

SCHOOL BRIEFS

MU professor co-authors paper

Grace Fisher, Ed.D., O.T.R./L., associate professor and interim chair of occupational therapy at Misericordia University, had a grounded theory paper that she co-wrote with Anita Hotchkiss, M.S., O.T.R./L., accepted for publication in Occupational Therapy for Health Care Journal.

The report, "A Model of Occupational Empowerment for Marginalized Populations in Community Environments," describes a theoretical model they developed after working at a homeless shelter for women and children. The model proposes the

potential power of occupation or purposeful activity in helping individuals overcome learned helplessness syndrome.

Dr. Fisher and Hotchkiss contend that, through involvement in valued activities with the guidance of an occupational therapist, people may reverse the learned helplessness cycle and live more productive lives.

They will also present the paper in October at the 30th Annual Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association Conference in Harrisburg.

Dr. Fisher has a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Wilkes University and a post-baccalaureate certificate of proficiency in occupational therapy. She also has a master's degree in human services administration from Misericordia University and a doctorate in educational administration from Temple University.

Dr. Fisher and her husband, John, live in Dallas.



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LEGION HONORS SCOUT



Dallas Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 recently presented a plaque to Brian Ghezzi Scout Troop #232 Gate of Heaven for redoing a sign honoring veterans which had fallen into disrepair. Senior Vice Commander John Emil Sr. presented the plaque. Don Ghezzi is the Troop Scoutmaster.

You can be a 'Penn Stater' for a day at this special program

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Admissions office has announced the dates for its "Penn Stater" for a Day program.

All high school juniors and seniors thinking about college are invited to visit the University on from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1, or Wednesday, Oct. 24.

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