



A Letter from the Department Chair

by Diana Godish, Department Chair

Dear Alumni and Friends,

In this issue we are proud to introduce our newest tenure-line faculty member, Dr. Marie Kelly-Worden, a neurophysiologist. With the addition of basic human anatomy and physiology courses as requirements for Health Science majors and the growing interest in our Allied Health Science programs, Dr. Kelly-Worden has been invaluable in helping the Department meet the expanding demand for these courses. We have been pleased to have Marie, husband Brian, and son Samuel (5 months) join our "family".

In the last newsletter, you learned of faculty and student involvement in the London Centre. Another study abroad opportunity available to students is found in the Australia Centre, directed during Fall 2005 by our own Dr. David Marini (see page 2).

Also on page 2, learn about some of the applied health education activities being directed through our department. Alumni have been heavily involved in three major, statewide health promotion projects: Smokefree Indiana, Hepatitis C Surveillance, and Alliance for Health Promotion, all currently directed by Dr. Jeffrey Clark.

We would like to share an update on the annual Alumni Phonathon and the much-appreciated year-round generosity of our alumni, friends, and former faculty members who enable us to provide scholarships, professional enrichment opportunities, and access to up-to-date equipment for our current students. These would not happen without your help (see page 3).

Finally, as of Fall 2005, the Department has been fortunate to have the assistance of an Advisory Committee composed of both alumni and non-alumni actively involved in Community Health, School Health Education, and Anatomy

and Physiology aspects of the Department.

The purpose of this committee is to promote the advancement of the Department in a variety of ways, including providing input on what practicing professionals view as desirable in graduates and thereby influencing curriculum; providing a forum for the consideration of problems and issues pertaining to our mission and goals; and being involved in recruitment and funding for the Department.

If you know any of these people (below), please join us in thanking them for helping us provide our students with the best possible preparation for life after graduation.

2005-2006 Advisory Committee

Charity Bishop, President*

(Regional Director, Alzheimer's Association)

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(Director, Smokefree Indiana)

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(Health Teacher, Delta Middle School)

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(Administrator, Delaware Co. Health Dept.)

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(Scientific Communication Associate, Eli Lilly & Co.)

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(Director, Chronic Disease, IN State Health Dept.)

*alumni

Dr. Dave Marini Teaches “Down Under”

Now in its eighth semester, Ball State University’s Australia Centre takes students abroad to study in Lennox Head, Australia. Dr. Dave Marini was privileged to serve as both Director and teacher at the Centre during Fall Semester, 2005.

Students were treated to a variety of new experiences including a visit with a naturopathic professional, sightseeing in Sydney, touring the National Sports Institute where Australian Olympians train, and a stop at an Aboriginal village.

While in Australia, Dr. Marini taught Personal Health (HSC 160). One assignment given to students involved preparing a meal traditional to one of the three major ethnic groups found in Australia. Students were then asked to break down the health benefits and risks associated with each chosen dish. Dr. Marini also took advantage of new technologies here at Ball State University by



having Emeritus Faculty Dr. Wayne Payne, co-author of the students’ textbook, conduct some classes from the campus in Muncie. Using the Global Media Network, Dr. Payne engaged the class in discussions and assignments ranging from interviewing local community members on personal wellness lifestyles to gathering information on resources available for health education.

Grants 101: An Update on Current Grants

Since 1996, the Department of Physiology and Health Science has been a leader at Ball State University in total dollars received through external grants. Three of the most notable grants, Smokefree Indiana, Hepatitis C Surveillance, and the Alliance for Health Promotion, have been major successes due to the efforts of two faculty members, Drs. Jim McKenzie and Jeff Clark. Their efforts can be seen in the more than ten million dollars awarded to the Department in the last ten years. Here’s a quick glance into these three grants and what is on the horizon for each.

Smokefree Indiana

In 1996, the State Health Department contracted with the Department of Physiology and Health Science for what was then called Indiana ASSIST. With help from many of you, our department made Smokefree Indiana into the successful operation it is today. Almost ten years later, Smokefree Indiana continues to grow, with six employees working in our Indianapolis office. This year Smokefree Indiana hopes to introduce “Quit Line,”

a phone resource that will help state residents stop smoking.

Hepatitis C Surveillance

The Hepatitis C Surveillance grant was awarded to the Department by the Indiana State Health Department for data collection on current cases of hepatitis C as well as prevention efforts. To date, this grant has resulted in publications on the Indiana State Health Department website, funding for graduate assistantship positions, and presentations at conferences.

Alliance for Health Promotion

Alliance for Health Promotion is a grant focusing on the health and fitness of Marion County residents. The grant assesses and assists tobacco control efforts, while providing education on healthy lifestyles for members of the local community. Based in Indianapolis, this grant is also affiliated with the “America on the Move” campaign and recently co-sponsored Governor Mitch Daniels’ “IN Shape Indiana” efforts.

2005 Department Phonathon Update

The College's annual Alumni Phonathon was held in late September. As always, our faculty enjoyed visiting with you. Some wonderful memories were recalled and shared during the evening. Despite Katrina and other disaster giving, the Department appreciates the generosity you have displayed in supporting our programs.

Including the Phonathon, the Department has received more than \$3700 to date in gifts from alumni and friends. More than \$1000 of this was designated for direct support of current students through our various scholarships and awards (see below). Your donations also help provide our students with professional enrichment opportunities (e.g., conference attendance and the Department's biennial Professional Day, to be held this year on April 13th) and help keep our instructional equipment up-to-date.



Dr. Bill Bock and Dr. Dale Hahn cheerfully speak with alumni during the Department's Phonathon.

Your contribution to the Department can make a difference.

Even the smallest contribution can increase the amount the Department has to give in student scholarships and research support. If you would like to give to any of the funds that support the Department of Physiology and Health Science, you may do so online, over the phone, or through the mail.

To give online, visit www.alumniconnections.com/donate/ball_state. To give by mail or over the phone, contact the Ball State University Foundation, P.O. Box 672, Muncie, IN 47306 or (765) 285-8312. In all cases, please include the name and account number of the fund you wish your contribution to support. A list of the Foundation Fund Accounts for the Department appears below.

If you are interested in establishing a new fund, please contact the Office of University Development at (765) 285-8261.

General Fund (6901)

Public Health Entomology Laboratory Research Fund (6904)

Health Science Faculty Scholarship Award For Academic Excellence (6952)

Physiology and Health Science Research (6916)

Physiology and Health Science General Scholarship (6950)

Charles R. Carroll Health Education Scholarship (6955)

Raymond E. Henzlik Physiology and Anatomy Research Award (6917)

Wilma Bartels Henzlik Physiology Scholarship (6957)

Herb Jones Health Education Scholarship (6956)

McKenzie-Walkup Scholarships (6958)

Elizabeth A. Neilson and George H. Neilson Scholarship (6953)

Homer D. Paschall Outstanding Anatomy and/or Physiology Graduate Assistant Award (6954)

Warren E. Schaller Scholarship (6960)

Russell E. Siverly Research Memorial Award (6951)

Zeberl Family Health Education Scholarship (6959)

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Focus on Faculty: Marie Kelly-Worden



Dr. Marie Kelly-Worden, who joined our faculty in 2004, has enabled the Department to meet the growing demand for courses in basic anatomy and physiology. With her Ph.D. training in neuro-biology (Wayne State University) and several years of research experience in the field, she has brought a focused opportunity for

graduate and under-graduate students to gain deeper insight into nervous system function through both research and advanced classroom experiences.

Dr. Kelly-Worden came to the Department from Wayne State University School of Medicine. While at Wayne State, her research investigated neuronal and secretory proteins believed to be involved in fusion of nerve cell membranes. Results of her

work have been published in numerous national and international journals.

Dr. Kelly-Worden's research at Ball State University is currently supported by a grant through the Lilly Foundation and focuses on the effects of an antibody produced by humans infected with streptococcus bacteria on the brain.

