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DULUTH--Mrs. Carol Chesney McRandle, first graduate of the UMD Speech and Hearing Clinic to win a research fellowship(Purdue,1958), has been asked to deliver her master's thesis before the 1961 American Speech and Hearing Association convention in November in Chicago.

Mrs. McRandle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Chesney of 901 Minneapolis Ave., Duluth. Her husband James McRandle, a former Duluthian, is professor of East-European history at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

With the encouragement of her college advisor Dr. Robert F. Pierce, director of UMD's Speech and Hearing Clinic, Carol applied for and received the highly-competitive research fellowship at the famed Purdue clinic. She was told she had outrun several top graduate science students.

She has worked in the areas of the brain damaged child and delayed speech under Dr. Max D. Steer, clinic director, and her graduate advisor Dr. T. D. Hanley, assistant director. When she acquires her doctorate she will be invited to become an official member of Purdue's research team in speech pathology.

Subject of Mrs. McRandle's master's thesis is a comparison of the performance and test scores of delayed-speech children with "normal speaking" children. Her doctoral research, well underway, concerns measurement of the minute electrical potentials of brain tissue and their relation to speech.

As a young girl, Carol Chesney herself suffered from a speech handicap--stuttering. Finding release through the dedicated therapy of professionals and teachers led her to enter UMD's growing speech and hearing program. She later assisted in its lip-reading and stuttering groups.

Mrs. McRandle says she is glad that her interest began with a personal handicap. She mentions a new sensitivity to people and a greater knowledge of life itself . . . "it's good therapy for the therapist."