology and mathematics; and the desire to know how and why people speak and hear. Several members of SHAA spoke to students at high schools over the state to inform them of the opportunities in our profession.

The Spring Meeting of SHAA was held March 18, 1966 at the Hearing and Speech Clinic of the Spain Rehabilitation Center of the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham. Dr. Elizabeth J. Webster of the University of Alabama spoke on "A Theory of Personality Preference. . . Speech and Hearing" and Dr. Glenn Harris Baird of the University of Alabama spoke on "Early Case Finding and Cerebro-Vascular Rehabilitation." President Roe conducted the General Business Meeting.

On September 11, 1966 the Executive Council of SHAA met at the Holiday Inn in Montgomery. Members present were Loretta Brown, Vivian Roe, Gibbs Couch and Mary Virginia Moore. Miss Roe presided and presented plans for the 1966 Fall meeting at the Alabama School for the Deaf in Talladega. Dr. Ed Martin, Vice President, had been appointed to a position in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Louise Ward was selected to fill Martin's position and Griffith Brackett nominated as Audiology Councilor. A proposed constitution submitted by Dr. Tom Giolas, called for two levels of membership (voting and associate). The possibility of a student membership was discussed. The Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Virginia Moore, reported a total paid membership for 1966-67 of 74. Alabama has over 100 ASHA members at this time. Loretta Brown, Editor of the *SHAA Letter* reported that three issues would be published in 1967 and planned for a quarterly publication in 1968.

The SHAA Executive Committee met January 14, 1967 at the Vocational Rehabilitation Center in Montgomery. Present were Gibbs Couch, Loretta Brown, Ed Hutchinson, Vivian Roe, Laura Wright and Mary Virginia Moore. The balance in SHAA's bank account was \$227.49. Miss Roe presided and the following action was taken: 1. The Secretary was authorized to write each delinquent member concerning Constitution changes regarding membership. 2. It was recommended to the membership that dues be changed to \$5.00 for Active and \$3.00 for Associate members. 3. A public school clinician should be appointed to the Executive Council. 4. David Mills was nominated for the "Teacher of the Year" award presented by the Southern Speech Association. 5. It was recommended that the 1967 Directory be a directory of Speech and Hearing personnel in Alabama rather than a membership listing. 6. The Executive Council sent a telegram of congratulations to Governor Lurleen Wallace on her Inaugural Day, and sent a letter of congratulations to State Superintendent of Education Dr. Ernest Stone upon his appointment.

The 1967 Spring SHAA meeting was held March 17, 1967 at the Hearing and Speech Clinic of the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham. Miss Vivian Roe, President, presided at the Business meeting. A report from Alabama's delegates to the ASHA House of State Delegates, Dr. Laura Wright and Dr. Edward Hutchinson, was given. The program included the following: Dr. Gwenyth R. Vaughn, Hearing and Speech Clinic, Medical College of Alabama, "Comprehensive Programs for Limited Hearing Students Attending Post-Secondary Schools"; James T. Webb, Research

Psychologist, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Tuscaloosa, "Interviewer Influence on Speech Rates: An Experimental Investigation."

In the "President's Address" published in Volume 4, Number 1, March 1967 issue of the *SHAA Letter*, Miss Roe wrote of the growth of SHAA. SHAA qualified for two seats in the 1966 ASHA House of State Delegates based on the percentage of SHAA members who were also members of ASHA. The SHAA Constitution had been revised to meet ASHA requirements. Curriculum guidelines in the areas of speech and hearing had been drafted for the Alabama State Department of Education. The circulation of the *SHAA Letter* to speech and hearing personnel and persons in allied health professions had been continuous since 1964. Attendance at SHAA meetings had increased. President Roe indicated future responsibilities due to growth included: 1) provision of financial aid to House of State Delegates; 2) funding for out-of-state speakers for conventions; 3) increased time for SHAA meetings to provide for continuing education and professional growth; 4) increased size of the *SHAA Letter* to reflect the professional activity and thinking in SHAA; 5) recruitment of majors in the field of speech and hearing; and 6) encouragement of clinicians in public school and clinical situations to work toward and to obtain national certification as rapidly as possible. President Roe noted that to achieve those goals and future ones, a substantial increase in dues was needed. She urged participation of the members in the activities of SHAA.

An interesting notice appeared in the Volume 4, Number 1, March 1967 issue of the *SHAA Letter*. "Guarantee Your Active Membership! You may guarantee your eligibility for "Active" membership in the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama in a very simple way: join SHAA before March 1967! The SHAA Constitution, adopted in October 1966, provides for 1966-67 members in good standing (dues paid) to be "grandfathered" into Active membership status. This provision is most pertinent to those persons who are not on the 1966-67 membership roster and who will be ineligible (non-certified by ASHA or CESD) to become Active members after March 1967. Membership fee is \$2.50 and should be paid by check to Mary Virginia Moore, Treasurer, Auburn, Alabama."

Mrs. Louise Ward, SHAA President 1967 – 1968**Executive Council**

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| President | Louise Ward |
| Vice President | Robert E. Roach |
| Immediate Past President | Vivian I. Roe |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Mary Virginia Moore |
| Membership Chairman | Alva Wolf |
| Speech-Language Pathology Councilor | Gibbs Couch |
| Audiology Councilor | Griffith Brackett |
| Education of the Hearing Impaired Councilor | Ronald Evelsizer |
| Editor | Loretta G. Brown |
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| ASHA House of State Delegates | Elizabeth Webster |



Mrs. Louise Ward received her B.S. in 1950 at Auburn University and her M.A. in 1951 from the University of Alabama. She was an Associate Professor of Speech and Co-Director of the University of Alabama Speech and Hearing Clinic. Louise Ward was elected to serve following Miss Roe but had to resign due to health problems before her term was completed.

The SHAA Executive Council met on August 9, 1967 at the Speech and Language Clinic of the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham. Present were Loretta Brown, Gibbs Couch, David Mills, Mary Virginia Moore, Buck Ranney, Bob Roach and Louise Ward. President Ward presided. In the discussion the following was discussed: 1. The ASHA State Legislative Representative notified SHAA that Garrett and Melton had introduced House Bill 729 in the Legislature to license hearing aid dealers and salesmen and establish a board of hearing aid dealers. The Council alerted SHAA's Hearing Councilor, Griffith Brackett and the Hearing Committee, Margaret Crary, Jeannette Roach and Faye Churchill of the bill. 2. Public Law 89-749, a change in the administration of federal service grants, was discussed and the need of a meeting with Alabama's administrative official to investigate the implications of the law on speech and hearing programs. 3. The Fall meeting was planned for October 4, 1967 in Montgomery. 4. Alabama will not be seated in the ASHA House of State Delegates unless 60% of SHAA members are ASHA members. 5. The Secretary reported that more than 60 membership fees had been received.

The Fall business meeting of SHAA was held October 4, 1967 at the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery during the *Special Study Institute on New Techniques in Diagnosis and Appraisal and Implications for Therapy for All Public School Children with Communication Problems* sponsored by the State Department of Education. Mrs. Ward presided and 75 members were in attendance. Approved was Dr. J. Buckminster Ranney's motion that SHAA cooperate with the Alabama Vocational Rehabilitation Service in presenting a Hearing and Speech Workshop for Vocational Rehabilitation employees October 25-26, 1967 at the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery. Mrs. Alva Wolf,

Membership Chairman, reported that her committee recommended the acceptance of 10 applications for membership in SHAA: five for Active and five for Associate. Mary Virginia Moore, Secretary, reported that as of October 1967, 136 Alabama persons were eligible for Active SHAA membership because of ASHA membership, CESD membership or grandfathered from Active membership the previous year. There were 61 members on the Associate list. This membership list was approved by ASHA and Alabama was eligible for two delegates to the ASHA House of State Delegates. The 1967-68 delegates to the House of State Delegates were Dr. Laura Wright who served the second year of her two year term, and Dr. Elizabeth Webster who served the second year of the term of Dr. Edward C. Hutchinson.

On October 25-26, 1967 a Hearing and Speech Workshop sponsored jointly by SHAA and Alabama Vocational Rehabilitation Service was held at the Whitley Hotel in Montgomery. Mr. O. F. Wise was Director of the Division of Rehabilitation and Crippled Children and Mrs. Louise Ward was president of SHAA. The theme was "I hear you! What did you say?" The keynote address (the theme was the topic) was presented by Mr. Ed Porter, President of the National Rehabilitation Association. Dr. Buckminster Ranney of Auburn University gave an overview of hearing problems and Dr. Gwenth R. Vaughn of the Medical College of Alabama gave an overview of speech problems. At the banquet, Dr. James Hicks, Chairman of the Division of Otolaryngology, Medical College of Alabama, spoke on "Medical Concern for Speech and Hearing Problems." On the second day of the conference, Dr. Robert Roach and Dr. Elizabeth Webster of SHAA, with several personnel from Vocational Rehabilitation Services, led discussion groups entitled "The Solutions and the Clients."

SHAA's Executive Committee met February 3, 1968 at the Hearing and Speech Clinic of the Medical College of Alabama. The main item of business was the acceptance of Mrs. Louise Ward's resignation as President of SHAA due to health problems.

Approval of the appointment of the present Vice President, Dr. Robert E. Roach, to President to serve until expiration of the two-year term was approved. The Treasurer's report dated February 3, 1968 stated a balance on hand October 16, 1967 of \$316.98.

Dr. Robert E. Roach, SHAA President 1968 – 1969**Executive Council**

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| President..... | Robert E. Roach |
| Vice President | Mary Virginia Moore |
| Immediate Past President | N/A |
| Secretary..... | Gibbs Couch |
| Treasurer..... | Mary Virginia Moore |
| Membership Chairman..... | Alva Wolf |
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| ASHA House of State Delegates..... | Elizabeth Webster |



Dr. Robert E. Roach received his B.A. in 1936 from Illinois Central; the M.A. in 1940 from Columbia University; and the Ph.D. in 1952 from Northwestern University. In 1956 Dr. Roach came to Birmingham as Director of the Hearing and Speech Clinic, Medical College of Alabama. In 1965 he became Professor of Audiology, Medical College of Alabama. Dr. Roach served as Vice President of SHAA 1967-68, became President in February 1968 upon the resignation of Mrs. Louise Ward because of illness. At a meeting of the SHAA Executive Council on February 3, 1968 at the Spain Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham, her resignation was accepted with regret. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$314.68 in SHAA's bank account. Certification problems were discussed and the Committee on Professional Affairs was asked to present a recommendation at the next meeting. Dr. Roach proposed that increased efforts to meet the needs of the hearing impaired population were an appropriate project of SHAA.

SHAA held its Spring meeting on March 15, 1968 in the Engineering Building, University of Alabama Medical Center. Dr. Robert E. Roach as Vice-President introduced Dr. Eugene B. Cooper of the University of Alabama who spoke on "Variations in Client Attitudes towards Clinicians during Therapy for Adult Stutterers." Mary Virginia Moore was elected as Vice President since Dr. Roach had assumed the presidency, and Gibbs Couch was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Membership chairman, Alva Wolfe, reported that thirty new members had been added during the past year. A decision was made to publish a Directory of SHAA members who were in good standing with the Association. Dr. Roach appointed Dr. Eugene Cooper as chair of a Headstart Committee to investigate the relationship between SHAA and Headstart.

The Executive Council of SHAA met on May 11, 1968 at the Holiday Inn in Montgomery. ASHA required that 50% of SHAA membership belong to ASHA to qualify to seat delegates in the ASHA House of State Delegates. The SHAA membership was 84 with 47 members of ASHA making 55.5% ASHA membership. Dr. Roach pointed out the need for a State Legislative Representative from SHAA who would keep informed on State legislation regarding any matters affecting the fields of speech and

hearing. Members of the Council agreed that a member of the SHAA Professional Policies Committee would serve as Legislative Representative and Dr. Buckminster Ranney was appointed to this position with Dr. Eugene Sheeley as alternate. The need for a Recruitment Committee was recognized and David Mills was asked to coordinate this activity. The Council discussed honorariums for speakers from outside SHAA and questioned if SHAA might pay \$50.00 to some speakers. This matter was referred to the next meeting. Dr. Elizabeth Webster, Chairman of the Committee on Professional Policies, reported that the members (Dr. Eugene Cooper, Dr. Laura Wright, Miss Vivian Roe, Dr. Buckminster Ranney, and Dr. Faye Brown) had formulated a proposal to require ASHA certification for all Public School Speech and Hearing Therapists by the Fall of 1975. This proposal will be presented to the Alabama State Board of Education.

In 1969 the Professional Policies Committee of SHAA with Dr. Elizabeth Webster as Chairman, proposed to the Executive Committee the following policy which was endorsed by SHAA: "It is proposed that beginning in the fall of 1975, no person shall be approved as a state certified speech or hearing clinician who does not meet the ASHA requirements or the equivalent of 30 hours of specified academic and clinical work beyond the bachelor's degree."

SHAA met March 7, 1969 at Alabama College in Montevallo. The theme of the meeting was "Cultural Deprivation and Language." Dr. W. Bryce Evans of the University of South Alabama, Dr. Phyllis Phillips of Auburn University and Dr. John Muma of the University of Alabama made presentations on that topic. Dr. John Nist, Professor of English at Auburn University, spoke on "Handicapped Language: A Linguist Looks at Language in the Culturally Deprived."

Dr. Elizabeth Webster, SHAA President 1969 – 1970**Executive Council**

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| President | Elizabeth J. Webster |
| Vice President | Mary Virginia Moore |
| Immediate Past President | Robert Roach |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Gibbs Couch |
| Membership Chair | Alva C. Wolf |
| Speech Councilor | Gail Powell |
| Hearing Councilor..... | Hosea Turk |
| Deaf Councilor | Faye Churchill |
| Editor..... | John R. Muma |
| ASHA Delegate | Elizabeth J. Webster |



Dr. Elizabeth Webster received the B.F.A. in 1950 from Ohio University; the M.A. in 1951 from the University of Alabama; and the Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1961. She was an Associate Professor of Speech at the University of Alabama. Dr. Webster became president of SHAA in 1969 and reported the following as concerns of SHAA: 1. recruitment of persons into the profession; 2. additional funding from the Alabama Legislature for special education teacher units to employ more speech and hearing personnel in the public schools; 3. staying abreast of the new knowledge in our field (continuing education); 4. the relevance of what we do in the delivery of services to the culturally deprived, pre-school hearing impaired, children with specific learning problems, etc.; 5. our effectiveness as consultants to teachers and parents; 6. the participation of members in the activities of SHAA; and 7. increasing the length of our spring convention to two days.

On October 16, 1969 SHAA met at the Haley Center on the campus of Auburn University. The theme of the meeting was "The Voice and Its Disorders." Joseph Jaeger, M.D., Chairman of the Medical College of Alabama, Robert E. Knight of the University of South Florida at Tampa, and David Mills of the Special Technical Facility at Talladega, Alabama spoke on "Judgments of Voice Disorders." Dr. Paul Moore of the University of Florida at Gainesville, spoke on "Clinical Considerations in Voice Disorders." Dr. Webster presided at a Business Meeting of SHAA at 2:30 PM to complete the day's activities. Dr. Webster had written to members of SHAA's Executive Council that Dr. Don Harrington of the Children's Bureau had agreed to come to Alabama on October 16, 1969 to meet with the Executive Council from 7:30 – 9:00 PM to discuss his ideas for planning for comprehensive speech and hearing services. Dr. Webster had appointed Dr. Eugene B. Cooper as Chairman of the Professional Policies Committee with the objective of reorganization of the committee to function not only as liaison with the State Department of Education, but also as liaison with the Legislature and those involved in Alabama in Comprehensive Health Planning.

SHAA's Executive Council met on December 6, 1969 at the Holiday Inn in Tuscaloosa. Dr. Webster submitted the following agenda: 1. selection of a Spring meeting date; 2. program suggestions; 3. nominations of two officers; 4. discussion

of and decision about the journal format for the Newsletter; 5. discussion of and decision about representative to the Southern Speech Association; 6. discussion of statewide planning resultant from information that concerned comprehensive planning for Speech and Hearing submitted by Dr. Don Harrington; and 7. report of the Recruitment Committee at ASHA convention from David Mills.

In 1968-69 an Application for Membership in SHAA contained two types of membership: Active – Directly engaged in professional or scientific work in speech, hearing and education of the deaf. Master’s degree and/or Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology or Speech Pathology or certification by Conference of Executives of American School for Deaf; Voting privileges; dues - \$5.00. Associate – Graduate or undergraduate students if not eligible for Active membership. Interested persons from other professions; no voting privilege; dues - \$3.00. Dues would be collected following acceptance for membership at the appropriate level.

In 1969 SHAA nominated Mrs. Mary Emily Lane of Auburn for the “Speech Teacher of the Year Award” given by the Southern Speech Association.

The Spring meeting of SHAA was held March 13, 1970 at the Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders in Birmingham with Miss Thelma Albritton, Associate Secretary for School Clinical Affairs of ASHA, as the featured speaker.

Dr. David A. Daly, SHAA President 1971 –1973**Executive Council**

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| Hearing Councilor..... | Hosea Turk |
| Deaf Councilor | Faye Churchill |
| Editor..... | Bryce Evans |
| ASHA Legislative Councilor | |
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Dr. David A. Daly received the B.A. in 1963 from Central Michigan University; the M. A. in 1964 from Ohio University and the Ed.D. from Penn. State University in 1968. On the faculty of the Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders of the University of Alabama in Birmingham, he served as SHAA president 1971 - 73. Dr. Daly worked for a more active association with member participation in committee work. More attention was being given to private practice. SHAA publications reflected growing concern with providing appropriate services to the aging population, the deaf, mentally retarded and the multi-handicapped.

In the October 1970 issue of SHAA, Volume 1, No. 1, Dr. Daly wrote in the President's Message, "An attempt was made to identify the speech and hearing personnel and deaf education personnel employed in Alabama. This data presented in a very detailed report by David Mills ("Speech and Hearing Personnel in Alabama: A Report to the Comprehensive Health Planning Committee of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama, 1970") was collected to answer four pertinent question: 1) Who are we? 2) How many are we? 3) What do we do? 4) Where do we do it? ...Only 26 of our school systems have speech and hearing programs and slightly over one-third (24 out of 67) of our counties have listed speech and hearing personnel. Mills found that there are approximately 175 individuals in Alabama performing speech and hearing services. Of these 175, 88 are members of ASHA and 90 are members of SHAA. I must admit that I was quite disappointed when I learned that almost half of the people treating the speech and hearing handicapped in this state were not members of their state speech and hearing association." President Daly urged all personnel in Alabama to become actively involved in the state and national professional organizations

The Executive Council of SHAA met for a two-day session April 30 - May 1, 1971 in Montgomery. A revised SHAA Constitution written by Dr. Eugene Cooper and Mrs. Marilyn Gerth was presented to members. Yearly dues of \$7.50 for Active, \$5.00 for Associate and \$3.00 for student members were approved by the Council. Dr. Bryce Evans, Editor of SHAA publications, requested an Editorial Board composed of members of the various areas in communication disorders and greater contact with

students. Financial support for secretarial services was needed. Dr. Eugene Cooper presented the "Recommended Endorsement in Speech Pathology and Audiology for the Class A Certificate as recommended by the Executive Council of SHAA on April 30, 1971." The Class A Certificate would require 54 semester hours in prescribed coursework and 150 clock hours of clinical practicum above the 200 hours required for the Class B Certificate.

At this April 30-May 1, 1971 meeting Dr. Donald Clopper, Associate Commissioner of Mental Retardation spoke regarding Alabama's Mandatory Special Education Bill. The Bill called for mandatory education in special classes and Dr. Clopper feared that 1000 additional teacher units would probably be allotted, but no additional monies would be appropriated by the State Legislature to fund them. Dr. Eugene Cooper moved that Dr. Daly appoint a committee to visit with Senator Horne to urge funding of the special education teacher units. Dr. Cooper also discussed the Developmental Disabilities Act of 1970 which provided residential centers in Decatur, Mobile, Wetumpka, Birmingham and Tuscaloosa.

The Fall SHAA meeting was held October 13, 1972 at the Downtown Ramada Inn in Tuscaloosa. Dr. Ronald Goldman of the Bill Wilkerson Hearing and Speech Center in Nashville, Tennessee spoke on his recent work in articulation therapy. Dr. Samuel Fletcher of the Spain Rehabilitation Center of the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham presented his rationale and procedures for treating children with tongue thrust. Registration and lunch cost \$5.00.

In September 1972 President Daly informed the SHAA membership of ASHA's plan for a Pilot Regional Conference in the Spring of 1973 in Atlanta, Georgia. Individuals living within the Southeastern Region were encouraged to present the short courses, colloquiums, and sessions. The business meeting of SHAA was held on May 11, 1973 during the Southeastern Regional Conference of ASHA at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, from 1:00 until 3:00 pm.

On April 12, 1973, Loretta Brown as Chairman of the Committee on State Services and Vivian Roe as Executive Secretary of SHAA, wrote to Dr. Clinton Owens, Chief Consultant of the Program for Exceptional Children and Youth of the State Department of Education as follows: "The Executive Council of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama wishes to pursue with you several possibilities for increasing and improving speech pathology and audiology services in the public schools of Alabama." The possibilities were: 1. A full time specialist in the area of speech pathology, fully certified by ASHA and with public school experience, appointed as our State Consultant to develop a comprehensive, state-wide program for children with communication problems. 2. Additional special education units earmarked for speech clinicians. 3. The Chief Consultant and the State Superintendent were encouraged to recommend that local school systems request teacher units for speech clinicians. 4. Efforts were needed to develop ways of delivering speech therapy services to the rural and sparsely settled areas of Alabama where needs were so great.

In the spring of 1973, 86 members of SHAA received ballots to vote for officers and 65 ballots were returned electing Dr. Samuel G. Fletcher as SHAA President 1973 - 1975.

Dr. Samuel G. Fletcher, SHAA President 1973 – 1975**Executive Council**

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| President | Samuel G. Fletcher |
| Executive Secretary | Arthur Schwartz |
| Vice President | Jerry Higgins |
| Convention Program Chair | Faye McCollister |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Hettie P. Johnson |
| Councilor for Speech Pathology Councilor..... | Betty Blodgett |
| Councilor for Audiology | Patsy Grissom |
| Councilor for Education of the Hearing Impaired.... | Robert Sanderson |
| Director of Publications | Crystal Cooper |
| ASHA Legislative Councilor | Loretta G. Brown |
| ASHA Legislative Councilor | Arthur J. Dahle |



Dr. Samuel G. Fletcher received the B.S. in 1951 from Utah State University; the M. S. in 1957 and the Ph.D. in 1958 from the University of Utah. Dr. Sam Fletcher was Chairman of the Department of Biocommunications of the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham. During his tenure as president of SHAA, the need of licensure for speech pathologists and audiologists was of great interest. Dr. Fletcher appointed Dr. Richard Cornell and Mrs. Mary Virginia Moore (later Dr. Moore) as co-chairmen of SHAA's Licensure Committee. The obtaining of a Licensure Bill was a gigantic effort which resulted in the involvement of a large number of SHAA members.

A SHAA Executive Committee meeting was held September 27, 1973 in Tuscaloosa. Dr. Art Dahle reported that Mrs. Betty Layton of the State Department of Education indicated that a speech and hearing consultant would be appointed at the State level to work with public school speech and hearing clinicians.

A business meeting of SHAA was held December 7, 1974 at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Dr. Gwenyth R. Vaughn, Chairman of the Professional Standards Review Organization (PSRO), reported that all health services funded by Medicare, Medicaid and Maternal and Child Health Welfare would have to meet Professional Standards Review Organization (PSRO) requirements and guidelines. Dr. Fletcher stressed that the purpose of PSRO was to assure that the communicatively handicapped received appropriate services. Loretta G. Brown, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported on the actions of the ASHA Legislative Council at the ASHA 1974 Convention in Las Vegas. There were 19,000 ASHA members in the U.S. Beginning in 1975, SHAA was entitled to two Legislative Councilors as the ASHA membership in Alabama was 178 and states were entitled to one Councilor for every 150 members. Dr. Arthur J. Dahle was elected to serve as the second Legislative Councilor. ASHA dues were increased from \$50.00 to \$65.00 beginning in 1976. The Legislative Council approved the purchase of property, secured funds and began construction of a building to house ASHA's national office. The 1973 Legislative Council endorsed in principle the requirement of continuing education for the renewal of ASHA certification.

At the January 23, 1975 meeting of the SHAA Executive Council, Secretary/Treasurer Hettie P. Johnson reported \$1,667.84 in the SHAA bank account. Dr. Laura Wright moved that SHAA increase the \$50.00 allowance for the expenses of the SHAA Legislative Councilor to ASHA to \$100.00. The motion passed. Dr. Fletcher reported that the Licensure Committee met January 12, 1975 with State Representative Pete Turnham of Auburn as advisor and that Representative Turnham agreed to sponsor our Licensure Bill in the Legislature. The need to raise dues was discussed.

Dr. Fletcher was very active in the process that selected Birmingham as the international headquarters for the Sertoma International Centers for Communicative Disorders. SHAA donated, through voluntary contributions of members, \$2,000.00 to this endeavor. SHAA's participation in this activity provided encouragement for the highest caliber of service to the consumer.

Dr. Gerald L. Culton, SHAA President 1975 – 1977**Executive Council**

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| President | Gerald L. Culton |
| Executive Secretary | Arthur Schwartz |
| Vice President | Barbara Hamner |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Hettie P. Johnson |
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| Councilor for Audiology | Glenn Baquet |
| Councilor for Education of the Hearing Impaired ... | Ruth Walker |
| Director of Publications | Crystal Cooper |
| ASHA Legislative Councilor | Loretta G. Brown |
| ASHA Legislative Councilor | Arthur J. Dahle |



Dr. Gerald L. Culton received the B.A. in 1960 from the University of Omaha; the M.A. in 1962 from Kansas State University; and the Ph.D. in 1968 from the University of Denver. Dr. Culton wrote "A summary of SHAA accomplishments during my presidency includes several major advances and some lasting vestiges. Firstly, we were able to push our Licensure Bill, which was drafted by a SHAA Committee, through the Alabama Legislature in a Special Session late in 1975. It was implemented in 1976 with the appointment of the first ABESPA. Secondly, we established what became the very popular two-day conventions in Gulf Shores, Alabama. In 1976, SHAA met at the Gulf Shores Holiday Inn April 9-10, with ASHA President Rolland Van Hattum as keynote speaker. In 1977, we met at the Gulf Shores States Resort on April 22-23. We had to move to the Resort in 1977 because the attendance in 1976 was too great for the Holiday Inn to accommodate. Our Keynote speaker was immediate past-president of ASHA, Daniel R. Boone. The Gulf Shores conventions began a tradition that followed for a long time. They were moneymakers, enabling the officers to maintain annual dues at a low \$7.50 per year, while still providing us with enough capital to do the work of the Association.

Unveiled at the 1976 Gulf Shores convention was the newly created "Honors of the Association Award", with Dr. Laura F. Wright as the initial recipient. Dr. T. Earl Johnson received the award in 1977. SHAA membership grew from 190 in 1975, to 270 in 1976. During the period from fall 1975 through spring 1977, we were able to publish and mail to all members, four 25-40 page *SHAA Journals* with green and white, heavy paper covers at no extra cost to the members.

During my period as SHAA president, we established the SHAA logo still in use today. Also, we revised a skeletal Constitution into a working document with Bylaws modeled after the ASHA document. It remained in effect for 20 years until recently. We created the position of vice president as convention chairperson, as well as establishing both standing and special committees. It was truly an exciting time for SHAA because, for the first time, we reached outside into the political and convention arenas and found that we could negotiate our way pretty well for a bunch of audiologists and speech pathologists (as we were then called)."

The SHAA Executive Committee met December 2, 1975 at the University of Montevallo. Secretary/Treasurer, Hettie Johnson, reported \$1,344.95 in SHAA's bank account. Dr. Culton reported on the meeting of the Council of State Association Presidents and that SHAA joined the organization at a fee of \$25.00 per year. Mary Virginia Moore and Dr. Dick Cornell reported that the Licensure Bill was passed in Special Session of the Legislature on November 8, 1975 and signed by Governor George Wallace November 13, 1975. Two new committees were formed: Professional Standards Review Organization and the Committee on Aging.

The 1976 SHAA Spring convention was held April 9 – 10, 1976 at Gulf Shores. Dr. Wayne O. Olsen of Mayo Clinic spoke on “Central Auditory Processing” and “Dichotic Listening.” Dr. Roland Van Hattum, President-Elect of ASHA, presented as the banquet address “Our Emerging Profession.”

Dr. Culton initiated the tradition of presenting Honors of the Association to persons who had made significant contributions to SHAA. At the 1976 convention banquet Honors of the Association were presented to Representative H. L. Callahan of Mobile, Representative Pete Turnham of Auburn and Senator Gerald W. Waldrop of Gadsden for their assistance in the passing of the Licensure Bill. Dr. Laura F. Wright received Honors of the Association for her work as a pioneer of our professions in Alabama. Mary Virginia Moore and Dr. Richard Cornell, Co-chairman of SHAA's Licensure Committee, received Honors of the Association.

The SHAA Executive Council met January 6, 1977 at the Hearing and Speech Clinic of the Medical College of Alabama in Birmingham. Faye McCollister, Art Dahle and Eugene Sheeley were nominated for seats vacated on ABESPA and Dr. Culton forwarded those names to Governor Wallace. SHAA had \$1,300.00 in the bank and it was voted to charge exhibitors at the Spring convention \$70.00 per exhibit which included the charge for the table. The Council voted to award Honors of the Association to Dr. T. Earle Johnson at the 1977 Spring convention.

The 1977 Spring convention of SHAA was held April 20 - 22, 1977 at Gulf Shores. At the Business meeting Barbara Hamner, Vice President, reported that 177 were registered for the convention and 96 for the banquet. SHAA received \$870.00 from registration fees and \$335.00 from exhibitors. Dr. Curtis Smith reported that the Licensure Law went into effect November 13, 1975 and that the members of ABESPA were appointed September 30, 1976. Smith reported that 255 license applications had been approved with 181 licenses issued to that date. The Convention program included special sessions by Kathryn B. Horton who presented “Accessibility of Resources for Handicapped Children in Head Start” and Dr. Daniel R. Boone, immediate Past-President of ASHA, who presented “Voice Disorders in Children.” Dr. Eugene B. Cooper spoke on “Personalized Fluency Control Therapy”; Dr. Thomas Borton, “Loudness Recruitment and Acoustic Reflexes”; Dr. Arthur Dahle and Faye P. McCollister, “Hearing Impairments in Children with Viral Infections and Congenital Syndromes”; Patricia A. Patton, “SCCS Sponsored Hearing Aid Clinics in Alabama”; Dr. W. H. Moore and Mary Kay Long, “Linguistic Processing in Stutterers: Some Results from Bilateral Tachistoscopic and Alpha Hemispheric Asymmetry Procedures”; Dr. Thomas Borton and Dr. W. H. Moore, “Effects of Stimulus Intensity on the Cardiac Component of the Orienting Response”; and Roberta B. Pierce, “Tongue Thrust Therapy is Effective.”

Mrs. Mary Virginia Moore, SHAA President 1977 – 1979**Executive Council**

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| President | Mary Virginia Moore |
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| Executive Secretary | Wendell F. Smith |
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| Councilor for Education of the Deaf | Ruth Walker |
| Journal Editor | Phyllis P. Phillips |
| ASHA Legislative Councilor.... | Art Schwartz (1977) Wendell F. Smith (1978) |
| ASHA Legislative Councilor | Eugene B. Cooper |



Mrs. Mary Virginia Moore (later, 1982, Dr. Moore) served as President of SHAA 1977-79. She was born in Valdosta, Georgia and graduated from Valdosta State University. She obtained her master's degree from Purdue University and earned the Ph.D. in Neuropsychology from Auburn University in 1982. She was employed by Auburn University 1956 – 1979. From 1969 until 1992 she was employed by the Department of Veteran's Affairs as Speech Pathologist at Tuskegee, Alabama. She is the wife of Claude H.

Moore and the mother of five children.

She reported that the activities of the Professional Standards Review Organization Committee, later the Quality Assurance Committee, which culminated in the ratification of the Alabama Quality Assurance Program Manual at the Spring 1979 SHAA convention in Montgomery, was of significance during her tenure as President. ABESPA realized its first full Board. A positive working relationship was developed between SHAA and ABESPA with the development of a system by which SHAA selected the nominees for the ABESPA positions with those nominations going to the Governor of Alabama. Other important events/issues included: 1. educational programs for all segments of SHAA, workshops, conferences, one day specialty programs, and excellent programming at SHAA conventions; 2. cooperative endeavors between SHAA and other professional associations and governing agencies in the State; 3. concern for the implementation of PL 94-142 as related to communication disorders; and 4. understanding and assuming our role in the nation's health care delivery system.

Other accomplishments included: 1. continued growth of membership; 2. publication of a journal of excellent quality; 3. presentation of excellent conventions planned to meet the needs of all members of SHAA; 4. establishment of a detailed bookkeeping system; 5. active involvement in relevant legislative proceedings; 6. revision of the SHAA Constitution; and 7. emphasis on public relations.

The Fall 1977 SHAA meeting in Montgomery on October 6, 1977 was followed by UPDATE: LARYNGECTOMY at the Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital. The *Directory of the Speech and Hearing Association of 1978* listed 392 members of SHAA, an Addendum listed 19 more for a total membership of 411.

On January 13, 1978, SHAA co-sponsored with the Occupational Therapy Association and the Physical Therapy Association of Alabama, a Seminar on Medicare to acquaint the members of those three state associations with the Medicare regulations as applicable to them.

Revenue from dues barely covered the cost of publishing the *Shaa Journal*, mailouts to members, contributions to ASHA delegates for expenses, and routine expenses. The Convention Registration fees and fees from the 20-25 exhibitors covered the Spring 1978 Convention expenses. SHAA funds were not used for food at conventions and members of the Executive Council were not reimbursed any travel expenses to attend Council meetings. SHAA benefited greatly from the generosity of the several training institutions which contributed postage, duplication, clerical work, meeting space, etc. In January 1978 a Medicare/Medicaid Conference was held in Birmingham and a Winter Weekend sponsored by the School Affairs Committee was held at Callaway Gardens, Georgia and featured Ed Hutchinson who spoke on "Language Development in Children." In June 1978 a conference "Breaking the Silence Barrier" in conjunction with the Committee on Aging was held in Montgomery.

The 1978 SHAA convention was held April 20-22 at Gulf Shores and featured a Polynesian Luau. John Shea, M. D. of the Memphis Eye and Ear Hospital presented a special session: "New Insights in the Treatment of Sudden Hearing Loss, Fluctuant Hearing Loss and Tinnitus." Annie Laura Gunter, Director of the Office of Consumer Protection of Montgomery spoke on "The Consumer...Their Rights." Another special session featured Dr. John V. Irwin of Memphis State University who spoke on "Early Phonological Development." "Auditory Processing" was the subject of a session presented by Dr. Ronald Goldman of the Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders in Birmingham and "Pragmatic Aspects of Gestural Communication" by Dr. Willie Cupples and Richard Peach of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

At the Business Meeting held April 22, 1978 Patsy Grissom, Convention Chair, reported an attendance of approximately 200 persons. SHAA's bank balance was \$4,560.00 as reported by Wendell Smith, Executive Secretary. SHAA membership was at 345 members. Dr. Richard Cornell reported consideration of a name change by ASHA that included "language" in the title. Specialty area certification had been proposed. President Moore reported that Governor George Wallace had appointed Faye McCollister and Gerald Culton to the ABESPA Board. Dr. Culton reported that the Legislative Committee had been active in preventing Senate Bill 552 and House Bill 6 from passing. Both bills would have been detrimental to our Licensure Law. Barbara Hamner presented Dr. Gerald Culton a gavel in appreciation for his distinguished service to SHAA as President 1975-1977. A Resolution was read and passed in recognition of the retirement of Janet Summer of Birmingham honoring her many years of service to the communicatively handicapped, her service in the public schools and her participation in SHAA. A Resolution was passed honoring Georgia Holmes, Ruth Strong and Janet Hargis, members of the School Affairs Committee, for their efforts in presenting the Winter Weekend at Callaway Gardens. Dr. Edward Hutchinson received special thanks.

The Fall 1978 SHAA meeting was held at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Birmingham on October 5, 1978. The Executive Committee met at 2:30 PM, committees at 3:30 PM, followed by the SHAA Business meeting at 4:50 pm. SHAA membership

was reported at 409. Wendell Smith, Executive Secretary reported SHAA's bank balance less than \$1,000.00 and would be zero by the end of 1978. Wendell Smith moved that SHAA dues be increased from \$7.50 to \$10.00 for Active members, from \$5.00 to \$7.50 for Associate members and \$4.00 for students. The motion passed. After the Business meeting, Dr. R. Orin Cornett of Gallaudet College spoke on "Higher Expectations for the Hearing Impaired." The two-day workshop sponsored by the Audiology-Speech Pathology Service of the Birmingham Veterans Administration Hospital, "Crash Course in Cued Speech" was presented by Dr. R. Orin Cornett of Gallaudet College on October 6-7, 1978.

The 1978 ASHA Convention was held November 18-21, 1978 in San Francisco, California. Jesse Jackson was to have been the luncheon speaker but cancelled at the last minute. The following SHAA members presented sessions: John M. Christensen, UAB; Eugene B. Cooper, UA; Willie P. Cupples and Richard K. Peach, UA; Walter H. Moore, Jr. and William O. Haynes, AU; Phyllis P. Phillips, AU; Cheryl D. Myers, Opelika City Schools. Eugene Cooper presented a mini seminar on "The Complete Clinician: Behaviorist and Phenomenologist." Poster sessions were given by Thomas E. Borton, Walter H. Moore, Jr., Sandra R. Clark, Phyllis P. Phillips, all of Auburn University. Other SHAA members taking part were Richard Cornell and Wendell Smith, Legislative Councilors; Loretta G. Brown, Quality Assurance; and Mary Virginia Moore, Licensure.

The Executive Council met April 5, 1979 prior to the Spring Convention. Mrs. Sharon Fox of the State Department of Education, Alabama's first consultant in Speech-Language Pathology for the public schools, visited the Executive Council and discussed the Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual which had been approved by the State Board and would be official after 30 days allowed for comment. Members requested input regarding speech and hearing services prior to ratification. President Moore reported that SHAA had requested the State Department consider ASHA certification and State Licensure as one route to obtain teacher certification in Alabama. Mrs. Fox stated that there are 367 speech-language pathologists in public schools in Alabama with many vacancies. SHAA's membership was reported by Hettie Johnson at 247, down from 343 at the same time in 1978. Members of the Executive Council presented President Moore a plaque expressing appreciation for her outstanding service to SHAA as President 1977-1979.

The 1979 20th Anniversary Birthday Bash of SHAA (Spring Convention) was held April 6 - 7, 1979 at the Governor's House in Montgomery. The pre-registration fee was \$10.00, \$12.00 at the convention, \$6.00 and \$8.00 for students. Patsy Grissom, Convention Chair, estimated income from the convention at \$2,600.00 with expenses at \$600.00. The fee included a copy of the *Alabama Quality Assurance Manual*. SHAA had achieved Bulk Rate Mailing status. Advertising in the *SHAA Journal* was discussed. Dr. Dick Cornell and Dr. Wendell Smith, ASHA Legislative Councilors, reported that ASHA's name was been changed to The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at the 1978 ASHA Convention. The revisions of SHAA's current Constitution were suggested: 1. an officer-elect period; 2. Executive Secretary position changed to an elected one with the title of Treasurer; 3. current Secretary position divided into Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary; 4. method of selecting ABESPA nominees established; 5. elections every other year provided; and 6. SHAA

Constitution changed to SHAA Bylaws. These and other revisions were accepted by the membership.

The Convention theme, "SHAA - No Longer a Teenager" was in celebration of SHAA's 20th birthday. Dr. James Vickrey, Jr., President of the University of Montevallo was the luncheon speaker. Thirty- seven charter members were recognized as well as past presidents and officers, Board members of ABESPA, ASHA Legislative Councilors, and previous recipients of Honors of the Association. Honors of the Association for 1979 were presented to Dr. Ollie Backus, formerly of the University of Alabama, then of California. Dr. Backus had written a letter expressing her appreciation for the award since she could not attend.

At the Business Meeting the third draft of the *Alabama Quality Assurance Manual*, a document developed by SHAA's Quality Assurance Committee, was ratified. Presenters included Dr. Charles Berlin of LSU School of Medicine who spoke on " New Developments in Sensory Auditory Evaluation;" "Instrumental Procedures for Teaching the Deaf" was the subject of Dr. Samuel Fletcher; "The Aging Process" was presented by Dr. Lorin A. Baumhover of the University of Alabama; Hettie P. Johnson of the Birmingham City Schools and Daniel E. Phillips presented "Laryngectomy Speech Rehabilitation: Methods of Management"; and David Mills of the Division of Exceptional Children of the N.C. State Department of Education spoke on "The Role of Speech/Language Pathologists in the Public Schools."

Dr. Loretta G. Brown, SHAA President 1979 – 1981**Executive Council**

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| Audiology Councilor | Charles Taylor |
| Education of the Deaf Councilor..... | Beverly Hunter |
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Dr. Loretta G. Brown received the B.A. at Birmingham-Southern College in 1947; M.A. in 1955; and the Ed.D. at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa in 1971. While president, she was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Communication Science and Disorders, and Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, at the University of Montevallo. Dr. Brown described her tenure as president as one of growth, increased professional responsibility, and change in the profession. ASHA Certification and Licensure were considered as minimal requirements for employment in all settings. SHAA required legal counsel and incorporation. Required continuing education for the retention of certification and licensure emerged as an issue with the explosion of knowledge in the professions. Membership in SHAA grew and the number of service centers increased. New committees reflected specialty interests as well as professional areas of concern. Medicare and Medicaid funding presented immense opportunities for expansion of services as well as requiring quality assurance of services for protection of the consumer. The need for recognition of problems in speech, language and hearing in children and adults continued as did the need for the public to recognize the services of our professions. More independence as practitioners emerged as a concern as well as the need to work on a multidisciplinary team. Dr. Brown remembered much excitement and optimism experienced by speech-language pathologists and audiologists regarding their professions.

SHAA's Executive Council met on May 5, 1979 at the home of the Vice President Mary Jean Morawetz in Birmingham. SHAA's bank account was approximately \$2,000.00. Membership was at 299 compared to 334 last year. Several members, primarily public school personnel, complained that their needs were not being met by SHAA. Nancy Blanchard, School Affairs Committee Chair, planned to communicate the many convention programs planned concerning schools which public school personnel did not attend to encourage them to get involved in SHAA activities. Dan Phillips suggested local study clubs, which existed in several areas in the State, to encourage the participation of public school practitioners. President Brown reported that a member (Mrs. Cherry of Dothan) of the State Board of Education requested members of SHAA attend the May 8, 1979 meeting of the State Board to provide input into the *Policies and Procedures Manual*. She reported that the State Department of Public Health

requested data regarding our profession since they were not familiar with the identity of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists. Charles Taylor, Audiology Councilor, reported that the Audiology Committee had published current Medicaid guidelines for Audiologists and that the Alabama Attorney General had ruled that Audiologists did not have to be licensed by the Hearing Aid Board if they are licensed by ABESPA to fit and sell hearing aids. Dan Phillips suggested to Mary Jean Morawetz, Convention Chair, that programs be divided into interest categories in order to meet the needs of professionals in the various work environments. A motion to include advertisement in the *Shaa Journal* was defeated, but the matter was referred to the Publications Committee. Hettie Johnson moved that Greg Cusimano be requested to serve as SHAA's legal counsel, Dick Cornell seconded and the motion passed. Mary Jean Morawetz moved that the attorney's fee ceiling be set at \$200.00 or at \$40.00 per hour if that amount proved to be cheaper. Dr. Phyllis Phillips recommended to members of the Executive Council that SHAA members write their national legislators regarding Senate Bill #507 (Dole and Talmadge) which concerned a change in Medicaid provisions from physician prescription to physician referral for the services of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

The SHAA Executive Council met October 13, 1979 at the University of Montevallo. Wendell Smith, Executive Secretary, reported SHAA's bank balance was approximately \$2,000.00 with SHAA's 1980 income projected at \$7,000.00 and projected expenses at \$6,400.00. Hettie Johnson, Membership Secretary, reported membership at 336 compared to 247 in April 1979 and 343 in April 1978. Katrina Hamilton chaired the Committee on the Incorporation of SHAA. The possibility of tax exempt status was suggested. Mr. Greg Cusimano, retained as SHAA's attorney at a meeting of the Executive Council on May 5, 1979, advised SHAA to forego tax exempt status as unprofitable, but to incorporate SHAA as a non-profit organization. The Executive Council approved this recommendation and Mary Jean Morawetz moved that SHAA budget a maximum of \$300.00 annually for legal fees. This motion was passed. Dr. Brown appointed Kenneth W. Early as chair of the Comprehensive Health Planning Committee and Patsy Patton as SHAA's liaison to ABESPA. Dr. Brown reported that correspondence with Governor Fob James regarding his appointment of new members of ABESPA revealed some confusion as he thought the Governor was to choose ABESPA's members rather than select persons for appointment from a list submitted to the Governor by SHAA. Dr. Brown had written Governor James in September 1979 informing him that the terms of Dr. Eugene Cooper representing speech pathology and Dr. Robert Fox representing audiology on ABESPA expired October 1, 1979. Council approved ASHA Legislative Councilor Dr. Dick Cornell's motion that SHAA send a letter expressing SHAA's appreciation to Dr. Kenneth Johnson, Executive Secretary of ASHA, upon his retirement, for his years of service and accomplishment.

A Business meeting of SHAA was held on October 13, 1979 at the University of Montevallo. Members voted to authorize SHAA's attorney, Greg Cusimano, to proceed to incorporate SHAA as a non-profit organization. Dan Phillips reported that ASHA had arranged and provided TV spots for Alabama with Senator Howell Heflin talking about speech-language-hearing problems. The TV spots had aired in Birmingham, Huntsville, and Mobile. Two additional spots were purchased for Alabama Public Television and Montgomery. Charles Taylor and Sandra Clark Lewis reported for the Audiology

Committee of the Alabama Attorney General's opinion that audiologists can dispense hearing aids without a second license. ABESPA had expressed concern regarding advertisements calling hearing aid dealers "Certified Hearing Aid Audiologists". Ken Early, Chair of the Comprehensive Health Planning Committee, reported efforts to have our professions included in federal legislation and National Health Insurance. Alabama's Quality Assurance Manual will be sent to Health Systems Agencies across the State to clarify our role in health care delivery. In a report to H. E. Harrison of the Bureau of Health Planning in the Department of Public Health in 1979, Dr. Brown responded to his request concerning the Alabama State Health Manpower Plan. This report contained definitions of speech pathologist, audiologist, and speech pathology aide. The need for services was explained and the following information was included in the supply statement: "As of January 1979 there were 281 Speech-Language Pathologists licensed in Alabama, 39 persons licensed in Audiology and 29 person licensed in both speech pathology and audiology. This was a total of 349; however, this figure did not represent all professionals at work in Alabama as persons employed in the public schools and federal agencies were not required to obtain a license to practice. The July 1979 *Directory of the Speech and Hearing Association* listed 336 professionals, but this did not represent all professionals as 350 speech-language pathologists, 5 audiologists and approximately 100 teachers of the hearing impaired are employed in the public schools of Alabama."

Interesting events in 1979 included: 1. The second year of the Auditory/Oral Preschool program for the Hearing Impaired (E.C.H. O. Foundation) in Birmingham announced by Patricia Wood and Martha R. Mundy. 2. The Mobile County Public School System approved the establishment of a state-funded special school for hearing and visually-impaired children designated the Southwest Alabama Regional School for the Deaf and Blind. 3. The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology of the University of South Alabama initiated a program of aural rehabilitative treatment for hard of hearing adults in the Mobile area. 4. A new program to serve deaf and hard of hearing persons 16 years of age and older was established as the Montgomery Center for the Deaf, a department of the Central Alabama Rehabilitation Center. 5. The Hearing and Speech Clinic of Dothan, directed by Hams D. Higgins, opened in May 1979 and was the only private audiological practice in the Wiregrass area of Alabama. 6. A series of booklets, *Steps Toward Effective Production of Speech (STEPS)* was prepared by Dr. Eugene Sheeley and Ms. Doris McQuiddy. The Southeast Regional Center for Deaf-Blind Children (Talladega) published the entire series of booklets. The first booklet, "Beginning to Use a Hearing Aid" was translated into Portuguese at the Anne Sullivan School for Special Education in Brazil. In May 1979 Dr. Eugene Cooper was elected to head the National Council of State Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Alabama was well represented in the National Council of Graduate Programs (begun in 1974) with Auburn University, the University of Montevallo, the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and the University of South Alabama as members.

The SHAA Spring convention held April 10-12, 1980 at the Holiday Inn on 20th Place in Birmingham. The Honors of the Association were presented to Dr. Buckminster Ranney, Deputy Director of the Communicative Disorders Program of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. who was the first president of SHAA, first

Editor of the *Shaa Journal* and the Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Auburn University. The Convention program included Dr. Norma S. Rees, President of ASHA spoke on "What Do We Really Know About Language Disorders?"; Dr. C. Rebekah Hand presented "Approaches to Aphasia Therapy"; Dr. Gerald Culton presented "Evaluation and Treatment of Psychogenic Voice Disorders"; Dr. Gerald A. Studebaker spoke on "Recent Trends in Hearing Aid Selection Methods"; Dr. Richard E. Shine of East Carolina University spoke on "Systematic Fluency Training for Young Stutterers"; Dr. Thomas E. Borton spoke on "Tinnitus Management, Experience with Two New Approaches"; Dr. Curtis Smith spoke on "Current Trends in Industrial Audiology"; Dr. Michael R. Seitz and Dr. Arthur J. Dahle presented "Roundtable Discussion of Brainstem Audiology"; and Dr. Marjorie Faircloth spoke on "Articulation Dynamics: Clinical Application".

At the Business meeting on April 12, 1980, SHAA, jointly with ASHA, presented to Senator Howell Heflin a plaque which acknowledged his willingness to add his considerable influence in our efforts to increase public awareness of the nature and extent of communication disorders and to aid those in need of professional assistance to locate such help. Senator Heflin had recorded two public service announcements for viewing in Alabama.

Hettie Johnson, Membership Secretary announced SHAA's membership was 307 with 124 members employed in public schools; 55 at clinics/hospitals/rehabilitation centers; 38 in private practice/doctor's offices, home health care agencies; and 45 in universities. Convention chairman Mary Jean Morawetz announced that the attendance at the 1980 SHAA Convention was the largest to date. Fifty-three students were registered at the Convention. Dr. Robert Fox reported that fifty exhibitors participated in the Convention. Nancy Blanchard reported that SHAA had been allotted two 45 minutes program sections in the Conference planned by the Council for Special Education Coordinators in Montgomery July 17-18, 1980. One section was devoted to speech pathology and one to audiology/educator of the deaf. Mrs. Blanchard reported on a meeting with Cecil Teague at the State Department of Education during which concern was expressed that Speech Pathologists were required to do vision screening.

ASHA informed SHAA that effective June 1, 1980, there would be a voluntary continuing education program named the Council on Professional Standards (COPS). Groups were to be accredited by ASHA to offer courses or workshops for credits in continuing education. SHAA's Continuing Education Committee, chaired by Barbara Cusimano and Patsy Patton, was asked to investigate how SHAA should respond. Robert Fox suggested that ABESPA was the organization designated to provide continuing education, but had no funds appropriated for same. The Committee on Voting Privileges reported that Dr. Fred Spahr of ASHA indicated that voting privileges to associate members would endanger our position as an ASHA recognized state organization. Helen Snell read a Resolution in tribute to Dr. Amy Baird, a pioneer in speech pathology in Alabama, who died October 14, 1979. In the 1950s Dr. Baird had been director of the Junior League of Birmingham speech and hearing services. Later she operated a private school in Homewood working with children with learning disabilities and adults with laryngectomies. The Resolution was adopted and members stood in silence as a tribute to Dr. Baird. Dan Phillips reported that May was Better Hearing and Speech Month and materials from ASHA were distributed. Bryce Evans

announced that the newly elected officers were "officers elect" for the first time, could attend the Executive Council meetings but with no vote.

The October 9 - 10, 1980 SHAA Fall Business Meeting and ASHA Professional Affairs Conference was held at the Central Alabama Rehabilitation Center in Montgomery. Patsy Patton was in charge of local arrangements. The Executive Council met briefly October 9 and discussed increasing travel support for ASHA Legislative Councilors from \$150.00 to \$300.00 each. Treasurer Dr. Colleen McAleer reported a balance of \$1,958.00 with no outstanding bills. The Business Meeting followed. David Savage, Educational Specialist with the State Department of Education, in charge of Speech and Hearing Impaired, was a guest. Treasurer McAleer reported projected revenue at \$9,040.00 with projected expenditures at \$8,681.00. Denise Gibbs, Membership Secretary, reported that of the 360 ASHA members in Alabama, only 185 belong to SHAA. Dr. Marjorie Faircloth, Journal Editor, sent notices to prospective advertisers as SHAA voted to accept advertising in the Journal. She reported the cost of printing and mailing the proposed SHAA Newsletter would be approximately \$100.00. Katrina Hamilton Rietta reported that SHAA members had voted 71-0 in favor of incorporation and the necessary By-Laws changes. Dan Phillips announced that ASHA's voluntary continuing education program awarded an ACE (Award for Continuing Education) to anyone who earned seven Continuing Education Units (CEUs) within a three year period. Mr. Phillips moved that SHAA pay the \$75.00 application fee to ASHA to become an approved sponsor for CEUs, and the motion passed. The recommendation from Executive Council to increase the travel allowance for Legislative Councilors from \$150.00 to \$300.00 each passed.

In December 1980, Glen M. Baquet, Chair of ABESPA, wrote to Dr. Brown and expressed appreciation for SHAA's support during the Sunset Review Process.

The SHAA Executive Council meeting held January 10, 1981 was called to address a letter from Dr. W. Alan Eisele, audiologist at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, requesting professional and financial assistance from SHAA with reference to a lawsuit brought against him and UAB by five hearing aid dealers claiming unfair competition as UAB received state funding. Mr. Greg Cusimano, Legal Counsel for SHAA, advised SHAA could not contribute financially due to our non-profit status, and because the lawsuit was at the Circuit Court level any decision would affect only those involved in the lawsuit. If the matter reached the Appellate Court, added discussion was advised.

Denise Gibbs, Membership Chair, reported 217 members which included 38 students. Charles Taylor, Councilor for Audiology, reported 27 ASHA certified dispensing audiologists in Alabama.

The Spring Convention of SHAA was held April 9 - 11, 1981 at the Holiday Inn 20th Place in Birmingham with 262 persons registered on April 10. The Honors of the Association were presented to Dr. Edwin W. Martin, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services of the U. S. Department of Education. Mary Jean Morawetz, Convention Chair and her committee obtained the following speakers: Dr. Barbara K. Cullatta presented "Incorporating Language Teaching Techniques into the Natural Environment"; Dr. James Jerger, "Aging: The Next Frontier in Communicative Disorders"; Georgia W. Holmes, "Audiology in the Public Schools"; Dr. Phyllis P. Phillips, "Counseling the Communicatively Handicapped Population"; Dr. William O.

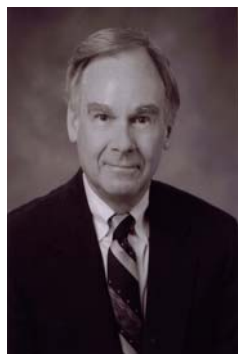
Haynes, "Phonology: Assessment and Treatment": Gary Myers, M.D., "Specifying CBS Sites" and Dennis Pappas, M.D., "Cochlear Implants"; Dr. Francine Holland, "Choosing Targets for Language Intervention"; Dr. W. Bryce Evans, "The Acoustic Correlates of Vocal Hypofunction in Selected College Women": Daniel E. Phillips, "Evaluation, Treatment and Re-evaluation of Dysarthria"; Dr. William E. Weidner, "Developmental Apraxia"; Faye M. Churchill, "An Audiologist in Private Practice"; and Barbara Cusimano, Hettie P. Johnson, and Katrina Hamilton Rietta, "Private Practice in Speech Pathology". The following groups met during the 1981 convention: Schools Affairs, NSSLHA, Aphasiology Association, Private Practice Committee, Audiology Committee, and ABESPA.

ABESPA sponsored a workshop for licensees only on August 7, 1981 featuring Leonard LaPointe who discussed the treatment of dysarthria. Whether SHAA would allow ABESPA to use SHAA's CEU sponsor status was questioned.

At the SHAA Business meeting on April 10, 1981, Membership Chair Denise Gibbs reported the current membership at 360, the largest membership to date in SHAA. Treasurer Colleen McAleer reported cash on hand before the convention at \$2,752.27 with membership fees providing \$2,712.00 of that total. Registration fees for the convention totaled \$625.00 and exhibit fees \$1,200.00.

Dr. Richard A. Cornell, Ph.D., President of SHAA 1981 – 1983**Executive Council**

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Dr. Cornell received the B.A. in 1955 from Ohio University; M.S. in 1961 from Vanderbilt; and the Ph.D. in 1974 from Northwestern University. The SHAA Executive Council met October 16, 1981 in the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Auburn University in Montgomery. Committee chairs were selected and approved. President Cornell reported that Dr. William Weidner had informed him that SHAA was now an ASHA approved CEU sponsor. Dr. Art Dahle, Vice President, reported plans for the Spring SHAA Convention at Gulf Shores. Registration fees were set at \$15.00 for members; \$20.00 for non-members; and \$10.00 for students with a late fee of \$5.00. Treasurer Dr. Colleen McAleer reported cash on hand at \$3,173.24, additional revenues of \$55.50, and 1981 Convention expenses of \$2,830.96. Dr. Denise Gibbs, Membership Secretary, reported 373 members.

The SHAA Executive Council met April 15, 1982 at the Gulf Shores State Park Resort at Gulf Shores, Alabama during the Spring Convention April 11 – 17, 1982. Dr. Art Dahle, Vice President, presided in the absence of the President and reported that 168 persons had pre-registered. Denise Gibbs, Membership Secretary, reported a total of 304 members: 199 Active, 43 Associate; and 62 students. Student memberships were encouraged by SHAA's awarding a plaque to the university student organization having the highest percentage of students enrolled as SHAA members. The first award went to the University of Montevallo. Steve Gibbs, Acting Treasurer, reported a current balance of \$6,410.97, but there were outstanding bills. Dr. Wendell Smith, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported some decrease in ASHA membership since the separation of membership and certification. A Task Force was formed to study the Single Certificate. Computer applications were determined to be of high importance. Smith further reported that ASHA was investigating what courses training programs should offer in their curriculum. Professionals in Private Practice reported a lack of preparation by training programs of their graduates for handling business management. Also concern was expressed regarding the management of the Clinical Fellowship Year. Patsy Patton, Liaison to ABESPA, reported several projects planned by ABESPA: 1.) filing of Rules and Regulations; 2.) preparation of a Brochure; 3.) publication of a

list of current licensees; 4.) planning of continuing education programs; 5.) updating of application forms; and 6.) formalizing procedures for handling complaints. Mrs. Patton had offered the services of SHAA's Continuing Education Committee in making CEUs available at ABESPA sponsored programs.

Dr. Art Dahle, Vice President and the 1982 Convention Committee had arranged the following convention program: Dr. Frank B. Wilson, "Management of Voice Disorders"; Dr. W. Alan Eisele, "In-the-Ear Hearing Aids: Technology and Problems"; Lynn C. Arnold and Lynne Butler, "Options for Audiologic Rehabilitation: Assistive Devices and Delivery Procedures"; Dr. Curtis R. Smith, "Current Status of Occupational Noise Exposure Regulations"; Dr. James L. Fitch and Dr. Dan E. Sellers, "Clinical Applications of Computers in Diagnostics and Therapy"; Dr. Nancy A. Hawes, "Determination of Hearing Loss by the Office of Workers' Compensation"; Steve R. Charlton, "Private Practice in Audiology"; Martha Mundy, "Measurement of Auditory Discrimination of Hearing Impaired Children"; Dr. John F. Schmitt, "Speech-Language Production and Comprehension: Changes Associated with Aging"; Dr. Marjorie Faircloth, "Current Trends in Articulation Training"; Esther O'Brien, "Integrating IEPs and Therapy Plans: A Sampling of Processes Used Across the State"; Cecil G. Betros and Myra Downs, "Speech-Language Pathology in a Home-Health Setting"; and Dr. Larry E. Adams, "The Utilization of Micro Computers in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology".

The 1982 General Business meeting was held April 16 during the Spring Convention. President Dr. Dick Cornell presided. Dr. William Weidner, Continuing Education Chair, reported that at the end of the first year of approval as a CEU sponsor, SHAA had sponsored a total of five CEU programs and had been approved by ASHA as a CEU sponsor for a second year. Membership was reported at 333. Dr. Cornell appointed Steve Gibbs, Acting Treasurer, as Treasurer to complete the term of Dr. Colleen McAleer who had moved out of state. Mr. Gibbs reported a balance of \$3,218.07 in May 1981; income after May 1981 was \$7,092.42; expenses were \$2,606.24; the current balance was \$7,704.25; however convention expenses were not paid. \$1,543.81 had been collected at the convention. Dr. Bryce Evans announced that he was one of 70 persons trained by ASHA to present workshops on Children Services Review System. President Cornell expressed appreciation to ABESPA for their co-sponsorship of the major speakers at the 1982 convention.

The 1983 SHAA Spring convention was held April 28 - 30, 1983 at the Holiday Inn, Downtown-Medical Center in Birmingham. President Dick Cornell convened the SHAA Executive Council on April 28, 1983. Dr. Robert Fox attended as ABESPA liaison to SHAA. Vice President Art Dahle, Convention Chair, announced that 166 persons had pre-registered. Dr. Dahle expressed appreciation to ABESPA for its financial contribution to the expenses of the main speakers for the 1983 SHAA convention. Approximately \$1000.00 had been collected from exhibitors. Dr. Dahle reported that monies collected equaled the cost of the previous convention. Dr. Dahle suggested "job descriptions" for officers and committee chairs to pass along essential information to those succeeding them. Membership Secretary Dr. Denise Gibbs reported membership of 303: 207 active members, 50 associate members, and 46 students. Dr. Gibbs reported problems with bulk mailing. Treasurer Steve Gibbs reported the balance on hand was \$8,237.42. The 1982 convention cost \$3,280.44. ASHA Legislative Councilor Wendell Smith reported an ASHA dues increase from \$110.00 to \$120.00 in the next two years. Loretta Brown, SHAA's second ASHA Legislative Councilor reported concerns regarding ASHA: 1.) Does ASHA and the *Journal of Language, Speech and Hearing Services in the Schools* really serve the interests of public school personnel? 2.) More short courses are needed at

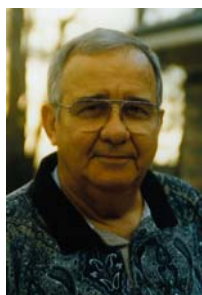
ASHA conventions. 3.) The quality of the Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY) has been found lacking by many, and 4.) The issue of the single certificate has continued to be suggested although the ASHA Legislative Council and Council of Graduate Programs repeatedly rejected the idea. David Savage, Coordinator of Speech-Language Pathology in the State Department of Education suggested the need for a directory of services for the communicatively handicapped. Denise Gibbs suggested that SHAA already published such with the Directory of SHAA membership. Dr. Cornell announced that ASHA has instituted an award for Outstanding Clinical Achievement and that SHAA's nominee must be submitted by September 1, 1983. ASHA has established a review process every three years to determine if a state's membership qualified it for ASHA recognition. SHAA fully qualified in 1983. Dr. Cornell announced that ABESPA's consumer representative, James Baker, had resigned.

The 1983 Convention Committee had arranged the following convention program: Dr. Lawrence Shriberg, "Diagnostic Assessment of Developmental Phonological Disorders"; Dr. David Pascoe, "Hearing Aid Selection Procedures"; Betty Faircloth, Zackie Bosarge, and David Savage, "The Hearing Impaired Child: Educational Issues"; Faye McCollister, "Audiological Considerations in Evaluating Low-Birth Weight Children"; Dr. Thomas Borton and Dr. Arthur Dahle, "Evoked Response Audiometry"; Dr. Ronald Goldman, "Financial Survival for the Professional"; Dr. Eugene Cooper, "Personalized Fluency Control"; Dr. Mary Blake Huer, "Working with Kids with Special Education: A Speech-Language-Pathologist's Perspective"; Dr. Curtis Smith, "The Professional Doctorate: Has Its Time Come?"; and Shirley Jaeger, Jane Grogan and Kaye Williams, "Model School Hearing Screening Program." A panel discussion on "Cleft Palate Treatment in Alabama" was presented by M.D.s John Gerwin, and Robert Oliver; D.M.D.s David Russell, Victor Matukis, Alex Jacobson, and Dwight Castleberry; Dr. Gerald Culton, Patsy Patton, and Kathy Adamson. "Risk Factors for Hearing Impairment" was presented by the following Medical Doctors: Kathleen G. Nelson, Sergio Stagno, Dennis Pappas, and Sara Finley. A panel discussion "Rehabilitation of Severe Aphasia in the Acute State" was presented by Dan Phillips, Dorothy Harris, Carol Lott, Linda Gaulden, and Dr. Craig Formby.

The 1983 Spring Business meeting of SHAA was held April 29 during the Spring convention. Membership Secretary Dr. Denise Gibbs announced SHAA's membership at 329: 221 Active members, 56 Associate members, and 52 student members. Dr. Art Dahle, Vice President and Convention chair, announced a convention attendance of 196. Dr. William Weidner announced that Dr. Phyllis Phillips, SHAA member and Auburn Faculty member retired June 16, 1983 and moved that she be granted Life Membership in SHAA. The motion passed. Dr. Loretta Brown nominated recently retired Mrs. Jeannette Roach of the Birmingham City Schools for Life Membership, and Dr. Denise Gibbs nominated Dr. Thayer Curry recently retired from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa for Life Membership. Both motions passed. Dr. Cornell expressed appreciation to all officers and committee chairs for their hard work during his tenure as president.

Dr. William E. Weidner, SHAA President 1983 -1985
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Dr. William Weidner, “Bill”, received the B.S. in 1949 and M.S. in 1952 from Bowling Green State University; Ph.D. courses at Ohio State University 1960 – 1965; and the Ph.D. in 1971 from Case Western Reserve University. Of his tenure as President of SHAA, he wrote, “One of the things I learned as SHAA President was what a great, caring group of people we had in SHAA. I was president of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Association (OSHA) for two years and that was a fine experience, but it did not match my four years as SHAA President. Thank you all so much for one of the happiest experiences of my life.” Dr. Weidner remembered the major issue that confronted SHAA during his tenure as President concerned requirements for public school speech pathologist certification. During his tenure as President other issues were addressed: 1. improved communication between ABESPA and SHAA; 2. revision of the SHAA By-laws; and 3. bills introduced in the State Legislature by hearing aid dealers that negatively impacted our Licensure Law. Several visits were made to sessions of the Alabama Legislature in Montgomery.

The SHAA Executive Council met June 17, 1983 at Lakeshore Hospital in Birmingham. Dr. Bill Weidner presided. Treasurer Steve Gibbs reported a balance of more than \$7,000.00 after the 1983 convention receipts were cleared, but journal expenses were not paid. Loretta Brown, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported the following issues before the Legislative Council: 1) single certificate, 2) entry-level doctorate, and 3) concept of clinical doctorate. Pat LaCoste, Councilor for Audiology, reported that Alabama audiologists had difficulty in being reimbursed by insurance companies for hearing aids. Blue Cross/Blue Shield stated that such reimbursement requests should be presented by the patients served. This issue was referred to the Comprehensive Health and Education Planning Committee. President Weidner announced that he had sent to the Governor's office three nominees for the Consumer Advocate position on ABESPA. Nominations were needed to fill two vacancies on ABESPA: Robert Fox, Audiology, and Mary Beth Hardaway, Speech-Language Pathology. Dr. Weidner distributed copies of House Bill 605 which would prevent state agencies, departments, colleges and universities from competing with private enterprise and established a private enterprise review

commission. Steve Gibbs moved that Dr. Weidner as SHAA President send letters to the Speaker of the House and appropriate Legislative committee members expressing concern about House Bill 605. The motion passed and members of the Council were asked to send letters also. President Weidner asked Dr. Eugene Cooper, Chairman of the Honors Committee, to have that committee make recommendations concerning the new ASHA Award for Outstanding Clinical Achievement at the next meeting.

The SHAA Executive Council met October 14, 1983 at the Central Alabama Rehabilitation Center in Montgomery. SHAA's bank balance was \$5,620.00. Barbara Cady, Membership Chair, reported SHAA's membership at 355. Dr. Gerald Culton, Journal Editor, reported that the cost of publishing 400 copies of the Journal averaged \$750.00 to \$900.00. He had been unsuccessful in obtaining advertisements. Dr. Nancy Hawes was appointed SHAA liaison to ABESPA. Buddy Betros was appointed to the Medicare Review Board as SHAA representative. Greg Cusimano continued to serve as legal counsel for SHAA. This was accepted by the Council. Dr. Gwenyth R. Vaughn was selected as Alabama's nominee for ASHA's Louis DiCarlo Award. The Honors Committee further recommended Honor Award Certificates: 1) Certificates of Appreciation; 2) Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award; 3) Distinguished Service Award; and 4) Honors of the Association. These recommendations were adopted by Council.

SHAA's Fall Business meeting was held October 14, 1983 at the Central Alabama Rehabilitation Center in Montgomery with about 60 persons in attendance. Mary Jean Morawetz, Continuing Education Committee Chair, reported that SHAA had sponsored 15 continuing education programs in the three years of CEU sponsorship. Crystal Cooper was appointed chair of the School Affairs Committee. ASHA Legislative Councilors Dr. Wendell Smith and Dr. Loretta Brown presented the issues before the ASHA Legislative Council: 1) Single certificate although soundly defeated in the past continued to be brought up; 2) Consolidation of all ASHA journals into one issue which would be published monthly; and 3) Recommendations from the fourth conference of the National Council of Graduate Programs. The following resolutions were passed by that conference: a) Training programs should "beef up" the scientific base in courses offered at the undergraduate level. b) The Master's program should be the entry level for professional training. c) Education and clinical training should be separated. d) Current programs are robust enough in clinical training so that a clinical doctorate is not warranted. e) Training programs should prepare students to meet the needs of a changing society. f) The economic realities of the profession must be addressed. Training programs need to train students in marketing their skills. g) The shortage of personnel in rural areas and the surplus in metropolitan areas should be addressed, and the Conference mandated the development of service delivery models for rural areas, and h) Our profession must improve service to the very young and the very old populations.

The Health and Education Committee met at the 1984 Fall meeting of SHAA and in the winter at the University of South Alabama. The problems of third party payment, especially the role of Blue Cross/ Blue Shield in the disbursement of Medicare payments were researched. The report issued by this Committee recommended: 1) permission to survey insurance companies offering SLP benefits; 2) requirements for securing those benefits (example: fluency disorders qualified only if neurologically based); 3) list of insurance companies that offered benefits be published; 4) appropriate members of SHAA to plan a dialogue with representatives of insurance companies concerning extension of benefits for speech-language

pathology services; 5) SHAA's committee join efforts with ASHA's committee on health related services; and 6) SHAA appoint liaison to the Alabama Medical Association.

The SHAA Executive Council met April 12, 1984 at Gulf Shores during the 1984 Spring Convention at Gulf Shores. President William Weidner presided. Treasurer Steve Gibbs reported a balance on hand of \$5,270.49. Major expenses were convention, typing and printing, travel support for ASHA Legislative Councilors, ASHA CEU fees, and postage. Gibbs reported that the convention had paid for itself in recent years. Vice President and Convention Chair Sandra Clark-Lewis reported 220 persons registered with 50 more expected to register. A total of \$3,350 in registration fess had been collected. Membership Chair Barbara Cady reported the membership at 305: 188 Active members, 28 Associate members, 87 students and 2 Life members. The Student Award was won by Alabama A and M. University. Mary Jean Morawetz, Councilor for Speech-Language Pathology, reported that Kathy Poitevant and Freda Crenshaw had arranged for Governor George Wallace to proclaim May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month". In order to have state legislators better informed about our services, Mrs. Morawetz moved that the Speech-Language Pathology Committee and the Legislative Committee provide free speech and hearing screening to legislators and their families during May. This motion passed. Dr. Timothy Meline, Journal Editor, reported the cost of printing the journal at \$950.00. He suggested an annul student writing competition with the student recognized at the spring convention. Dr. Weidner announced that ABESPA donated \$500.00 to the fees for major speakers at the convention. Barbara Cusimano, Legislative Committee Chair, announced that SHAA's Licensure Law was subject to Sunset Review in the near future. Cusimano announced several changes were needed, particularly the two-year grace period allowed before the license expired and the law's description of aural rehabilitation services. Lissa van Doorn, Audiology Councilor, reported issues reviewed by that committee were third party payments and the dispensing of hearing aids by CFYs. Van Doorn moved that SHAA combine the office of Councilor for Audiology and Chairman of the Audiology Committee. This motion passed. Dr. Nancy Hawes, Liaison to ABESPA, announced that Ronald Wise had replaced Randy Reeves as legal counsel and secretary to ABESPA. This happened as a result of a change in the office of Governor from George Wallace to Fob James. Dr. Weidner summarized the Report of Bill Cook of Colonial Management to the Executive Council in January 1884. Since a large dues increase was required, Council voted not to pursue the idea. Council voted to recommend a dues increase: Active member to \$15.00, Associate to \$10.00 and Student to \$5.00.

SHAA's General Business Meeting was held April 13, 1984 at Gulf Shores. President Weidner welcomed SHAA members to the Spring Convention. Barbara Cady, Membership Chair, reported current membership at 357. Sandra Clark-Lewis reported convention registration at 280. Dr. Eugene Cooper, Chair of the Honors Committee, presented Distinguished Service Awards to all previous SHAA Journal Editors.: Loretta G. Brown, W. Bryce Evans, Crystal S. Cooper, Gerald L. Culton, Marjorie Faircloth and Phyllis Phillips. Gwenyth R. Vaughn was recognized as recipient of 1983-84 Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award. The Honors of the Association were presented to Dr. Loretta G. Brown. President Weidner summarized the recommendations from the Executive Council which met the day before: 1.) Councilor for Audiology assumed leadership of Audiology Committee; 2) free speech and hearing screenings held for legislators and their families during Better Speech and Hearing Month May 1984; 3) budgeted \$50.00 for Publications Committee to purchase \$100.00 savings bond awarded to winner of SHAA Journal student competition; 4) charged \$10.00 to groups that

used SHAA's CEU sponsorship; 5) increased annual subscription rates for the SHAA Journal to \$8.00; and 6) allotted \$200.00 to Health and Education Planning Committee for survey of insurance companies regarding compensation for speech/language/hearing services. These motions passed. Two motions were passed that required a vote of the SHAA membership: 1) immediate past president of SHAA added to Executive Council; and 2) increase in membership dues: Active from \$10.00 to \$15.00; Associate from \$7.00 to \$10.00; and Student from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

SHAA's Executive Council met October 12, 1984 at the Madison Hotel in Montgomery. Treasurer Steve Gibbs reported the balance on hand at \$4,441.90. Major expenses were convention at \$4,761.72; printing of the Journals and Directory at \$3,564.06; postage at \$892.88; travel at \$807.65 and Committee expenses at \$278.90. Continuing Education Chairman Mary Jean Morawetz reported that SHAA had sponsored 14 CEU events, had refused one, and had one application pending. Membership was reported at 420. President Weidner reported that the proposed dues increase had been defeated with only 97 of 265 eligible members voting. SHAA's membership approved the addition of the immediate past president to the Executive Council. Loretta G. Brown, Chair of ABESPA, thanked SHAA members who had attended ABESPA's review before the Sunset Committee of the State Legislature. Dr. Weidner expressed his appreciation to SHAA Officers and Committee Chairs for their cooperation during his term in office. ASHA membership had reached 40,000.

In March 1984 the School Affairs Committee conducted a Survey of Public Schools Programs. The questions in the survey concerned: services provided; work environment/materials; supervision; School Policies; major concerns; and general information. A report was published of the findings.

In March 1985 Dr. W. Bryce Evans, Chairman of the Health Committee of SHAA, made a survey of insurance companies in Alabama as regarded benefits offered to clients for speech-language-hearing problems. The survey results were provided to SHAA members.

The Spring Convention of SHAA was held April 11 - 13, 1985 in Huntsville. At the General Business Meeting on April 12, President William Weidner welcomed SHAA members. Dr. Weidner reported on actions taken at the SHAA Executive Council meeting held April 1, 1985: 1) ad hoc publications committee established to study publication of a SHAA Newsletter; 2) increased financial support for SHAA's Legislative Councilors to ASHA; 3) approved joining Council of State Association Presidents at cost of \$50.00; 4) endorsed proposed revisions to the Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual as prepared by the School Affairs Committee chaired by Crystal Cooper; and 5) addition of Councilor for School Affairs to Executive Council which action required Constitutional change approved by SHAA membership; and 6) endorsed concept of requirement of A-level teacher certification and an Alabama License for employment in the public schools. Treasurer Steve Gibbs reported SHAA's bank balance at \$2,200.00. During the previous year, SHAA spent approximately \$12,000.00, but had income of only \$10,000.00. The Treasurer recommended serious consideration of a dues increase and a registration fee at Fall meetings. Vice President and Convention Chair Sandra Clark-Lewis reported convention registration at 150. Barbara Cady, Membership Secretary, reported a total of 419 SHAA members for 1984 and a total of 102 new members in 1985. The students of the University of Montevallo won a plaque for having largest percentage of students as members of SHAA. Dr. Cady presented plaques to Dr. Bill Weidner, Sandra Clark-Lewis, Beth Hardaway and Steve Gibbs for their service for the past two years as officers. Betty Faircloth, By-laws

Committee Chair, reported that ASHA had informed her that Educators of the Hearing Impaired could be considered Active members of SHAA. Barbara Cusimano, Legislative Committee Chair, reported that following the Sunset Review of ABESPA in 1984, revisions in the Licensure Law were suggested: 1) continuation of ABESPA; 2) requirement that person must hold ASHA certification to be licensed; and 3) increased licensure fee. Dr. Eugene Cooper, Honors Committee Chair, presented the following awards: Certificate of Appreciation to Crystal Cooper in recognition of her work as Chair of the School Affairs Committee; Certificates of Appreciation to former Chairpersons of ABESPA - Samuel R. Faircloth, Curtis Smith, Eugene Cooper, Gerald Culton, Glen Baquet, Barbara Cusimano and Loretta Brown; Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award to Ron Goldman; Honors of the Association to Marjorie A. Faircloth. Dr. Ron Goldman, President of the ASHA Foundation, urged financial support by SHAA members to fund research, scholarships and continuing education in our professions. President Weidner expressed his appreciation to the officers and committee chairs during his presidency and enumerated his goals for SHAA as increased membership, greater involvement of public school personnel in SHAA and unity in the profession.

Daniel E. Phillips, SHAA President 1985 – 1987

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Daniel E. Phillips, “Dan”, received the B.A. from Auburn University in 1973 and the M. A. in 1975 from Memphis State University. On April 26, 1985, President Phillips suggested to the Program for Exceptional Children and Youth Committee of the State Department of Education modifications for the Policies and Procedures Manual. Those modifications, which were proposed by the School Affairs Committee of SHAA, for the consideration of the Committee were: 1) Our services should be called Communication Disorders and include articulation, stuttering, language and voice. 2) The use of the title Speech-Language Pathologist rather than Speech Teacher is appropriate. 3) A weighted case load should be used and a weighted case load of sixty (60) students maximum is recommended. A child with a mild to moderate impairment would be counted as one. A child with a severe condition would be counted as three; therefore a total case load would equal twenty (20) children. 4) The Eligibility Committee should decide if a child needs primary exceptionality services and which type. 5) Speech and Language services should not be a secondary exceptionality in all cases; but when they are secondary, a portion of that load be credited to speech and language services.

The Executive Council of SHAA met April 12, 1985 in Huntsville. President Phillips began the meeting by reading the Purposes of SHAA as written in the By-laws. He wanted to stress the “big picture” and concentrate on two areas during his term in office: 1) Communications (such as studying the need for two journals and the reinstatement of the SHAA newsletter); and 2) Budget (he appointed a budget committee). He read and reviewed the duties of each office in SHAA. Dr. Eugene B. Cooper discussed the corporation status of SHAA. Dr. Bill Weidner recommended that SHAA’s By-laws be revised. President Phillips asked that each standing committee have goals established and a proposed budget by the next meeting in May. Dr. William Weidner was appointed chair of a committee to rewrite the SHAA By-laws. President Phillips reported a hearing would be held by the State Department of Education regarding policy changes in the Policies and Procedures Manual and he requested members of SHAA’s Executive Council be present.

The 1985 Spring Convention program included presentations by Donna Fox, “Vocal Screenings and Treatment Techniques for the Public School Population” and “Clinical Voice Evaluation and Treatment for Adults”; Dr. Daniel Schwartz, “Hearing Aid

Selections: Facts and Fiction” and “Current Trends in Diagnostic Audiology”; Dr. Nick Bankson, “Phonological Process Analysis: Introduction and Comparison of Methodologies” and “Current Methodologies in Articulation Management.” A Public School Forum featured a discussion of the new guidelines set forth by the State Department of Education concerning special education.

In 1985 a position paper written by Dr. Gerald Culton of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa “National Data Concerning Bachelors vs. Masters Degree Competencies in Speech-Language Pathology” was distributed to SHAA membership and appropriate persons throughout the State.

SHAA's Executive Council met May 10, 1985 in Montgomery and approved President Phillips' appointments to the Standing and Special Committees of SHAA. President Phillips discussed his goals and objectives: 1) modernize SHAA's By-laws; 2) review and revise the budget with purposes of SHAA considered; 3) build the traditions of SHAA; 4) increase the involvement in SHAA of public school personnel, deaf educators, and university students; 5) improve public awareness of speech and hearing services; 6) earlier registration of membership and publication of Directory by April; 7) make decision regarding the publication of a SHAA Newsletter versus a Journal; and 8) obtain IRS number for SHAA. Treasurer Mary Beth Hardaway reported SHAA's bank balance at \$4,574.73 but bills were outstanding. She recommended an increase in dues, the implementation of money management to provide a sounder financial basis, and establishment of a budget committee. Dr. Eugene Cooper reported a future survey of SHAA members to determine preference for convention sites; preference for convention speakers; additional services needed by the membership that should be provided by SHAA; needs of SHAA; provision of a nursery during the convention; addition of a Thursday night meeting during the convention; and choice of a newsletter versus the journal. Dan Phillips recommended that a consistent way to nominate officers for SHAA and members for ABESPA be developed.

SHAA's Executive Council met October 3, 1985 in Mobile and was welcomed by President Dan Phillips. Barbara Cady, Membership Secretary, reported that new directories had been mailed, with 417 persons listed in the directory with 283 Active members. Charges for directories and labels for non-members were discussed and it was agreed upon that the charge for mailing labels was \$25.00 to members and \$50.00 to non-members; directories \$10.00 to non-members. Treasurer Beth Hardaway reported that SHAA funds had been placed into an interest-bearing account and that application had been made to the IRS for a tax number. The Treasurer presented a spread sheet that revealed a decline in the SHAA treasury balance over the past four years. Barbara Cady moved that a dues increase be proposed to the SHAA membership : \$20.00 for Active members, \$10.00 Associate and \$5.00 Students. The motion carried. Journal Editor Dr. Tim Meline reported that 550 copies of the Summer 1985 *SHAA Journal* were printed at a cost of \$1,143.00. The publication of a newsletter was discussed. Dr. Bryce Evans presented a summary of a survey of 400 insurance companies in Alabama that included the services of speech-language-hearing services in their health insurance policies. Dr. Evans reported 16-20 positive responses out of 400 surveys mailed.

The General Business Meeting of SHAA was held October 4, 1985 in Mobile. Beth Hardaway reported that SHAA's bank account was \$3,000.00. Betty Faircloth, Vice President, reported 71 persons in attendance. Barbara Cady, Membership Secretary reported 421 members of SHAA. President Phillips reported that Council recommended the reduction of the number of SHAA Journals to one per year with the addition of one newsletter. Loie Sears,

Recording Secretary, presented several recommendations from the Council meeting held the previous day: 1) cost of mailing labels and directories to non-members; 2) increase in dues; and 3) revision of the By-laws. Margaret Hemm, Chairman of the Honors Committee, moved the following awards be presented at the Spring 1986 convention: Certificate of Appreciation to Barbara Cusimano; Distinguished Service Award to Beth Hardaway; Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award to Daniel Phillips; and Honors of the Association to Dr. William Weidner. In July 1985, the Audiology Committee published a "Directory of Alabama Audiologists."

In September 1985 Dr. Eugene B. Cooper, Chair of the SHAA Annual Omnibus Survey Project, mailed a rough draft of the proposed survey form to members of the Executive Council. With this Omnibus Survey, the Executive Council attempted to obtain information about the nature, wishes and needs of the SHAA membership.

The Spring 1986 convention of SHAA was held April 17 – 19, 1986 in Gulf Shores. Betty Faircloth, Vice President and Convention Chair and the Convention Committee had obtained the following presenters: Dr. Francine Holland, "Language Assessment of Developmentally Delayed Children"; Dr. Fred Bess, "Middle Ear Disease with Effusions" and "Identification and Management of Minimally Hearing Impaired Children" with a second session, "Minimal Bilateral Sensorineural Hearing Loss" and "Children with Unilateral Sensorineural Hearing Loss"; Dr. Virginia Wolfe, "Use of the Visi-Pitch in the Clinical Management of Voice Disorders"; Dr. Gerald L. Culton and John M. Gerwin, M.D., "Voice Restoration Techniques"; William Knox, M.D. and Jeannie Anderson, "Update on Cochlear Implants"; Patsy Patton, "Third Party Payment"; Dr. Bryce Evans, "Alabama Insurance Programs and Coverage for Speech Pathology/Audiology Services"; Ronald Wise, ABESPA Attorney, "Legal Aspects of Our Profession"; Dr. Ann Powers, "Communicative Assessment of the Hearing Impaired Child 0 – 12 Years"; Carla McLendon, Occupational Therapist, "Pre-speech and Feeding with Motorically Involved Children" and "Sensory Stimulation in a High-risk Nursery"; Dianne Steensland, Barbara Cusimano, Kathy Poitevint, and Loie Sears, "Business Practices in Speech Pathology"; Kathy Poitevint and Lillian McPherson, "Speech Pathology Services to the Geriatric Population"; Dr. Douglas Patterson and Dr. Hank Baud, "Future Directions for Residential Schools"; Bonnie Caruso (Oticon Corp.) "Marketing Skills for Audiologists and Speech Pathologists"; Eugenia Holman, Caroline Picking, Ross Deavours, Melissa Richardson, and Paula Barnhill, "Public School Audiology"; Karen Kuhn and Susan Bird, "Evaluation and Treatment of Communication Disorders in Closed Head Injury patients"; and Lin Wilson, Steve Harmon, Ross Deavours, "An Eclectic Approach to Teaching Communication Skills to the Hearing Impaired." ABESPA joined with SHAA in funding the speakers.

The SHAA Executive Council met April 17, 1986 in Gulf Shores with a welcome from President Daniel Phillips. Treasurer Beth Hardaway reported a bank balance of \$9,076.92. Dr. Bryce Evans reported on the SHAA Insurance Survey. Six hundred forty-two (642) questionnaires were mailed that requested information on benefits paid for speech, language and hearing services. Fifty-one (51) responses were received. Twenty-four (24%) percent reported that benefits were paid for speech therapy. Twenty-two (22%) percent reported that benefits were paid for language therapy. Fourteen (14%) percent reported that benefits were paid for hearing. Fifteen (15%) percent reported that benefits were paid but did not specify the areas. A task force to

study standards regarding minimal requirements for employment in the public schools, (Master's Degree), was approved and Barbara Cusimano was appointed as chair.

The General Business Meeting of SHAA was held during the 1986 Spring convention on April 18, 1986. President Phillips expressed appreciation to Betty Faircloth, Vice President and Convention Chair for her efforts in planning and executing the convention. Mrs. Faircloth reported that 284 were in attendance at the convention. Membership Secretary Barbara Cady reported the SHAA membership at 497. Crystal Cooper, School Affairs Committee Chair, reported goals for that committee included: 1) publishing a brochure, 2) increasing public awareness of speech pathology services in the schools, and 3) planning and developing a resource library. Wadia Bolus, Dysphagia Committee Chair, reported that a position statement on speech-language pathologists' role in intervention with patients with dysphagia was being prepared.

President Phillips stated that the accomplishments during the past year included resolution of the bulk mail rate issue; reduction of journal publications to one per year; and placement of SHAA funds in interest-bearing accounts. His goals for 1987 included: 1) expanded insurance coverage for speech and hearing services; 2) expanded committee work with more funds allowed for committees; 3) reduced dependency by SHAA on state institution for free services; 4) increased communication to SHAA members; 5) expanded participation at the national level; 6) development of a policies and procedures manual for officers; 7) increased support of local groups; and 8) long-range planning for SHAA. President Phillips urged members to support the increased dues schedule.

The SHAA Executive Council met October 2, 1986 in Montgomery. SHAA's membership had reached about 600. Barbara Cusimano, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported issues at the last ASHA national convention concerned the abolishment of the Clinical Fellowship Year, ASHA dues increase, and the role of the speech-language pathologist in the treatment of dysphagia. Dr. Tim Meline had resigned as Editor of the SHAA Journal. Judy Mann, Chairman of Continuing Education reported that between October 1, 1985 and September 30, 1986, SHAA sponsored six courses for ASHA continuing education units (CEUs). Approximately 100 people obtained CEUs through these courses and four more continuing education events were scheduled for October 1986.

The General Business Meeting of SHAA was held October 3, 1986 in Montgomery. Vice President Betty Faircloth reported that 74 SHAA members were registered for the Fall meeting. President Phillips reported that SHAA's bank balance was approximately \$9,000.00. Patsy Patton was appointed Chairman of the Long-range Planning Committee.

The Spring 1987 SHAA Convention was held April 9 – 11, 1987 at the University Inn in Birmingham. The Convention program featured Dr. Marilyn Newhoff, "The Cognition-Communication Connection"; E. Walden, "Real Ear/Probe Microphone Systems and Advanced Hearing Aid Fitting Techniques"; Hettie P. Johnson, "Teaching How to Chain: An Approach to Improve Unintelligible Speech"; Dr. Samuel Fletcher, "Measuring and Modifying Speech Through Orometry"; Dr. Dan Sellers and Dr. Tim Holston, "Central Auditory Processing Disorders and Electrophysiological Measures"; Mary Pat Moeller, "Thought Provoking Approaches to Language Intervention"; Dr. Patricia Stelmachowicz, "Pediatric Hearing Aid Evaluation"; Loie Sears and Luis

Pernia, "Cleft Palate Intervention: New Horizons"; Helen Ray, "Project Marrs"; David Ingram, "Experiences in Modifying Stuttering Behavior"; Dr. Richard Peach, "Language and Cognition Following Head Injury"; and Dr. Carol LaSasso, "Reading and Hearing Impairment."

President Dan Phillips presided at SHAA's Executive Council meeting at 3:15 PM on April 9, 1987. The Treasurer reported for the calendar year 1986, the opening balance was \$2,360.77; revenue for 1986 was \$16,085.87; expenses were \$9,213.61; with a closing balance December 1986 of \$9,233.03. Balance as of April 1987 was \$11,726.58. Vice President Betty Faircloth reported that 180 persons had pre-registered for the convention. Convention expenses totaled \$5,300.00 at that point in time. The Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind had contributed funds to co-sponsor a speaker as had ABESPA. Membership Secretary Barbara Cady reported 587 members of SHAA in 1986. Margaret Hemm, Honors Committee Chair, reported the following awards presented on April 10, 1987 between 8:30 and 9:00 AM during the President's Welcome Address to the convention. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded William Wilson, Henry Nance, Jr. and Jack Tupper. The Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Arthur Dahle, and the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Mary Virginia Moore. The Task Force on Health Insurance continued to investigate the low reimbursement for speech pathology/audiology services by SCCS, VRS, Medicare and Medicaid. Private practitioners would like to obtain a Medicare provider number. Council voted that SHAA would pay the site fee of \$175.00 to sponsor the June 5, 1987 ASHA Teleconference entitled "Medicare: Guidelines, Claims, and Appeals." Judy Mann, Continuing Education Committee Chair reported that between May 1, 1986 through April 30, 1987, SHAA sponsored eleven (11) courses for ASHA continuing education credits. Council noted that any group seeking to obtain SHAA CEU sponsorship will be required to pay a \$55.00 so-sponsor fee. Richard Sweitzer, COSDA liaison, reported that the 17th S.E. Regional Institute on Deafness was scheduled at the Huntsville Marriott October 20-23, 1987. Education, rehabilitation, psychological / sociological implications, communication and medical aspects of deafness, update of Education of the Handicapped Act 1985, and substance abuse in the deaf community were conference topics. Crystal Cooper, Chair of the School Affairs Committee, reported on four major projects completed: 1) the committee provided information used in the development of a resource manual for language, speech and hearing programs in the public schools; 2) the committee formulated competencies for the Alabama Career Incentive Program Teacher Evaluation Instrument for speech-language pathologists in the schools; 3) guidelines were developed for HCEEP personnel preparation and certification standards for speech-language clinicians in the schools; and 4) a resource center was developed for materials, books, and visual aids to be used by speech-language pathologists in Alabama's schools. Janice Thorson, Chair of the Public Information Committee, reported on last year's T-shirt sale which broke even. The project for 1987 featured sun-visors at \$6.00 each. Upon the recommendation of this committee, SHAA purchased a video tape entitled "Oh Say What They See." President Phillips thanked Executive Council members and committee members for their hard work during the past two years.

Registration fees for the April 1987 SHAA Convention varied based on the number of days attended. A SHAA member with ABESPA license paid a registration fee of \$20.00 for two days of attendance and \$15.00 for one day.

Betty Faircloth, SHAA President 1987 – 1989

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Mrs. Betty Faircloth received the B.A. in 1962, the M.A. in 1964 and the M.S. in 1966 from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. President Faircloth presided at SHAA's Executive Council meeting July 24, 1987 at Auburn University at Montgomery. She outlined the following goals for her term as President: 1) development of a policy and procedural manual for SHAA; 2) remove duties of Convention Chair from the office of the Vice President; 3) method of enforcing guidelines for payment of fees; 4) study of SHAA budget to determine what is the cost of operating SHAA for a year; 5) licensure for public school personnel; 6) need for more communication with the ASHA national office; 7) need for long-range planning; and 8) continuing education. SHAA's bank balance was reported at \$15,251.40. Judith Miller, Membership Secretary, reported 323 paid members that included 209 Active, 28 Associate, and 86 Student members. It was announced that Dr. Hank Baud of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) served as the new director of publications in place of Judy Johnston. Wadia Bolus moved that SHAA accept ASHA's position on Dysphagia. President Faircloth announced that SHAA had received another three year recognition by ASHA. SHAA contributed \$100.00 to join the ASHA Foundation.

The Fall Meeting of SHAA's Executive Council was held October 22, 1987 in Huntsville, Alabama. Beth Hardaway, Treasurer reported for the period January 1 – October 20, 1987. Opening balance was \$9,233.03 with expenditures of \$9,003.27 and revenues of \$15,025.47, and closing balance of \$15,255.23. Dr. Eugene Cooper, ASHA Legislative Councilor reported that Specialty Recognition and the Restructuring of ASHA were the two major issues he supported. Other issues he supported were: 1) Adopt the position that school clinicians should be supervised by personnel with credentials equivalent to ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence. 2) Encourage the promotion of clinical doctoral programs. 3) Establish recruitment of undergraduate students as an ASHA policy. 4) Provide reimbursement of expenses of ASHA members invited to be presenters at annual conventions. 5) Adopt position papers on our roles with older persons and those with cognitive-communication disorders; on the

prevention of communications disorders; on home care services; and on our profession's scope of practice.

In 1988 dues were \$20.00 for Active Member (Master's degree or above); \$10.00 for Associate (bachelor's degree); and \$5.00 for Student (undergraduate or graduate).

SHAA's Executive Council met October 22, 1987 in Huntsville, Alabama. President Betty Faircloth reported continuing development of the SHAA Policies and Procedures Manual. Vice President and Convention Chair Margaret Hemm suggested the use of first class mail for convention brochures so that incorrect addresses will be known. InSpeech will sponsor one speaker for the 1988 convention and Greg Olick of Tele-Acoustics will sponsor a party for the SHAA membership. Melissa Mahone suggested that ASHA Legislative Councilors be available at conventions to discuss and exchange information with SHAA members on an individual basis. It was suggested that SHAA employ a lobbyist on an hourly basis as needed for legislative matters. Melissa Mahone discussed the need for private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare to pay for augmentative communication devices. Beverly Hunter, Chair of Nominations and Elections reported persons recommended by SHAA for positions on ABESPA. Governor Guy Hunt had not made the needed appointments to ABESPA.

Ruth Tucker, Chair of the Task Force on Excellence, submitted recommendations from that Committee. Council accepted them with minor changes. Agreed upon was: 1. Speech-Language Pathologists who practice in schools, as employees of Local Education Agencies, be licensed or eligible for licensure by ABESPA. Applicants may be certified to "teach" speech-language pathology exclusively in schools based on presentation of license or documentation of licensure eligibility to the State Department of Education. 2. Universities work with the State Department of Education to specify coursework specifically relevant to providing SLP services to children and youth as "teacher unit" employees of school systems. 3. Personnel in schools who do not meet licensure requirements should have specific time limits and guidelines for meeting all requirements. These personnel will not be "grandfathered" into licensure status. 4. SHAA reaffirmed its support of ABESPA and recognized this Board's exclusive right to certify qualifications to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology.

A letter to Betty Faircloth, President, from Dr. Eugene B. Cooper, dated November 25, 1987 stated, "I have just received the minutes of the SHAA Executive Council meeting of October 22, 1987 and want to express my delight in learning of the Council's unanimous support of the recommendation that speech-language pathologists employed in the schools be eligible for state licensure if not already licensed by the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology. You are to be congratulated for your leadership in getting such a statement adopted formally by the Association's governing body."

The Fall Meeting of SHAA was held on October 23, 1987 in Huntsville. President Faircloth welcomed members. Presenters were: Dr. Marjorie Summers of the Ear House Institute, "Cochlear Implants"; Dr. Lawrence L. Robey of the Madison County Health Department, "Aids"; and Mr. Steve Northington, "Marketing of Speech Pathology and Audiology Services." CEUs were available to those who attended the meeting. The Business Meeting of SHAA was a luncheon meeting. Salad, turkey and dressing

and dessert was served. It was announced that the 1988 SHAA Convention would be held April 28 – 30, 1988 at the Perdido Beach Hilton in Orange Beach, Alabama.

There was a SHAA Policy and Procedure Planning meeting regarding the procedure manual held January 22, 1988 at the Church of the Ascension in Montgomery. Special committee reports were scheduled and the chair was asked to present the Committee's timetable for 2 years; the committee's responsibilities and duties; the committee's budget for two years; and the responsibilities of SHAA officers to that committee. The Special Committees asked to report were: ABESPA Liaison, Lillian McPherson; COSDA Liaison, Jane Crain; Computer Application in SLP and Audiology, Dr. Denise Gibbs; Continuing Education, Sharon Fox; Publications, Judy Johnston; Honors and Dysphagia, Wadia Bolus; Private Practice, Diane Steensland; School Affairs, Esther O'Brien; Reimbursement, Melissa Mahone and Pat Messer-Smith; Problems of the Aged, Barbara B. Burgis; Long Range Planning, Patricia Patton; and Task Force on Excellence, Ruth Tucker. The Standing Committees asked to report were: By-laws, Daniel Phillips; Comprehensive Health and Education Planning, Dr. Bryce Evans; Convention, Dr. Margaret Hemm; Legislative, Zackie Bosarge; Membership, Judith Miller; Ethical Practices, Dr. Richard Cornell; and Nominations, Beverly Hunter. The members of the Executive Council were asked to follow the same outline of information.

SHAA's Executive Board met on April 28, 1988 at Perdido Beach, Alabama. President Betty Faircloth reviewed three goals of this administration: 1) Kathy McGowen had been appointed chair of a special committee on marketing which with assistance from ASHA planned a state-wide marketing program. 2) A rough draft of the SHAA policies and procedure manual was circulated. 3) Serious consideration that SHAA employ a lobbyist was encouraged after a recent experience with a hearing aid dealers' bill that would have had a devastating impact on audiologists. In the discussion that followed President Faircloth recommended that Liz Barker, Executive Director and lobbyist for the Alabama State Nurses' Association, who had assisted SHAA members in killing that bill, be employed for a one year contract. Pam Clark moved and Sandra Clark Lewis seconded the motion to engage the services of Liz Barker for \$1,600.00 for one year to monitor legislation for SHAA. The motion passed. Council members voted to send two representatives to the Council of State Association Presidents meeting in Kansas City. Membership Secretary Judith Miller distributed the current membership directory which cost \$28.00 for printing and \$500.00 for secretarial services and computerization. Mrs. Miller reported that there are 700-800 SLPs and/or audiologists working in Alabama (BA and MA levels). SHAA membership was 243 active members which indicated only 25-30% of the professionals in the state are members of SHAA. Treasurer Beth Hardaway reported SHAA's beginning balance January 1, 1988 was \$14,158.79. Total revenues were \$11,187.71 and total expenses were \$4,355.25 with an ending balance on April 28, 1988 of \$20,991.25. Approximately \$5,000.00 in convention expenses had not been paid. The Treasurer planned to invest SHAA funds in Certificates of Deposit. Council members approved up to \$600.00 each be paid to ASHA Legislative Councilors to cover their expenses. Pam Poole, Councilor for Audiology, reported over 90 audiologists were located in the state but most are not members of SHAA. Dr. Eugene Cooper, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported specialty recognition as the top national issue. Cooper noted that of the 55,000

members of ASHA , 87% have been members ten years or less. Twenty-four university speech pathology/audiology training programs closed within the past five years with a 50% decline in undergraduate enrollment during the last decade.

SHAA's General Business meeting was held April 30, 1988 at Perdido Beach, Alabama. Gina Murray, Councilor for Speech Pathology, reported on activities planned for Better Hearing and Speech Month in May. Dr. William Weidner reported his concern regarding the possible split of audiologists from ASHA. Margaret Hemm, Vice President and Convention Chair, thanked Mary Holifield, Exhibits Chair, for her efforts which had resulted in \$1900.00 in Exhibitors' fees. Hemm reported 123 pre-registered and 19 exhibitors. Revenues for the convention were \$5,732.50 and expenses were \$5,234.39. ABESPA had donated \$1,000.00 . It was anticipated that 50-70 people would register at the convention which would increase revenues. Judith Miller, Membership Secretary, reported SHAA membership at 354. Sharon Fox was recognized for organizing CEUs for SHAA meetings. Liz Barker, SHAA lobbyist, spoke to the membership. The University of Montevallo won the award for student attendance to the convention.

Beth Hardaway, Treasurer, reported SHAA's balance January 1, 1989 at \$12,447.35. Revenues to date 1989 were \$7,291.44 and expenditures to date 1989 were \$4,556.13, with an ending balance April 26, 1989 of \$14,932.66. Wadia Bolus Josof, Chair of the Honors Committee, presented a "Proposed Review of Guidelines for Honors of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama" completed by members of that committee. The Third Party Reimbursement Committee's (a committee within the Private Practice Committee), Chair, Melissa Mahone, and committee members obtained information regarding reimbursement for services through private pay insurance, State and Federal agencies and other support programs. This information was disseminated to members in private practice. Specific ICD coding was defined, patterns of reimbursement by insurance carriers and agencies was described, and the use of the Super Bill and mandated insurance were presented for information. Blue Cross of Alabama was persuaded to assign speech-language pathologists provider numbers to facilitate billing and procedures for obtaining Medicare provider status were detailed.

SHAA's Executive Council met October 20, 1988 in Montgomery. Loie Sears, Recording Secretary, reported that she had assembled a library of SHAA records that included minutes of meetings and various memorabilia dated back to the 1960's. This library of information was forwarded to the next Recording Secretary. Judith Miller, Membership Secretary reported as of October 19, 1988, 291 Active members; 28 Associate members; 65 Student members; 1 Life member for a total membership of 385. The roster of ABESPA members was 402; State of Alabama Department of Education listed personnel employed as speech therapist at 300; ASHA members in Alabama were 472. Treasurer Beth Hardaway recommended that each convention pay for itself. A Publications Committee of three to five persons charged to develop a magazine-format publication that would replace the newsletter and journal was appointed. Legislative Councilor, Cooper reported that 38 states had obtained licensure for speech-language pathologists and audiologists and that seven states are "exemption free" states. Diane Steensland, Chair of the Private Practice Committee, reported issues identified: 1) the decreasing number of professionals available for employment;

2) the effects of PL 99-457 on service to pre-schoolers; 3) third party payment issues; 4) the decline in numbers of small private practices throughout the state; 5) quality assurance; and 6) speech pathology aides. Council approved \$400.00 for video tapes and brochures from ASHA for use during Better Hearing and Speech Month.

SHAA's 1989 Spring Convention was held April 27 – 29, 1989 at the Sheraton Perimeter Hotel in Birmingham. President Faircloth invited SHAA's Executive Council members to an Executive Council/Policy and Procedure Workshop on April 27, 1989 from 1:00 until 3:00 PM to facilitate the transition of one SHAA Executive Council to the next one. Registration fees were \$25.00 for SHAA member; \$35.00 for non member and \$10.00 for a student. Convention sessions began on April 28 with Dr. Jerome Alpiner and Nannette Meline speaking on "Evaluation and Management of Aural Rehabilitation in the Geriatric Population." "Teaching Speech to Deaf Children Using Glossometry and Palatometry" was the subject of the session presented by Dr. Paul A. Degenais and Paula C. Crosby and Janet M. Stiff. "Politics in the Profession: Playing to Win" was presented by Greg Adams, Sandra Clark-Lewis, and Betty Faircloth of SHAA; Elizabeth Barker-Morris, Lobbyist, and Senator Ann Bedsole, State of Alabama, 34th District, Mobile. "A Video Orientation to ITE Hearing Aids: A Game Film for the Entire Hearing Aid Fitting Team" by Patricia R. Robertson and Tyler Jarnagin, Graduate Student, University of Montevallo. Judith C. Miller, University of Montevallo, presented "Unintelligible Speech in Mother and Child: Teamwork." Robert "Kirk" Lightfoot spoke on "Don't be Side Lined: Join the Assistive Listening Devices and Systems (ALDS) Team." June Adams and Janice Thorson of the Birmingham Public Schools presented "Severity Rating Scale for the Speech and Language Impaired: Rationale and Implementation." Ruth Tucker of the Birmingham City Schools presented "A Team for all Seasons: The School-Based Clinician and the Supervisor." "Private Practice: Prominent Issues" was the subject of Diane Streensland of Dothan. On April 29, 1989 the Convention program continued with Dr. Patricia McCarthy of the University of Georgia who spoke on "Implications of the Aging Process in Audiology." "Cleft Palate: A Team Approach" was presented by Dr. Luis Pernia, Plastic Surgeon and Loie P. Sears, members of the Tuscaloosa Cleft Palate team; Dr. Robert G. Brown, Plastic Surgeon and Member of the Montgomery Cleft Palate Team; and David H. Savage, SCCS, Montgomery. Dr. Joan K. Glickstein presented "What Every Speech-Language Pathologist Should Know About Alzheimer's Disease." Dr. Elizabeth Blodgett of Murray State University spoke on "Metalinguistic Ability in Speech therapy: Does Awareness Matter?"

Denise P. Gibbs, SHAA President 1989 – 1991

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Dr. Denise P. Gibbs received the B.S. in 1974 and the M.S. in 1975 from the University of Montevallo; the Ed.D. in 1984 from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Born in Birmingham, Alabama, she is the wife of Steven D. Gibbs and the mother of three children. Denise recalled activity during her administration that dealt with the qualified provider issue. Other issues identified by Dr. Gibbs that were addressed during her administration included: 1) comprehensive long range plan; 2) increased membership; 3) expanded committee system involving more members; 4) increased legislative endeavors; 5) increased emphasis on marketing, both internal and external; 6) increased emphasis on continuing education; and 7) monitor the policy of reimbursement for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

SHAA's Executive Council met July 21, 1989 at the Speech and Hearing Center of the University of Montevallo. Dr. Gibbs presided. Melissa Richardson, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget of \$19,100.00 anticipated expenses; \$15,800.00 anticipated income; and year-end balance of \$12,000.00. The Treasurer was asked to document the tax-exempt, non-profit status of SHAA. Information from the Council of State Association Presidents revealed that Alabama should be tied to EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment) through Medicaid so that public schools could pay for diagnostic and intervention services. ASHA has lobbied P.L. #99-457 which required that Master's level speech-language-pathologists must be hired to insure quality of service. Wadia Bolus Josof, Membership chair reported membership at 376 with 322 Active, 27 Associate and 27 Student members. Mrs. Josof proposed corporate memberships with dues of \$150.00. Ideas to increase membership were higher charges to non-members, \$5.00 discount to "Early Bird" membership, ½ price for first year members, and new member buttons at convention stating "I am a New Member!" Dr. Eugene Cooper, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported on national issues: 1) Inter-professional Position Paper between ASHA and the Psychological Association; 2) Needed attention to multi-cultural program since 30% of population will

soon be non-English speakers; 3) loss of ASHA members to American Academy of Audiology; 4) weakening relationship of education to health professions; and 5) importance of SHAA continuing as a contributor to the ASHA Foundation. Pam Elder, Chair of the Augmentative/Alternative Communication Committee expressed pride that SHAA acknowledged this area as awareness of SHAA members had been increased to the needs of this population. Elder reported that the Alabama Augmentative Council had developed a Speakers Bureau which could interact with SHAA. A coalition of SHAA with Parent Teacher Organizations was suggested. The president was authorized to proceed with procedures to establish coalitions for SHAA, and to establish a Speakers' Bureau.

SHAA's Executive Council met October 13, 1989 in Birmingham. President Gibbs announced that persons elected by SHAA to fill vacancies on the Licensure Board had been submitted to Governor Guy Hunt. Immediate Past President Betty Faircloth reported that a meeting to finalize the SHAA "Policy and Procedure Manual" was scheduled for January 1990. Treasurer Melissa Richardson reported SHAA's bank balance at \$15,873.77. Wadia Josof, Membership Chair, reported 363 Active members; 36 Associate members; and 33 Student members for a total of 432. Pam Poole, Councilor for Audiology, reported a significant increased interest in the clinical doctorate in Audiology. Dr. Eugene Cooper, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported ASHA's assistance to states with the qualified provider issue. Effort to re-define the Bachelor's level speech-language pathologists as aides to enable states to continue to employ these persons was reported. The issue of speech-language pathology and audiology as "two professions" was of great interest. ASHA journal articles of more clinical interest were requested. Dr. Ronald Goldman had been named by ASHA as a recipient of the Honors of the Association, the first Alabamian to be so honored. The proposal by the State Department of the use of communication aides (no educational requirements but 12 hours of in-service training with no specified requirement for supervision) in the public schools was discussed. Council approved Dr. Cooper's motion that President Gibbs establish a select committee authorized to study the issue of exemption free licensure. President Gibbs suggested that SHAA cooperate with the State Department of Education to deal with the problem of personnel shortages of speech-language pathologists.

SHAA's 1990 Spring Convention was held April 19-21, 1990 at the Gulf State Park Resort Hotel at Gulf Shores. SHAA's Executive Council met April 19, 1990. Vice President Rebekah Pindzola reported that 1,188 pre-registration booklets were mailed to SHAA members, non-SHAA practitioners in Alabama, all Alabama Special Education Coordinators, and the school districts in surrounding counties of Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana. From this mass mailing 13% responded as 160 persons (12 from out of state) pre-registered for the convention. Pindzola suggested that mailing in the future be limited to Alabama and the panhandle of Florida. Enrollment for Continuing Education Credits by 92 persons (57%) was reported. Income for the convention was reported as pre-registration fees of \$4,855.00; ABESPA sponsorship at \$2,500.00; and fees from Exhibitors at \$2,915.00 for a total of \$10,270.00. The Treasurer reported a beginning balance April 1989 of \$17,000.00; revenues to date in 1990 of \$7,133.84; expenditures to date in 1990 of \$10,867.09 with an ending balance on April 9, 1990 of \$13,266.75. Pre-convention membership was 365. Betty Carver,

Councilor for Speech-Language Pathology reported the extensive activities for Better Speech and Hearing Month during which over 60 speech and hearing professionals participated. Eleven geographic areas participated with about 20 activities held. The School Affairs Committee announced two major activities planned for the Convention: 1) the School Affairs Booth which featured "Reasons for the Master's Degree for Speech-Language Certification" and 2) round table discussion groups. Carol Lott, Publications Chair, reported 530 Fall 1989 newsletters were printed and mailed at a cost of \$718.00. For the Spring 1990 issue of the Newsletter, 750 were printed and mailed at a cost of \$1,259.77. Greg Adams, Chair of the Legislative Committee, reported that mandatory continuing education had been instituted by the State Legislature for the licensees in speech-language pathology and audiology. The ABESPA Board had been given the task of implementation of continuing education beginning October 1, 1990. Ten clock hours per year will be required. ASHA CEU's, ABESPA approved programs, and SHAA programs will automatically qualify. University coursework, school system in-service, and other continuing education programs may be submitted for approval. An audit system will be developed. Renewal of license was dependent upon submission of continuing education hours and a sixty (60) day grace period allowed prior to revocation of a license. Proposed changes to the By-Laws of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama (as revised in 1986) was distributed. Council agreed to submit the proposed changes in the By-laws to the SHAA membership for a vote.

The 1990 Convention program included the following presenters: Karen L. Johnson, "Developing Metalinguistics Skills in the Young Child", "Fluency: Easy Does It" and "Developing Narrative Skills in Language Disordered Children"; Brad Stach, "Pediatric Auditory Evoked Potential Testing" and "Adult Neurological Evoked Potential Testing"; Margaret Hemm, Moderator, "Interdisciplinary Approach to Geriatric Rehabilitation in the Nursing"; Martha Beckett and Elizabeth Betebenner, "Issues in Special Education"; Curtis R. Smith, "Measuring Hearing Conservation Effectiveness"; Sharon J. Marbury, "Overview of Dysphagia Evaluation and Treatment"; Ellen Fagan, "The Power and Conflict of Licensure: Survival and Prosperity for All?" and "Continuing Education: Saving Our Professions from Extinction"; Moya Andrews, "Voice Treatment with Adolescents" and "Voice Therapy with Children"; David P. Goldstein, "Roots and Fruits of the Au.D. Degree: A Forum on the Doctor of Audiology Degree"; Gerald Culton, "Prosthetic Voice Restoration"; Monita Hara, "Mainstreaming Hearing Impaired Students: Who is Responsible for What?"; Roan Frederick, "Issues in Serving the Birth-to-Two Population"; Chip Bering, "Digital Technology in Amplification"; James Regan, "Differentiation of Patients with Neurological Impairments Affecting Cognitive and/or Linguistic Abilities: Who will Benefit from Treatment?"; and J. Richard Gentry, "Invented Spelling and Young Children's Speech Sound Categorizations: What Every SLP Should Know"; and Richard Turner, "Aphasiology in Alabama."

At SHAA's Business meeting on April 19, 1990, Dr. Rebekah Pindzola, Vice President, reported 250 persons attended the convention, and the convention budget was estimated between \$10,000.00 and \$11,000.00. Dr. James Fitch, Chair of the Computer Applications Committee, reported a four page survey had been sent to SHAA members but received only a 10% return. ASHA has reported that 56% of speech-language pathologists and audiologists use computers. Margaret Hemm, Chair of

Continuing Education, reported that 85 persons had enrolled in workshops to earn CEU's. Dr. William Weidner announced his retirement in August 1990 and that Dr. Jim Fitch would replace him as Chairman of the Department of Communication Disorders at Auburn University.

The SHAA Executive Council met October 12, 1990 at the Medical Center East in Birmingham. President Gibbs presented the following information: 1) Carolyn Baumgartner was employed by the State Department of Education as Technical Assistant in Speech-Language Pathology. 2) Dr. Jerry Alpiner moved to South Dakota and could not serve as President-Elect of SHAA. Another election was scheduled in January 1991. 3) The nine proposed changes to the SHAA By-Laws were adopted by the membership as 75 members returned ballots. 4) University bulk mailing permits can no longer be used by SHAA. 5) The shortage of speech-language personnel for the public schools must be addressed. Dr. Rebekah Pindzola reported the Spring 1990 convention was a financial success as the convention made a profit of \$4,889.48. Profit for the fiscal year 1989-90 for the Vice President and the Convention Committee was \$4,690.84. Dr. Pindzola recommended that since ABESPA required ten hours of continuing education to renew the license, the SHAA convention should be expanded to include presentations on Thursday afternoon or Sunday morning. Melissa Richardson, Treasurer, reported SHAA's beginning balance on April 9, 1990 at \$13,266.75; revenues from April 1990 until October 1990 were \$19,243.37; expenditures for that same period were \$12,050.49; and the closing balance on October 1, 1990 was \$20,459.63. Membership Chair Wadia Josof reported a marked increase in membership with 409 Active members; 54 Associate members, 3 Life members, and 82 Student members.

SHAA's 1991 Spring Convention was held April 18 – 20, 1991 at the Gulf Shores State Park in Gulf Shores, Alabama. President Denise Gibbs presided at the Executive Council meeting on April 18, 1991. She presented the following report: 1) Governor Hunt had made no new appointments of speech-language pathologists or audiologists to ABESPA for 1990, but he had appointed Nola Pond as the Consumer Representative. Nominees for 1991 appointments were submitted April 1991. 2) The "SHAA Policies and Procedures Manual" was ready for distribution to Council. 3) Carolyn Baumgartner had been approved as SHAA Liaison from SHAA's Executive Council to the State Department of Education. 4) State Department of Education had requested Medicaid to accept teacher certification as credential needed for Medicaid reimbursement in the schools, but HCFA responded that speech-language pathologists must have CCC and be licensed by ABESPA for reimbursement by Medicaid. 5) SHAA's input regarding Bulletin 36 revisions. 6) ASHA's "Governmental Review" included two articles from the SHAA Newsletter. 6) Qualified personnel remained the top issue as no mention of Qualified Provider was made in the State Plan. SHAA's minimum Qualified Personnel Plan included: a) no initial employment of bachelor's level speech-language pathologists after June 1, 1992; b) no "out of field or provisional" speech-language pathologist certification after June 1, 1992; and c) SHAA will not oppose any plan which is "consistent with Tenure and Property Rights." Preparation for participation in testimony at public hearings which were concentrated in Birmingham area was discussed. Vice President Pindzola reported 214 persons pre-registered for the Convention. Total income for the convention on April 18 was \$15,755 which

included pre-registration fees, CEU registration fees, exhibit fees, \$2,500.00 from ABESPA, co-sponsor. The cost of the Convention was estimated at \$10,000.00. Membership Chair Wadia Josof reported the pre-convention total at 460: 299 Active members; 39 Associate members; 119 Student members; 3 Life members. ASHA Legislative Councilor reported the 1990 Legislative Council had deep concern about the serious shortage of speech-language pathologists available to provide services. Carol Lott, Editor of the SHAA Newsletter reported 700 newsletters for the 1990 Fall edition printed and mailed at a total cost of \$1, 196.50. The Spring 1991 edition of the SHAA Newsletter cost \$1,324.77 to print and mail 750 copies. SHAA can no longer use bulk mailing rates borrowed from the University of Montevallo. Hettie Johnson, Chair of Nominations and Elections, reported that Dr. William Weidner had been elected President April 1991 through April 1993 to replace Dr. Jerry Alpiner who had moved out of state. Melissa Mahone, Private Practice Committee Chair, reported the following: 1) the importance of correct coding for insurance reimbursement purposes; 2) the need for additional qualified personnel; 3) the "Freedom of Choice" direct billing law that passed in the state of Virginia Legislature; 4) Medicaid reimbursement for speech-language services. Dr. Loretta G. Brown, Long Range Plan Committee Chair, reported that a second questionnaire had been mailed to the membership in an attempt to identify their professional concerns and issues. The contract with Liz Barker-Morris to monitor legislation in the State Legislature was continued. Council voted to donate \$500.00 per year to the ASHA Foundation.

SHAA's 1991 convention was expanded to two and one-half days and offered up to 18 hours of continuing education. The convention program included a Video Forum that featured five language acquisition videotapes from the "Good Talking With You" series; twelve videotapes concerning "Legal Challenges in Special Education" and the ASHA award winning marketing spots by Roberta Pierce of Huntsville entitled "Speech Therapy: It's Not Just For Kids." The featured speakers were Richard K. Dixon who offered workshops on Medicare nationwide. He presented a three hour seminar on Medicare and the cost of the reimbursement process. Reed Martin, J.D. of Austin, Texas presented two sessions that concerned legal issues for the school-based speech pathologist. Dr. Amy Wetherby of Florida State University presented two sessions on "Profiling Communication Abilities of Young Children." Doris Greenberg, M.D. offered a two hour session on "Attention Deficit Disorders." Loie Sears led a presentation by the Tuscaloosa Cleft Palate Team. Carolyn Baumgartner led a discussion session on "Issues Confronting the State Department of Education." Dr. Gene Balzer of NeuroDynamics Systems in North Dakota presented two sessions "Balance Function Assessment and Rehabilitation." Thomas Eby, M.D. and Thomas Borton, Ph.D., of the University of Alabama at Birmingham spoke on "Cochlear Implants in Children and Adults." Stephen B. Hood, Ph.D. of the University of South Alabama discussed "Working with Children Who Stutter." Hettie P. Johnson of Mobile shared "Techniques for Working with Individuals with Persistent Open Syllables and Unintelligible Speech." "Traumatic Brain Injuries and Issues in School Re-Integration" was discussed by Janet Gulley, SLP, and Rhonda Collins Morton, Re-Entry Education Specialist of Montgomery. Other topics presented included computer applications, tracheoesophageal puncture, the "Deaf Culture" and the use of signs, aural rehabilitation with geriatrics, autism, and real ear measures.

William E. Weidner, SHAA President 1991 – 1993**Executive Council**

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President William Weidner presided at the Executive Council of SHAA meeting on July 19, 1991 and announced that House Bill 165 in the Alabama Legislature which concerned hearing aid dispensing passed, and Governor Hunt signed it into law. Audiologists were permitted to dispense hearing aids without a license from the hearing aid dealer's board. Past President Denise Gibbs reported on changes in certification recommendations: 1) elimination of the student teaching requirement; 2) courses in four areas (two year provisional period) were required – Child Development, Educational Psychology or Psychology of Learning, Multicultural Issues and Exceptional Children Instruction.

Vice President Rebekah Pindzola, 1991 Convention Chair, reported of the 287 people who attended, 52% were ABESPA members. Income from the convention was \$17,630.00, expenses were \$12,862.35, with a profit of \$4,766.65. Treasurer Carol Lott reported an opening balance 1/1/91 of \$15,380.78; interest earned of \$522.55; expenses of \$16,953.80; and a closing balance of \$22,641.00 on 7/18/91. Mrs. Lott consulted a CPA regarding SHAA's tax exempt status, and was informed that filing a tax form was not required unless SHAA's profits were in excess of \$25,000.00 each year. Membership Secretary Wadia Josof reported 315 Active members, 41 Associate members, 123 Student members, and 3 Life members.

Council signed a contract with Elizabeth Barker-Morris, lobbyist, on 12/31/1991. Dr. Loretta G. Brown, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) reported that during 1989-1990, LRPC had attempted to identify the perceptions of SHAA members concerning the major professional problems/issues. The number of responses to questionnaires was disappointing, but identified as concerns/issues were: 1) public relations, 2) continued dialogue with the State Department of Education's master's level minimum entry level, 3) marketing, 4) third party payment, 5) paraprofessionals or communication aides: legal responsibility for SLP supervisor, 6) consumer protection, 7) multicultural issues, 8) coalition with other professional groups,

9) innovative degrees and licensure, and 10) employment of non-qualified persons as SLPs in the public schools.

The Executive Council selected the following goals for 1991-1993: 1. State Department require higher certification for SLPs; 2. Specific efforts to include minority persons in SHAA; 3. Special committee appointed to promote improved relationships with ABESPA; 4. Investigate marketing services; 5. Recruitment; 6. Investigate role of paraprofessionals in service delivery; 7. Improved communication with each other; and 8. Establish an active SHAA legislative network.

The SHAA Fall Business meeting was held October 11, 1991 at Auburn Alumni Center, President William Weidner presided. Carol Lott, Treasurer, reported that SHAA deserved a "Letter of Comfort" as a result of the audit of SHAA's accounts. SHAA does not qualify for tax-exempt status, but does not have to file a 900C Tax Form when receipts are not in excess of \$25,000.00. Five SHAA officers have been bonded in a blanket insurance policy that cost \$130.00 per year. Any check over \$500.00 must be co-signed. June 1991 starting balance was \$24,835.92, receipts were \$4,243.86; disbursements were \$6,667.12, and ending balance was \$22,412.66. Members voted to have an audit every two years and bonding an automatic part of the Treasurer's office. Membership Secretary Wadia Bolus reported that SHAA had a membership of 609; 423 Active, 54 Associate, 3 Life, 129 Student. Sandra Clark-Lewis was elected Chair of the ASHA Special Rules Committee. As Legislative Councilor she reported 51 resolutions before ASHA's Legislative Council at the November 1991 convention. One concerned the name change from the American Speech and Hearing Association to American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Required continuing education to renew the Certificate of Clinical Competence on a yearly basis was anticipated to cause extensive debate, as was the \$20.00 dues increase. Two resolutions concerned support personnel: one directed the ASHA Executive Board to develop a plan for the establishment of an organization for support personnel in communication disorders; and second called for an evaluation of the use of supportive personnel in speech-language pathology and audiology.

The 1992 Spring SHAA Convention was held April 24 – 26, 1992 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. President William Weidner announced that the convention program contained over 20 hours of continuing education. Presenters included Dr. Barbara Hoskins, "Educational Design: The Role of Special Education in a New Educational Concept"; Dr. Roberta DePompei and Dr. Jean Blosser, "Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Rehabilitation"; Dr. Frank Wilson, "Advances in Vocal Assessment"; Dr. Patricia McCarthy, "Real Ear Measurement and Hearing Aids." SHAA's own members who presented were: Dr. Denise Gibbs, "Speech-Language Pathologist's Procedures for the Three-to-Five Population"; Mary Parker, "Thematic Activities for the Multi-handicapped" and "Behavioral Management for Tourette Syndrome"; Robert Pierce, "Marketing in SPA"; Dr. Brian Shulman, "Pragmatic Assessment with Young Children"; and Katie Byers, "Right Brain Trauma and Language Treatment." Rick Turner chaired an Aphasiology session. Janice Thorson chaired a session on issues in the schools held by the School Affairs Committee. Several clinicians from Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital, headed by Maria Speeney, discussed dysphagia. Dr. Jim Fitch and members of the Computer Committee, presented applications for SLP/A and included sharing software and demonstrations. Betty Faircloth chaired a program that involved the staff

of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind as regarded the "Problems of the Hearing Impaired."

SHAA's Executive Council met April 25, 1992 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. All Council members received a copy of the "Policies and Procedures Manual of SHAA." President Weidner reported that he had arranged a meeting concerning certification with Dr. Jane Myer and Carolyn Baumgartner of the State Department of Education last March 13, 1992 and all training programs in Alabama were represented. He felt the meeting "went well" and that by 1995 there would be no bachelor's level training programs in the State. Council voted to send \$100.00 annually to the ASHA Foundation. A letter from Robin Welch of ASHA reminded professionals to pay their professional services tax. Rebecca Pindzola, Vice President, reported that 249 people registered for the Convention and 158 had enrolled for CEUs. ABESPA support was \$4,000.00. The number of exhibitors was 15 as compared to 13 for the previous convention. Treasurer Carol Lott reported opening balance October 1991 was \$24,835.84 and closing balance (pre-convention) April 19, 1992, \$24,456.84. Betty Faircloth suggested not paying the lobbyist until July 1992 as she planned to investigate ASHA state net possibilities.

Faircloth reported that a plaque would be presented Senator Larry Dickson on May 4, 1992 in Montgomery in appreciation for assistance with the hearing aid dealer's bill. Editor Bryce Evans reported that 600 newsletters had been mailed. Janice Thorson, School Affairs Chair, reported comments sent to the State Department of Education regarding changes in determination of case load in relation to least restrictive environment for speech-language impaired students. Esther O'Brien reported for Comprehensive Health and Education Committee that ASHA has lobbied for payment by Medicaid for augmentative communication. Beth Hardaway, Nominations and Elections Chair reported that 415 ballots were mailed in the recent election, 145 completed ballots were received, 2 undelivered ballots returned, and 2 ballots arrived after deadline.

SHAA's Executive Board met July 10, 1992 at Auburn University at Montgomery in the Library Tower. President Weidner reported that ASHA's Robin Welch had alerted him of the issue of qualified providers for Early Intervention Programs since paraprofessionals are used. Council voted to contribute \$100.00 to a reception held at the Council of State Presidents meeting in South Carolina in May 1993. Dr. Denise Gibbs, Past President, reported on communication following a meeting with Dr. Jane Myer of the State Department of Education with herself, Jim Fitch, Beth Hardaway, Janice Thorson, Barbara Cady and Eugene Cooper which indicated much confusion as regarded what was actually said. Dr. Gibbs had responded by referring Dr. Myer to correspondence she had sent the State Department of Education which outlined our position. Dr. Cooper had presented a draft of a position paper by university training program directors.

Rebecca Pindzola, Vice President, reported 1992 convention attendance at 299; 199 were ABESPA members; 49 were not ABESPA members; and 21 were students. Total debits for the convention were \$18,641.63 and total income was \$20,655.00 with a profit of \$2,013.37. Council voted to have only pre-registration at the 1994 convention, with late registrants required to call to obtain an enrollment slot. Registration charges will be:

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| SHAA Member (Active/Associate) | \$55.00 | \$80.00 | \$105.00 |
| SHAA student | \$20.00 | \$30.00 | |
| Non member | \$105.00 | \$130.00 | \$150.00 |

Treasurer Carol Lott reported that SHAA had budgeted \$27,350.00 for the year, spent \$29,053.14, and had a balance in the checking account of \$34,993.34. The Council approved the budget for 1993 as presented. Membership chair Wadia Josof reported 375 Active members, 48 Associate members, 75 Student members and 2 Life Members for a total of 500. Jan Enstrom reported that 135 participated in CEUs at the Convention. SHAA members could now complete an independent study. The University of Montevallo won the student award. Council voted to award \$100.00 prize (in addition to the plaque) to the winning NSSLHA chapter beginning with 1993. Betty Faircloth had discussed our lobbyist situation with Connie Lynch of ASHA. Agreed upon when Mrs. Faircloth met with Liz Barker Morris was: 1) Ms. Baker would continue as legislative monitor at \$1,600.00 annually and would increase her visibility with SHAA. 2) Ms. Baker would present a convention workshop each year. Council agreed and decided the contract ran from January to January.

Sandra Clark-Lewis reported that the ASHA Legislative Council had rejected overwhelmingly (70%) the proposed dues increase. ASHA's proposed name change was defeated.

The 1992 Fall Executive Board meeting was held October 23, 1992 at the University of Montevallo. President Weidner had identified several issues to present at the Council of State President's meeting in San Antonio in November: 1) ethical practice, 2) bilingual/multicultural services, 3) legal counsel or attorney for SHAA, and 4) mandated hearing screening. Problems of discrepant information that concerned Medicaid school reimbursement were discussed as was non-professional SLPs providing services in private school settings. Dr. Weidner appointed Dr. Denise Gibbs to the SHAA Committee on Certification chaired by Dr. Jim Fitch to continue the dialogue with the State Department of Education in a unified manner. Wadia Bolus, Membership Secretary, reported 600 plus members.

It was reported that the ABESPA's Board wished to meet the needs of all working licensees. Wadia Josof expressed concern that SLPs were charging for services completed by aides; however, Dr. Denise Gibbs had information that it was acceptable. Onsite supervision vs. supervision every 6th visit and consumer risk was discussed. Council agreed to present the following concerns to ABESPA: 1) Mrs. Josof and her committee would present results of their study to the Board. 2) Loie Sears, Chair of ABESPA, on behalf of SHAA Executive Council ask that ABESPA reconsider Rule # 870-x-2-.05 (entitled assistant authorization) at ABESPA's next meeting. 3) SHAA joins ASHA in research concerning the use of speech aides/assistants in other states.

Janice Thorson reported that the School Affairs committee had established a lending library! ASHA audiotapes and a variety of videotapes were available for check-out, and they continued investigating computer software listings. The Better Speech and Hearing Month Kit was successful and will be updated for 1993. The SLP Quilt for which Nancy Rentschler was responsible won a prize at the 1992 Alabama State Fair. SHAA celebrated Better Hearing and Speech Month in 1992 with a "Helpline" phone

bank based at The Children's Hospital in Birmingham May 26 – 28. Ten phones were answered by SHAA members from various work settings and the event was televised by Channel 13. Carolyn Baumgartner, SHAA liaison to the State Department of Education, reported on shortage of SLPs and some SLPs who have three years to complete their Master's degree cannot be admitted to graduate school. Developmental Delay was again approved as a federal category effective with the 1993-94 school year. Public hearings were scheduled in January 1993 over the State and SHAA members were urged to attend keeping abreast of case load changes.

SHAA's 1993 Spring Convention was held April 22-24, 1993 at the Quality Inn Beachside in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Presenters of five short courses were: Janet Norris, *A Model for Whole Language Assessment and Intervention*, Michael King, *Evaluating and Structuring the Communicative Options of the Temporarily and Permanently Aphonic Patient: From the Hospital and Beyond*, Bopanna Balachandra, *Cerumen Management*, Joan Good Erickson, and Ruth Saletsky Kamen, *Issues in Oral-Motor, Feeding, Swallowing, and Respiratory-Phonatory Assessment and Intervention*. Two sessions on adult neurogenics were presented by Robert Terry Wertz, *Treating Patients with Aphasia* and *The Rehabilitation of Dysarthric Speech*. Other presenters were: Karen Colson, *Maintenance Programs for Patients with Alzheimer's Disease*, Ellen Thomas, *Cochlear Implants in Children: What the SLP Needs to Do*, Carole Flaherty, *Rock 'N' Roll and Role Plays for Adolescent Language Services*, Maureen D. Haynes, *Implications of the Americans with Disabilities Act* and Timothy Holston, *Assessment and Management of Auditory Processing Problems in Children*. James Fitch of Auburn moderated a forum *Alabama Public School Teacher Certification Avenues*. Loie Sears, Chair of ABESPA, moderated a session on *Current Issues in Licensure*. Other presentations: Scott Griffiths, *Oto-Acoustic Emissions and Objective Assessment of Hearing*, Ruth Tucker, Moderator, *Public Relations and Marketing in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology*; Todd W. Fortune, *Nontraditional Methods for Evaluating the Potential Benefit of Hearing Aids and Hearing Aid Saturation and Aided Loudness Discomfort*, Bob Arnold, "The Use of Fiberoptics in the Management of Voice Disorders and Dysphagia"; and Mary Ann Thomas and Paul Sumrow, "Interviewing Skills for the Professional."

SHAA's Executive Council met April 22, 1993. President Weidner announced that the Alabama Legislature had requested one ABESPA Board member be appointed from each of the seven Congressional Districts. SHAA had been recognized by ASHA's Executive Board from January 1993 for a period of five years. ASHA requested revision of our By-laws. Council voted not to join the National Council of State Boards at a cost of \$300.00 per year. Vice President Pindzola reported 399 participants pre-registered, and when exhibitors and speakers were included, the total was 434. CEUs were requested by 51% of those who attended. There were 19 exhibitors. Convention income at the time of the meeting was \$25,430.00. The budget for the convention was \$18,000.00, so a profit was expected. Membership chair Wadia Josof reported 405 Active members, 73 Associate members, 85 Student members, and 3 Life members for a total of 566. The University of Montevallo won the NSSLHA Student Membership Award again as 43% of majors held SHAA membership. Council appropriated \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 for clerical data entry support for directory preparation. Gibbs suggested that the video library of the School Affairs Committee include continuing

educational topics in all area. Treasurer Carol Lott presented a detailed budget. SHAA's balance on hand was \$21,982.63. Council approved Mrs. Lott's recommendations: 1) that the President's expenses to convention be paid by SHAA; 2) that the President's budget be increased; 3) that the Schools Affairs budget be increased; 4) the plaques for the Nominations and Awards Committee be purchased by SHAA; 5) that the publications budget be increased; and 6) that ABESPA contribute more money to SHAA. Bryce Evans, Chair of Publications, reported that each issue of the publication cost \$1,000.00.

Sandra Clark-Lewis, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported that Crystal Cooper had been elected as Vice-President of ASHA. The audiology issue was expected to be on the agenda at Legislative Council next year. Janice Thorson reported that the speech quilt produced by Nancy Rentschler and Nancy Hagood was on the cover of the 1993 issue of the ASHA Magazine. Thorson reported that the Continuing Education Library of the School Affairs Committee was being utilized and was successful. User friendly information about computer software appropriate for school based clinicians was being developed. Thorson recommended that SHAA develop a Task Force to look at hearing screening in the schools and make recommendations to the Regular Education area of the State Department rather than Special Education. Jan Enstrom of Continuing Education reported that in 1992, CEU units were available at 5 ASHA approved events with 1,106 participants, 303 CEU units earned, and seven independent studies.

Betty Faircloth presented the Legislative plaque to Senator Ann Bedsole who could not be present due to the marriage of her daughter. Beth Hardaway, Nominations and Elections Committee, presented names for positions on ABESPA to be submitted to the Governor for appointment. Candidates were presented in Congressional Districts 3, 4 and 5 for Speech-Language Pathology and Districts 3, 4 and 5 for Audiology. The Long Range Planning Committee suggested the following objectives: 1) improve SHAA member's understanding of the Health Care System; 2) assist employers and those seeking employment in our profession; 3) involve members in on-going dialogue to identify concerns and seek solutions; 4) active legislative network in place; 5) orientation of SHAA members to privileges, possibilities and responsibilities of SHAA membership.

Denise P. Gibbs, SHAA President 1993 – 1995.**Executive Council**

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| Director of Publications | Johnny Simmons |
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Dr. Gibbs presided over the Executive Council meeting on July 16, 1993 at the University of Montevallo as she began her second term as SHAA President. Dr. Gibbs reported her meeting with Carolyn Baumgartner and other officials at Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) during which SHAA's request that ABESPA Licensure and completion of the Master's degree from an ESB accredited program become the only criteria needed for Class A teacher certification in Speech-Language Pathology. Dr. Weidner, Immediate Past President, reported for Dr. Rebekah Pindzola that the total profit made at the 1993 spring convention was \$14,201.84. Melissa Mahone, Vice President, presented information regarding the 1994 convention and moved that it be held in Huntsville on April 7-10. At ABESPA's request, ABESPA licensees would be allowed to register for a reduced fee in consideration of ABESPA's financial support of the convention. Carol Lott, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$34,211.67 in the SHAA treasury and reported that ABESPA had contributed \$2500 to help with the cost of the convention and \$1500 to assist with purchase of tapes for the Continuing Education Lending Library (CELL). CELL was officially created following the 1993 Spring Convention at which time, the Lending Library which had been initiated by the School Affairs Committee in 1992, was expanded to include materials of interest to audiologists and speech-language pathologists working in all settings. Financial support from ABESPA and from SHAA was provided and Kathy Byrd agreed to chair the CELL Committee which was initially established at the Executive Council meeting on July 16, 1993. George Murphree, Chair of the Comprehensive Health and Education Planning Committee reported concerns regarding the refusal of Blue Cross to reimburse audiologists who are in private practice.

The Fall Executive Council meeting was held at the University of Montevallo on October 22, 1993. Dr. Gibbs reported that SHAA's requested changes in teacher certification requirements, making the license the only requirement needed for Class A

certification, were to be voted upon by the Alabama Board of Education at the January 1994 meeting. Dr. Gibbs also indicated that she would be requesting that the Alabama Medicaid Board increase the level of reimbursement for speech-language pathology and audiology services. Carolyn Baumgartner, Membership Secretary, reported that SHAA had a total of 736 members. Melissa Mahone reported that the Spring Convention would be at the Huntsville Marriott April 14-16, 1994. SHAA agreed to increase the reimbursement of ASHA Convention expenses of ASHA Legislative Councilors to a combined total of \$3000 with proper documentation required. Dr. Oyadomari, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee reported that a survey was being developed to determine members' ideas regarding long range goals and objectives. Carol Lott, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$35,294.37.

The Spring Executive Council meeting was held in conjunction with the Spring Convention in Huntsville on April 14, 1994. Dr. Gibbs reported that the Alabama State Board of Education unanimously adopted the changes in teacher certification requested by SHAA. As a result of this change, the only requirement for teacher certification in speech-language pathology will be an ABESPA License and completion of a Master's Degree from an ESB accredited program. This change was to take effect on July 1, 1994. Dr. Gibbs reported that SHAA had succeeded in getting a "Freedom of Choice Bill" submitted in the Alabama Legislature but with only two days remaining in the session, the bill did not get out of committee. It was suggested that SHAA pursue this measure again in the next legislative session. At SHAA's request, Medicaid increased the reimbursement rate for individual therapy sessions from \$15.00 to \$18.00 and group therapy from \$5.00 to \$9.00. Dr. Gibbs announced that SHAA had a contract with ABESPA in which ABESPA agreed to provide SHAA with \$6,000 for continuing education during fiscal year October 1, 1993-September 30, 1994. It was recommended that \$2500 be spent to defray convention expenses and the remainder be spent on the Continuing Education Lending Library. Carolyn Baumgartner, Membership Secretary, reported a total membership of 607. Melissa Mahone, Vice President reported that 397 had pre-registered for the convention with more than \$22,000 in receipts. Carol Lott, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$42,667.30. Wadia Josof, Honors Committee Chair's report reflected that Eugene Cooper be nominated for the Frank J. Kleffner Award, Sheila Knox be nominated for the Roland Van Hattum Award for Exceptional Service in the Public Schools, Rebekah Pindzola be given a Distinguished Service Award, and Robin Auerbach and Loie Sears be given appreciation awards for their service on ABESPA.

The 1994 Convention speakers included: Paula Sullivan *Primer in Esophageal Dysphagia for the Speech Language Pathologist*, Jay Hall *Neonatal Testing and Otoacoustic Emissions*, Robert Keith *Assessment and Remediation of CAPD*, Elizabeth Houser *Facilitated Communication: Insights Into a New and Controversial Instructional Strategy*, Debra Crislip *Playing Games and Reading Story Books with Low Technology Electronic Devices*, Walt Waltoz *Dynamic Displays: the Changing Face of AAC*, Sarah Huskey *Treatment and Remediation of CAPD*, James Waid *Infection Control in the Schools*, William Pitts *Computerized Home Aphasia Therapy and the Glassboard Motor-Visual Writing Technique*, Steven C. White *Health Care Under Clinton*, and Gary E. McClung *Real Ear Practices*. SHAA members who shared their knowledge and talents were: Denise Gibbs *Having Fun in Therapy with Computers*, Buddy Betros

Reimbursement Issues in Speech-Language Pathology, Judi Prichard, Rick Turner, Darlene Cleveland, and Marian Krishack *Dysphagia Treatment in the Nursing Home*, Roberta Pierce *I've Walked a Mile in Their Shoes*, Paul Dagenais *Speech Training and Electropalatography*, Judy Mann *Use of the Nasometer in Resonance Studies*, Richard Sweitzer *ABESPA Forum*, Dominique Herrington *Alabama Aphasiology*, Susan Bunyard and Richard Martin *Voice Diagnostics Using Videostroboscopy*, Richard Waguespack and Dan Phillips *Neurological Disorders of the Voice*, Valerie Harper, Ruth Tucker, Mary Borton, and Sheila Knox *Inclusion in the Schools*, Cathy Burke, and Becky Bellah *An Overview of AAC and Related School Issues*.

The Executive Council met at the University of Montevallo on July 22, 1994. Melissa Mahone, Vice President, reported that 471 had attended the Spring Convention which had attracted 29 vendors. Carolyn Baumgartner reported that membership had reached a total of 725 members. Carol Lott, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$47,423.35.

The Executive Council met at the Quality Inn in Gulf Shores in conjunction with the Spring Convention on April 20, 1995. Carolyn Baumgartner conducted the meeting in the absence of Dr. Gibbs who could not attend due to family illness. Melissa Mahone, Vice President, reported that convention registration included 393 with receipts of \$17,410. Carolyn Baumgartner, Membership Secretary reported a total of 664 members. The Treasurer's report reflected a balance of \$20,471.37. The following individuals were chosen to receive honors at the 1995 SHAA Convention: Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award – Robert Arnold; Distinguished Service Award – Kathryn Byrd, Nancy Rentschler, Nancy Hagood; Loretta G. Brown Public School Therapist Award – Janice Thorson-Houck; ABESPA Service Award – Richard S. Sweitzer, Denise P. Gibbs.

The Spring 1995 Convention speakers included: Twhanna J. Green *Special Populations: Economically Disadvantaged and Geographically Remote*, Martha Miller *Clinical Applications of Tone Burst ABR*, Greg Ollick *Advanced Real Ear Measurements and Hearing Aid Fittings*, Scott Long *FM Amplification in the 90s*, Robert Owens *Language Intervention Is Talk Talk Talk: Rationale of Functional Model of Intervention*, Frank Weldele *Accelerating Your Audiology Practice into the Next Century: Marketing Audiology and an Eye Towards the Future*, Ovetta L. Harrison-Harris *Assistive Technology*, Deborah Lozo *School Reform and Service Delivery: Moving Into the 21st Century*, Kathleen T. Williams *Language Problems and Learning Problems: Oral and Written Language Test*, and Eileen Cubarney *Practical Applications for Assistive Technology*. SHAA members who shared their knowledge and talent included: Robert Arnold *Auscultation of Swallowing Sounds*, Ronna Dykes *Prevalence of Stuttering Among African-American School-Age Children in the South: A Survey of Speech-Language Pathologists' Caseloads*, Julie McDougal *The Medically Fragile Children the Classroom: How the Childrens' Hospital of Alabama Can Help*, Kathryn Byrd and Faye McCollister *Characteristics of Alabama Hearing Screening: Objective Hearing Screening Procedures*, Carmen Taylor *Programmatic Considerations of Hearing Screening*, Rob Rane *Vestibular Evaluations*, Steven Smith *Use of Evoked Potential in Interoperative Monitoring*, Arthur Dahle and Deborah Friend *Distortion: Product in Otoacoustic Emissions*, and Carolyn Baumgartner *Current Issues Pertaining to Alabama School-Based SLPs: An Open Forum*.

Melissa Mahone, SHAA President 1995 – 1997

Executive Council

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SHAA's Executive Board met July 14, 1995 at the Marriott Huntsville. President Melissa Mahone reported on her attendance at the Council of State Presidents meeting in Maine that presented much "doom and gloom" and warned of the significant changes in our functioning caused by managed care. "Capitation, salary equivalency, multi-skilling and cross training" were concepts with which to become familiar. Emphasis will be on the dollar rather than the quality of care. Dr. Denise Gibbs, Past President, distributed *SHAA Policy and Procedures Manuals* to Council members. Dr. Brian Shulman, Vice President, reported that the 1996 convention will be held in Huntsville. Pre-registration for members was set at \$75.00 with on-site at \$125.00; Students at \$30.00 with on-site at \$50.00; Non-members at \$150.00 with on-site at \$200.00. Carl Lott, Treasurer, reported that her bond had been dropped so two signatures are required on checks. She recommended that SHAA pay for accountant services, and that Mrs. Debbie Blackmon, Secretary of the Department of Communication Science and Disorders at the University of Montevallo be paid \$100.00 per month for her assistance with CELL and that Mrs. Blackmon be the second signature on checks. Further she recommended that the lobbyist's fee increased from \$1600.00 to \$1800.00. Profit from the last convention was \$7,633.00. Council approved her recommendation to cancel the computer for membership, the ASHA booth, and the ASHA reception, and that membership dues are raised to \$25.00. Carolyn Baumgartner, Membership Chair, reported a membership of 751; 528 Active, 84 Associate; 115 Student, and 15 Life members. Two hundred thirty five (235) Members were based in Public Schools: 110 were audiologists, 520 were speech-language pathologists, and 121 students or undeclared. As liaison to the State Department of Education, Carolyn reported continuing discussions and negotiations regarding SLPs holding master's degrees and licensure, the use of paraprofessionals in the schools, and the non-categorical classification of students classified as needing special education services. Kathryn Byrd, Chair of the Continuing Education Lending Library (CELL), summarized actions of that committee: 1) presented proposals for new

titles to be purchased with the \$4,500.00 from ABESPA; 2) Phase I of the tapes are ready for distribution from Montevallo; 3) Phase II has been ordered; 4) CELL will remain at the University of Montevallo; 5) new form for check-out has been prepared; 6) as of January 1, 1996 a \$25.00 check deposit required with all orders that will be returned uncashed when tapes returned on time; 7) late charge of \$5.00 per week assessed; 8) catalogue will be printed when new tapes are received and sent to all SHAA members and ABESPA licensees. Comprehensive Health and Education Planning Co-Chair Ellen Tomas reported on Project 100 that requested members write members of Congress before September 1 concerning 1) the proposed changes in Medicare and Medicaid that will impact negatively on the delivery of services by Speech-language pathologists and audiologists to the communicatively impaired; and 2) advocate the continued funding of quality services. CPT codes have changed and there are additional codes to learn. Chair George Murphree reported a change in insurance coverage as House Bill 401 has been contested by Blue Cross. Jan Enstrom, Chair of Continuing Education had complained to ASHA concerning the complexity of the CEU paperwork. Cathy Burke, Augmentative Communication Chair, reported the booth at the 1995 convention a success. Joseph Phelps was the recipient of the Alpha Talker purchased by SHAA through the Prentke Romich Co.

SHAA's Executive Council met November 3, 1995 in Huntsville. Membership was reported at 811 members. President Mahone reported that SHAA did not support a Black Association of Speech-Language Pathologists an Audiologist chapter within SHAA as it was felt that this would cause divisions with our association. A decision to form a Multi-Cultural Committee to include all ethnic groups was decided. Richard Sweitzer resigned as Audiology Councilor and a member of ABESPA as he was no longer in clinical work. Kathryn Byrd, CELL, reported that the new catalogue of offering in CELL will cost \$1105.88. President Mahone recommended that the presidents of the occupational therapists' and the physical therapists' associations be invited to our convention and waive their fees. Council approved extending member registration and pre-registration fees to surrounding states. President Mahone proposed that SHAA investigate employment of an administration assistant to handle membership, continuing education, fielding requests, lobbying and convention. CEU fees and increased membership fees could be used to pay the salary. Doreen Oyadomari was appointed to chair a Task Force on Association Management.

The 1996 Spring SHAA Convention was held April 11 – 14, 1996 at the Huntsville Marriott Hotel in Huntsville, Alabama. The theme was *Exploring New Frontiers*. SHAA's Executive Council met on April 11, 1996. President Melissa Mahone announced that some audiologists would make a presentation to Council later in the meeting. Treasurer Carol Lott reported that she had filed taxes. SHAA is non-profit but not tax exempt, and due to our growing budget, filing tax forms is required. Filing next year should be after convention. SHAA had a \$10,000.00 Certificate of Deposit and \$12,000.00 in a savings account to cover fluctuation of funding. Treasurer Lott recommended: 1) fiscal year July 1 of one year to June 30 of previous year to clear convention transactions; 2) ledger book kept by month accounting of income and debits and viewed at each formal meeting of Council; 3) SHAA president appoint a finance committee; 4) Executive Council committee conduct and yearly audit; 5) file income tax report when income exceeds \$25,000.00, but SHAA pays no taxes; 6) budget records

formally audited by professional accounting firm when treasurer leaves office and before new treasurer in office; and 7) SHAA treasurer print and mail IRS form 1099 for all SHAA convention speakers following annual convention. Name, address and social security are needed. SHAA's opening bank account as of 1/31/96 was \$3,026.58 and balance on 4/11/96 was \$32,969.12. Membership Secretary Carolyn Baumgartner reported 795 members. She moved that dues be increased as of January 1997: Active \$35.00; Associate \$20.00; Student \$10.00; Corporate \$100.00; Life \$0.00 and January 1998 Active \$50.00; Associate \$40.00; Student \$10.00; Corporate \$100.00 and Life \$0.00. Council approved this motion.

Steven Smith and Richard Gresham presented a letter to Council which revealed that many audiologists feel they should form their own organization. Twelve to fifteen audiologists had met in March 1996 and designed the proposal to stay under the SHAA umbrella but have their own Executive Council. SHAA should change its name to the Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists and their group would be called Alabama Audiology Association. Discussion followed. Council decided to reach out to audiologists and attempt to meet their needs. Pat LaCoste was appointed to meet with the audiology group before July. No response will be made until the next Council meeting in July. Patty Cline, Chair of nominations and Elections, made a motion that SHAA recommend dropping of districting in candidates for position on ABESPA due to limited number of professionals in rural areas. The motion was approved. Dr. Doreen Oyadomari, Chair of Task Force on Association Management, has been in contact with several companies for information and pricing. Kathy Byrd reported the continued growth of CELL. Over 300 tapes were borrowed last year. CELL has received \$2,500.00 from ABESPA for new materials. Jan Enstrom agreed to continue as Continuing Education Chair only if SHAA agreed to employ personnel to prepare packets and handle mailing. Council agreed to charge \$15.00 per person and \$30.00 per sponsor for continuing education activities.

1996's Convention program was outstanding with six strands to meet the needs of all SHAA members: 1) Early Intervention: Young Children Strand; 2) Speech-Language Pathology: School-Age Children Strand; 3) Alternative/Augmentative Communication Strand; 4) Speech-Language Pathology: Adult Strand; 5) Audiology/Hearing Impaired Strand; 6) Professional Issues and Health Care Strand. Some of the presenters were Barbara W. Hodson, *Enhancing Phonological, Metaphonological, and Emergent Literacy Skills*; David P. Goldstein, *Earned Entitlement and Equivalency: An Update*; Ron Taylor, *Issues in the Intellectual Assessment of Exceptional Students*; Kim Hartsell, *Augmentative Communication Intervention for Young Children*; Margaret H. Briggs, *A Collaboration Service Delivery Model for Early Intervention Teams*; Mark E. Hakel, *Assessment and Intervention with Dysarthria*; Anne Van Kleeck, *Whole to Parts or Parts to Whole? Contributions of Whole Language and Phonics to Preliteracy Instruction*; Thomasyn Williams, *Cultural Diversity: A Look at Multicultural Issues in Public Schools Regarding Communication Disorders*; Peter R. Ramig, *Working With School-Age Children Who Stutter: Practical Applications*; Ruth A. Bentler, *Hearing Aids: Advances in Technology and Fitting Techniques*; Kathryn L. Garrett, *Strategic Use in Contest: AAC Intervention for Persons with Aphasia*; Karyn Bobkoff Katz, *Child Language Assessment: Analyzing the Options*; Shane Moodie,

Application of the Desired Sensation Level Prescription Method and Probe Tube Microphone Measurements in the Prescription and Fitting of Hearing Aids in Children.

SHAA's Executive Board met July 12, 1996 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery. President Mahone suggested SHAA investigate dropping districting requirements for ABESPA elections. Dr. Denise Gibbs stated that Melissa as President should write a letter to ABESPA requesting that this issue be addressed by that Board. However, any change in the law could open our licensure law to other changes. Patty Cline moved that the letter be written to ABESPA, Carolyn Baumgartner seconded, and the motion passed. ABESPA liaison Dick Cornell agreed to investigate this matter. The Task Force on Association Management Chair Doreen Oyadomari had invited four representatives of management firms to present to Council. SHAA had 907 members: 610 Active, 103 Associate; 175 Student; 17 Life; 1 Corporate; and 1 Consumer. Of the 907, 278 (30%) work in the public schools; 104 (11%) are audiologists; 618 (68%) are SLPs. President Melissa Mahone reported on the Council of State Association Presidents in Austin when she shared information about SHAA's Continuing Education Lending Library. Managed care and salary equivalency continued as issues. Pat LaCoste reported on a survey of audiologists in Alabama that revealed they did not desire a separate organization but wanted a stronger voice in SHAA. State Department of Education Carolyn Baumgartner reported serious downsizing in that Department. She reported a shortage in the schools of Master's level SLPs. Treasurer Carol Lott reported SHAA's savings account had been used to cover the convention deficit. Council approved her motion to form a Finance Committee to evaluate the budget and reimbursement procedures. The Finance Committee met July 25, 1996 and developed Guidelines for activities of that committee.

SHAA's Executive Council met October 18, 1996. President Mahone presided. Brian Shulman presented Pat LaCoste's report concerning her communications with the audiologists which requested a name change for SHAA and a separate audiology structure. No official request in writing had been received and Council agreed to defer the matter. Nancy Rentschler, School Affairs Committee, suggested the creation of a Web Site called "State Lines." Shulman suggested that e-mail addresses be added to the Directory. Dr. Denise Gibbs, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported 1) a suggested dues increase of \$7.00 per year for three years as ASHA has cut services due to inflation; 2) a two year program was proposed for credentialing SLP assistants with the assistant carrying out the program as written by the certified SLP who had responsibility for the session, 3) continuing discussion of ASHA restructuring. Council approved Treasurer Carol Lott's motion to reduce SHAA's contribution to the ASHA Foundation to \$100.00 per year and Shulman's suggestion that rates for ads in the newsletter be increased to \$50.00 for 1/8 page; \$75.00 for 1/4 page; \$100.00 for 1/2 page and \$200.00 for full page. Registration fee for the convention was agreed upon at \$110.00.

The 1997 Spring Convention of SHAA was held March 6 – 8 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Mobile. President Melissa Mahone wrote in the Spring 1997 issue of the *SHAA Newsletter* of the challenges ahead as professionals and members of SHAA. Mahone stated that our profession was in a significant period of change: 1) the influence of managed care; 2) the need to prove ourselves professionally through documentation of outcomes; 3) professional role identification and affiliation; 4) rapid growth within our profession. President Mahone asked members to view SHAA as a business needing a

central office with staff, an information exchange. The marketing of our fields of audiology and speech-language pathology was needed more than ever as well as the need to pull together.

A major theme of the convention was Treatment Outcomes. Some of the presenters were: Mary Beth Armstrong, *Early Language Intervention: Addressing Linguistic and Literacy Goals*; Roberta Pierce, *Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders: Evaluation and Treatment*; Patty Cline, *From Kalamazoo to Timbuktu: Strategies for the School-Based SLP*; Jose Martinez, *Genetic Basis of Communication Disorders*; Mary Lucero, *Videos: Creative Interventions with Alzheimer's Patients – Functional Assessment and Intervention*; Joan Besing and Janet Koehnke, *Contemporary Perspectives on Clinical Audiology*; Arlene Pietranton (ASHA), *The Changing World of Clinical Delivery Service*; Connie Lynch(ASHA), *ASHA's Federal and State Advocacy Programs*; Michael Cray, *Dysphagia Management in the Adult Patient*; and Janice Del Toro, *An Overview of Neuropathologies/Relationship to Adult Neurogenic Communications Disorders*. Other topics covered were Holistic Language, Tinnitus, Articulation Disorders, School Hearing Tests, Central Auditory Processing Disorders, Voice Disorders, State Department of Education Activities; The State of Alabama's Children, and Collaborative Approach in Early Childhood Settings.

SHAA's Executive Council met March 6, 1997. Membership was reported as 706. SHAA's need for a management firm to handle financial, convention, etc. was reaffirmed. Council justified the increase in dues: need for new membership computer; significant membership increase; bonding and liability charges; CELL is not self sufficient; cost of printing, paper and postage greatly increased; and need to hire management firm. Nancy Rentschler, School Affairs Committee, reported efforts to develop a Home Page on the Internet. Dick Cornell, ABESPA Liaison reported the recent Sunset Review of the Board by the Legislature went well and he complimented Fran Hawkins. He reported a communication problem concerning CELL expenditures and requested written requests for amounts and purchases was suggested. ABESPA had granted \$6600.00 to SHAA for convention speakers and CELL. Kathy Byrd, Chair of CELL, reported 300 titles were mailed out during the past year. However, due to lack of funds, no additional titles were purchased. Denise Gibbs, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported that during the 1996 Legislative Council, Crystal Cooper during a "Point of Personal Privilege" received recognition for the completion of her three year term as ASHA Vice President for Professional Practices in Speech-Language Pathology and for her many contributions to the profession in Alabama. Restructuring of ASHA was a major issue and could negatively affect Alabama's representation.

Dr. Brian Shulman, SHAA President 1997**Executive Council**

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President Shulman received the B.A., 1979 at SUNY - College at Courtland; M.A., 1981 and Ph.D., 1983, Bowling Green State University. SHAA's Executive Council met on August 2, 1997 at Adam's Mark Hotel in Mobile. President Bryan Shulman reported since our dues increase, SHAA no longer had the lowest dues of any state association. He attended the Council of State Association Presidents in May 1997 where three issues were addressed: managed care, support personnel and leadership development. Shulman, 1997 Spring Convention Chair, reported a final profit on the event of \$19,961.87. Patty Cline, Membership Chair, reported 790 members; 549 Active, 66 Associate; 154 Student; 19 Life; 1 Corporate; 1 Consumer. Kelly Martin, Treasurer informed Council of procedures to be followed, and the forms to be used by Council members for reimbursement. Martin reported a checking account balance of \$16,021.92 but \$6,000.00 will be moved to savings. Pat LaCoste, Audiology Councilor, reported continued communication with audiologists in State concerning their needs. Some audiologists have purchased the Earned Entitlement Designation which allowed him/her to claim the title "Doctor." ASHA has stated that purchase of such a degree may be a violation of its Code of Ethics. Sheila Knox, School Affairs Committee, reported their Web Site was developed. Council established a Special Committee on Technology (including the Web Site) with Nancy Rentschler as Chair. Carolyn Baumgartner, Liaison with SDE reported the reauthorization of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) June 4, 1997. Important changes were: 1) parent part of eligibility decision; 2) regular educator to attend IEP meetings; 3) DD category extended to age 10; 4) Early Intervention Personnel must attend transition IEP meeting for preschool services; 5) possibility of non-categorical services; 6) discipline; 7) new IEPs 7/1998; 8) authentic assessments encouraged. As regarded certification changes: Collaborative Teaching Certificate and the end of Bachelor's level SLP with teaching certificates. A student who began college courses before 7/1/92 may complete a Class B SLP TEP if admitted prior to 7/1/95.

Eugene Cooper, ASHA Legislative Councilor, moved to Florida. He represented SHAA at the 1997 ASHA Convention, then resigned, and Doreen Oyadomari was his replacement. Registration fees for the 1998 Convention were set at \$110.00 for Active/Associate for pre-registration - \$200.00 on site; Student \$40.00 pre-registration - \$75.00 on site; other professionals \$140 pre-registration - \$225.00 on site. Council approved \$1,000.00 item in budget for SHAA's co-sponsorship of the Southern States Open House at the 1997 ASHA Convention. Dick Cornell, Liaison to ABESPA, reported that ABESPA declined involvement in Freedom of Choice legislation and legislation that would mandate third party payers reimburse out of hospital providers and felt those matters belonged to SHAA. President Shulman requested more information. Cornell reported that ABESPA had asked Alabama's Attorney General if the District Rule must be adhered to in appointments to the Board. He ruled that if sufficient effort to identify a person in a District was unsuccessful, a person from another District could be nominated. Cornell reported 1) the Sunset Bill passed into law; 2) that ABESPA has changed its fiscal year to begin in January; 3) that ABESPA would accept only CEUs that enhance clinical skills; 4) that the Governor had chosen a SHAA member not elected by SHAA to serve on ABESPA and that SHAA chose not to challenge the Governor's action; and 5) that the Attorney General was investigating the legality of using a degree obtained from an unaccredited university as regarded the Audiology Earned Entitlement. Council approved the presentation of an award to a student from each training institution rather than one for the whole state. CELL was approved for a Poster Session at the ASHA Convention. Council approved letters of appreciation for dedicated service to SHAA as Treasurer to Carol L. Lott, and to Nancy Rentschler as School Affairs Councilor and her years on the School Affairs Committee.

Dr. Doreen Oyadomari, SHAA President 1997 – 2001

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President Oyadomari received the A.A. from Orlando Junior College in 1965; B.S. in 1976 and M.S. in 1968 from Florida State University in Tallahassee; and the Ph.D. in 1984 from the University of South Florida in Tampa.

SHAA's Executive Council met December 19, 1997 at Children's Hospital in Birmingham with Dr. Doreen Oyadomari as President following the resignation of Dr. Brian Shulman effective December 15, 1997. Kelly Martin, Treasurer, submitted the 1997 Convention report: income \$48,144.00, expenses \$28,062.13, profit \$20,081.87. Barbara Cady discussed plans for the 1998 convention at Adam's Mark Hotel in Mobile, and the budget from last year was unchanged. Roberta Pierce, Speech-Language Pathology Councilor, reported continued efforts for increased rate of reimbursement for Medicaid patients, and increased coverage by private insurance carriers, especially Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Beth Hardaway, Director of Publications, reported the Fall 1997 issue of the *SHAA Newsletter* (900 copies, 24 pages with 6 page removable CELL catalogue insert) cost \$3,538.94. Patty Cline, Membership Secretary, reported a total membership of 850: Active 604, Associate 71, Student 154, Life 19, 1 Corporate, 1 Consumer. (Audiologists 101; SLPs 581). Cline requested assistance with membership duties. Kathy Byrd, CELL Chair submitted a detailed report concerning increased orders, purchases, growth, deposit system, shipping/handling charge rather than rent, and explanation of how new acquisitions are selected. Only eight (8) states have some sort of lending library. Alabama's is by far the most extensive.

The 1998 Spring Convention of SHAA was held March 19 – 21, 1998 at Adam's Mark Hotel in Mobile. Out of State presenters were: Wayne Secord, *Classroom Language Intervention: A Collaborative Approach for the School Age Child*; Anne Kelley McGuire, *The TEACHH Approach to Educating Young Children with Autism: The Culture of Autism*; Sheila T. Sinclair, *Clinical Implications of the Desired Sensation Level (DSL) Method of Fitting Amplification*; Nan Musson, *Treating Swallowing*

Disorders in the Geriatric Population; Jack S. Damico & Wayne Secord, *Descriptive and Authentic Assessment in the Classroom*; James W. Hall, III, *Contemporary Audiology Practice: Integrating Otoacoustic Emissions and Auditory Evoked Potentials*; Marilyn Macik-Frey, *Balanced Budget Act of 1997 - Geriatric Rehab Reimbursement and Clinical Practice Implications*; Grayson K. Rodgers, *Diagnosis and Management of Acoustic Neuromas – with Emphasis on Hearing Preservation Techniques*. SHAA members who presented were: Judith Miller, *Language, Reading, and Writing Connection*; Faye McCollister/Kathryn Byrd, *Unilateral Hearing Loss: Its Impact and Technological Solutions*; Faye McCollister, Patsy Patton, Robert Baldwin, *Status of Hearing Screening in Alabama*; Wadia Josof, *Managing Patient Outcomes Clinically and Financially*; Becky Bellah & Cathy Burke, *Team-Based AAC Intervention for Children in Inclusive Settings*; Amelia M. Odom, *The Language! Reading Connection: SLPs Making Big(ger) Differences in Schools in Alabama*; Dan Phillips, *Vocal Physiology and Voice Disorders: How the Two Affect Each Other and Exercises to Improve Both*; Denise Gibbs, *Off the Shelf and into Your Therapy Materials: Inexpensive Software to Use with Children*. Additional sessions dealt with cochlear implants, video endoscopic evaluation of swallowing, FN technology, Omnibus Budget Rehabilitation Act, digital hearing, learner outcomes, dementia, and acoustic neuromas. ABESPA held an open forum.

SHAA's Executive Council met March 19, 1998 during the convention in Mobile. Carolyn Baumgartner expressed the appreciation of Council to President Doreen Oyadomari for accepting the presidency after the resignation of Brain Shulman December 15, 1997. Melissa Mahone, Past President, distributed copies of the 1991 revision of the *Policy and Procedure Manual* which needed updating. Treasurer Kelly Martin recommended SHAA's bonding initiated October 1997 which covered the president, vice president, and treasurer be extended to include the membership chair next year. Council approved an annual review of the treasurer's books rather than an annual audit (\$250 vs. \$5,000.00) with audit only when serious problems were revealed. During past four years, only four minor errors were found. Martin reported SHAA's current accounts as of 3/1/98: Savings \$9,963.31 which earned 2.66% interest; Checking \$23,877.66 which earned 2.55%; and Certificate of deposit \$10,000.00 which earned 6.00%. Denise Gibbs, Legislative Councilor reported the initiation of two meetings each year by ASHA's Legislative Council with the second meeting funded by ASHA. Council rejected a motion to change the SHAA By-laws to include two vice-presidents: one for audiologists and one for SLPs. Council approved a motion by Denise Gibbs that SHAA create a new position on the Executive Council for Vice President for Audiology. Pat LaCoste reported that ASHA and the American Association for Audiology have rejected the AuD (Earned Entitlement). Council rejected taking a position. Carolyn Baumgartner reported that only 156 (20%) of the 750 ballots mailed in the last election were returned. Jan Enstrom, Continuing Education Chair, reported 19 SHAA co-sponsored CE activities with 1, 264 participants and 434 received ASHA CEUs. Barbara Cady, Convention Chair, reported 349 pre-registered and 29 exhibitors. CELL had 181 rentals in 1997. Sheila Knox, School Affairs Chair, reported great concern over IDEA and the IEP changes as SLPs are not referred to as "Resource Teachers." Beth Hardaway reported SHAA published two newsletters in 1997-98 for \$5,369.48 which was below the budgeted \$7,600.00. Technology

Committee was re-named "Web Site Committee" and <http://WWW.CONWEB.COM/SHAA> the address.

SHAA's Executive Council met July 17, 1998 at the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center. President Oyadomari attended the ASHA Legislative Council Meeting held July 11-12 in Washington, D.C. "Legal Responsibilities of Members of the Boards of Nonprofit Associations" was the focus of the meeting. Oyadomari reported that Byron McCain from Innovative Association Services, Inc had submitted a proposal to become SHAA's Business Manager. Barbara Cady, Vice President reported the 1998 Convention a success in member satisfaction and earned a profit of \$23,173.00, later (\$23,390.16) the largest in SHAA's history. Speakers' expenses must be itemized and separated as audiology or SLP for ABESPA. Total expenses for audiology speakers at convention was \$1,475.35 and for SLP speakers, \$3,308.63. The division of the \$5,000.00 given by ABESPA between audiology and SLP for continuing education was discussed. Treasurer Kelly Martin reported \$10,206.57 in Savings; \$32,786.38 in Checking; and \$10,000.00 Certificate of Deposit. Martin will transfer \$20,000.00 to Savings. CELL was self supporting. Cathy Burke reported that Alabama Disabilities Program (ADAP) and the Southern Poverty Law Center have filed a class action lawsuit against Medicaid on behalf of Alabamians who need AAC devices. Pat LaCoste reported the formation of the Professional Audiology Society of Alabama (PASA). Margaret Hemm urged members to write their congressmen regarding the \$1500 annual cap per client on all outpatient rehabilitation services except those furnished in a hospital outpatient department. Dick Cornell reported that ABESPA required that a SLP or audiologist supervising assistants must have two years experience beyond licensure/certification. Pat LaCoste reported that both ASHA and AAA have threatened to remove certification or membership from audiologists who use the Earned Entitlement; therefore, she recommended that SHAA take no position regarding the EE. Council approved a \$400.00 donation to the ASHA Foundation; (in July it was changed to \$100.00). Council approved "In acknowledgement of the professional and personal expense incurred in attending Executive Council meetings, Executive Council members and Committee Chairs in attendance receive \$75.00 per EC meeting. This will take effect at the Fall 1998 meeting." Council approved addition of \$6,300.00 to annual budget to defray this cost. School Affairs Committee stressed development of a mentor program and T-shirts for SHAA.

SHAA's Executive Council met October 23, 1998 at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. President Oyadomari reported that three management companies would make presentations. Beth Keith was welcomed as co-chair of the Continuing Education Committee with Jan Enstrom. Patty Cline, Membership Secretary, reported membership at 550: Active 392; Associate 45; Student 97; Life 14; Unlisted 2. Public school members were at 175; SLPs at 389; and audiologists at 62. Cline announced the death of Dr. Laura Wright, a charter member of SHAA and chairman emeritus of the Department of Speech at the University of Montevallo, on June 6, 1998. Dr. Judith Miller, Associate Professor at the University of Montevallo, died May 18, 1998, and Helen Snell, Speech Pathologist with the Birmingham City Schools, died several years ago. Beth Hardaway, Director of publications, reported 550 copies of the 1998 *SHAA Newsletter* cost \$3,254.85. First class postage was used due to problems with bulk

mail. Kelly Martin Treasurer reported as of 10/23/98 balances in Savings of \$30,406.46; Checking \$10,939.74; Certificate of Deposit of \$10,000.00.

Pat LaCoste reported that the Professional Audiology Society of Alabama (PASA) had 19 members in September 1998. ABESPA granted PASA \$500.00 for its first professional meeting in the summer of 1999 in Point Clear, Alabama. ABESPA licensees have increased to 800 and a full time secretary is needed. Increased fees for the year 2000 have been approved: License fees from \$50.00 to \$100.00; Registration fees for assistants from \$45.00 to \$75.00; and application for CFY and the initial license application from \$100.00 to \$150.00. SHAA sponsored ASHA CEUs for 13 conferences in 1998 with 318 participants. President Oyadomari was authorized to negotiate on behalf of SHAA's EC with Byron McCain to contract with the Association Management Services effective January 1, 1999. A detailed schedule of compensation to non-SHAA presenters and SHAA presenters at conventions was adopted.

The 1999 Annual Convention of SHAA was held March 19–20, 1999 at the Auburn University Hotel and Convention Center in Auburn, Alabama. SHAA's Executive Council met March 18. President Doreen Oyadomari introduced Byron McCain, Association Executive Secretary, who reported the total registration at the convention was 285 of which 40 are audiologists. Byron reported that SHAA's computer system maintaining the membership data base needed upgrading. Patty Cline reported as of April 10, 1999, SHAA had 418 total members as compared with December 1998 with 670+ members. Council approved cut-off date for late dues as May 31, and approved non-members convention registrants automatically be granted SHAA membership. Treasurer Kelly Martin reported as of 2/28/99, SHAA had total assets of \$96,863.07. The majority of financial information had been transferred to Byron's office and checks are written from his office after Kelly's approval. Kelly had received word that IRS had determined SHAA exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The 1984 Articles of Incorporation lacked working significant for the tax-exempt status. Monitoring Legislative activity formerly was carried out by lobbyist Liz Barker-Morris, but has been included in Byron's responsibilities. Council approved Steve Harmon's development of a Teacher of the Hearing Impaired tract for the next convention hoping to recruit those who work with the hearing impaired into SHAA. Lynn Arnold, ASHA Legislative Councilor, reported on the LC meeting held March 6&7, 1999 where six priority issues were discussed: 1) Lack of advocacy on state and federal regulatory and legislative issues across the spectrum of funding programs that impact services; 2) Lack of treatment outcomes data across age spectrum related to dollars saved, prevention of complications, caseload size and number in groups; 3) Lack of perceived value by policy makers, program administrators, and consumers of the services provided by SLPs and audiologists in all settings; 4) Lack of unified data or series of strategies to address educational reform and its implication for school based speech-language-hearing services; 5) No current data to inform our decision making in response to present and future workforce needs (e.g., caseload size, Ph.D. availability, job losses, support personnel); 6) Many members do not have the necessary knowledge and skills related to self-empowerment and self-advocacy, conflict resolution, negotiation strategies, clinical supervision, marketing, establishing the necessity of the profession, and articulating the value of our services. The proposed \$15.00 dues increase was voted down.

Council noted changes were needed in the *SHAA Policies and Procedures* to reflect the role of the new Executive Director. It was found that 500 ABESPA licensees are not members of SHAA. Council agreed to raise the SHAA co-sponsor fee for ASHA CEUs from \$30 to \$50. ASHA had mandated verbs in stated measurable outcomes for CEUs and will deny sponsorship if three mistakes occur. During 1998 SHAA co-sponsored 15 conferences/workshops with 396 participants receiving CEUs; and five (5) independent studies. Council requested the Comprehensive Health Care Committee discuss with Blue Cross/Blue shield the exclusion of private practices in SLP and audiology from reimbursement for services they are qualified to provide, and to request that Medicaid increase fees for SLP and audiology services.

SHAA's liaison to ABESPA, Richard Cornell, reported: 1) The English Proficiency Exam will be written or oral; 2) Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Saxon suggested obtaining the Attorney General's opinion, which would have legal force, regarding the use of the AuD by earned entitlement in Alabama; 3) Blanket approval of ASHA and AAA CEUs questioned since some programs do not enhance clinical skills; 4) Current fees were doubled effective 12/31/99; 5) Office space used by ABESPA will not be available after April 2000; therefore, the Board voted to move to a building being built by the Alabama Board of Psychology; 6) Revision have been made in Scope of Practice for SLP and Audiology.

The 1999 Annual Convention Program included: Alan Kamahi, *How Children Learn to Read: Implementation for Assessment and Treatment*; H. Gustav Mueller, *Selection, Verification, & Validation of Modern Hearing Aids*; Robert L. Baldwin, *Pediatric Ear Disorders*; Peter R. Ramig, *Ideas for Treating Preteens and Teens Who Stutter*; Carmen Taylor & B. Keith Ergle, *The Role of the Audiologist in Hearing Conversation Programs*; Karl & Kris Cartwright, *Modifying Earmolds*; Dan Phillips and Richard Waguespack, *Treatment of Vocal Nodules: Vocal Treatment, Phonosurgery, Both, Either, or Neither*; Charlotte A. Boshart, *Essential Oral-Motor Techniques*; Edwin J. Ellis, *Creating Thoughtful Classroom*; Grayson K. Rogers, *Diagnosis & Management of Meniere's Disease*; Leslie E. Glaze, *Voice Therapy Update: Beyond Vocal Hygiene*; D. Oyadomari & S. Knox, *The Power of One: Self Advocacy*. Other subjects presented were Compression Audiology, Recipe for Building Augmentative Supports in Schools, Medical Speech Pathology for the Tracheotomy Patient, Augmentative Communication: In the Trenches, Newborn Hearing Screening Update, Electronic Technology for Audiologists. Forums for Audiologists, Consumers, and ABESPA were scheduled.

SHAA's Executive Council met July 9, 1999 at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. President Oyadomari reported that she and Byron McCain attended the Council of State Association Presidents in Ashville, NC. Membership was reported at 605. Council approved a member incentive plan Membership Chair Jennifer Vinson proposed. Convention plans were discussed. Council approved the proposal of Kathy Byrd, CELL Chair, that the CELL administrator, Deborah Blackmon's salary be increased from \$100 to \$125 per month. Council approved a \$400.00 bonus for Byron McCain, Executive Secretary. Patty Cline reported her attendance to the State Education Advocacy Leader (SEALS), sponsored by ASHA. Pat LaCoste reported legislation to remove sales tax from hearing aid sales was before the Legislature but died in committee. Audiologists requested SHAA's support for an increase in reimbursement for services.

The Executive Council met October 15, 1999 at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. President Doreen Oyadomari presided. Council approved a donation of \$150.00 to ASHA's advocacy activities related to the Medicare \$1500.00 cap. Executive Director Byron McCain reported SHAA's computer had received a "patch" and was Y2K compliant. SHAA's data base was converted to an EXCEL spread sheet. Jennifer Vinson, Membership Chair, reported membership moved from 400 to 600 from April 1999 to June 1999. Treasurer Kelly Martin reported current assets at \$74,961.03 and \$15,000.00 had been placed in savings. Council approved a contribution of \$150.00 to The Birmingham Ear Institute's "Universal Hearing Screening of Infants" through the purchase of a gala ticket and Pat LaCoste would represent SHAA. Patty Cline for School Affairs reported the importance of impressing the agencies of the State that the CCC was equivalent to the National Teacher Board Certification so that SLPs and audiologists were considered eligible for the \$5000.00 bonus. Steve Harmon expressed the need to publicize to Teachers of the Hearing Impaired the HI sessions planned for the 2000 SHAA Convention. Doreen as ASHA Legislative Councilor reported that body had merged the *Asha Magazine* and the *Asha Leader* and the "house organ" of ASHA reformatted as the *Asha Leader*. Byron McCain submitted SHAA's proposed by-laws. There was a proposal to change the name of Executive Council to Executive Board, and add a Vice President for Audiology. A method of removal from office of an Executive Board member was proposed. Nancy Rentschler, Website Committee Chair, requested that the website be used more often. Beth Keith, Continuing Education Chair, reported a change by ASHA in terms from CE "sponsor" to CE "provider". ASHA's CE fee was raised from \$80.00 to \$175.00 per event. SHAA's CE budget was increased to \$1300.00 from \$600.00. Very strict rules by ASHA must be followed to continue as a CE sponsor, and SHAA had been approved for the next four years. The Archives Committee proposed that each SHAA president compile significant issues and events of their term in office to continually update the history of SHAA. Consideration that the duties of the SHAA president be amended to include this responsibility in the future was discussed. A monograph issue of the *SHAA Newsletter* was proposed as the means of getting this information/history to the membership. Richard Cornell, ABESPA Liaison, reported that the ABESPA office had moved to 400 South Union Street, Suite 120 in Montgomery. Wanda Rawlinson had assumed the role of Executive Secretary from Randolph P. Reaves who resigned as of October 1, 1999. ABESPA's Annual Report to the Governor for the 1999 Fiscal Year contained the following:

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| -applications reviewed (including CFY registrations) | 277 |
| -applications licensed | 138 |
| -applicants approved for CFY registration | 67 |
| -complaints received and investigated | 6 |
| -licenses suspended, revoked or otherwise impaired | 0 |
| -number of Continuing Education Workshops | 3 |
| -number of Con. Ed. Participants | 500 |
| -monies received by end of fiscal 1999 | \$66,405.00 |
| -monies disbursed/encumbered end of fiscal 1999 | \$53,713.08 |

The Y2K SHAA Convention 2000 was held March 2 – 4, 2000 at the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center in Auburn, Alabama. An outstanding

convention program included Dr. John Shea, *Challenges for the Millennium in Otolaryngology and Audiology*; Caroline Musslewhite, *Integrating AAC into Literacy Activities for Elementary Students*; Grayson Rogers, *Medical Assessment Protocol for Newborns and Young Children with Hearing Loss*; Ed Stone, *Voice Disorders in Adults and Children*; Paul Burris, *In-Office Modifications on ITE/ITC/CIC Hearing Aids*; Charlotte Boshart, *Applications of Essential Oral-Motor Techniques*; Michael Cray, *Developmental Motor Speech Disorders: Dysarthria and the Apraxias*; Thomasyn Williams, *Diversity 2000: Impact on the Speech-Language Pathologist*; Barbara Cady, *Phonemic Awareness, Phonics & Reading: One Future for SLPs in Public Schools*; Michael Gropher, *Current Concepts in Adult Dysphagia*; Maureen Riski, *Pediatric Hearing Aid Fitting*; Susan Rampp, *Dances with Waves: Coordination, Advocating, and Managing the Cochlear Implanted and Hearing Impaired*; Yvonne Saxon, *Nuts and Bolts of ABESPA Law*; Nancy Aarts, *Selected Topics in Adult Audiologic Rehabilitation*; and William Carver, *Testing Materials for Use in Audiological Settings*. Other topics were Team Based Treatment, Current IEP Changes, SEALS – A State Education Advocacy Leader Update, A Literacy Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students, Let There be AAC; Panel Presentation on Cochlear Implants, and Neurology Revisited. Forums were held by ABESPA; CELL; Audiologists, ASHA Legislative Councilors; and School Affairs Committee.

SHAA's Executive Board's Winter meeting was held March 2, 2000 at the Auburn Hotel and Conference Center during the convention. Of main concern was HB 469 which Representative Phil Crigler sponsored that provided eligibility for SLPs and audiologists for the same salary supplement as NBPTA certified teachers. HB 469 was assigned to the House Ways and Means Education Funding committee and President Oyadomari urged that SHAA members contact all 15 members of that committee with the request that HB 469 be voted out of committee. SHAA's By-Laws were revised in 1990. Kathy Byrd reported that during 1999, 180 persons used tapes, and a total of 279 tapes were mailed. One hundred forty nine (149) ABESPA licensees used the CELL Library. The number of SHAA members (not listed as ABESPA Licensees) was 69. The updated Website continued as an information source and SHAA had a new place on the web – shaa@eGroups.com. In March 2000, Membership Chair Jennifer Vinson reported 626 members, a 33% increase over April 1999. The "Incentive Program for 2000" netted 15 new members. Continuation of the member incentive program was approved. Byron McCain stated total membership at 626 and that 353 had registered for the convention as of that morning. Treasurer Kelly Martin reported SHAA's total liabilities and equity at \$108,703.72 as of 2/21/00. Income from July 1, 1999 to Feb. 21, 2000 was \$62,019.15 and expenses were \$36,843.00. The School Affairs Committee received three grant proposals and Steve Harmon's "Reach Out and Touch Someone" was awarded a \$500.00 prize for his school. Barbara Cady, Convention Chair, praised the Convention Committee. Byron reported the cost of the convention notebooks was about \$8,000.00. ASHA Legislative Councilor Lynn Arnold reported the issue of reduced caseload as a priority with ASHA's Legislative Council. ABESPA approved \$6,000.00 to SHAA for the 2000 fiscal year (\$5,500.00 for the SHAA convention and \$500.00 to CELL). SHAA had received the four year CE provider approval for ASHA CEUs.

At SHAA's Association Business Luncheon, held March 4, 2000 at Auburn, David Grimes, an award winning artist, received an award for his Outstanding Achievement in the Area of Augmentative Communication. His paintings, with an impressionistic flavor, were on exhibit throughout the convention. President Oyadomari introduced Ms. Anita Smallwood, ABESPA Chair, who announced that Randolph P. Reaves, J.D. and Executive Secretary of ABESPA for many years, had resigned and Wanda Rawlinson replaced him as Executive Secretary. The status of HB 469 was reviewed. The President reported several actions taken by SHAA's Executive Council on October 15, 1999: and Executive Council's name changed to Executive Board; revision of dues must be approved by three fourths of the Executive Board: chair of the convention committee will recommend (not select) convention dates, sites and programs for approval by the EB; any Board members may be removed from office by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the Board. The Board proposed the addition of a new office, Vice President for Audiology. The proposal was defeated 71 to 27 with one abstention. Executive Director Bryon McCain presented a brief review of the legislative process with recommendations for advocacy.

The SHAA Executive Board (EB) met October 13, 2000 at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. President Oyadomari presided. Total assets were \$78,201.04. Convention plans were discussed by Vice President Barbara Cady. The EB approved the request of Doreen Oyadomari, Coordinator of the Council of State Association Presidents' meeting in Point Clear, Alabama May 18-19, 2001 for \$500 to \$1000.00 to defray costs. The EB approved \$500.00 for the "Open House" at the ASHA convention in Washington, D.C. ABESPA had a date set with the Sunset Committee of the Legislature for October 19, 2000. Jennifer Vinson was awarded NSSLHA Advisor's Honor which will be awarded during the ASHA convention in November 2000.

The SHAA Executive Board met July 14, 2000 at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. Carolyn Baumgartner, Vice President presided and extended sympathy to Doreen Oyadomari whose husband had died. Byron McCain reported the net profit on the March 2000 SHAA Convention was \$6,322.23. A 27% increase in membership was reported. Faye McCollister was appointed to head the Hearing Screening for Newborns and it was included as a line item in 1000-01 budget. Lobbying expenses cannot exceed 5% of the total gross income for one calendar year. A special committee was appointed to review the management firm's relationship with SHAA.

SHAA's Spring Convention was held March 22-24, 2001 at the Huntsville Marriott Hotel in Huntsville, Alabama. SHAA's income and expenses July 1, 2000 – August 22, 2000 were Total income at \$457.3; total expenses at \$1,150.48; total assets at \$79,372.02 (Checking account of \$22,207.79, Savings account of \$47,164.23 and Certificate of Deposit of \$10,000.00). Membership increased 27% over the past year. CELL sent out over 300 titles last year. Significant audiology listings were added to the library. Representative Phil Crigler's House Bill 469 failed to get out of committee. ASHA approved a \$3,000.00 grant to SHAA to assist in the costs involved in efforts for the Pay Supplement for public school personnel. Another outstanding convention program was available. Pat LaCoste chaired the Audiology Track which featured Sharon Sandridge, *Overcoming Barriers in the Hearing Aid Fitting Process*; James W. Hall III, *Assessment & Management of APD, and Best Practices & Clinical Protocols in Audiology Today*; Charles I. Berlin, *Making Speech Intelligible for the Deaf and Hard of*

Hearing. A Hearing Aid Roundtable, FAST FORWARD, and the Pediatric population were other topics.

Steve Harmon chaired the Hearing Impaired Track which featured Cathy LaCour and Michelle Jones, *TOOLBOX for Early Intervention*; Lin Wilson & Jacqui McNeely, *Charge Your Battery of Assessment*; Paula Tapia, *Whole Language*; Carol Koch, *Communication-Language-Literacy*; *Finding the Missing Link for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*.

Patty Cline and Rick Turner chaired the Speech Pathology Track which featured J. Lyndelle Owens, *Neuro-Developmental Therapy*; Karen M. Casey, *Augmentative Communication and Emergent Literacy for Young Children*; Jane E. Kitson, *Language to Make Learning Fun*; Robin Morlier, *Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury*; Mary Margaret Haygood, *Como se dice? Intervention with Spanish Speaking Children with Special Needs*.

The Augmentative/Alternative Communication Track, chaired by Cathy Burke and Becky Bellah, featured Lynn Gazaway, *What You Want to Know About AAC*; Jenna Clabaugh, *AAC Devise Funding Through Medicaid*; Pat Satterfield & Carol Shockley, *Writing Activities for Nonreaders*; and B. Bellah, S. Olson, *Augmentative Communication & Adaptive Activities for Adults in Residential Facilities*.

Professional Development Track speakers were Anita Smallwood, the ABESPA Forum; Patty Cline, ASHA SEAL representative; and Jan Enstrom, State Department of Education.

Carolyn Baumgartner, SHAA President, 2001 - 2003**Executive Councils**

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| President | Carolyn Baumgartner |
| Vice President | Pat LaCoste |
| Immediate Past President | Doreen Oyadomari |
| Treasurer..... | Mary Beth Armstrong |
| Recording Secretary..... | Betty Carver |
| Membership Secretary | Jennifer Vinson |
| Speech-Language Pathology Councilor | Ruth Tucker |
| Audiology Councilor | Tonia Griffin |
| School Affairs Councilor | Patty Cline |
| Education of the Hearing Impaired Councilor | Lin Wilson |
| Director of Publications | vacant |
| ASHA Legislative Councilor | Doreen G. Oyadomari |
| ASHA Legislative Councilor | Margaret Johnson |



President Carolyn Baumgartner received the B.S. from Auburn University in 1977 and the M.S. in 1979 from the University of Montevallo. She began her term in office wondering how she and SHAA would survive her tenure as President, but reminded SHAA members in Volume XV, Number 1, Fall 2001, "We are nothing without each other. That's what an organization is all about, gaining and giving wisdom, experience, friendships, laughter and support." Carolyn reflected on the strength and commitment of the Executive Board members, Standing Committee Chairs and members, the Executive Director, and the members of SHAA. Organizations that surround SHAA such as ABESPA, ASHA, Alabama State Department of Education, Council of State Association Presidents, and COSDA, she stated "have and continue to enrich SHAA with necessary information and united missions. ...What a diverse and talented membership we have. Out support of each other unites us in an effort to provide the best possible services. ... I ask for your help in keeping this organization strong, growing, and on course. I cannot do it alone, I know now that I don't have to."

SHAA's Executive Board met July 19, 2001 at the Vestavia Hills Board of Education in Birmingham. President Baumgartner and Doreen Oyadomari had attended the CSAP Convention in Point Clear, Alabama in May 2001. Carolyn commended Doreen on the excellent job she did in coordinating the event. Carolyn reported the concerns of most states represented at the CSAP meeting were low convention attendance and low membership. Patty Cline had completed the grant application to ASHA for \$10,000.00 to assist in payment for support of the \$5,000.00 pay supplement. Doreen commended Patty for her work. EB approved submission of the grant. Byron McCain discussed the need for a working knowledge of the legislative process by SHAA members. Doreen thanked members of the EB for their support while she was president, and reported she had received \$6,000.00 from ABESPA in support of the annual convention (\$5,000) and of CELL (\$1,000). Efforts to increase student membership in SHAA were discussed. EB approved \$300.00 to CSAP for its New

Orleans meeting in 2002 and \$500.00 to ASHA for CSAP support as well. Convention plans were discussed and the EB approved having corporate sponsors to help fund the event. Registration fee received by January 31, 2002 set at \$100.00; by Feb. 1 at \$120.00 and after March 1 at \$150. Fran Buttram, ABESPA liaison, requested EB's opinion concerning doing therapy over the internet. SHAA's budget was increased to award the CELL Library \$6,000.00.

SHAA's Executive Board met March 14, 2002 during the Annual Convention in Auburn, Alabama, March 14 – 16. Membership Secretary Jennifer Vinson reported a 16.4% increase in membership. Members in March 2001 were 385 paid and 241 unpaid; and in March 2002 were 461 paid and 185 unpaid. Patty Cline, School Affairs Councilor, reported the \$5,000.00 pay supplement, HB 525 was introduced again February 26, 2002 by Representative Phil Crigler, who has supported this legislation for three years. Byron McCain, Executive Director, reported 351 persons registered for the Convention, a 90 member increase over 2001 and a 70 increase over the 2000 conventions. SHAA's bank balance was \$118,980.65. Byron distributed copies of the "audit like" report which found no discrepancies. Pat LaCoste thanked all who assisted in planning the Convention. The request from the Profession of Audiology for the State of Alabama for a liaison with SHAA and speakers from our EB was tabled for further discussion. The job of the Continuing Education Chair remained very demanding, and a new Chair was needed due to resignation of Ella Rosen. Nancy Rentschler, Website Chair, introduced Gary Copeland, new Web-Master for our Web Site. The Web Site at e-mail is <http://www/conweb.com/shaa>. Richard Cornell reported that Governor Siegelman had appointed three new members to ABESPA: Pamela Vautier of District 1, Ruth Tucker of District 7 and Howard Bryan, Consumer Representative, of District 2. ABESPA required that CEUs be clinically related for license renewal, and suggested that CELL acquisitions purchased with ABESPA funds be directly related to the improvement of clinical skills.

At the 2002 Annual Business Luncheon held March 16, 2002 during the Convention, President Baumgartner welcomed the attendees and recognized the Executive Board and Standing Committees. She extended special appreciation to all responsible for the very successful Convention. She announced that ABESPA had donated \$6,500.00 to the Convention and \$500.00 to CELL.

Vice President Pat LaCoste thanked the entire group for their support and commended the program tract chairs for an excellent program:

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| Child SLP Tract: | Patty Cline, Judy Mann |
| Adult SLP Tract: | Nancy Rentschler, Rick Turner, Barbara Cusiamano-Parker |
| Audiology Tract: | Tonia Griffin, Pat LaCoste |
| Hearing Impaired: | Lin Wilson |
| AAC Tract | Becky Bella, Stephanie Olson |
| Professional Dev.: | Jan Enstrom |
| Exhibits: | Keith Ergle |
| Local Events: | Carol Johnson |
| Moderators: | Doreen Oyadomari |
| Con. Education: | Ella Rosen, Judy Mann |

SHAA's membership was 461, a 16.4% gain over last year. Byron McCain, Executive Director, in the absence of Mary Beth Armstrong, Treasurer, reported that so far the Convention was \$35,000.00 in the black, but all expenses had not been paid. He stated that SHAA was in "good financial shape." Jennifer Vinson, Membership Chair, was thanked for her work on membership, university parties, coordinating student volunteers, and the student poster sessions.

Users of CELL must complete a "documentation form" to verify CE use in case of an audit by ABESPA. Kathy Byrd, CELL Chair, reported the first CELL rental was \$10.00 and additional ones were \$5.00. ABESPA was considering CEUs be clinically related for license renewal and has requested that future CELL acquisitions be related to clinical application. SHAA's Executive Board voted to support ABESPA's lobbying efforts to require licensure for all eligible SLPs and audiologists practicing in the state of Alabama.

Byron McCain, Executive Director, reported that the \$5,000.00 pay supplement (House Bill 525) was dead for the year but may be re-visited later. Patty Cline, Phil Crigler, and all those involved were thanked for "fighting the good fight." Gary Copeland was introduced as the new Website Chair. Newly elected officers were introduced. Recipients of Honors were announced and nominees for positions on ABESPA. Patty Cline, School Affairs Chair, announced that the winner of the \$500.00 mini-grant was Katrina Chen of White Plains Schools.

During the March 14 – 16, 2002 Annual Convention at the Auburn Hotel and Convention Center, a comprehensive continuing education program included: **(Audiology Track)** Donald M. Goldberg, Counseling Persons with Hearing Loss and Their Families; Stephen Nagler & Katherine J. Pollard, Everything You Wanted to Know About Tinnitus; Grayson Rodgers, The Vibrant Soundbridge; Martha Paxton & Sandra Clark-Lewis, Universal Infant Screening Program; Robert Baldwin, Alabama Universal Newborn Screening Program; Greg Ollick, Audiology for the 21st Century. **(Hearing Impaired Track)** Donald M. Goldberg, Auditory Verbal Philosophy for Deaf or HH Children: Learning Through Listening; Barbara Luetke-Stahlman, Assessment and Intervention for the Deaf & HH & Phonological Assessment; Robert Baldwin, Alabama Institute Auditory-Verbal Mentoring Program: Road to Certification; Paula Tapia, Sharing What Works. **(Adult Speech Pathology Track)** Larry Molt, Functional Brain Imaging; William Weidner, Support Groups for Aphasia and Related Disorders; Wagaspack, Dan Phillips and Jonathan Levine, Management of Voice Disorders: A Team Approach; Judi Pritchard & Darlene Sailor, Realistic Dementia Care in Skilled Nursing Facilities; Nancy Haak, Facilitating Caregiver Interaction with Persons Mid-to-Late Alzheimer's; Laura Maxwell, Group & Concurrent S/L Therapy in Long Term Care; Renee C. Roy, Apraxia/Dysarthria: Oral-Motor Therapy Post CVA; Barbara C. Parker, Geriatric Patients with Skilled ST Needs; Sandra Clark-Lewis, Carole Johnson, Elissa Zylla-Jones, Audiologic Rehabilitation Support Program Survival Skills for SLP. **(Child SLP Track)** Denise Gibbs, Literacy & SLP's Role in Relation to ASHA's Position Statement; Susan Dietrich, Practical Techniques for Stuttering Therapy with School-Aged Children Who Stutter; Lisa Genereaux, Beyond Phonemic Awareness; Hettie Johnson, Splish Splash, Jump Jump: Knowledge+Creativity= Success; Cathy Burke & Tamara Harrison; Infant and Toddler Development & Building a Bridge for Infants and Toddlers; Brenda Beverley, Role of SLP in Work with Language Impaired Child with

Reading Disability; Linda Murdock, Using Video to Teach Social Skills to Children with Autism. (Augmentative/Alternative Track) Christine Reeves, Autism; Stephanie Olson & Shelly Walls, The Autism Puzzle in a School Setting; Teri Madak, Teaching Language in an AAC Devise; Linda Rass, TASC Lab (Hands On); Pat Satterfield & Carol Shockley, Games Kids Play. Professional development discussion included Patty Cline, Third Party Reimbursement and the \$5,000 Pay Supplement; Jan Enstrom, Comparison of Medical and Educational SLP Services; and Mayfield, Greene and Lamar, Retirement Planning for SLPs and Audiologists.

Student Post Sessions were scheduled Friday, March 15 from 5:30 – 7:00PM and were well received. Ten poster sessions by 13 students were presented.

SHAA's Executive Board met July 11, 2002 at the Vestavia Board of Education in Birmingham. President Carolyn Baumgartner presided. Budgets, legislative issues and conventions were the main topics for discussion. In May 2002 membership had reached 541 (439 Active, 34 Associate, 21 Life, and 47 Student). Mary Beth Armstrong, Treasurer, reported for July 2001 through June 2002, Income was \$91,014.00; Expenses were \$73,649.00; and Cash Assets were \$92,250.00. The budget projected for fiscal year 2002 – 2003 was \$87,500.00. The Comprehensive Health/Education Planning Committee chaired by Judi Pritchard and Nancy Rentschler attempted to regroup to face the many issues in the adult population. ABESPA approved an expenditure of \$9,000.00 for the 2003 convention with \$1,000.00 of that amount awarded to CELL. ASHA Legislative Councilors Doreen Oyadomari and Margaret Johnson reported the top priority for members concerned personal contacts with Senators and Representative to support passage of S.1394 and H. R. 3834 which repealed the \$1500.00 cap on therapy services under Part B of Medicare. Byron McCain was thanked for his service as unofficial Director of Publications as no one had been found for the position.

The EB approved holding the 2004 Convention in Panama City, Florida, this first convention to be held out of State. Convention Chair Pat LaCoste reported SHAA's present rate for guest speakers for the convention \$500.00 for one-half day and \$1,000.00 for a full day. The EB approved LaCoste's motion to increase the rate to \$750.00 for one-half day and \$1,250.00 for a full day in addition to expenses and travel for the 2003 convention. Richard Cornell for ABESPA reported that only SLPs and audiologists employed by the public school system are exempt from licensure. Contract employees are not exempt. ABESPA sent 60 "cease and desist" letters to licensees who did not renew for 2002. ABESPA required 10 hours of clinically based continuing education per year for license renewal. LaCoste moved that the SHAA EB increase the requirements from 10 to 15 hours with the option that the 5 added hours could be non-clinical. No action was taken.

SHAA's Fall Executive Board Meeting was held October 22, 2002 at the Vestavia Hills Board of Education. President Baumgartner welcomed the current officers and the incoming officers for 2003-2005. Pat LaCoste thanked the group for their help with the March Convention. Pat had attended the C-SAP meeting in Atlanta as Carolyn could not attend. Beth Armstrong, Treasurer, reported assets of \$86,631.56. Patty Cline, School Affairs Chair, requested support for the pay supplement and suggested the employment of a lobbyist. President Baumgartner reminded the group that the "State is broke", but since Patty and her committee had worked so hard, SHAA should push for

success this year. Doreen Oyadomari moved that Byron McCain be employed as our lobbyist at the rate of \$85.00 per hour to work for the pay supplement. Seconded by Pat LaCoste, the motion passed unanimously. McCain stressed the importance of support from parents and clients. Margaret Johnson, ASHA Legislator Councilor, reported three goals selected by the ASHA Legislative Council: 1) to improve/approve the ASHA budget, 2) to revise the ASHA Code of Ethics, and 3) to have all authors list their highest degrees on their articles in ASHA publications. Oyadomari suggested that members look at the ASHA website for information on "Peer Review".

Jennifer Vinson, Membership Chair, suggested possible changes for the *SHAA Directory* to include "privacy issues" for members. A password to use the directory or the CELL library was being considered. Dr. Loretta G. Brown, Archives Chair, requested tables during the next convention to display archives and the updated history of SHAA.

Nancy Rentschler, former Website Chair, reported that the e-group was for everyone, not just SHAA members. Byron McCain was concerned about Liability regarding viruses. Byron reported the need for a "job listing" on the website. Barbara Bush, Hearing Screening Committee member, reported that Hearing Screening Manuals for Hospitals had been distributed. The neonatal screening is highly encouraged but is not mandated.

Membership cards are sent as members pay their dues. President Baumgartner asked the members of the Executive Board to review and update SHAA's Executive Board Time Line. Several changes were needed in the Policies and Procedures Manual. It was agreed that the *SHAA Directory* continue to be available in hard copy.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Honors of the Association

The ASHA Honors of the Association recognizes distinguished contributions to the field of speech, language and hearing and is the highest honor the Association can give. It may be presented to an individual upon recommendation by the ASHA Committee on Honors and approval by 75% vote of the Legislative Council voting.

Alabama Has Two Recipients of ASHA Honors

Ronald Goldman – 1989

Eugene B. Cooper – 1999

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Recipients of Fellows of the Association With an Alabama Connection

**Larry E. Adams
Jerome Alpiner
Ollie L. Backus
Loretta G. Brown
Crystal S. Cooper
Eugene B. Cooper
E. Thayer Curry
Arthur J. Dahle
David W. Daly
Mary V. Dickerson
Robert L. Erickson
Alan S. Feldman
James L. Fitch
Samuel G. Fletcher
Denise P. Gibbs
Thomas G. Giolas
Ronald Goldman
Francis A. Griffith
Barbara A. Hanners
Don A. Harrington
Laura F. Wright**

**Stephen B. Hood
Mary Blake Huer
Edward C. Hutchinson
T. Earle Johnson
Edwin W. Martin
Mary Virginia Moore
Peter B. Mueller
John R. Muma
Marilyn Newhoff
Don A. Olson
Doreen G. Oyadomari
J. Buckminster Ranney
Robert E. Roach
Vivian I. Roe
Arthur H. Schwartz
Brian B. Shulman
Louise M. Ward
Elizabeth J. Webster
William E. Weidner
Alan Jay Weston**

HONORS AND AWARDS

Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama

1976

Honors of the Association

Dr. Laura F. Wright
Mary Virginia Moore
Dr. Richard Cornell
Representative Sonny Callahan
Representative Pete Turnham
Representative Gerald Waldrop

1977

Honors of the Association

Dr. T. Earle Johnson

1978

Executive Council Gavel for Service as President - 1975-1977

Dr. Gerald Culton

Resolution in Recognition of Retirement

Janet Summers

Resolution in Appreciation for Winter Weekend at Callaway Gardens

Georgia Holmes, Ruth Strong, Janet Hargis
Dr. Edward Hutchinson

1979

Honors of the Association

Dr. Ollie Backus

Executive Council Plaque for Service as President 1977-1979

Mary Virginia Moore

1980

Honors of the Association

Dr. J. Buckminster Ranney

Plaque of Appreciation

Senator Howell Heflin

1981

Honors of the Association

Dr. Edwin W. Martin

1983

SHAA's Nominee for the American Speech and Hearing Foundation's
Louis DiCarlo Award

Dr. Gwenyth R. Vaughn

1984

Honors of the Association

Dr. Loretta G. Brown

Certificates of Appreciation for having served as Editor of the Association's journal:

Loretta G. Brown

Crystal S. Cooper

Gerald L. Culton

W. Bryce Evans

Marjorie Faircloth

Phyllis Phillips

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award

1983 - 1984 Gwenyth R. Vaughn

SHAA's 1984 Nominee for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation's Louis DiCarlo Award

1984 - 1985 Ronald Goldman

1985

Honors of the Association

Dr. Marjorie A. Faircloth

Certificates of Appreciation

To former Chairpersons of the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology

Dr. S. R. Faircloth

Dr. Curtis Smith

Dr. Eugene Cooper

Dr. Gerald Culton

Glen Baquet

Barbara Cusimano

Dr. Loretta G. Brown

Certificate of Appreciation

Crystal Cooper as Chair of the School Affairs Committee

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award

Dr. Ronald Goldman

1986

Honors of the Association

Dr. William E. Weidner

Certificate of Appreciation

Barbara Cusimano

Distinguished Service Award

Beth Hardaway

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award

Dan Phillips

1987

Certificates of Appreciation

William Wilson – Consumer Representative on ABESPA

Henry Nance, Jr.

Jack Tupper

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award

Dr. Arthur Dahle

Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Mary Virginia Moore

1988

Distinguished Service Award

Ronald W. Wise, Executive Secretary of ABESPA for four years

1989

Certificates of Appreciation

Judy Johnston – For industrious efforts in reorganizing and revitalizing the SHAA Newsletter for the past two years.

Margaret Hemm – For the excellent 1988 Convention in Perdido Beach, Alabama and her ongoing work during her term as SHAA Vice President 1987-89.

Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Career Award

Dr. Gwentyth R. Vaughn

President's Award

Betty Faircloth – For her dedication and outstanding leadership during her term as SHAA President 1987 – 1989.

SHAA Legislator Award

Senator Ann Bedsole, State of Alabama 34th District, Mobile – For representation in Senate to protect our profession's interests in response to last year's Hearing Aid Dealer's Bill.

NSSHLA Student Membership Award

University of Montevallo

1990

Certificates of Appreciation

Esther O'Brien
Dr. Eugene Sheeley
Pam Elder

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award

Dr. James Fitch

SHAA's 1990 Nominee for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation's Louis DeCarlo Award

Dr. James Fitch

Frank R. Kleffner Clinical Career Award

Dr. William Weidner

Distinguished Service Award

Wadia Bolus Josof

President's Outstanding Service and Leadership Award

Margaret Hemm

1991

Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Rebekah Pinzola
Wadia Bolus Josof
Carol L. Lott

Special Award

Nancy Hagood
Janice Thorson
Nancy Rentschler

President's Award

Dr. Denise Gibbs

1992

Plaque of Appreciation

Senator Larry Dickson received a plaque May 4, 1992 in Montgomery for Legislative assistance with the hearing aid dealer's bill.

NSSLHA Student Membership Award

The University of Montevallo

1993

NSSLHA Student Membership Award

The University of Montevallo

1994

Van Hattum Award Nominee to ASHA

Sheila Knox

Distinguished Service Award

Rebekah Pindzola

ABESPA Recognition Awards

Robin Auerbach

Loie Sears

NSSHLA Student Membership Award

University of Montevallo

1995

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award

Robert (Bob) James Arnold for Fiberoptic Endoscopy

Distinguished Service Awards

Kathryn Byrd-SHAA Lending Library

Nancy Rentschler-Better Speech and Hearing Quilt Project

Nancy P. Hagood-Better Speech and Hearing Quilt Project

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award (First)

Janice Thorson-Houck

Frank R. Kleffner Award Nominee

Eugene B. Cooper

ABESPA Recognition Awards

Dr. Richard S. Sweitzer-1991-1994

Dr. Denise P. Gibbs-1991-1994

NSSHLA Student Membership Award

University of Montevallo

1996

Distinguished Service Awards

Carolyn Baumgartner- Outstanding Service to SHAA and to our profession as membership secretary, member of School Affairs Committee, Liaison with the State Department of Education, and participation in SHAA conventions

Jan Enstrom- Service on the Continuing Education Committee

Lee Ritchie Johnston-Years of service of the speech therapy program in Huntsville City Schools

Marilyn R. Stoner- Service to public school therapists emphasizing in-service programs

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award

Fran Hawkins-years of service to public schools and representing public schools on the ABESPA Board.

Van Hattum Award Nominee to ASHA

Carol L. Lott for her commitment in the delivery of services in the schools.

ABESPA Recognition Awards

Mary Beth Hardaway- Board member 1992-95: secretary two terms.

Patricia A. Patton- Board member 1992-95; vice-chair 1993-94; and chair 1994-95.

William Macmillan- Service as consumer representative and credentials review chairman 1992-95

NSSHLA Student Membership Award

University of South Alabama

1997

Honors of the Association

Eugene B. Cooper, Ed.D

Distinguished Service Award

Vernell Forman

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award

Anita Shook

Certificates of Appreciation

Crystal Cooper

Vicki Barton

Dickie Bridges

Kelli Gilliland

Mary Margaret Cofield

Susan W. Barnes

ABESPA Recognition Awards

Fran Hawkins

Richard L. Gresham

Student Recognition Award

Melissa Lane from Auburn

NSSLHA Student Membership Award

University of Montevallo

1998

Distinguished Service Award

Nancy Gregg
Esther O'Brien

ABESPA Recognition Award

Gina Murray

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award

Gina Murray

NSSLHA Student Membership Award

Alabama A & M University

Student Recognition Awards

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| Cindy Lewis | Alabama A & M University |
| Allison L. Walls | Auburn University |
| Kate Glamser | University of Alabama |
| Jennifer Warsheski | University of Montevallo |
| Laura Turnage | University of South Alabama |
| Macia Way | University of South Alabama |

1999

Certificate of Appreciation

Jacqueline C. Walker

Van Hattum Nomination to ASHA

Kathryn Byrd

Kleffner Nomination to ASHA

Thomas E. Borton

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award

Lin Wilson

ABESPA Recognition Award

Robert L. Rane
Kay Wilson

NSSLHA Student Membership Award

Alabama A & M University

Student Recognition Awards

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Paris Patterson | Alabama A & M University |
| Rachel K. Rodekoher | Auburn University |
| Elizabeth A. Tuck | University of Montevallo |
| D'Juaniele Lewis | University of Alabama |
| Rita Eby | University of South Alabama |

2000

Certificates of Appreciation

Marilyn Carson
Sheila Knox
Patty Cline
Cheryl Horn

Distinguished Service Award

Ruth Tucker
Dr. William O. Haynes

ABESPA Recognition Award

Anita Smallwood
Martha Wilder Paxton

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award

Steve Harmon

AAC Achievement Award (First Time)

David Grimes – an artist

School Affairs Grant (First Time)

Steve Harmon – Daphne Elementary School

Student Recognition Awards

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| Veronica Hope Curtis | Alabama A & M University |
| Kelli S. Sasser | Auburn University |
| Misty Ward | Auburn University at Montgomery |
| Amy Irby | University of Alabama |
| Elizabeth C. Gwaltney | University of Montevallo |
| Vanae Jones | University of South Alabama |

NSSLHA Student Membership Award

Alabama A & M University

2001

Honors of the Association

Dr. Richard Cornell

Certificate of Appreciation

Joe Ford

Distinguished Service

Susan Clay
Ramona Faucett

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award

Carolyn Baumgartner

ABESPA Recognition Award

Rebecca Caviness
Lillian McPherson

ACC Achievement Award

Lee Johnston
J.J. Scice

President's Award

Doreen Oyadomari

Student Recognition Awards

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| Susan Matrioni | Alabama A & M University |
| Virginia Pitts | Auburn University |
| Brooke Golden | Auburn University at Montgomery |
| Caroline Moore | University of Alabama |
| Rebecca Crow | University of Montevallo |
| Joanna Wallace | University of South Alabama |

NSSHLA Student Membership Award

Alabama A & M University

2002

Honors of the Association

Dr. Doreen Oyadomari

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award

Dan Phillips

Certificates of Appreciation

Carolyn Baumgartner
Cathy Burke
Georgia Christian
Jennifer Vinson

Distinguished Service Award

Representative Phil Crigler

Margaret Tucker – Her efforts in Anniston, Alabama resulted in the first teacher unit assigned to Speech-Language Pathology in Alabama, and the establishment of the first public school speech-language pathology program in the Anniston City Schools.

AAC Achievement Award

Family: The Bowman Family – Ellen, Brian, Simon and Andrew
Professional: Ellen Gillespie

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award

Patty Cline

ABESPA Service Award

Fran Buttram, District 4
Susan Grigsby, District 5

NSSLHA Student Membership Award

Alabama A & M University

Student Recognition Awards

Clint Rickett Alabama A & M University
Robin Grace Auburn University
Christina Bell Auburn University at Montgomery
Laura Smith University of Alabama
Bettina Weldon University of Montevallo
Andra Bice University of South Alabama

2003

Honors of the Association

William E. Weidner

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award

Lynn Arnold

Certificates of Appreciation

Betty Carver
Gary Copeland
Patty Cline
Amy Marlowe
Georgia Christian

Distinguished Service Award

Alabama Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology
Jennifer Vinson

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award

Kenneth Early

AAC Achievement Award

Shelby Vandergrift Family

ABESPA Service Award

Florence Cuneo
Doreen Oyadomari

Student Recognition Award

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jana H. Richardson | Alabama A & M University |
| None submitted | Auburn University |
| None Submitted | Auburn University at Montgomery |
| Christy Chestnut | University of Alabama |
| Kerry Krall | University of Montevallo |
| Katy Eldridge | University of South Alabama |

NSSLHA Student Membership Award

Alabama A & M U niversity

2004

Honors of the Association

Carolyn Baumgartner

Distinguished Clinical Achievement Award

Judy Mann

Distinguished Service Award

Roberta Pierce
Mary Beth Armstrong
Jan Enstrom
Beth Hardaway
Pat LaCoste
Doreen Oydamari

Certificates of Appreciation

Wanda Rawlins, ABESPA Executive Secretary
Yvonne Saxon
Amy Marlow
Mike Ingram

Loretta G. Brown Public School Award

Madeline Owen

ABESPA Service Award

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| Kellie Jo Kopnicke | Auburn University |
| Brenda Douberly | Auburn University at Montgomery |
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| Matthew Vansant | University of Montevallo |
| Julie Estis | University of South Alabama |

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History of University Training Programs....

The University training programs in speech-language pathology and audiology and the professionals who have staffed these programs over the years have played an important role in the history of our state association. Following is a history of each of the training programs as provided by current and former faculty for the purposes of this SHAA history.

**Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Alabama A&M University**

by
 Barbara B. Cady

Alabama A&M University was organized in 1875 through the untiring efforts of its founder and first President, William Hooper Council, an ex-slave. The school doors opened on May 1, 1875 as the Huntsville Normal School. Industrial education was added in 1878, generating widespread attention, which helped to garner financial support from the Slater and Peabody Funds and private contributors. Under the second Morrill Act of 1890, AAMU became a land grant institution and moved to its present location in 1891.

On November 1, 1964, James H. Hicks was hired to build a program which would prepare teachers of the handicapped. At the time, students majoring in elementary education could take three courses in special education.

In 1968, the U.S. Office of Education funded a teacher preparation grant in special education. A sequence of courses was tentatively organized for a major in speech therapy as an area of endorsement in special education preparation.

By the end of 1969, a proposal for a B.S. degree in Special Education with an endorsement in speech therapy was submitted to the State Department of Education for approval. In 1970, it was approved and we were granted teacher education status.

The SLP program, sharing facilities with the mental retardation program, was started with two therapy rooms, one instructor and one student. Lynn Hardison, M.A., speech pathology from Vanderbilt University was the first faculty person. She was followed by Judy Purvis, M.A., who came from the Huntsville Rehabilitation Center in 1969 and Joyce Johnson, M.Ed., from the University of Tennessee in 1970.

In August, 1971, Barbara Cady, B.A., Auburn University and M.A., University of Alabama, joined the faculty coming from the Tennessee Valley Rehabilitation Center in Decatur. In September 1971, the Special Education Department moved from Carter Hall to its present location in Councill Training Building and the first three SLP students graduated in May 1972.

Judy Purvis moved out of state in the spring of 1972 and was replaced by Alex Romano from University of Virginia and in 1973, Geri Lauderdale, M.A. in Audiology, also from the University of Virginia, was added. In 1975, Dr. Joyce Cordell-Richardson, certified in both SLP and Audiology, from the Ohio State University joined our ranks.

In 1976, Barbara Cady was approved for doctoral study leave at the University of Kansas where she obtained the Ph.D. and returned to campus in the Spring of 1981. During the period from 1976 to 1981, other persons came to A&M for brief periods of time – lowana Whitman Tims as Instructor and Norma Welch as clinical supervisor.

In 1982, Dr. James Hicks was appointed the Dean of the School of Education and Dr. Barbara B. Cady was appointed as Chairman of the Department of Special Education to replace him. Also, in 1982, the graduate program in Speech Pathology was approved by ACHE and the State Department of Education. The first graduate students entered the program in 1983-84 with the first graduates in 1985.

During the middle 1980's, several people again joined our faculty for short periods – Joan Smartt, SLP -clinical supervisor, Carol Martin, Audiology, Renee Middleton, Audiology, and Carmen Duncan, SLP-clinical supervisor. Jennifer Hearndon Vinson, an A&M alumnus, joined our faculty in 1982, obtained an Ed. D. in 2003 and is the current Program Lead for the program in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Also, Dr. Joyce Johnson Bernstein completed her doctorate in 1983 and remained on faculty for 27 years until her retirement in 1997. Dr. Joyce Richardson spent 17 years on staff until her move to another state in 1992.

The Program was accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) in 1994.

Currently, our program is now Communication Sciences and Disorders and is a part of the Department of Psychology and Counseling, Special Education and Communication Sciences and Disorders. The Department is chaired by a faculty in Special Education. Recently, from 1997 to 2002, it was chaired by Dr. Terry Douglas, a 1991 master's graduate of A&M. He obtained his doctorate at the University of Memphis and joined the faculty in 1997.

Several persons were faculty members during the 1990's who are no longer at the University: Dr. James Moscow- Audiology- 1993-97; Ms. Kirk Chen – Clinic Director, 1993-95; Dr. Robert Rane – Audiology – 1997-2000; and Ms. Tracy England Bond - Clinic Director – 1999-2003.

In addition to Drs. Barbara Cady, Jennifer Vinson and Terry Douglas, the current faculty members are: Dr. Greg Adams – Audiology- 2000; Mr. Gary Copeland –Clinic Supervisor- 1999; Dr. Carol Deakin- SLP- 2003 and Ms. Esther Embden – Clinic Director- 2003.

Probably the most important staff member, though, is Ms. Michele Steele, who joined us in 1992 as the Clinic Secretary. She knows how to do everything and fix everything and she keeps up with everything.

Department of Communication Disorders Auburn University

The first two historical accounts of the history of the training program in Speech-Language Pathology at Auburn University are found in Volume V, Monograph, December 1968, the *SHAA Letter*. Dr. Buckminster Ranney wrote "Speech Pathology, Audiology and Auburn University." The second account by Dr. Thomas E. Borton, "Auburn University", is found in Volume Eight, Number Two, Spring 1979 issue of *Shaa, A Journal of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama*.

Mrs. Luckie Meagher (1905 – 1995)

Before continuing with this update, a bit of history must be added. This information comes from *The Auburn Alumnews 1985*. Luckie Meagher, a kindergarten teacher at Auburn, is often credited as the force behind the establishment of the speech and hearing program at Auburn, Mrs. Meagher became frustrated in the late 1940s with the large number of kindergarten children who needed help with their speech. Mrs. Luckie Meagher went to Dr. Frank Davis, a faculty member in Speech, and requested help. That request and the service that followed were instrumental in developing speech pathology at Auburn University. Dr. Frank Davis brought Dr. Clayton Bennett, one of the clinic's early directors, to Auburn. Dr. Bennet has stated that "The program at Auburn rests largely on the Pilot Club's inspiration, energies and concern about children." Mrs. Meagher, a member of the Pilot Club, influenced that club to take

this as a project. In 1953, Lois Brien developed the Children's Clinic with the support of the Pilot Club. Mrs. Meagher's kindergarten was the first program to receive annual speech and hearing screenings and this practice continued for many years.

The clinic, which opened in one room on the third floor of Samford Hall as part of the English Department, grew steadily over the years. In 1951, when Speech separated from English to become a Department, the Clinic moved with Speech.

Dr. Donald A. Harrington

In 1953, Dr. Donald A. Harrington was appointed to the Auburn faculty. He designed and initiated the clinical training program in speech pathology, although he was never the director of the speech and hearing clinic. The first courses were offered in 1953 and the first students to complete the sequence were graduated five years later. Dr. Harrington left in 1958 to join the Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, but the direction of the speech and hearing program was in place.

Dr. J. Buckminster Ranney

Dr. Ranney came to Auburn in 1957 and presided over the speech and hearing program for more than ten years. When he came the clinic was located in one room on the second floor of Samford Hall. When he left the clinic was located in a suite of room (therapy rooms, observation facilities, audiology booth, a student office, and faculty offices) on the third floor of Samford Hall. Dr. Bill Dorne' (1955) and Mary Virginia Moore (1956) were already members of the Speech Department and quickly became active in the speech and hearing program. Dr. Dorne' organized the AU Blockbuster's Club composed of male college students who had stuttering problems. Dorne' transferred to the School of Education to teach Special Education. Mary Virginia Moore became coordinator of the speech and hearing clinic. The first audiologist, Dr. Cruz Hardigree was appointed in 1958. Patricia O'Neil (1961), Judith Gillespie Dasheil (1962) Dr. Ed Hutchinson (1963), Dr. Peter Mueller (1964), Dr. Phyllis Phillips (1966), Clarianne K. Daniel (1966), Dr. James Ouzts (1967) were teaching/clinical faculty members.

Dr. Ranney designed the graduate program in Audiology and Dr. Hutchinson in Speech Pathology. Soon there were about ten graduate students and 25 undergraduate majors. To provide services and to train students, Dr. Ranney arranged affiliations with the Tuskegee VA Medical Center, the Alabama School for the Deaf, the Lee County Health Department, Headstart, Listening Eyes, the Gabber's Club (Laryngectomy), the Lee County Public Schools, the Russell County Health Department, and the Cleft Palate Team of Alabama.

A significant contribution of Dr. Ranney was his participation in professional organizations and his encouragement of other faculty to participate. He was a member of the group that formed the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama (SHAA) and became its first president. He was the first Editor of the *SHAA Newsletter*. Ranney and Dr. Ed Hutchinson were among the first of Alabama's delegates to the House of State Delegates of the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA).

Dr. Ranney and Dr. Hutchinson designed the new “ideal” clinic to be built on the first floor of Haley Center. Dr. Ranney left Auburn in 1968 to join the National Institutes of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke in Washington, D.C. At the time of his retirement he was Deputy Director of Communicative Disorders of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communicative Disorders.

In 1969 the Speech and Hearing Clinic moved into the new quarters in the Haley Center, spacious, well-equipped, easy-to-reach with parking outside the door. That year the graduate training program in Speech Pathology and Audiology received national accreditation by ASHA.

Dr. Curtis R. Smith

Dr. Curtis R. Smith came to Auburn University in 1969 as Program Director of Speech Pathology and Audiology and Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. The program was part of the Speech Department at that time. Dr. Smith came from Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio, Texas. Faculty included Dr. James Ouzts as audiologist, Mary Virginia Moore and Dr. Phyllis Phillips as speech pathologists. In 1970 Rebecca Hand replaced Mary Virginia Moore (later Dr Moore in 1982) who joined the Department of Veteran’s Affairs as Speech Pathologist at Tuskegee, Alabama. Dr. Richard Cornell replaced Dr. Ouzts, but in 1976 Dr. Richard Cornell left Auburn to join the Communication Disorders program at Auburn University at Montgomery.

Dr. Richard Cornell and Mary Virginia Moore (Tuskegee Veterans Administration) were co-chairmen of the Licensure Committee of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama which spearheaded the efforts that resulted in the Licensure Bill passing the Legislature in a Special Session in late 1975.

Dr. Walter “Skip” Moore joined the faculty in 1972. Sandra Clark joined the audiology staff; Dr. Robert Sprintzen, Dr. John Burke, Julie Bowman, and Suzie Steed joined the speech pathology staff in the early 1970’s. Sandra Clark married and became Dr. Sandra Clark-Lewis.

In 1975 Dr. Smith was appointed by Governor George Wallace as one of five speech pathologists and audiologists to the first Alabama Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA). He was the first executive secretary of the Board and the second chairman.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Arvle Marshall of the Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine developed a hearing aid for dogs in 1977. The “original pet hearing aid” was popular with veterinarians around the world.

Dr. Curtis Smith brought in over \$1,000,000 in grants and had 33 major publications during his tenure at Auburn. He retired in 1991 and opened a private practice in audiology in Auburn.

Dr. William E. Weidner

In the Fall semester of 1979, Dr. William E. Weidner came as Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, which was part of the Department of Speech Communication. Dr. Weidner had retired as Chair of the Department of Communication Science and Disorders at Kent State University and had served two terms as President of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Association. Dr. Weidner remembers that when he

came to Auburn the undergraduate enrollment was about 50 and the graduate enrollment ten to fifteen.

In 1979, Dr. Bert Bradley was Head of the Department of Speech Communication. Dr. Rebekah Head Pindzola joined the Auburn Speech and Hearing faculty in 1979 joining Thomas E. Borton, Sandra R. Clark, and Curtis R. Smith in Audiology; William O. Haynes, Phyllis P. Phillips, Susie Steed, and Dorenda White in Speech-Language Pathology. The undergraduate program in Speech Pathology in the College of Education was coordinated by Martin S. Diebold, Maureen Haynes and Christene Adams. Phyllis Phillips retired in 1983. There was some turmoil at that time between the Speech and Hearing Clinic and the Department of Speech Communication as the scientific base of the curriculum and clinical practicum of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology affirmed the vast differences between the academic areas. GTAs (Graduate Teaching Assistants) in Speech and Hearing were funded as majors in Speech Communication. In 1982, Dean Ed Hobbs of the College of Arts and Sciences, approved that the Speech and Hearing Clinic become a free standing department. The faculty of the Speech and Hearing Clinic were allowed to choose the name of the new department, and after completing a survey with ASHA, decided on the "Department of Communication Disorders." Dr. William E. Weidner was named the first Department Head and held that position until his retirement in 1990.

Department of Communication Disorders

The status of a free standing Department of Communication Disorders in 1982 initiated a period of great growth. At some point, probably in the late 1980s, the faculty of the Department decided they needed enrollment management. They requested central admission of Auburn University to allow the faculty to screen students prior to their admission to the undergraduate major in Speech Pathology and Audiology. The faculty felt that this step was needed as graduates of the undergraduate program were finding it difficult to gain admission into Auburn's graduate program, or into other graduate programs in Alabama or the Southern region. This situation was a problem for all training programs in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology at that time, and finding a solution was not easy. The Auburn faculty decided that admission to the major would be a grade point average (GPA) driven decision and a certain number of slots were available for admission. There had to be some flexibility to encourage diversity. This policy had to be approved by the Auburn University's Board of Trustees. That enrollment management plan is still enforced today.

Dr. Thomas E. Borton and Dr. Sandra Clark-Lewis were involved in negotiations with the University administration concerning the right of Speech and Hearing Clinics to keep fees earned from hearing aid dispensing which had begun in 1981. The University did not want the Clinic to keep all the money. The Department won that battle and has retained the right to keep the fees to help fund the program. Even today the funding from the College of Liberal Arts to the Speech and Hearing Center is slim because the clinic income is substantial. Dr. Weidner used the clinic fund to appoint Graduate Teaching Assistants and Auburn University provides funding for one GTA.

Doctorate in Audiology

With the Fall semester of 2003, Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery began cooperatively to offer the Doctorate in Audiology. The first group of eight Doctorate in Audiology students enrolled for the Fall 2003 semester. Dr. Thomas Borton of Auburn University at Montgomery is very active in that arrangement. Dr. Carol Johnson, faculty member in Audiology at Auburn since 1992, who was recruited to replace Dr. Borton when he left the Auburn faculty, is from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She has been very active in obtaining national grants. Another position in Audiology is held by Dr. Sridhar Krishnamurti, who joined the Auburn faculty in 1996. Dr. Krishnamurti received his Ph.D. from Kent State University.

Clinical Career Ladder Program

Auburn University has expanded our clinical support team. Auburn University has been one of the pioneers in the nation in developing a clinical career ladder wherein persons with the clinical degrees, such as the master's degrees, can have a parallel title to the professoriate; therefore, a clinical assistant professor, a clinical associate professor, and a clinical professor exist. Clinical positions are not necessarily equivalent in terms of salary, but are equivalent in terms of other privileges and voting powers. Sandra Clark-Lewis and Martha Paxton have presented the career ladder at professional meetings such as the American Audiology Association (AAA) and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

Current Faculty

When Dr. Phyllis Phillips retired in June 1983, the Department's faculty increased. Dr. Michael J. Moran came in 1983 from Penn State University. His specialty is voice. Dr. Moran remains on faculty and has served one term as Chairship. Dr. Nancy Hawes served on the Audiology faculty for several years. Following the retirement of Dr. William Weidner in 1990, Dr. James L. Fitch, Departmental Chair at the University of South Alabama, and whose areas are experimental phonetics, speech science and speech anatomy, was hired as Department Head. Dr. Weidner has continued as a clinical supervisor. When Dr. Fitch decided to teach fulltime, the University made available internal chairships that rotate every three years with the possibility that the chair can choose to serve two terms consecutively. Dr. William O. Haynes has served two terms as Chairship; Dr. Michael Moran served one three year term as Chairship; Dr. William O. Haynes returned for another three year term; and the current Chairship is Dr. Lawrence, "Larry", F. Molt who joined the faculty in 1995 (Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee). Dr. Curtis Smith of the Audiology faculty retired. In 1993 Dr. Rebekah Pindzola transferred from the Department of Communication Disorders to accept a position in the Dean's Office. Presently she serves as Professor and Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Current faculty members are Dr. James L. Fitch, Dr. Nancy J. Haak, Dr. William O. Haynes, Dr. Carole E. Johnson, Dr. Sridhar Krishnamurti, Dr. Larry Molt, Dr. Michael Moran, and Dr. Rebekah Pindzola. Current Clinical faculty members are A. Embry Burrus, Carol Carruth, Dr. Sandra Clark-Lewis, Dr. Martha Paxton, Elissa Zylla-Jones, Dr. Bettie Borton (Visiting), Angela D. Hodges (part-time), and Nancy Nusbaum (part-time).

Dr. Rebekah Pindzola remembers her tenure in the Department as a time of little tension and the faculty members always laughing. Mary Virginia Moore remembers the early days with great pride in the firm foundation put in place for future growth and service. She remembers the Department as a "warm and friendly" place. Dr. William Weidner enjoyed his years at Kent State University, but stated that his years as Department Head at Auburn University were the happiest of his life. Upon his retirement, the Department of Communication Disorders established the William E. Weidner Symposium. Each year a nationally recognized scholar in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology is selected to present a one day seminar on a topic of interest. The symposium is presented for faculty members, practicing professionals and students from over the State and region to attend. The faculty members of Auburn's Department of Communication Disorders are proud of their roles in the Department, of the excellent quality of academic and clinical instruction, of their students and alumni. They are productive, optimistic and full of plans for continued growth and service.

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This information was obtained from interviews held in February 2004 with Dr. Mary Virginia Moore, Dr. Rebekah Pindzola and Dr. William E. Weidner by Dr. Loretta G. Brown. They also furnished written accounts of the Department's history as did Dr. Curtis R. Smith. "Speech Pathology, Audiology and Auburn University" by Dr. J. Buckminster Ranney published in Volume V, Monograph, December 1968 issue of the

SHAA Letter; "Auburn University" by Dr. Thomas E. Borton published in Volume Eight, Number Two, Spring 1979 issue of *Shaa, A Journal of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama*, and "Speech and Hearing Clinic Celebrates 39th Year with Reunion and Memories" by Ruth Schowalter published in 1986 in *The Auburn Alumnews* were other sources of information.

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Communication Disorders Program History of Auburn University at Montgomery

By Thomas E. Borton, Ph.D. and Richard Cornell, Ph.D.

The Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) program in Communication Disorders started in 1972 as part of an Interdisciplinary Services Center located in the basement of Goodwyn Hall on the AUM campus. At that time, one part-time speech pathologist shared a therapy room with others providing services through the ISC.

In 1975, through appropriations provided by Federal revenue sharing funds, a speech and hearing clinic was included in the construction of a new Liberal Arts building on the AUM campus. The new facility included seven therapy and observation rooms, an audiology suite and office space. Initially only a single speech-language pathologist (**Mary Robinson (CCC-SLP)**) provided diagnostic and therapy services and taught a few introductory courses in the Department of Speech and Theatre.

In **1976 Richard A. Cornell, Ph.D. (CCC-A)** was hired to provide audiological services, teach audiology courses and serve as clinic director. New academic courses were added and a pre-professional curriculum was developed leading to a bachelor's degree in Speech and Theatre with an emphasis in Speech Pathology. The academic program grew slowly during the first few years, but the clinical services program expanded rapidly, partly as a result of a series of Title VI-B and Title III grants funding the development of an early intervention program for sensory impaired children starting in 1977 and continuing over a period of nine years. The first director of the early intervention program was **Roan Frederick (CCC-SLP)**, and she was followed by **Betty Faircloth (CCC-SLP)** who led the program with the assistance of **Dianne Parrish** until the program outgrew the physical facilities at AUM and was moved off-campus in the late 1980s. The early intervention program continued under the auspices of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind and continues to provide services to sensory impaired children through the AIDB Regional Office in Montgomery.

The growth of the academic program accelerated greatly in the 1980s and early 1990s as a result of the 1981 approval by the Alabama State Department of Education for AUM to offer Class B teacher certification in speech-language pathology through its School of Education. Total enrollment in the pre-professional degree program in the School of

Liberal Arts and the Class B certificate program in the School of Education exceeded 100 majors by the early 90s. **Virginia I. Wolfe, Ph.D. (CCC-SLP)** joined the faculty in 1983, teaching many of the academic courses to undergraduate students in the program, supervising in the clinic, as well and presenting and publishing research. With the elimination of the Alabama Class B Certificate Program, in the mid 1990s, student enrollment in the program had stabilized at about 50.

In 1990, Dr. Cornell was named Head of the AUM Department of Communication and relinquished his position as clinic director. **Janine Enstrom (CCC-SLP)** succeeded him as director of the clinic. Growth in the clinical services program continued during the 1990s. The Montgomery Public Schools Pre-School Speech and Language Program was conceived by Enstrom and executed by **Cynthia Presley (CCC-SLP)**, and was housed in the AUM Speech and Hearing Clinic. Audiology services continued to expand in the 1980s as a result of the high quality of service provided by audiologists **Melinda Davis (CCC-A)** and **Sandra Cook (CCC-A)**. A hearing aid dispensary was inaugurated in the early 1990s and supervised by **Georgia W. Holmes (CCC-A)**, providing services to citizens in central Alabama. In the late 1990s, with financial contributions from donors, Holmes began providing computerized intervention for persons with auditory processing disorders. These programs enhanced the training of students. **Jeanie McRae (CCC-SLP)** provided clinical supervision services to the clinic and **Sandra L. McGraw, MS (CCC-SLP)** provided adjunct teaching and clinical supervision services to the clinic and in 2002, **Gena Dismuke, MS (CCC-SLP)** joined the faculty as an adjunct professor and clinical supervisor.

In 1998, Enstrom left AUM and in the summer of 2000, **Thomas E. Borton, Ph.D. (CCC-A)** assumed directorship of the clinic and began teaching courses in audiology. AUM became a cooperative partner with Auburn University in developing a doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) program. The program was the first of its kind in the state and was approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education in 2001. The first class of doctoral students began Audiology studies in the fall of 2003. **Bettie Borton, Au.D., CCC-A** joined the staff as a part-time clinical supervisor in 2001 and **Kelly Istvan-Powell, Au.D., CCC-A** provided patient-care services on a part-time basis beginning in 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER
A HISTORY
by Gerald L. Culton, Ph.D.

In September, 1938, T. Earle Johnson, Chairman of the University of Alabama Department of Speech, began offering undergraduate academic coursework in what has come to be known as the discipline of human communication sciences and disorders. At the same time, he announced the opening of a speech and hearing clinic to serve both the local and the university community. Thus, for more than fifty years, the University of Alabama Speech and Hearing Center has been serving citizens of Alabama and the academic program is the oldest continuing program in Alabama. The

first graduate-level seminar was begun in September, 1939, with the first master's thesis being completed in 1941.

The early program concentration was entirely in "speech therapy." The appointment in 1953 of the Department's first full-time audiologist allowed expansion in that curriculum. With the assistance of a federal grant in 1962, a program for training educators of the hearing impaired at the master's level was initiated. The program continued in the Department until 1989 when it was moved to the College of Education. Throughout the 1970's, 1980's and early 1990's certification programs at the Class B, A, and AA were provided through the Department. Changes in certification in the 1990's resulted in cessation of those programs.

Dr. T. Earle Johnson, in addition to being chairman of the Department of Speech, served as director of the University of Alabama Speech and Hearing Center until 1953. In all, Dr. Johnson served the university for forty-two years before his retirement in 1970. Dr. Johnson received many honors for his pioneering efforts, not only in communication sciences and disorders, but in theater and speech communication as well. He was awarded the Honors of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama in 1977, by then president, Dr. Gerald Culton, at the spring convention in Gulf Shores, Alabama. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University in 1991. Theater Tuscaloosa named a rehearsal hall in his honor. The fiftieth anniversary ceremony for the University of Alabama Speech and Hearing Center, which took place in September, 1988, was dedicated to him. The granite and bronze plaque bearing his name with the adjacent oak tree in front of Rowand-Johnson Hall are reminders of that celebration. In the Fall of 1989 the Music and Speech Building was renamed Rowand-Johnson Hall in honor of Dr. Johnson and Dr. Wilbur Rowand (long-time chair of the music department which the building housed until the completion of the Moody Fine Arts Building). Dr. Johnson served as chair of the Department of Speech until his retirement in 1970. It was soon after his retirement that the Department of Speech was reorganized into three departments (Communicative Disorders, Speech Communication, and Theater and Dance). Dr. Johnson died in Mobile, Alabama in 1996.

Dr. Ollie Backus succeeded Dr. Johnson as director of the University of Alabama Speech and Hearing Center in 1953 and served until she left the university in 1960. Dr. Backus was nationally and internationally known for her pioneering work in parent counseling, group therapy, and the use of homogeneous grouping in treating children with various communication disorders. The "Backus and Beasley Text" in speech-language pathology was one of the best known and widely used texts in the field for more than two decades. In the early 1950's Dr. Backus helped design the layout of the space still occupied by the department and the center, although frequent sub-divisions during the past quarter of a century have altered the physical space significantly since her time. Dr. Backus was a dynamic charismatic teacher who attracted "disciples" to her emphasis on the significance of the client-clinician relationship. She held that an emotionally significant interpersonal relationship between the client and the clinician is the key to establishing clinical milieus that facilitate and enhance the client's communicative skills. Many of today's most

prominent techniques used in developing pragmatic language competencies in children are more than reminiscent of Dr. Backus' early work.

Dr. Elizabeth J. Webster served as director of the Speech and Hearing Center from 1960 to 1963. Dr. Webster achieved a national reputation of her work with Louise Ward in parent counseling and in pursuing and extending the concepts pioneered by Dr. Backus. Dr. Webster and Mrs. Ward left the university in the late 1960s to teach at Memphis State University until their retirement in the late 1980s. Beginning in 1963, Drs. Thomas G. Giolas and Edwin W. Martin served as co-directors of The Speech and Hearing Center for three years. Dr. Giolas served one additional year as director (1966-67) after Dr. Martin left the university to take a position with the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped in Washington, D.C. He is credited with having significantly and positively influenced the development and passage of federal legislation that has become known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Dr. Giolas, authored a widely known text in audiology.

Dr. Eugene B. Cooper came to Alabama in September, 1967 to serve as chair of the Communicative Disorders Area in the Department of Speech and as director of the Speech and Hearing Center. Dr. Eugene C. Sheeley joined the faculty at the same time as coordinator of the Audiology Program. Among the individuals who, in addition to the current faculty, have served on the communicative disorders faculty since the late 1960s are Dr. Daniel E. Martin, Dr. Ronald Evelsizer, Dr. Willie P. Cupples, Dr. John Muma, Dr. Richard E. Peach, Dr. Marilyn Newhoff, Ruth E. Walker, Dr. Joseph E. Hannah, Dr. Joan Hannah, Dr. Ronald Goldman, Dr. Arthur J. Dahle, Dr. David A. Daly, Dr. Arthur J. Schwartz, Beth Hardaway, Dr. E. Thayer Curry, Glen Baquet, Dr. Faye McCollister, and Dr. John F. Schmitt, currently Assistant Dean of The Graduate School. In 1976 the area of communicative disorders was granted departmental status and Dr. Eugene B. Cooper was appointed chair. Dr. E. Thayer Curry died in 1990. Dr. Eugene C. Sheeley retired in 1994. In recent years Dr. Derin C. Wester, Dr. Lori A. Swanson, Dr. Mark Hedrick and Dr. Mary Beth Armstrong served the department before moving on to other positions. Dr. Carmen Taylor joined the faculty in 1995 as program director for audiology. In 1996, Dr. Eugene B. Cooper retired. Dr. Gerald L. Culton, who joined the faculty in 1972, was appointed chairman of the Department and director of the Center. In 1997, Dr. Wendy Shiau joined the faculty as an assistant professor in audiology and speech and hearing science. In 1999, Dr. Sandra Laing joined the faculty as an assistant professor in speech-language pathology. In January 2000, Dr. Beth Macauley joined the faculty as an assistant professor in speech-language pathology.

The Center's clinical service programs have undergone extensive changes since 1938. Designed originally to provide services for university students, the Center began operation in 1938 by serving twenty-five students. Inclusion of children as clients followed in 1940. The years during the World War II and shortly thereafter saw a temporary suspension of clinical services. The initiation of expanded services took place in 1947 through a contract between the University and the Veterans

Administration. This agreement continued for fifteen years, providing speech and hearing services for hundreds of veterans throughout the Southeast and resulting in a significant growth in the faculty staff in communicative disorders. A residential children's speech program was begun in 1950 and was continued until 1970. For several years after 1952, the Center provided classes for cerebral palsied children. In 1952, a residential Adult Therapy Program, supported through the Alabama Vocational Rehabilitation Service was begun. Both the children's and the adult residential programs became well known throughout the southeast and attracted regional and national attention to the Alabama "program." The development in the 1970s of service programs in the schools along with the establishment of rehabilitation facilities throughout the state and region led to the termination of these residential programs by the late 1970s.

Since that time, The University of Alabama Speech and Hearing Center, through its contracts and grants with various agencies throughout west-central Alabama, has maintained its prominence as a major healthcare provider in the area. In the late 1970s, it became the first university speech and hearing center in the southeast and, one of the first in the nation, to dispense hearing aids. The cooperative agreements established in the 1970s between the Center and local school systems, industries, and various head start agencies became widely known and frequently replicated by other university speech and hearing centers throughout the region and nation. Thus, The University of Alabama Speech and Hearing Center, one of the first such facilities in the southeast, has a tradition for innovativeness and excellence. The faculty and staff currently associated with the Department of Communicative Disorders and The University of Alabama Speech and Hearing Center are proud of the tradition they strive to maintain.

Addendum

Dr. Gerald L. Culton retired officially January 2004. He enjoyed a sabbatical in 2003 and taught a few courses as the new chairman became established. Karen F. Steckol, Ph.D., was named Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication Disorders in February 2003. Dr. Steckol received her B.S. from Indiana University in 1971; her M.A. from Memphis State University in 1972; and her Ph.D. in 1978. Her research interests include child language development and disorders and administration.

Patricia A. Tulloss, M.S., SLP, who retired in May of 2004, was a member of the clinical faculty for seventeen years. Elizabeth "Betsy" Hope joined the clinical faculty in August 2004.

Current Academic Faculty Department of Communication Disorders

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| Priscilla N. Davis, Ph.D. | Professor, SLP |
| Sandra P. Laing, Ph.D. | Assistant Professor, SLP |
| Beth L. Macauley, Ph.D. | Assistant Professor, SLP |
| John F. Schmitt, Ph.D., | Professor SLP, Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Assistant to the Provost |
| Karen F. Steckol, Ph.D. | Professor and Chair, SLP |

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Carmen Taylor, Ph.D. Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Audiology

Current Clinical Faculty

Rebecca P. Brooks, M.A. Coordinator of Audiological Services

Barbara B. Burgess, M.S. Clinical Supervisor, SLP

Betty B. Carver, M.A. Clinical Coordinator and Clinical Supervisor, SLP

Elizabeth Hope, M.A. Clinical Supervisor, SLP

Linda B. Lochman, M.S. Clinical Supervisor, SLP

Debra.S. McCrary, M.A. Clinical Supervisor, SLP

Staff

Karen Tucker, Secretary

Gloria Gilliland, Accounting Assistant

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University of Montevallo

Department of Communication Science and Disorders

1936 – 2002

Written by Dr. Denise P. Gibbs

The program in Speech Pathology and Audiology at the University of Montevallo had its earliest beginnings in a course offered by Harold Henning in 1936 at what was then Alabama College for Women. This course, taught by Mr. Henning, who was trained at Northwestern University, was described in the 1936 catalogue as "clinical work in the correction of speech defects." Mr. Henning added several courses such as Phonetics, Principles of Speech, and Speech Rehabilitation in 1937 and 1938.

In 1945, Mary Compton of the University of Texas and Northwestern University replaced Mr. Henning. Courses in Clinical Practice, Clinical Corrective Speech, and Diction were added in 1946. In 1952, Mary Jean Birmingham of Emerson College and the University of California replaced Miss Compton but no changes were made in the curriculum. In 1953, John B. Mader of Western Michigan College and a former student of Van Riper's came to Alabama College. The course offerings in Speech Correction were listed separately for the first time in 1953.

In 1954, Dr. Laura F. Wright came to Alabama College as Chairman of the Department of Speech. Dr. Wright had received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin where she studied with Dr. Robert West. She also worked on her dissertation under the direction of Dr. John Irwin at the University of North Dakota. Dr. Wright established a full curriculum meeting the requirements of the American Speech and Hearing Association for certification of speech and hearing clinicians when she came to Alabama College in 1954. In the summer of 1955, Dr. Wright established a residential program which continues today to be unique in Alabama. This program made it possible for clients from throughout the state to receive intensive therapy in a "home away from home" environment. Children from 3 to 18 years of age with a wide variety of communication disorders received therapy throughout the academic year and in the summer. Dr. Sara Ivey served as Director of the Speech and Hearing Center from

1957 until 1958. Miss Vivian I. Roe of Indiana University became Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic in 1958. Miss Roe brought many unique talents and professional skills to the program at Alabama College. Miss Roe had an excellent background in articulation, pioneering experience in public school therapy, and experience in working in a residential speech and hearing program at Indiana University. She contributed much to the clinical and training programs at Montevallo. Miss Roe, an ASHA Fellow, retired in 1970.

In 1959, the Speech and Hearing Clinic, which had been housed in a wing of Main dormitory and in the Infirmary, was moved to a separate building. The clinic was located in a large house on the edge of the campus, and remained at this location until 1971.

The year 1971 brought many changes to what was by then the University of Montevallo Speech and Hearing Center. Dr. Wright and Mrs. Faye Churchill, who had come to Montevallo in 1966, were joined by Dr. Loretta G. Brown, who became the director of the Speech and Hearing Center in September of 1971. She had received her undergraduate degree from Birmingham-Southern College, her M.A. and Ed.D degrees from the University of Alabama. Dr. Brown's experience in public school and in clinical settings contributed much to the training program at Montevallo. Conditional appropriation funds were released by Governor Brewer in the last days of his administration and construction began on a new facility to house the Speech and Hearing Center. In September 1971, the Center was moved from its former location to the newly constructed building. This building consisted of 8140 square feet and included the residential, diagnostic, and treatment centers. A state-at-large Learning Disabilities unit was also housed in the new facility and Jane Busby was the first teacher assigned to this classroom. Other teachers of the Learning Disabilities Classroom since its initiation in 1971 included Hettie Johnson, Steve Harmon, Denise Gibbs, and Elaine Elledge.

The year 1972 also brought changes at the Speech and Hearing Center. Katrina Hamilton joined the faculty as a clinical supervisor in Speech Pathology. Sarah T. Smith, a certified Teacher of the Deaf from Northwestern University, came to Montevallo as a clinical supervisor in September of 1972. A mobile unit was purchased in 1972 and it was used by the faculty to go out into the community to facilitate parent education regarding language stimulation, especially in conjunction with the Shelby County Well-Baby Clinic.

Dr. Wright, also an ASHA Fellow, retired in June of 1973 and her retirement prompted some basic changes in the organization of the Speech Pathology and Audiology program. The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology was created and for the first time was separated from the Department of Speech. Dr. Loretta Brown became the Chairman of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology in June 1973. Dr. Wendell F. Smith who received his M.A. degree from Southern Methodist University and his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma, joined the faculty as Director of Speech Pathology in September of 1973. Melanie Michaelson

replaced Katrina Hamilton as Clinical Supervisor in Speech Pathology in September of 1973. During the 1972-1973 academic year the graduate program in Speech Pathology, which Dr. Wright had initiated in the late 1960s, was reorganized to meet changes in requirements of the American Speech and Hearing Association for academic and clinical training pursuant to the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Pathology.

The graduate program in Audiology, a two year program meeting ASHA requirements was initiated in 1974. Dr. Robert L. Fox, who received his M.S. Degree from Southern Illinois University and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois, joined the faculty in September of 1974 as Director of Audiology.

In 1975, the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology initiated an undergraduate program to train Teachers of the Hearing Impaired. Mrs. Faye Churchill assisted in the development of this program and participated in instruction. Mrs. Sarah T. Smith (later Dr. Smith) was the Supervisor of the Hearing Impaired Program. The State Department of Education approved an AA program in Speech Pathology at Montevallo in 1975.

Revenue sharing money was released by Governor Wallace in 1974 to fund an addition to the building which had been constructed in 1971. In September of 1976, the new addition was ready for use and provided an additional 6000 square feet of residential, therapy, diagnostic, and office space. The Center had progressed from occupying one wing of a dormitory in 1955 to occupying a modern two story building with 12 group and individual therapy rooms, three classrooms, two audiometric suites, two laboratories, numerous offices, two large waiting rooms, a student lounge, a library, and a residential facility which could accommodate 30 clients. The Center was officially named the George C. Wallace Speech and Hearing Center in 1976.

Several changes which occurred in 1977 included the appointment of Mrs. Denise Gibbs as Supervisor of Speech Pathology to replace Melanie Michaelson who moved from the area, and the appointment of Elaine Elledge to supervise the Learning Disabilities Classroom. The residential center was officially named the Vivian I. Roe Residential Center and the diagnostic center was named the Laura F. Wright Diagnostic Center in 1977. The Scottish Rite Foundation selected the George C. Wallace Speech and Hearing Center as the headquarters of the Alabama Aphasia Program in 1977 due to several unique aspects of the Center, including the residential facility and potential for providing long-term, intensive therapy for aphasic children from throughout the state. Significant changes in the faculty evolved in 1978 and 1979. In December of 1978, Faye Churchill resigned to continue her private practice in Audiology. The program growth necessitated additional faculty positions.

The 1980's brought new faculty in all three areas of the Department and steady growth in enrollment. Mrs. Patricia Robertson came to Montevallo and taught and supervised in the Audiology program for a brief period. Dr. Colleen McAleer joined the faculty with supervisory responsibilities in Audiology and teaching responsibilities in the graduate Audiology program and in the undergraduate Speech-Language Pathology program. Dr. Timothy Meline joined the faculty with teaching and supervisory

responsibilities in both the undergraduate and graduate Speech-Language Pathology programs. Nannette Meline contributed in supervisory and teaching duties in the Audiology program. As the Meline's departed, Dr. Johnny Simmons came to Montevallo from the University of Hawaii. While at Montevallo, Dr. Simmons participated in graduate and undergraduate Speech-Language Pathology clinical supervision and teaching. Dr. Judith C. Miller came to Montevallo from the Shelby County Schools and coordinated the public school practicum in addition to participating in teaching in the undergraduate Speech-Language Pathology program until her death in May 1998. Mrs. Jane Hill Crain returned to her alma mater to teach in the Education of the Hearing Impaired program. Dr. Mary Simpson (Wilson) joined the faculty with teaching and supervisory responsibilities in the Education of the Hearing Impaired program later in the 1980's when Mrs. Crain "retired" to enjoy full-time family responsibilities. Carol Lott joined the Montevallo faculty as an adjunct instructor teaching undergraduate courses and supervising the Chilton County Pre-school unit which was housed at the UM Speech and Hearing Center. The Scottish Rite continued to expand their support of the clinical program for children with language disabilities throughout the 1980's with funding for services for children, funding for a Clinical Fellowship Year position, funding for graduate fellowships for students doing practicum in the Scottish Rite classroom, and funding for undergraduate scholarships.

The 1990's brought a new addition to the Speech and Hearing Center's building adding new residential areas, new group therapy rooms, a large new classroom, and a computer lab. The most significant change occurring in the 1990's was the retirement of Departmental chair, Dr. Loretta G. Brown, an ASHA Fellow, in 1992. Through Dr. Brown's leadership, the department had grown from a faculty of two and one-half faculty positions to a faculty and staff of more than twelve. During Dr. Brown's tenure of twenty-one years at Montevallo, the Speech and Hearing Center was constructed and two major additions and renovations were completed; the graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology was restructured and accredited by ASHA; the graduate program in Audiology was developed and accredited by ASHA; and the undergraduate Education of the Hearing Impaired program was initiated; and the Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders was established. Upon Dr. Brown's retirement, Dr. Wendell Smith became the Departmental Chair and Dr. Denise Gibbs, an ASHA Fellow, became the Director of the Speech and Hearing Center and the Director of the Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders. The Scottish Rite Continued to expand their support of the child language services of the department and that part of the clinical program was officially named the Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders. In the late 1990's the cumulative amount contributed by the Alabama Scottish Rite to the CSD Department exceeded the one million dollar mark.

New faculty joining Montevallo's CSD department in the 1990's included Dr. Ann McLean-Muse, Dr. Thomasyne Williams, Kelly Martin, Debbie Boswell, Holly Levy, Carol Koch, Dr. Mary Beth Armstrong, Dr. Margaret Johnson, and Carla Hutto in Speech-Language Pathology; Bobby McClung and Dr. Jethlynn Potts in Audiology; and Linda Ezekiel in Education of the Hearing Impaired.

In July of 2001, Dr. Denise Gibbs retired after serving in the Department for 26 years. The Alabama Scottish Rite discontinued their affiliation with the UM CSD Department in the Fall of 2001. The Chilton County pre-school program was discontinued after 2001-2002 due to space limitations in the Speech and Hearing Center. Dr. Wendell Smith retired at the end of the 2001-2002 academic year after 29 years of service. The University selected Dr. Mary Beth Armstrong to be the Departmental Chair upon Dr. Smith's retirement.

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University of Montevallo
Department of Communication Science and Disorders
History from 2002-2004

Written by Dr. Sarah T. Smith and Dr Mary Beth Armstrong

There have been many changes and developments in these years. The new ASHA standards for certification became effective with the fall 2003 cohort in the MS SLP program. Transitioning to the new standards required extensive review of the program and a strengthened emphasis on formative assessments.

The Program in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has been reviewed by NCATE and by the State Department of Education. Plans for assessment and benchmark assignments are in place and a system for aggregating and storing needed data is being developed.

Faculty Developments

Dr. Mary Beth Armstrong became chair in 2002 after the retirement of Dr. Wendell Smith. Dr. Robert L. Fox, Dr. Margaret Johnson and Mr. Daniel Phillips continue to be valuable members of the faculty. Debby Blackmon continues to keep things running smoothly as our excellent office manager. Dana Boyd, M.S., CCC-SLP, became Clinical Coordinator in a nontenured track position. Dana teaches one undergraduate course (CSD 101, Introduction to Communication Science and Disorders), provides clinical supervision, and coordinates the clinic. Linda Murdock, M.S., CCC-SLP became an Instructor in a tenure track position. She began work on the doctorate degree in fall, 2002. Linda teaches one undergraduate course (CSD 393, Language Intervention) and one graduate course (CSD 513, Diagnostics). She also provides clinical supervision. Danielle Waldrep, M.S., CCC-SLP was hired for a one-year temporary appointment and now is a tenure track Instructor. She began her doctoral work in summer, 2004. Danielle teaches two undergraduate courses (CSD 253, Phonetics, and CSD 485, Multicultural Issues) and provides clinical supervision. In Summer, 2003, Danielle will teach one graduate course (CSD 539) Augmentative and Alternative Communication). Also Dr. Elizabeth Thrower from the Graduate Program in Education began teaching our graduate research course.

Dr. Sarah Smith continues as coordinator of the Program in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. After serving as an adjunct instructor for one year, Ms. Jan Clendenon joined the department as a fulltime faculty member and instructor in

Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She comes to the University of Montevallo with several years of experience both as a classroom teacher and as a professional interpreter. As part of CSD 300, 307, and EDI 461 Jan has instituted a new program entitled "Silent Lunch." Students enrolled in these classes meet weekly at noon with members of the Deaf community. Through a variety of activities, students have the opportunity to interact with Deaf adults who are fluent in sign communication. Because no talking is permitted, students must use their developing ASL communication skills both receptively and expressively.

Clinical Developments

Dr. Sarah Smith and Ms. Jan Clendenon, faculty in the Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program moved their offices from Reynolds Hall into the Speech and Hearing Center, permitting closer collaboration both academically and clinically between the programs in deaf education and speech language pathology.

The Chilton County Preschool program was moved back to Chilton County. The Scottish Rite program decided to discontinue the residential program at UM and are currently working with state school systems. As one aspect of their practicum experience, Graduate SLP students now work in the Shelby County Eclipse programs, which are inclusive preschool settings. We have added a number of additional part-time off site settings for clinic including the Bell Early Intervention program, University of Alabama in Birmingham Sparks Clinic, United Cerebral Palsy Hand-in-Hand, and a number of adult medical settings. Our outpatient clinic has grown and we serve approximately 100 clients (early intervention through geriatric) per semester in therapy and diagnostics. We have several exciting new services: a social skills group for school-age children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, a summer early intervention group, and an aphasia support group. Plans are being made for an adult stuttering support group.

Majors in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing gain practical experience in both public school settings and in the Center. Shelby and Bibb county school systems have allowed students to come into their D/HH programs as observers and classroom assistants. Students continue to intern at the Alabama School for the Deaf and in public school programs in Jefferson County, Bibb County, Homewood, and Birmingham.

Facilities Development

The center continues to update the facility. We have lovely new tile replacing all of the green carpet from the 1970s. We have a Hatch Computer Learning center for working with young children. We have a new video lab, new graduate workroom, new VisiPitch, and all classrooms have laptop computers and LCD projectors for enhancing instruction. The upstairs living room was redecorated by several of the parents of children receiving services in memory of Kenneth DeStasio, a 2001 graduate of the MS program who passed away in 2002. A special Celebration of Life Service was held, and attended by his father and family. Also lovely oil paintings were placed in this area in Ken's memory. Ken's mother has endowed a scholarship for a deserving graduate student. We are presently working on upgrading the CSD computer lab.

Resources

The department was fortunate to receive several special gifts and scholarships. The State Department of Education has provided monies for graduate students in SLP and undergraduate students in DHH. A previous client provided an endowment in her will and we now have several graduate assistantships to offer for the MS SLP program.

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University of South Alabama
Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
A History of the Department

(Compiled by Paul Dagenais, Bryce Evans, Beth Hardaway, Tim Holston, and Stephen Hood)

The Speech and Hearing Program at the University of South Alabama began in 1967, with Dr. Bryce Evans serving as the original head and director of the Speech and Hearing Center. With the University itself in only its fourth year and classrooms in short supply, the first classes were taught in the lobby of the girl's dormitory. The Program was initially placed in the Department of Speech of the College of Arts and Sciences. It then became a special division under the office of the Academic Vice President of the University. The Undergraduate Faculty in the Fall of 1968 consisted of Dr. Evans, audiologist Brenda Geiger, and speech-language pathologist Mary Elizabeth Adams. Fredda Crenshaw (SLP) joined the faculty soon after. A major was offered in one of two areas, Special Education and Arts and Sciences. The first Speech and Hearing Center was located on Old Shell Road, in an old house that had been renovated and equipped with a sound room. Most of the equipment was borrowed or had been donated by local businessmen or clients who had received services through the Center. At that time, the Department of Psychology allowed one of its clinical psychologists to have a dual appointment and assist with client evaluations.

In the early 1970s, the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology moved to a 10,000+ square foot area in the Humanities Building on the main campus in order to facilitate the development of a graduate training program. Dr. Marjorie Faircloth (SLP) was selected as Chair of the Department and, shortly thereafter, Dr. Daniel Sellers was hired to head the Department's audiology division. Dr. Sellers also served as Director of the Speech and Hearing Center. In the Fall of 1974, the new Master's Graduate Program was approved, and the first Master's Degrees in Speech and Hearing Sciences were awarded during the 1979-1980 academic year. During the 1981-1982 academic year, the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology was transferred to the College of Allied Health Professions, where it became the first graduate program in that College.

In 1984, the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology was accredited by both the Educational Services Board (ESB) and Professional Services Board (PSB) of the American Speech and Hearing Association (now the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, ASHA). Dr. Stephen Hood became Chair of the Department in 1984. Under his direction, the academic programs and the Speech and Hearing Center continued the growth they had experienced under Dr. Faircloth. Affiliations were developed with the College of Medicine

and today the Center provides audiology and speech-language pathology services for both ENT and pediatric outpatient clinics, as well as inpatient/outpatient services and consultations at the University of South Alabama Medical Center. The Department's audiology division began dispensing hearing instruments in 1985, which, over the years, has led to a significant growth in the audiology area. The clinic served as a Beta test site for the Kay Elemetrics Palatometer and currently maintains an electropalatography unit from Edinborough, Scotland. Additional growth in the clinical service/training program has occurred through development of a program for children with Auditory Processing Disorders. Of recent note, audiology and speech-language pathology services are now offered to children and adults with cochlear implants.

In the late 1980s, the Department began the process of planning and applying for a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. During that time, it became apparent that, with the additional faculty and research space needed to support a doctoral program, the Department would need a larger facility. In 1991, the Department moved to its new and present location in the University Commons across from the main USA campus. In 1993, the Doctor of Philosophy in Communications Sciences and Disorders was approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. The move to the Commons provided the Department with over 16,000 square feet of space, increasing both the research laboratory space and enhancing the clinical services provided by the Speech and Hearing Center. By August 2004, a total of 14 individuals had completed the Ph. D. program.

Several long-time faculty and staff remain with the program. These include Beth Hardaway and Tim Holston, SLP and Audiology Coordinators, respectively; Carolyn Byrd, SLP Clinical Supervisor, and Dr. Paul Dagenais, SLP faculty member. During the spring of 2001, Dr. Dagenais was named Chair of the Department. Under his leadership and with the assistance of the audiology faculty, the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D) program was approved by ACHE and the initial class of students was enrolled during the Fall Semester, 2003.

Today, the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology consists of ten doctoral faculty members and six Clinical supervisors. At the beginning of Fall Semester, 2003, a total of 38 graduate students were enrolled in the clinical graduate programs (M.S. in Speech/Language Pathology, M.S. in Audiology, and Au.D. in Audiology). Eleven students were enrolled in the Ph. D. Program. With the University of South Alabama recognized as the fastest-growing public university in the state, the Department continues to provide a blend of strong academic and research training with a wide range of clinical experience that makes its graduates highly regarded in today's job market.

Faculty and staff as of August 2004 include the following:

Faculty

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| Aarts, Nancy, Ph.D. | Assistant Professor, Audiology |
| Beverly, Brenda, Ph.D. | Assistant Professor, SLP |
| Boettcher, Flint, Ph.D. | Associate Professor, Audiology |
| Carpenter, Michael, Ph.D. | Assistant Professor, Audiology |
| Dagenais, Paul, Ph.D. | Professor and Chair, SLP |
| Evans, Bryce, Ph.D. | Professor Emeritus, SLP |

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| Guendouzi, Jacqueline, Ph.D. | Associate Professor, SLP |
| Moore, Robert, Ph.D. | Assistant Professor, Audiology |
| Williams, Mandy, Ph.D. | Assistant Professor, SLP |

Clinical Staff

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| Beverly, Tonia, AuD | Clinical Instructor Audiology |
| Byrd, Carolyn, M.S. | Clinical Instructor SLP |
| Hardaway, Beth, M.A. | SLP Coordinator and Clinical Instructor |
| Holston, Tim, AuD. | Audiology Coordinator and Clinical Instructor |
| Hudson, Kendra, M.S. | Clinical Instructor SLP |
| Roberts, Wilder, AuD. | Clinical Instructor Audiology |

ABESPA's HISTORY

During the presidency of Dr. Samuel G. Fletcher (1973-1975), SHAA began activities which resulted in the passage of the Speech Pathology and Audiology licensure law. This law assures the public that persons who are speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Alabama meet educational and practicum standards consistent with those established by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Dr. Fletcher appointed Dr. Richard Cornell and Mrs. Mary Virginia Moore (later Dr. Moore) as co-chairs of SHAA's Licensure Committee.

The undertaking was a gigantic effort involving a large number of SHAA members. During the presidency of Dr. Gerald L. Culton (1975-1977), several major advances were made as our Licensure Bill was passed by the Alabama Legislature in a special session on November 8, 1975. Members of the first licensure board were appointed in 1976.

As ABESPA's history is an integral part of SHAA's history, we include the following information about the ABESPA Board membership and make-up along with individuals who have served on the board as an important part of our professional history. Appreciation to Dr. Richard Cornell for collecting this information.

ABESPA Board Compositions from 1976-2004**1976-1977**

Samuel R. Faircloth, SLP, Chair
Mobile

Eugene Cooper, SLP
Tuscaloosa

Robert Fox, AUD
Montevallo

Curtis Smith, AUD
Auburn

Gwenyth Vaughn, SLP
Birmingham

Gay Wolcott, AUD*
Birmingham

Wayne Teague, Consumer Representative, Montgomery
Curtis Smith, Executive Secretary

*Gay Wolcott left the state and resigned her appointment prior to serving on the board

1977-1978

Curtis Smith, AUD, Chair
Auburn

Eugene Cooper, SLP
Tuscaloosa

Gerald L. Culton, SLP
Tuscaloosa

Robert Fox, AUD
Montevallo

Faye McCollister, AUD
Birmingham

Gwenyth Vaughn, SLP
Birmingham

Wayne Teague, Consumer Representative, Montgomery
Robert Fox, Executive Secretary

1978-1979

Eugene Cooper, SLP, Chair
Tuscaloosa

Glen Baquet, AUD
Tuscaloosa

Gerald L. Culton, SLP
Tuscaloosa

Robert Fox, AUD
Montevallo

Faye McCollister, AUD
Birmingham

Gwenyth Vaughn, SLP
Birmingham

Wayne Teague, Consumer Representative, Montgomery
Robert Fox, Executive Secretary
Randolph P. Reaves, Legal Counsel

1979-1980

Gerald L. Culton, SLP, Chair
Tuscaloosa

Glen Baquet, AUD
Tuscaloosa

Thomas Borton, AUD
Birmingham

Barbara Cusimano, SLP
Gadsden

Faye McCollister, AUD
Birmingham

Gwenyth Vaughn, SLP
Birmingham

Wayne Teague, Consumer Representative, Montgomery
Glen Baquet, Executive Secretary
Randolph P. Reaves, Legal Counsel

1980-1981

Glen Baquet, AUD, Chair
Tuscaloosa

Thomas Borton, AUD
Birmingham

Gerald L. Culton, SLP
Tuscaloosa

Barbara Cusimano, SLP
Gadsden

Robert Fox, AUD
Montevallo

Mary Beth Hardaway, SLP
Mobile

James Baker, Consumer Representative, Montgomery
Thomas Borton, Executive Secretary
Randolph P. Reaves, Secretary to the Board (as of Jan. 23, 1981)

1981-1982

Barbara Cusimano, SLP, Chair
Gadsden

Glen Baquet, AUD
Tuscaloosa

Robert Fox, AUD
Montevallo

Mary Beth Hardaway, SLP
Mobile

Faye McCollister, AUD
Bessemer

Dan Phillips, SLP
Birmingham

James Baker, Consumer Representative, Montgomery
Randolph P. Reaves, Secretary to the Board

1982-1983

Loretta Brown, SLP, Chair
Birmingham

Robert Fox, AUD
Montevallo

Mary Beth Hardaway, SLP
Mobile

Faye McCollister, AUD
Bessemer

Patricia Patton, AUD
Montgomery

Daniel Phillips, SLP
Birmingham

James Baker, Consumer Representative, Montgomery (resigned March 23, 1983)
William E. Wilson, Consumer Representative, Auburn (appointed effective June 3, 1983)
Randolph P. Reaves, Secretary to the Board

1983-1984

Loretta Brown, SLP, Chair
Birmingham

Gerald Culton, SLP
Northport

Faye McCollister, AUD*
Bessemer

Patricia Patton, AUD
Montgomery

Daniel Phillips, SLP
Birmingham

Eugene Sheeley, AUD
Tuscaloosa

William E. Wilson, Consumer Representative, Auburn
Ronald W. Wise, Executive Secretary to the Board

*Steven D. Gibbs, AUD, Montevallo replaced Faye McCollister at the February 10, 1984 meeting

1984-1985

Loretta Brown, SLP, Chair
Birmingham

Gerald Culton, SLP
Northport

W. Bryce Evans, SLP
Wilmer

Steven D. Gibbs, AUD
Montevallo

Nancy Hawes, AUD
Auburn

Eugene C. Sheeley, AUD
Tuscaloosa

William E. Wilson, Consumer Representative, Auburn
Ronald W. Wise, Executive Secretary to the Board

1985-1986

W. Bryce Evans, SLP, Chair
Wilmer

Gerald Culton, SLP
Northport

Arthur Dahle, AUD
Birmingham

Nancy Hawes, AUD
Auburn

David Savage, SLP
Montgomery

Eugene C. Sheeley, AUD
Tuscaloosa

William E. Wilson, Consumer Representative, Auburn
Ronald W. Wise, Executive Secretary to the Board

1986-1987

W. Bryce Evans, SLP, Chair
Wilmer

Eugene C. Cooper, SLP
Tuscaloosa

Arthur Dahle, AUD
Birmingham

Nancy Hawes, AUD
Auburn

Patsy Novelli, AUD
Florence

David Savage, SLP
Montgomery

William E. Wilson, Consumer Representative, Auburn
Ronald W. Wise, Executive Secretary to the Board

1987-1988

Arthur Dahle, AUD, Chair
Birmingham

Deborah Baker, AUD
Huntsville

Eugene C. Cooper, SLP
Tuscaloosa

Patsy Novelli, AUD
Florence

David Savage, SLP
Montgomery

Loie Sears, SLP
Tuscaloosa

William E. Wilson, Consumer Representative, Auburn
Ronald W. Wise, Executive Secretary to the Board

1988-1989

W. Bryce Evans, SLP, Chair
Wilmer

Deborah Baker, AUD
Huntsville

Eugene C. Cooper, SLP
Tuscaloosa

Patsy Novelli, AUD
Florence

Jane Fuqua, AUD
Mobile

Loie Sears, SLP
Tuscaloosa

William E. Wilson, Consumer Representative, Auburn
Randolph P. Reaves, Executive Secretary to the Board

1989-1990

W. Bryce Evans, SLP, Chair
Wilmer

H. Gregory Adams, AUD
Athens

Deborah Baker, AUD
Huntsville

Jane Fuqua, AUD
Mobile

Loie Sears, SLP
Tuscaloosa

Ruth Tucker, SLP
Birmingham

Lauris Stewart, Consumer Representative, Montevallo
Randolph P. Reaves, Executive Secretary to the Board

1990-1991

Loie Sears, SLP, Chair
Tuscaloosa

H. Gregory Adams, AUD
Athens

Robin Auerbach, AUD
Gadsden

W. Bryce Evans, SLP
Wilmer

Richard S. Sweitzer, AUD
Birmingham

Ruth Tucker, SLP
Birmingham

Nola Pond, Consumer Representative, Prattville
Randolph P. Reaves, Executive Secretary to the Board

1991-1992

Loie Sears, SLP, Chair
Tuscaloosa

H. Gregory Adams, AUD
Athens

Robin Auerbach, AUD
Gadsden

Denise Gibbs, SLP
Montevallo

Richard S. Sweitzer, AUD
Birmingham

Ruth Tucker, SLP
Birmingham

Nola Pond, Consumer Representative, Prattville
Randolph P. Reaves, Executive Secretary to the Board
Yvonne H. Saxon, Assistant Attorney General

1992-1993

Loie Sears, SLP, Chair
Tuscaloosa

Robin Auerbach, AUD
Gadsden

Denise Gibbs, SLP
Montevallo

Beth Hardaway, SLP
Mobile

Patsy Patton, AUD
Montgomery

Richard S. Sweitzer, AUD
Birmingham

William H. MacMillan, Consumer Representative, Tuscaloosa
Randolph P. Reaves, Executive Secretary to the Board
Yvonne H. Saxon, Assistant Attorney General

1993-1994

Richard S. Sweitzer, AUD, Chair
Birmingham

Robin Auerbach, AUD
Gadsden

Denise Gibbs, SLP
Montevallo

Beth Hardaway, SLP
Mobile

Fran Hawkins, SLP
Gadsden

Patsy Patton, AUD
Montgomery

William H. MacMillan, Consumer Representative, Tuscaloosa
Randolph P. Reaves, Executive Secretary to the Board
Yvonne H. Saxon, Assistant Attorney General

1994-1995

Patsy Patton, AUD, Chair
Montgomery

Richard L. Gresham, AUD
Florence

Beth Hardaway, SLP
Mobile

Fran Hawkins, SLP
Gadsden

Gina Murray, SLP
Birmingham

Richard S. Sweitzer, AUD
Birmingham

William H. MacMillan, Consumer Representative, Tuscaloosa
Randolph P. Reaves, Executive Secretary to the Board
Yvonne H. Saxon, Assistant Attorney General

1995-1996

Fran Hawkins, SLP, Chair
Gadsden

Kenneth W. Earley, SLP
Moundville

Richard L. Gresham, AUD
Florence

Gina Murray, SLP
Birmingham

Martha Wilder Paxton, AUD
Auburn

Lissa Van Doorn, AUD
Dothan

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| Samuel R. Faircloth, SLP | 1976 |
| Robert Fox, A | 1976-1979 and 1980-83 |
| Eugene Cooper, SLP | 1976-1979 and 1986-1989 |
| Curtis Smith, A | 1976-1978 |
| Qwenyth R. Vaughn, SLP | 1976-1979 |
| Gerald Culton, SLP | 1978-1981 and 1983-86 |
| Faye McCollister, A | 1978-1980 and 1982-85 |
| Glen Baquet, A | 1978-1982 |
| Thomas Borton, A | 1979-1981 |
| Barbara Cusimano, SLP | 1979-1982 |
| Beth Hardaway, SLP | 1980-83 and 1992-95 |
| Daniel Phillips, SLP | 1981-84 |
| Loretta Brown, SLP | 1982-85 |
| Patsy Patton, A | 1982-85, 1986-89, and 1992-95 |
| Eugene Sheeley, A | 1983-86 |
| Steven Gibbs, A | 1984-85 |
| W. Bryce Evans, SLP | 1984-87 and 1988-91 |
| Nancy Hawes, A | 1984-87 |
| Arthur Dahle, A | 1985-88 |
| David Savage, SLP | 1985-88 |
| Deborah Baker, A | 1987-90 |
| Loie Sears, SLP | 1987-90 and 1990-93 |
| Patsy Novelli, A | 1986-89 |
| Jane Fuqua, A | 1988-91---resigned in 04/1990 |
| H. Gregory Adams, A | 1989-92 |
| Ruth Tucker, SLP | 1989-92 and 2001-04 |
| Robin Auerbach, A | 1990-93 |
| Richard Sweitzer, A | 1990-94 |
| Denise Gibbs, SLP | 1991-94 |
| Fran Hawkins, SLP | 1993-96 and 1999-2002 |
| Richard Gresham, A | 1993-96 |
| Gina Murray, SLP | 1994-97 |
| Kenneth W. Earley, SLP | 1995-98 |
| Martha Paxton, A | 1995-98 and 1997-2000 |
| Elizabeth Van Doorn, A | 1995-98 |
| Robert L. Rane, A | 1996-99 |
| Kay Wilson, SLP | 1996-99 |
| Anita Smallwood, SLP | 1997-2000 |
| Rebecca Caviness, A | 1998-2001 |
| Lillian McPherson, SLP | 1998-2001 |
| Susan Grigsby, A | 1999-2002 |
| Fran Buttram, SLP | 1999-2002 |
| Florence Cuneo, A | 2000-03 |
| Doreen Oyadomari, SLP | 2000-03 |
| Pam Vautier, A | 2001-04 |
| Paul Stephens, A | 2002-05 |
| Barbara Cady, SLP | 2002-05 |

Following is a reprint of the SHAA Letter from 1968 which included a history of the speech and hearing professions in Alabama from the 1930's through the 1960's. This document has been reprinted and included in this edition of the SHAA History in an effort to preserve this information regarding the earliest history of our professions in Alabama.

SPEECH AND HEARING ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA

Volume V. Monograph. December 1968 _____ Loretta G. Brown, Editor

THE SPEECH AND HEARING PROFESSION IN ALABAMA

THE PAST THREE DECADES

Our American Society dictates that we ever look to new, better and expanded services, whatever the profession or activity. Change is with us constantly. The kudzu vines cover the little farm houses that once graced the productive fields of Alabama where now cattle and trees grow. Before the contributions of the pioneers of the speech and hearing profession in Alabama are lost under the growth of personnel and services as seen in the last thirty years, let us pause and take stock of what has occurred. Also, let us dream of what may happen in the next thirty years, by the year 2000! Much of what we do today will be as changed as our agricultural system. Methods, student training, diagnostic procedures, electronic equipment, medical intervention and treatment, drugs, etc. will be improved to aid both the speech and hearing professionals and the individuals needing their services.

This Monograph, suggested to the Editor by the article "Just Yesterday" submitted by J. Buckminster Ranney, is an attempt to record the significant happenings in the speech and hearing profession in Alabama in the past three decades. Unusual growth and development has occurred in the last five years with many new people coming to Alabama. We will look with expectation to significant growth in research, training and service.

It is well at intervals to stop a moment in this great rush forward, if only briefly. Truly we have only a moment for pause in this age of the advancement of personal services. Upon the work of the pioneers of our profession in Alabama is built the present service, training and research activity. It is in order that we offer well deserved recognition to these builders. Let us hope that thirty years hence, the state association will again recognize the persons and institutions that make possible the growth and development in speech and hearing both today and in the

future. It is exciting to ponder what such a future issue of the SHAA Letter might include! LGB

JUST YESTERDAY

J. Buckminster Ranney, Ph.D. Auburn University

Speech and hearing in Alabama measured over the span of the years is a young profession with some noble ancestors. Did you know, for example, that cleft palate surgery was performed in Montgomery in 1844? That the Alabama School for the Deaf dates from the year 1856? Speech pathology and audiology may not claim credit for the action in 1844 and 1856, but speech and hearing have drawn on the resources of medicine and the education of the deaf to develop programs for Alabama.

Speech and hearing did have workers in Alabama in the 1920's, but the records are based on an oral rather than a written tradition. The American Speech and Hearing Association Annual Directory provides a clue to the development of Alabama's work in speech pathology and audiology. The first "Alabama" listing occurred more than thirty years ago, 1937. A "Mr." Hill was in the state for one year.

Among the first to come to Alabama and to stay in Alabama for a career in speech pathology was Marsee Fred Evans. Evans came to Alabama in 1930, and is listed in the ASHA Directory for 1938. The first woman and professional worker in speech and hearing was Maumee Roberts. Her directory listing is 1939. In 1940 Alabama was represented in the ASHA Directory by Evans and Roberts.

In 1936 Mr. Harold J. Henning, graduate of Northwestern University, initiated clinical work at Alabama College in Montevallo to aid students correct their own problems. This is believed to be the first college clinic established in the state.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic of the University of Alabama was established in September of 1938 by T. Earle Johnson. Designed at that time for students enrolled at the University, work with children was begun in 1940.

In the year 1945-1946, the speech pathology and audiology population in Alabama had made a step forward. There were listed in 1946 for Alabama Brakeman, Evans, Roberts, Van Horn, Cotton, Compton, Clemons, Berlin, and Ausmus. The current SHAA Directory lists Cotton as a 1968 member. Significant in this year was the expansion of the clinical work at Alabama College by Mary Compton.

1949 marked the arrival of Ollie Backus at the University of Alabama and the expansion of what continues today as the Speech and Hearing Center of the University of Alabama. The Center has a record of

continuous service and teaching from 1938 with the exception of the war years, 1941-1944.

Eldon K. Jerome initiated the Speech and Hearing program of Auburn University (then Alabama Polytechnic Institute) in 1948 providing services for the Auburn student population. 1956 marked the arrival at Auburn of Mary Virginia Moore and in 1957 J. Buckminster Ranney became director of the clinical and teaching program.

1954 was the date of the establishment of the first public school speech therapy program in Alabama in the Anniston City Schools with Vann Whaley as therapist and Loretta Brown continuing the program from 1955-1963.

1954 marks the arrival of Dr. Laura Wright at Alabama College with the establishment of a full curriculum meeting ASHA certification requirements, and the establishment in 1955 of a residential program.

The end of the second decade of speech and hearing in Alabama, 1955-1956, saw the creation and increase of school, university and rehabilitation programs throughout the state. At Anniston there was Brown; Auburn, Harrington; Birmingham, Roach at the Medical College of Alabama; Florence, Matis; Gadsden, Ferguson; Mobile, Carlin; Montevallo, Wright; Montgomery, Wolf; and at the University, Backus, Johnson, Ward and Webster. The current 1968 SHAA Directory lists Brown, Roach, Wright, Wolf, Ward, Webster and Johnson as members. In 1956 a total of 45 persons were identified as working in the profession in Alabama.

By 1960, a generation had passed for nearly 25 years of speech pathology and audiology had been recorded in Alabama. More than 100 persons were identified as professional workers in speech, hearing, and the education of the deaf. The cities represented are Anniston, two; Auburn, three; Florence, one; Huntsville, three; Jasper, one; Montevallo, two; Talladega, two; Athens, one; Birmingham, twenty-three; Gadsden, two; Jacksonville, one; Mobile, three; Montgomery, three; University, eight. There were three educators of the deaf in Birmingham and 48 in Talladega.

The years from 1960 to the present have marked the development of teaching programs at Alabama College, Auburn University, and the University of Alabama. These programs meet both the "spirit and the law" of the American Speech and Hearing Association. Development of statewide speech pathology and audiology rehabilitation facilities has taken place at Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Dothan and in the Tri-Cities area.

When the history of speech and hearing in Alabama is reviewed in the year 2000, the most significant step from the past may be the standing alone as a discipline of speech and hearing. The leadership of Al Richards, Ollie Backus, Louise Ward, Laura Wright, Don Harrington, and Loretta Brown in the Speech Correction Section of the Alabama Speech Association led to the formation of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama. The Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama was recognized by the House of State Delegates of the American Speech and Hearing Association, and presently is duly recognized by the newly created Legislative Council.

The leaders of that first year of independence and recognition included for 1960 Don Olson, Vivian Roe and Louise Hammett. Bob Roach was concerned with hearing problems and Louise Ward with the problems of speech. Laura Wright was concerned with professional problems and Al Richards published the Directory.

With independence and recognition, Alabama sent delegates to ASHA's House of State Delegates. Alabama's delegates in the chronology of their period of service are T. Earle Johnson, Laura Wright, Buck Ranney, Tom Giolas, Ed Hutchinson, and Elizabeth Webster. Alabama identified 200 persons with a primary interest in speech pathology and audiology as of the 1967 SHAA Directory. The 1968 SHAA Directory lists 105 as members of the Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama as the membership voted to include with recognition only the dues paying members.

The American Speech and Hearing Association has awarded the Fellowship of the Association to these persons claimed by Alabama: Marsee Fred Evans, T. Earle Johnson, Ollie Backus, Elizabeth J. Webster, Vivian Roe, Laura F. Wright, Edwin Martin, and Robert E. Roach. One name spans the thirty year review which has been presented. A man who was not present when Sims operated in 1844, but a man who has been a part of and responsible for the professional development of speech pathology and audiology in Alabama. A man recognized by his peers at the state and national level. A fellow of the American Speech and Hearing Association of Alabama. The man: T. Earle Johnson, for Johnson, it was "Just Yesterday."

BEGINNING AT BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE AND CHARLANNE SCHOOL

Marsee Fred Evans, Ph.D.

Shortly after coming to Birmingham in 1930 as Head of the Department of Speech at Birmingham-Southern College, I began to get references for

children in need of speech therapy. There was an almost complete lack of such work being done in the community. One "Expression" teacher had been advertising on the radio that she would cure any case of stuttering sent to her, and pointed with pride to one particular boy of about twelve from out of town, who had been "completely cured". Such talk was strange to me, just out of graduate school and work in stuttering with the great Wendell Johnson. This teacher told me later when I met her and asked about the little stutterer, "You know, when he went home he didn't do what I told him he must do, and now he is stuttering worse than ever". It turned out that she had discovered by chance the fact well known to any one who had had a couple of days training in a real clinic, that rhythm will temporarily alleviate stuttering, but that there is nothing lasting or really therapeutic about it as a technique.

Several of these children referred to me with various speech defects were in need of pediatric care for diet and various difficulties, and I referred them to Dr. John Simpson, a leading pediatrician of the community. In return he sent me several speech cases, and a common interest developed.

One day a few years later, a woman called at my Birmingham-Southern College office and said that the Psychology Department to whom she had brought her daughter for examination, had advised her to come to me, that the child was a speech problem rather than a psychological case! She had the little girl with her and when I saw the child I was completely nonplussed. I had never seen anything like her. She was a pretty little thing, who drooled constantly, and whose face twisted and twitched in one grimace after another. When she attempted to speak, the effect was gruesome. She stood with knees partly bent, arms held grotesquely at an angle away from her body.

I said hastily, "This is a medical case, and I would not know how to go about treating her". The mother said, "She is cerebral palsied. I have taken her to New Orleans for examination, and they gave me the diagnosis of Amentia. But this is not true because the child is intelligent and I have been able to teach her some things".

This was my first view of a cerebral palsied child, and I had no idea of the condition, or what to do about her speech, which was mostly attempted sounds which meant something only to the initiated. The mother, who was a very intelligent and delightful woman, kept insisting that as a speech therapist I should take the case, and I, on my part, kept insisting that I knew nothing about how to begin. Finally, she said, "Wouldn't you like to try working with Anne as an experiment"?

So began our work. In discussing this case with Dr. John Simpson, he said that he was seeing more and more such children in his practice and

that we ought to do something about the problem. I had received authority for a sabbatical leave for the academic year 1936-1937. So Dr. Simpson said that when I came back, we would start some sort of project. He had gotten Dr. Wilmot Littlejohn, a neurologist, interested. I said that if he would go ahead with a school-clinic, I would come in for the speech therapy on my return.

So, in the fall of 1936, these two doctors started the project with four children and a house mother on the second story of Dr. Simpson's office building. In 1937 they rented a big stucco house down the street a couple of blocks and that year started with sixteen students, and a staff of physical therapists, teachers, and assistants. The professional staff consisted of a pediatrician, neurologist, orthopedist, and a speech therapist.

After a couple of years at this location, Drs. Simpson and Littlejohn bought a large old estate on Oxmoor Road in Homewood and moved the school there. Combining the names of his first cerebral palsied patient and my first cerebral palsied speech student, Charles and Anne, Dr. Simpson had christened the school, CHARLANNE SCHOOL.

The State rented our facilities for several cerebral palsied children and the State Rehabilitation Service sent various speech cases to the clinic which I maintained at the school. I also handled private speech cases therapy of all kinds in addition to the cerebral palsied children in the School. I had a full time assistant for the Charlanne children and another assistant who helped with the speech cases referred to my clinic. At Birmingham-Southern College, where I was Head of the Department of Speech, I offered an occasional quarter of Speech Therapy courses, and ran a small clinic in connection, usually in the summer session.

The Junior League School for Speech and Hearing, which developed into the clinic at the Medical College of Alabama, and the speech therapy work in the Birmingham City and Jefferson County school systems have given added impetus to the movement, so that at the present time Birmingham and Jefferson County have a well-developed system of speech and hearing therapy both in the school systems and in various clinics.

The Speech and Hearing Program of Alabama College

Laura F. Wright, Ph.D., Head Department of Speech, Alabama College

The Speech and Hearing program of Alabama College in Montevallo evolved in a manner typical of the growth of the profession in other parts

of the United States as the recognition of needs led to the establishment and expansion of services.

Listings from the college catalogue provide evidence of the development of the program. The earliest listing is 1936 when Mr. Harold J. Henning from Northwestern University initiated the clinical program. The following is a quotation from the college catalogue of 1936. "Clinical work in the correction of speech defects, under the guidance of an instructor trained in the field of speech correction, is available to all students of the College. Correction work in stuttering, lisping, and allied sound substitutions, and other major speech difficulties is obtainable. Voice recordings are made, corrective exercises given, and individual attention provided for all who enroll in the clinic. A fee of \$4.50, which includes the usual amount collected for a voice recording, is charged for clinical enrollment. No credit is given toward graduation."

By 1937, Speech 330, Phonetics, and Speech 340, Principles of Speech for Teachers in Elementary Grades are listed in the catalogue. Speech 340 is described as "Personal speech training for the teacher in methods of improving the speech of the grade school pupil. Special attention is given to methods of correcting defective speech in children."

The catalogue of 1938 notes that Mr. Henning has expanded course offerings to include Speech 271-272, Speech Rehabilitation. "Required of students entering the field of speech correction. Special study of the etiology and symptomatology of defective speech, with diagnostic techniques and methods of remedial procedure. Practical experience in clinical work. 4 hours credit."

The same courses are continued until 1945 when Mr. Henning begins a leave from which he does not return. It should be noted that in 1941, Miss Ellen Haven Gould, Chairman of the Department of Speech, was teaching Voice and Diction.

In 1945, Miss Mary Compton of the University of Texas and Northwestern University took Mr. Henning's place. The same courses are continued and in 1946 Miss Compton taught Speech 400-410, Clinical Practice, and Speech 161-162, Clinical Corrective Speech which was designed to give students having speech disorders special training. Speech 130, Diction, was offered by the Staff. No particular changes are noted until 1952 when Miss Mary Jean Birmingham of Emerson College and the University of California replaced Miss Compton and continued the curriculum for one year.

In 1953, Mr. John B. Mader of Western Michigan College came to Alabama College. He had been a student of Van Riper's. An important step should be noted in 1953 as the course offerings are listed separately

under speech correction for the first time. Courses offered were Speech 161-162, Personal Speech Rehabilitation; Speech 371, Speech Disorders Survey; Speech 372, Clinical Practice in Speech Correction; and Speech 410, Advanced Clinical Practice.

In 1954 I came to Alabama College as Head of the Department of Speech. Prior to this appointment I had been on the faculty of the University of North Dakota where I went after the completion of my work for the Ph.D degree at the University of Wisconsin. I had completed the required course work for the degree with Dr. Robert West, continued as a clinical assistant and completed my dissertation in "Community Hearing Services: A Community Evaluation" under the direction of Dr. John Irwin at the University of North Dakota. I supervised the extension of the curriculum program for bachelor's and master's degree work in Speech Pathology in addition to extending clinical services to include summer residential programs. Among my graduate assistants there were Dr. Allen Richards and Dr. Dean Engel. Also we established Workshops for public health personnel and I tucked in a couple of summer sessions of teaching and diagnosis appointments at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1954 I set up at Alabama College a full curriculum meeting the requirements of the American Speech and Hearing Association for certification of speech and hearing clinicians, In the summer of 1955 a residential program was established and this continues today. This residential program is unique in Alabama as it provides the child a home away from home under the supervision of a house mother. Children have been enrolled from over the United States as well as from the various sections of Alabama where adequate services were not available. Youngsters with all types of problems in communication are accepted as residents. This population as well as the out-patients and the public school population, provide the student clinicians with a wide variety of experiences. The residential program also provides intensive therapy services to youngsters with severe problems of communication that cannot find adequate services elsewhere. Dr. Sara Ivey served as Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic for the year 1957-58.

A significant step was made in the fall of 1958 in the appointment of Miss Vivian Roe of Indiana University as Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Miss Roe came to us with an extensive background in articulation research (Roe-Milisen Studies), pioneering public school work in directing the Fort Wayne, Indiana program, participation in the Indiana State traveling clinic and upon appointment to the faculty of the University of Indiana was associated with the residential speech and hearing services of that institution. She has added much depth to our program both in student training and clinical services.

In the summer of 1959 another milestone was passed as the Speech and Hearing Clinic was housed in a separate building. Prior to this, the clinic had been housed in Main Dormitory and the summer residential clinics in the college infirmary or free wings in the college dormitories. The new facilities were made possible with federal funds matched by monies from Alabama College. The interest in the Speech and Hearing Clinic on the part of the Vocational Rehabilitation Service, Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults and State Crippled Children's Services dictated the need for such a facility.

Significant contributions have been made by many former students who have served as clinicians or faculty, some of whom are Mrs. Mary T. Gleason, Mrs. Gibbs Couch, Ted Fuller and Dan Knight.

In 1965, in response to a request made by the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, Miss Roe and I initiated a workshop in Testing for Speech and Hearing Defects. This annual work of two weeks is designed to meet the needs of classroom teachers, public health nurses, educational supervisory personnel, social workers and parents in situations where the services of a speech clinician are unavailable or limited.

The Speech and Hearing program of Alabama College has stressed quality both in student training and in clinical services. The certification requirements of ASHA have been met fully so that our graduates have been well trained in academic background as well as in clinical experience.

The current professional staff includes Vivian Roe, Faye Churchill, Loretta Brown, and myself. Additional faculty appointments are anticipated. Mrs. Helen Boswell and Mrs. Grace Hood are the housemothers.

Our graduates serve in school and clinical positions over the nation, abroad, as well as in Alabama. We look forward to continued contributions to the speech and hearing profession in the areas of service, training and research,

THIRTY YEARS YOUNG

T. Earle Johnson, Ph.D., Head, Department of Speech
University of Alabama

The Speech and Hearing Clinic of the University of Alabama was established in September, 1938, and thus recently passed its thirtieth anniversary quietly as we were too busy to stage an appropriate celebration. The writer had spent the two years preceding September 1938 in advanced graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, completing the academic requirements for a specialized degree in Speech

Correction, the term then generally used to include all work in the field. Actually, my major work was in Hearing Disorders and my dissertation was an original test of hearing for young children, but the term Audiology was not coined until 1944 and Speech Clinics did not become Speech and Hearing Clinics until after World War II.

Concurrent with the establishment of the speech clinic in September, 1938, several new courses in the field were introduced into the departmental curriculum. These included SH 25:26, Speech Correction, three hours each semester, SH 121, Voice Science, three hours, SH 125s126, Speech Pathology, three hours each semester, SH 140, Phonetics, three hours, and SH 100, Clinical Practice, one hour, but which could be repeated for a total of three hours credit. Three of these courses, SH 100, 121, and 140, were required for the departmental major. The following year a graduate level course, Seminar in Speech Pathology, was introduced and the first master's thesis was written in the spring of 1941.

The service program of the Speech Clinic was designed primarily for students enrolled in the University. Some advance publicity and a letter circulated among the University faculty resulted in approximately twenty-five students being referred to the Clinic that fall for correction of speech problems. All therapy was on an individual basis, one or two hours per week, scheduled largely in the afternoons in vacant classrooms. About half the students enrolled were stutterers, the remainder being largely articulatory, voice cases, cleft palate, speech, or hearing loss. One student had an unrepaired cleft lip and palate.

The first children were enrolled in the Clinic in the summer of 1940 when five school children were accepted for speech therapy. All of these had articulatory problems and had been referred by teachers in the local elementary schools. A considerably larger group was enrolled during the summer of 1941, and this group included some referrals from neighboring counties. The therapy was on an individual basis was given to the child without charge, and was done by graduate and undergraduate majors under my supervision.

Following the outbreak of World War II in 1941, most activities of the Clinic were suspended for the next four years. During the latter part of the war, especially in 1944-45, some speech therapy was given to patients at Northington General Hospital in Tuscaloosa. These were men with aphasia, usually resulting from penetrating head wounds or head injuries of some type. It was not called "group therapy" at the time, but four to six men would be brought to the Clinic for an hour or so, two or three times per week. A clinic staff consisting of only one faculty member necessitated group work with these men.

Clinical activities were resumed at the close of World War II in 1945, but enrollment was small and growth slow during the next two years. In the summer of 1947, however, there was a very significant development. The University negotiated a contract with the Veteran's Administration to provide a broad range of services in both speech and hearing to veterans with a service connected disability in either speech or hearing. These services included diagnosis and therapy for veterans with speech problems, the testing and selective fitting of hearing aids on those with a hearing loss, and hearing therapy, including lip reading. This contract proved to be an extremely valuable one in the growth and development of the University's clinical program. It was renewed on an annual basis for fifteen years, being terminated on June 30, 1962, and during most of this period the Clinic served as the regional referral center for the mid-southeastern states. Altogether some 200 veterans received speech therapy, some for as long as three years, and more than 1500 veterans were given hearing aid evaluations. It was thus one of the largest university programs for veterans in the country and was among the longest in duration, being among the first to be negotiated and in the final group to be terminated. The income to the University resulted in a greatly expanded Clinic staff and program, the latter including services to both children and adults and a significantly stronger training program at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

In May of 1946 the Department of Speech had moved from Morgan Hall to Building 14-C, Smith Woods. The latter was a one-story frame building, 48 feet wide and 160 feet long, containing a number of offices, classrooms, five clinic rooms, a recording laboratory, a seminar room, and a graduate reading room. Although Building 14-C gave the department the space it needed, it was recognized by the University administration as temporary quarters, and soon thereafter planning was begun for a new permanent building. In October, 1953, construction was begun on the new Music and Speech Building, but due to inadequate funds, a contract was awarded for the completion of only part of the building. However, by February, 1955, additional funds had been secured and a contract for the completion of the building, including complete air-conditioning, was awarded. The department moved into the Speech wing of the new Music and Speech Building on May 30, 1955, with the remainder of the building being completed a year later. The ground floor of the Speech wing was designed specifically for the Speech and Hearing Clinic, with both offices and clinical facilities.

I served as Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic from its establishment in 1938 until September, 1953. During the pre-war years, I was the only faculty member and the first graduate clinical assistantship was created in September, 1940. The early post-war staff, in addition to myself, consisted largely of graduate assistants and temporary instructors. Many of these were student wives, most of whom did not

complete a graduate degree program. One of the few regular instructors during this period was Miss Ruth Coffman, who was appointed in 1946 and remained until 1953. Another was Miss Nancy Wood, who has subsequently become quite well-known in the field and is now at the University of Southern California.

And then in September, 1949, Dr. Ollie Backus of the University of Michigan was appointed Associate Professor of Speech with primary responsibility in the Speech Clinic. Appointed chiefly because of her work in aphasia with veterans, she quickly developed and expanded the clinical training and services program. A residential children's program was established in 1950 under Miss Jane Beasley (now Dr. Jane Raph of Rutgers), a cerebral palsy clinic in 1952 under Miss Ruth Coffman, (now Mrs. Ruth Garrett of Marshall College), and an adult residential program in 1952, under Mr. Phillip Curry, Instructor.

Several significant faculty changes took place in September, 1953. Jane Beasley was granted a leave of absence for graduate work at Columbia and Louise Ward was named to replace her. Likewise, Ruth Coffman resigned and Betty Webster was appointed in her place, and both Betty and Louise are still on our faculty. Finally, Dr. Ollie Backus was appointed Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic in order to provide better coordination of all the clinical programs. The following year, Otto J. Menzel was appointed Assistant Professor and Clinical Audiologist, our first full-time Audiologist.

On May 30, 1955, the Department of Speech moved into the new Music and Speech Building which had been designed to meet the specific and unique needs of the two departments. Most of the ground floor of the Speech wing of the building had been assigned to the Speech and Hearing Clinic, approximately 8,000 sq. ft. being utilized for clinic rooms, offices, testing facilities, and other specific needs of the Therapy Programs. The clinical facility is still used as originally designed, although some structural changes were made in 1967-68 in order to meet the needs of a greatly expanded faculty and staff.

Important faculty changes during this period included the appointment in September, 1959 of Dr. Thomas G. Giolas as Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Audiological services in the position originally held by Professor Menzel. In May, 1960, Dr. Ollie Backus resigned to accept a position at the University of Southern California. Dr. Edwin W. Martin, formerly an instructor on the faculty, had completed his doctorate at Pittsburg and was re-appointed to the faculty in September, 1960, as Coordinator of Adult Therapy Programs. At the same time Dr. Elizabeth Webster was named Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic in place of Dr. Backus. Subsequently, in 1963, Drs. Giolas and Martin were appointed co-Directors of the Speech and Hearing Clinic and then in September, 1966, when Dr. Martin was granted a leave to accept a

position in Washington, Dr. Giolas was appointed Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. In September, 1967 Dr. Giolas (now at the University of Connecticut) resigned to accept a Postgraduate Research Fellowship at the University of Kansas, and Dr. Eugene B. Cooper was named Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Dr. Eugene C. Sheeley was appointed Associate Professor and Coordinator of Audiological Services in the place formerly held by Dr. Giolas. The most recent full time faculty appointment is Dr. John Muma, Assistant Professor, whose official assignment is half time teaching and half time research, which in itself is a significant recognition by the University administration.

Beginning in September, 1961, the Department has received a number of federal and state grants, most of these on a continuing basis, which have made possible a greatly expanded graduate program for most of these grants provide fellowships for graduate students. The first of these in 1961 was from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and has been subsequently renewed each year. This grant currently provides for a faculty salary, eight graduate fellowships, and other supportive features. Then in 1962 the Department received a grant from the U. S. Office of Education for a program to train Teachers of the Deaf. Mr. Ronald L. Evelsizer was appointed an instructor in this program and has been a full time member of the faculty since February, 1963. In August, 1968, he was awarded his Doctor of Education degree and promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor. Meanwhile Mrs. Ruth Walker had been appointed an instructor in deaf education in September, 1967, as a second faculty member in the area. The USOE grant in deaf education currently provides nine graduate fellowships plus a supporting grant to the University. During recent years the Department has also received annual grants from the U. S. Office of Education for fellowships in Speech Pathology and Audiology. The grant for 1968-69 provides seven graduate fellowships and two senior year scholarships, plus supporting grant funds. The most recent new grant is from the U. S. Public Health Service and is designed to train speech pathologists and audiologists to work in a medical setting. The initial grant was for a five year period and provided a faculty salary and five graduate fellowships.

The Alabama State Department of Education has also provided several grants during recent years. An initial two year grant, during 1955-56 and 1956-57, provided funds for much of the original equipment in the Speech and Hearing Clinic. A second grant in 1963-64 provided some much needed audiological equipment, including a double sound proof testing suite. Then in 1967-68, a third grant provided for some structural renovation and the installation of additional equipment, including a closed circuit video television system. In the spring of 1968 the name of the facility was officially changed to the Speech and Hearing Center. It was officially designated a Rehabilitation Center by the State Rehabilitation Service and subsequently a contract was signed which provided a greatly

expanded residential program for adults. The Center staff was enlarged and part-time supportive staff were also provided by the contract.

The children's residential programs had been augmented by the transfer of a class of pre-school deaf children from the Tuscaloosa County School System to the Speech and Hearing Center. Initially made in September, 1967, as an emergency measure, the transfer proved so satisfactory to all parties concerned that a recent agreement made it permanent. The pre-school class will provide an additional practicum facility in the Center and will send school age children to special classrooms in public school systems.

During the 1968-69 academic year the faculty of the Communicative Disorders Area consists of eleven full time members (one professor, three associate professors, three assistant professors and four instructors) plus five part-time faculty, four of whom are in Birmingham, and six part-time professional supportive personnel. A comparison by decades shows the pattern of growth. Beginning in 1938 with a single faculty member and no assistants, by 1948 the clinical staff had grown to three full-time faculty, including the writer, and two graduate assistants. By 1958 my role was administrative only, and the other clinical staff included four faculty members (one professor and three instructors) and five graduate assistants. Thus for full-time faculty:

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As a university based speech and hearing center, every effort is made to carry out a program of teaching, research, and service, consistent with the over-all aims and policies of the University. The primary role is that of teaching, of training speech and hearing therapists, and consequently during the past thirty years several hundred students have completed either the undergraduate special curriculum in speech therapy, or a graduate program in speech pathology, audiology, or deaf education. Of these, approximately 200 have earned the Master of Arts degree. In the area of service, several thousand children and adults have received training through the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Thus for example, during 1967-68 some 750 separate individuals received services in speech and/or hearing, these being of all types, ages and seriousness of difficulty. And it seems reasonable to hope and expect that the therapy they received has enabled each of them to live happier and more productive lives, becoming better and more useful citizens.

In the area of research, there has been a small but steady volume of studies in Communicative Disorders as the faculty and staff attempted to do its part in advancing knowledge in the area. The faculty members feel however that the University is on the verge of a break-through which will result in a highly significant research program in the Department of

Speech. There will certainly be a greater volume of research, which in time inevitably will become much more significant and important. The faculty faces the future with confidence, secure in the belief that it can meet the challenges of the next decades and that great things are in the future for Communicative Disorders at the University of Alabama.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY, AUDIOLOGY AND AUBURN UNIVERSITY

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The Speech and Hearing Program of Auburn University comes alive with the names of persons who recognized the need for a clinical teaching program at Auburn and through the years developed and carried the program toward the goal of projected American Speech and Hearing Association concern.

An intriguing non-beginning for the Auburn Clinic was an appointment in 1930 or 1931 of Lyman S. Judson, known to many clinicians as the Judson who authored with Weaver the text VOICE SCIENCE. A retired colleague of Judson recalls that he and Auburn did not appear to be compatible.

The real beginning and the establishment of continuity for the Auburn Clinic was the appointment in 1948 of Eldon K. Jerome. Jerome's responsibility was to provide clinical services for the Auburn student population. The need for and the development of a training program was still several years in the future.

Clayton L. Bennett, a son-in-law of Lee Edward Travis, joined Auburn University in 1950 to continue and expand the services to Auburn students. Bennett initiated a program of speech screening as a part of the Auburn University Health Service for all students.

The conception and the initiation of the clinical training program in association with clinical service was the work of Donald A. Harrington, whose service to Auburn and to Alabama was begun in 1952. The first and continuing professional courses in the area of speech pathology were introduced in 1953. The first students to complete the sequence were graduated five years later in 1958.

Harrington's contribution to Alabama and to the organization that was to become SHAA should be marked, for in the five year period 1952-1957 Harrington served as one of many to stimulate and develop speech and hearing programs not only at the University level but for all facets of the State including public schools and rehabilitation.

The names in the Auburn program come with more rapidity as clinical and teaching programs at Auburn grow. Lois Brien's appointment in 1953 marks the initiation of a Children's Clinic in cooperation with the Pilot Club of Auburn.

William P. Dorne' had been a member of the Auburn University faculty at the beginning of a decade, but his many contributions to speech and hearing for the University and to the State started in 1955. Dorne' may always be remembered as the organizer of the Auburn University Blockbusters. The Blockbusters, a group of male college stutterers, enhanced the image of the clinical program both on and off the campus.

In 1956 Mary Virginia Moore joined the Auburn University faculty. Moore holds the Auburn record for the longest period of continuing service to Auburn and to SHAA—for the University a period of eleven years and to SHAA a period of four continuous years in office. One of Moore's many contributions was acceptance of the role of coordinator for the Auburn clinical and teaching program in speech pathology and audiology.

J. Buckminster Ranney came to Auburn in 1957 to direct an established clinical and teaching program. Ranney's direction moved the program of clinical service beyond the confines of the University campus. The first of three county health center Speech and Hearing Clinics was begun in 1960; consultant service to the Alabama School for the Deaf in 1963; and consultant service to the Tuskegee Veterans Hospital in 1965.

The audiology clinical and teaching program for Auburn University was initiated by Cruz C. Hardigree in 1958. Hardigree made meaningful the title that had been in use for several years—Speech and Hearing Clinic. Hardigree's contacts with the hearing aid dealers throughout Alabama anticipated the program currently in force for selected state agencies.

The clinical program in speech pathology and audiology on the campus and at off-campus centers was served by Patrick M. O'Neil in 1961 and Judith G. Dasheil in 1962.

Edward C. Hutchinson's appointment "in 1963 marked the first year of the audiology and speech pathology graduate study program for Auburn University. Hutchinson developed a sequence of seminar studies for speech pathology which forms the core of the masters program. Hutchinson, as have others before him, served Alabama as an officer in SHAA. A program of special assistance for non-native speakers of English was given direction and purpose when Peter B. Mueller joined the faculty in 1964.

The present clinical and teaching faculty includes Moore, Ranney, Clairanne K. Daniel (1966), Phyllis P. Phillips (1966) and James W. Ouzts (1967). The course program leads to the masters degree in audiology and speech pathology. The clinical program provides service on campus; at the Chambers, Lee and Russell County Health Centers; at the Alabama School for the Deaf; and at the Tuskegee Veterans Hospital.

A University clinical teaching program in audiology and speech pathology, in counter distinction to a service program, exists to provide for the student professional study opportunities. Auburn University graduates in audiology and speech pathology are professionals who are serving the needs of hearing and speech handicapped children and adults in Alabama, the southeast, and even a few throughout other sections of the United States.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY, AUDIOLOGY AND AUBURN UNIVERSITY should conclude with and reiterate the special services provided to SHAA and Alabama by William P. Dome', Donald A. Harrington, Edward C. Hutchinson, Mary Virginia Moore, and J. Buckminster Ranney of the Auburn University Faculty.

The History of the Hearing and Speech Clinic of the Medical College of Alabama

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In 1948, the Junior League of Birmingham undertook as their project the establishment of a program devoted to the education of the deaf and the improvement of speech disorders. After several years of operation, the need for improved diagnosis of the many communication disorders presented by the students was recognized. The Junior League approached the Medical College of Alabama with the suggestion that a diagnostic clinic be established under the administration of the Medical College with the Junior League providing financial support. The Dean of the Medical College, Dr. Robert Berson, and Dr. Frank Moody, chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology, searched for an audiologist and their efforts led to my appointment in June 1956. Previous to this appointment, I had been Director of Audiology and responsible for the education of the deaf at the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas.

By October 1956, initial equipment and staff had arrived and the Hearing and Speech Clinic which was located in the old Salvation Army building at 7th Avenue and 18th Street South, served its first patient.

Financial support for the establishment of the Hearing and Speech Clinic and its first year of operation was provided by the Junior League of Birmingham, the Rotary Club of Birmingham, the Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults, the Alabama State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency and the Medical College of Alabama.

In addition to myself, the initial staff was composed of Dr. John Paul, Director of Speech Pathology, who came from the University of Mississippi, Mr. Robert Harrison, Clinical Audiologist and Miss Floy Stone, speech therapist.

From this humble beginning in 1956, the staff expanded from three professional staff members and part-time secretary to a program that in 1967 employed nine professional personnel, three secretaries and two receptionists. The growth in personnel in this ten year period is reflected in the expansion of services provided. The table below presents an illustration of the increase in services provided Birmingham and the state of Alabama.

| | 1956-57 | 1965-66 |
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| Audiological Services | 540 | 2105 |
| Speech Evaluations | 164 | 732 |
| One-half hour therapy sessions | 574 | 5258 |

In the ten year period from 1956 - 1966, the Hearing and Speech Clinic performed over 11,000 audiological tests, over 4500 speech assessments, and more than 45,500 therapy sessions of one-half hour.

Throughout the ten years of its existence, the Hearing and Speech Clinic had vital support financially from the Junior League of Birmingham and its successor, the Alabama Foundation for Hearing and Speech; the Rotary Club of Birmingham? and the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration.

One of the highlights of the development of the Hearing and Speech Clinic occurred in December of 1963 when the unit moved from its original quarters to the 18th Street wing of the Spain Rehabilitation Center. The 7,000 square feet of floor space more than doubled the space available in the old quarters. Modern office furniture and equipment was provided. The Hearing and Speech Clinic was indebted to the Junior League of Birmingham which through the Alabama Foundation for Hearing and Speech provided fifty thousand dollars matching funds which enabled the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration to contribute to the construction of the new quarters. The Rotary Club of Birmingham provided the funds

to match those of VRA to purchase additional audiometric equipment so that in 1965 a third audiometric testing suite was installed.

The quality and extent of the services rendered by the Speech and Hearing Clinic are the result of the foresight, planning and dedication of several key members of the staff. In mentioning them, one must realize that their cohorts played an important role in the growth of this clinic.

To Dr. Don A. Olson, who replaced Dr. John Paul as Director of Speech Pathology in 1958 and who served in this capacity until 1964, must be given considerable credit for the development of the program in speech pathology. Mrs* Loretta G. Brown was appointed Supervisor of Speech Pathology upon his resignation in 1964 and continued his fine work.

Mr. Griffith Brackett, Instructor in Audiology on the Medical College staff and Supervisor of Audiological Services, in 1954 replaced Mr. Robert Harrison as clinical audiologist. Much of the credit for the quality and quantity of audiological services must be given to him. Mrs. Margaret Perritt, recognized for her excellent contributions to the speech pathology program, served for a number of years before resigning in 1966 to become a member of the faculty at Atlanta University. In 1960 she presented a series of 35 one-quarter hour speech improvement sessions on Alabama Educational Television. This series was very well received. She also served as Language Consultant to the Opportunity Center School for Trainable Retarded Children. Mrs. Loretta Brown continued the work with the speech improvement series on Education Television which she taped with the Alabama Foundation for Hearing and Speech underwriting the expense of taping the 66 one-quarter hour lessons.

The influence of the Hearing and Speech Clinic through its staff members assisted other related programs in their development. Dr. John Paul was active in the initiation of the program for aphasoid children. His initial efforts were furthered by Dr. Don Olson who served as consultant and on the Board of the Alabama Foundation to Aid Aphasoid Children. Dr. Olson was quite active as a Board member of the Opportunity Center School for Trainable Retarded Children. One of his activities for this group was that of chairman of the Building Committee. Both Dr. Olson and I served as consultants to the Alabama Foundation for Hearing and Speech, the Birmingham Public Schools, Spastic Aid of Alabama, and the Huntsville Rehabilitation Center. My service as consultant to the audiology programs at the Mobile Rehabilitation Center has been enjoyed.

In 1960 the audiology section began a program of cooperation with the Birmingham Public Schools Hearing Conservation Program. The function of the Hearing and Speech Clinic was to perform diagnostic audiometry

on all children who failed the audiometric screen in the school system. This program is now in its eighth year.

Mrs. Marvilyn Barrett, Speech Clinician, served as clinician and consultant to the Aphasoid School at Shades-Cahaba School for several years.

The Hearing and Speech Clinic in addition to serving private patients has provided an audiological and speech program for numerous private and governmental agencies. Such a list of agencies include: the Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Veterans Administration Hospital, State Crippled Children's Services, American Cancer Society, the Aphasoid School, the Opportunity Center School, and others. In 1965 intercampus cooperation was initiated between the Hearing and Speech Clinic and the Department of Speech at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. The objective of this cooperation was to broaden the background of the students majoring in audiology and speech pathology. Joint appointments were made to the appropriate departments on each campus. In this same year, the Hearing and Speech Clinic began a formal program of research under VRA - 19 grant to the University of Alabama Medical Center.

Dr. Gwenyth R. Vaughn came to the Hearing and Speech Clinic in the fall of 1965. Her appointment was Associate Professor of Speech Pathology and Assistant Director in charge of Research and Training.

In March 1966 the Hearing and Speech Clinic was reorganized into separate units. Dr. Vaughn was appointed the Head of the Section of Speech Pathophysiology in the Division of Otolaryngology and Director of the Speech and Language Clinic. I was designated as Head of the Section of Audiology in the Division of Otolaryngology and Director of the Hearing Clinic.

In summary, the Hearing and Speech Clinic developed an extensive program of clinical service for those communicatively handicapped by speech, language and hearing disorders; entered into the education of physicians, audiologists and speech pathologists; assisted the development of related programs in the community and the state; and in the last two years of its existence began a formal research program.

In looking to the future, much is expected of both the Section of Audiology and the Section of Speech Pathology as service, training, and research activities will be expanded to meet the needs of the population with disorders of communication.