



A Letter from the Department Chair

by Diana Godish, Department Chair

Dear alumni and friends,

Much has happened in the Department since the last newsletter. At our annual Honors and Awards banquet, we recognized the achievements of 24 students, awarding over \$6,000 in scholarships, and honored recipients of the Outstanding Alumnus and the Outstanding Organization/Agency Awards (pg. 2).

Our biennial Health Science Professional Day, attended by 50 students, was acclaimed a success by attendees (below).

Dr. Connie Weaver, the 2006 McGovern Award winner, shared nutrition and osteoporosis information with an appreciative audience of over

one-hundred and fifty students, faculty, and community residents of varied backgrounds (pg. 4).

April found 22 new members of Alpha Chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, their families, and faculty celebrating at the Initiation Banquet, held in the Alumni Center. (pg. 3)

Several students are now actively engaged in public health research involving ticks and the diseases they transmit (for more information visit our website, www.bsu.edu/physiology-health/).

This summer, Dr. Larry Ganion will be retiring after 35 years of teaching a variety of Anatomy and Physiology courses. More about Dr. Ganion and the scholarship established in his honor may be found on page 3.

Health Science Professional Day 2006

Over 50 students and 25 alumni, faculty, and volunteers participated in the Department's Health Science Professional Day on April 13. The keynote speaker was Rick Rowray, CEO of the Youth Opportunity Center in Muncie, IN. His recommendations for achieving success were frequently supported at the discussion groups which followed, at which alumni and volunteers shared personal experiences and answered student questions about the following areas: Worksite Health, Clinical Health, Community/Public Health, School Health, and Graduate School.

In addition to providing students with valuable professional information and insights, Professional Day is an opportunity for them to learn, first-hand, how our alumni progressed from HSC 200 to full time employment. We were privileged to have the following alumni return for this year's event: Beth Muhlenkamp '05, Katie Hadley '04, Jenni Flanagan '00, Julie Day '99, John Velasquez '99, Charity Bishop '97, Jeff Barber '89, and Sue Paul '76.



Students Ashley Pharr and Carrie Denniston (left) discuss a panel presentation that was part of Professional Day. Keynote speaker Rick Rowray (right) kicked off the event with his "Top Ten Ways to Have a Successful Career."

16th Annual Honors and Awards Dinner

Members of the department, students, guests, and emeriti faculty were on hand for the 16th annual Honors and Awards dinner on March 26. Twenty-four graduate and undergraduate students were recognized for their achievements and were awarded more than \$6000 in scholarships.

This year's recipient of the Outstanding External Organization/Agency Award was the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). For more than 30 years, the ISDH has provided guest speakers for a variety of classes and seminars, as well as invaluable experiences for our students through internships and on-the-job training.

We also recognized the achievements of two alumni, Jeff Barber ('89) and Steve Bohnenblust ('72), by presenting them with the 2006 Outstanding Alumnus Award. As coordinator of Indiana's Safe and Drug-Free Schools program, Dr. Barber serves as liaison between the Department of Education and the directors of the nine education service regions.

Dr. Steve Bohnenblust is currently Professor of Health Science at the Minnesota State University-Mankato and serves as Faculty Association President there. He has authored text books and numerous journal articles, and held offices within AAHPERD, MAHPERD and the national Eta Sigma Gamma honorary.



2006 Honors and Awards Recipients

HEALTH SCIENCE FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Heather M. Hofherr

SHERRI HITTSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer L. Meyer

ROBERT H. AND ESTHER L. COOPER SCIENCE AWARD

Erica E. Gorden

WARREN E. SCHALLER SCHOLARSHIP

Christine A. Watters

OUTSTANDING GRADUATING HEALTH SCIENCE SENIOR

Kristin M. Bogue

McKENZIE-WALKUP INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Rebecca N. Shilling

McKENZIE-WALKUP BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Justin R. Morin

HERB JONES SCHOLARSHIP

Justin R. Morin

ELIZABETH A. NELSON AND

GEORGE H. NELSON SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer L. Strodel

ZEBERL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Lindsey L. Spaulding

CHARLES R. CARROLL HEALTH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Christine A. Watters

RAYMOND E. HENZLIK PHYSIOLOGY AND

ANATOMY RESEARCH AWARD

Brent Laskia

RUSSELL E. SIVERLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Stephanie M. Dearth

HOMER D. PASCHALL OUTSTANDING

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

GRADUATE ASSISTANT AWARD

Kristin C. MacIntyre

INDIANA SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC

TECHNOLOGISTS' SCHOLARSHIPS

*Katie Barnhart, Ryan Buckalew, Lindsay Gelhaus
Rachel Kleifgen, Emily Martino, Nicole Mashino
Emily Trenkamp, Ashley Walls, Frances Williams*

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Carrie Denniston, Jill A. Carmony, Tikisa L. Walker

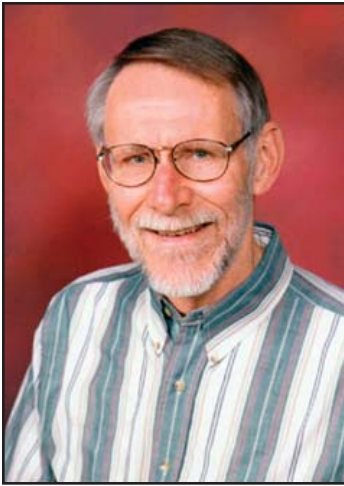
OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

Jeff Barber, Steve Bohnenblust

OUTSTANDING EXTERNAL ORGANIZATION/AGENCY AWARD

Indiana State Department of Health

Focus on Faculty: Larry Ganion Retires



Many alumni and friends of Ball State University have experienced Dr. Larry Ganion's dedicated attitude and friendly smile. You may be among the more than 1,100 students who have taken one of his anatomy or physiology courses.

His fellow faculty members consider him dependable, supportive and very reliable. Dr. Robert Pinger had this to say: "Dr. Larry Ganion has been an enthusiastic researcher and an outstanding teacher throughout his 35-year career. He was generous with his time, and did not hesitate to become involved in the service needs of the department, college, and university. His friendly smile and positive attitude will be missed by all."

One alumnus has shared that "Dr. Ganion's passion for science and teaching was an inspiration for me as a

student and now as a colleague. As a researcher, he showed me and countless others the power of using microscopy as a research tool to answer fundamental questions. Dr. Ganion was more than just an inspiring teacher and researcher in the department. He also served as a counselor, mediator, mentor, sympathetic ear, advisor, part-time comedian....the list could go on. Perhaps this is why when a "Ganion test" was upcoming you wanted to do well not only for personal reasons, but also to not disappoint such a dedicated professor." - Derron Bishop, Ph.D., ('95).

As a lasting tribute to a gentleman who has helped to shape the professional lives of so many, the Larry and Donna Ganion Scholarship fund (#6961) has been established to help future health professionals reach their goals by annually recognizing, by means of a scholarship, the outstanding academic ability of one or more incoming graduate assistants in Anatomy and Physiology. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund (#6961), send a check to the Ball State University Foundation, P.O. Box 672, Muncie, IN, 47308; indicate the fund name and number.

Eta Sigma Gamma Initiates 22 Members

Twenty-two students were initiated into Eta Sigma Gamma at the Induction Banquet on April 22. This year's class is the largest in Alpha Chapter's 39-year history. Josh Gibson, '05-'06 Chapter President, has said he appreciated the dedication to service and fundraising this class exhibited.

Dr. Bill Bock, one the national honorary's founders and current Alpha Chapter faculty advisor, presided over the event. The keynote speaker was BSU alumna Maria K. Malayer, Ph.D. ('89), Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, National-Louis University.

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 make a contribution to any of the Department's scholarships, please contact us at (765) 285-5961 or, for a complete list of Department Fund accounts, visit us online at www.bsu.edu/physiology-health/giving.

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Connie M. Weaver Receives 2006 McGovern Award

Connie M. Weaver, Ph.D., was selected by the Ball State University Department of Physiology and Health Science to receive the 2006 McGovern Award. Her February lecture, entitled “Calcium and Bone Health in Adolescents,” was attended by more than 150 students, faculty, and community members.



Dr. Weaver is Distinguished Professor and Head of the Department of Foods & Nutrition at Purdue University. In 2000, she also became Director of a National Institutes of Health-funded Botanical Center

to study dietary supplements containing polyphenolics for age-related diseases. She has been a member of the National Academy of Sciences Food and Nutrition Board Panel charged with developing new recommendations for requirements for calcium and related minerals.

Dr. Weaver's name will be added to the list of distinguished McGovern Award recipients which includes former Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop, Dr. Henry Heimlich, Robert Bazell of NBC News, and Dr. J. Michael McGinnis.

The McGovern Award is made possible through the generosity of Dr. John P. McGovern, an internationally known pediatric allergist and founder of the McGovern Allergy Clinic of Houston.