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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIR *by Diana Godish*



Dear alumni and friends,

Fall semester has been an exciting one for many of our students. Those involved with our Smokefree Business Fellows since fall, 2006 (including several recent alumni) will see the fruits of their labors rewarded when

Ball State becomes a smoke-free campus next spring (pg. 2). Several others have gained valuable hands-on experience while participating in an on-going project aimed at improving diabetes management in the greater Muncie area (pg. 3). Senior Community Health major Katie Robertson was nationally honored by being selected to participate in a four-day student leadership development conference sponsored by AAHPERD (pg. 3).

You may also learn more about a “new” member of our capable office staff, Stephanie Brinley, who joined the department as Multimedia Specialist in late 2006 (pg. 4).

This past semester found faculty enjoying an informal, but informational, Family Weekend “Get-Together” with students and their families (please see below).

We are currently looking forward to seeing several of you this spring at our biennial Health Science Professional Day. Whether as a guest speaker to share with current students your real-world professional experience or through your financial support, you, our alumni and friends, are a truly valued asset. The department office door is always open (at least M-F, 8-5) for your visits—please stop by to see us when you are in Muncie.

Family Weekend Get-Together

A buffet breakfast, department tours, and more were shared by faculty, our students, and their families during Family Weekend. Among the activities in different classrooms were Dr. Dave Marini’s very popular demonstrations of some of the technology that our Health Science majors are using to develop health education materials. Dr. Linda VanScoder and Ms. Jan Johnson of our Respiratory Therapy program (in conjunction with Clarian Health, Indianapolis) provided lung capacity and blood oxygen saturation evaluations while Ms. Terrie Greenwalt was available to answer questions about the Radiography, Nuclear Medicine, and Radiation Therapy programs. Mrs. Susan Clark shared information about our internships and Business Fellows activities. Alpha chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, the health science honorary, was well represented by several student officers and faculty mentor, Dr. Becci Brey. There was also an opportunity to learn about departmental scholarships. We enjoyed connecting with our students and their families.

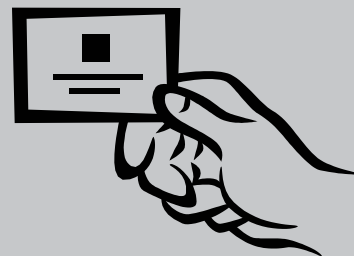


*Dr. Linda Van Scoder checks
a parent's blood oxygen level*

Alumni Business Cards Wanted

We want to let our students know what job options are available after graduation. Please mail us your business card to post on our bulletin board. Thanks!

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Ball State Campus Going Smoke-Free

As you may recall from news shared in 2006-07 newsletters, the Business Fellows groups mentored by Dr. Jeff and Mrs. Susan Clark have been working for nearly a year to make the Ball State campus smoke-free. On October 12, President Jo Ann Gora announced that this dream will become a reality immediately after Spring Break, 2008. This decision was made after much discussion and debate, with a majority of the Ball State community expressing their desire for a smoke-free campus. President Gora has now formed a Smoke-Free Campus Implementation Task Force which includes two of our faculty members, Drs. Jeff Clark and Jim McKenzie, and an undergraduate major, Tara Presley (senior). The task force will work to create an implementation policy to be submitted for approval by the President's Cabinet and the Board of Trustees.

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AAHPERD Leadership Conference *October 11-14*



Katie Robertson (bottom right) and her group

Katie Robertson, a Senior in Community Health Education, was selected to represent the department, BSU, and AAHE at the national AAHPERD Leadership Conference held in Estes Park, Colorado in October. Katie was one of only two students selected from a national pool to represent AAHE. She plans to share her experiences with other students and apply her new skills immediately. The department was very pleased to help support Katie's participation in this professional growth opportunity; it is the generosity of donors to our University Foundation general fund account (# 6901) that enabled us to assist Katie. Thank you.

It was a privilege to attend the AAHPERD Leadership Conference! We covered topics such as developing a career plan, becoming a leader, interviewing, listening skills, advocating, improving your departmental clubs, and putting your professional foot forward. One activity was a practice interview session with immediate feedback. This was very beneficial for preparing for a "real" job. I would like to thank everyone who made this trip possible. I learned so much about myself, my profession, my career, and how to apply leadership skills in the future. I am grateful that AAHE, the Department of Physiology and Health Science, and Ball State University believed in me and provided me with this opportunity. I was proud to represent them!

Katie Robertson

Students Work on Interdisciplinary Project to Benefit Surrounding Community



*Dr. Dave Marini, Scott Barker
& Maggie Ruemler*

Five undergraduate and graduate students, under the mentorship of Dr. Dave Marini, have collaborated with a project team that included Dr. Jim McKenzie; faculty, staff, and students from three other departments; and the staff from the Ball Memorial Hospital Family Medicine Clinic to develop a series of interactive educational videos dealing with diabetes and its management. These videos will be available for viewing by patients at the clinic. Diabetes was chosen for this initial project because of the large number of area residents diagnosed with the disease. The videos will allow patients to learn about diabetes at their own pace and enable them

to take a more active role in working with their physicians to manage their disease. A research component to evaluate effectiveness of the project is planned for spring, 2008.

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Spotlight on Staff: Stephanie Brinley



Mrs. Stephanie Brinley joined our department as Multimedia Specialist in October, 2006. With a BFA in Graphic Design from BSU ('03) and lifelong love of computers, she is an asset to the entire department. While wearing the graphic design hat, Stephanie has redesigned our graduate program recruitment materials, created promotional mailers for various events, and designed numerous faculty and student research posters for presentation at professional meetings. As our “go-to” person for tech support, she regularly helps us with software and hardware problems. Stephanie also updated and maintains our website and designs this newsletter!

The faculty and staff wish you and
your family a very happy and healthy
holiday season and new year.

