



## A Letter from the Department Chair

by *Dr. Robert R. Pinger, Chair*  
*Department of Physiology and Health Science*

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As I write, I can tell you that the campus looks beautiful today. While some of the flowering trees have passed their peak, many others are still blooming. The grass is green and flowers are blooming everywhere. Today is the Monday following spring commencement and it always saddens me to think that just when the campus is at its most beautiful, our students have left for summer jobs, vacations, and other activities. Those of us who remain are able to enjoy the beauty throughout the summer. Please consider a visit to campus and to the Department if you are in the Muncie area this

summer.

In this issue we proudly share with you news of our Spring Honors and Awards Banquet, photos of the semi-annual "School Health Fair," development plans, and the names of those who have recently contributed to department scholarship funds or other funds. We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

Finally, please remember to visit our Website to see an electronic copy of this newsletter and more photos. You may also want to look at the "Where are they now?" section; just click on the Alumni and Friends link to locate an old friend or former classmate. While you are there, please take the time to fill out your own form. The URL for the Website is <http://web.bsu.edu/physiology/>.

Have a great summer.

## Department Launches *Quest for Excellence*

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During the 2003-2004 academic year, the Department will conduct a development effort to raise the level of giving from faculty, students, alumni, and friends. This *Quest for Excellence* officially begins with this announcement, but there has already been much discussion about the initiative here in the Department. Its goals include: 1) strengthening our student scholarship and awards program, 2) funding a career day for our majors, 3) creating more professional travel experiences for our students, and 4) sponsoring an annual alumni social event. We would also like to establish a distinguished professorship, a distinguished graduate student assistantship award, a digital imaging center, and an endowed research fund for the Public Health Entomology Laboratory.

We hope to accomplish these goals by doubling the number of donors and increasing the total amount donated by 10 percent over previous years. Both of these goals are attainable and I am asking for your help to reach them.

We have a Department that you can be proud of. Let me share with you some of the recent accomplishments of our department. Over the past five years, we have strengthened our programs while maintaining a student enrollment that includes 132 health science majors, 52 health science minors, 31 associate in science program enrollees, and 24 graduate students. We have increased the educational opportunities for our students by adding three new courses (computer applications, stress management, and work site health promotion), developing two new minors

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# Honors and Awards presented at 13th Banquet



**Outstanding Alumnus, Neal Hazen, addresses the audience at the 13th Annual Honors and Awards Banquet.**

On Sunday, April 13, the Department celebrated another year of successful students and faculty at the Thirteenth Annual Department of Physiology and Health Science Honors and Awards Banquet. A total of 14 awards and scholarships were given to undergraduate and graduate students, and 1986 graduate Neal Hazen was honored with the Outstanding Alumnus award.

Neal, who is now Head Athletic Trainer for Intercollegiate Athletics at Ball State, spoke to the audience of nearly 75 department faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and friends. He fondly remembered his time studying in the Department and the many faculty members whose classes he took and whom he has worked with over the years.

A list of the awards and scholarships and their recipients follows. For more information about each award and recipient, as well as photos of the event, visit the online version of the newsletter at <http://web.bsu.edu/physiology/newsletter>.

**Sherri Hittson Memorial Scholarship:** Awarded to **Michelle Wolker**

**Robert H. & Esther L. Cooper Science Award:** Awarded to **Stacie Bechinski**

**Warren E. Schaller Scholarship:** Awarded to **Lisa G. Smith**

**Outstanding Graduating Senior & Health Science Faculty Scholarships:** Awarded to **Erin L. Brown**

**McKenzie-Walkup Book Scholarship:** Awarded to **Anne Taylor & Stephanie G. Woodcox**

**Herb Jones Health Education Scholarship:** Awarded to **Lisa G. Smith**

**Elizabeth A. Neilson & George H. Neilson Scholarship:** Awarded to **Peggy J. Chute**

**Zeberl Family Scholarship:** Awarded to **Erin L. Brown**

**Charles R. Carroll Health Education Scholarship:** Awarded to **Chandra S. Larson**

**Raymond E. Henzlik Physiology & Anatomy Research Award:** Awarded to **J. Ryan Bence**

**Russell E. Siverly Memorial Scholarship:** Awarded to **Chris Rennaker**

**Homer D. Paschall Outstanding Anatomy & Physiology Graduate Assistant Award:** Awarded to **Matthew R. DiStasi**

**Gamman of the Year:** Awarded to **Carrie Stephen**

**Outstanding Alumnus:** Awarded to **Mr. Neal A. Hazen**



**Top Row (left to right): Chandra Larson, Erin Brown, Chris Rennaker, Ryan Bence, Peggy Chute, and Neal Hazen.**  
**Bottom Row (left to right): Lisa Smith, Stacie Bechinski, Anne Taylor, Stephanie Woodcox, Carrie Stephen, and Matt DiStasi.**

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(community health education and environmental health), and adding a new baccalaureate program in respiratory therapy.

Our faculty are enthusiastic teacher-scholars who are effective classroom teachers and respected researchers. This past year, our faculty has published 22 books and articles, made 21 presentations at professional meetings, and were awarded \$1,570,652 in grants. We continue to be one of the most respected departments on the Ball State campus and beyond. We remain a student-oriented department through our one-on-one advising, full-time internships for all majors, student scholarships, and professional activities. We house the National Headquarters for *Eta Sigma Gamma* and its Alpha Chapter.

This summer you will receive a letter asking you to help us achieve our goals. Please help us make the Department of Physiology and Health Science even stronger through a financial gift. Thank you.

## Donors Help Department Achieve 'Margin of Excellence'

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On behalf of the entire Department, I want to publicly express my appreciation to those who have given, or pledged to give, to one or more of the Department's scholarship, research, or other accounts during the past year. Your gifts are greatly appreciated and help us achieve that "margin of excellence."

I thank Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bohnenblust, Dr. Becci Brey, Mr. Brent C. Bruot, Dr. Charles R. Carroll, Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Clark, Ms. Gloria Courtright, Mrs. Susan R. Donahoe, Mrs. Ruth Ann Duncan, Ms. Vivie Dunn, Mrs. Ruth Evans, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Ganion, Mrs. Shelba Hayes, Dr. Raymond Henzlik, Dr. and Mrs. James McKenzie, Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Payne, Dr. and Mrs. Homer Paschall, and Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wantz.

## BSU Foundation Fund Accounts for Physiology and Health Science

- #6901 General Fund:** Use of the funds in this account is unrestricted. It is sometimes used to enable guests to attend the awards banquet.
- #6903 McGovern Lecture Series:** This endowed account funds the annual McGovern lecture.
- #6904 Public Health Entomology Lab:** This fund supports Public Health Entomology Laboratory research.
- #6916 Physiology/Health Science Research:** This fund supports the purchase of lab equipment for students.
- #6917 Henzlik Physiology/Anatomy Research:** Supports the research project of a physiology masters degree student.
- #6950 Physiology/Health Science General Scholarship:** This is an unrestricted scholarship fund.
- #6951 Siverly Memorial Scholarship:** Supports/rewards student research in public health entomology.
- #6952 HSC Faculty Scholarships:** Scholarship for Health and Safety teaching major/minor or HSC major/minor.
- #6953 Neilson Scholarship:** This fund supports a graduate student specializing in the promotion of comprehensive health information through education.
- #6954 Paschall Scholarship:** This fund rewards an anatomy and physiology G.A. for excellence in teaching.
- #6955 Carroll Health Education Scholarship:** This fund provides a scholarship for a health science graduate student.
- #6956 Jones Health Education Scholarship:** This fund provides a scholarship for a sophomore or junior health science major.
- #6957 Wilma Bartels Henzlik Scholarship:** This fund provides assistance to students in physiology.
- #6958 McKenzie-Walkup Book Scholarship:** This scholarship provides textbook money for one or more Health and Safety or HSC majors (junior or senior).
- #6959 Zeberl Family Scholarship:** This fund provides at least one scholarship for students in community health science; it can also provide administrative support for the internship program.

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## Success Once Again for Semiannual Health Fair

Once again, the Department's Elementary School Health Fair "went very well," said Mrs. Susan Clark, who organizes the Health Fair and teaches HSC 350, Elementary School Health Programs. "The projects are getting better and better," she said.

Nearly 450 elementary school students from seven to ten area schools attended the spring semester's day-long Health Fair on April 11 in the Student Center Ballroom.

Each semester, the approximately 200 BSU students who enroll in HSC 350 work in groups for six to eight weeks designing and creating booths for the Health Fair. The groups determine goals and objectives, create resource lists and content outlines, contact sponsors, and design visual displays. At each booth, elementary school students learn about topics like dental health, fire safety, and stranger danger; participate in activities; and receive "tokens" to take home to practice what they have learned. At this spring's fair one of the bicycle safety booths had a drawing and gave away bicycle helmets to a third grade girl from Albany Elementary and a third grade boy from Harrison Elementary.



Elementary school students enjoy the "No Smoking!" booth designed by Mallory Dzierla (pictured), Julie Gallo, Becky Groves, Ben Hofer, and Beth Skiba.



Mrs. Susan Clark presents bicycle helmets to winners Dakota Whittenburg (left) from Harrison Elementary School and Alicia Folkner (right) from Albany Elementary School.