Dear alumni and friends,  

Over the course of the past several months, the department has been busy with a number of projects and changes. We have prepared for our annual Honors and Awards Banquet and the Spring McGovern Lecture, the department has continued its work on the Health Science graduate program, and regrettably Dr. and Mrs. Hahn have indicated their plans for retirement (3).

The Spring ’09 semester has been filled with many positive events. Several of our faculty have been recognized, many of our students were honored during the annual Honors & Awards Banquet held on April 19, and members of the department continue to challenge students and themselves as we pursue excellence in teaching, research, and service (3). Dr. James McKenzie was awarded the Warren Schaller Distinguished Service Award by the Indiana Society for Health Education. Dr. Bill Bock was honored with a scholarship in his name by American Cancer Society CEO John Seffrin. This endowed scholarship will benefit students in the Physiology & Health Science department for years to come. Also, the Department’s school health education program received “national recognition” by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The Honors & Awards banquet honored 17 students as recipients of more than $7,000 in scholarship support. The Delaware County Health Department, which has provided extensive support to both the students and faculty of this department for many years, was named the Outstanding External Organization. We also honored our Outstanding Alumni, Drs. Jodi Brookins-Fisher and David Marini. In addition, the three Indiana Society of Radiologic Technologists scholarships that are offered each year were awarded to BSU students (3). Congratulations to all.

Near the end of April, the department will host Graham Kerr, the Galloping Gourmet, as this year’s John P. McGovern Lecturer. In addition to presenting the McGovern Lecture, Mr. Kerr will also participate in judging Consumer Science students’ work and visit classes in our department.

The department has decided to create a graduate certificate program with online course offerings. These courses will allow a student to begin graduate classes through online delivery. The courses in the certificate program may then be applied to the graduate degree program at a later date if desired. Although much work needs to be completed before the certificate program can be offered, we hope to be able to begin the program in the fall of 2010.

We are always interested in what you are doing and where you are located. Please stay in touch and send us your contact information as you move through your career.

Best regards,

Jeff
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SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED HONORING DR. BILL BOCK
American Cancer Society CEO Dr. John Seffrin, alumni of the university and contributing member of the Ball State community, recently established the Dr. William Bock Scholarship in honor of Dr. Bill Bock, faculty member of the department. The scholarship was created to honor the former mentor and educator of Seffrin, stating that his “career would have taken a different path if [Dr. Bock] hadn’t been there to provide the right kind of encouragement and guidance.”

Bock has been a member of the faculty since 1965; he is also a co-founder of Eta Sigma Gamma, the health science honorary for students. Seffrin came to the university as an undergraduate in biology in 1966, later pursuing a master’s program in health science with the encouragement of Bock. “He goes the extra mile which makes all the difference,” Seffrin said. The endowed scholarship will benefit students studying physiology and health science.

ASHA RECOGNIZES BALL STATE FACULTY, ALUMNI FOR YEARS OF SERVICE
The American School Health Association honored several Ball State University faculty and alumni in their latest Pulse publication for 25 or more years of service to the organization. Faculty members Dr. Dale Hahn, Dr. Jim McKenzie, and alumni Kelly Alley, Richard Eberst, Richard Fopeano, and Barbara Rienzo were recognized for 25 to 34 years of service. Alumni John Seffrin, Molly Wantz, and faculty member Dave Marini were honored for 35 to 44 years of service, and retired faculty member Charles Carroll was recognized for 45 or more years of contribution. The members have assisted the American School Health Association in many areas and provided many years of support for school health.

FACULTY & STAFF HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE TO BALL STATE
Several faculty and staff members of the department were recognized for their years of service to the Ball State community. Dr. Marriana Zamlausk-Tucker, Dr. Martin Wood, Dr. Jeff Clark, and Susan Clark were recognized for 15 years of service, and Dr. Dale Hahn and Dr. Jim McKenzie were honored for their 30 and 20 years of service, respectively. Frank Griffith and Billie Kennedy were also honored for 30 years of service.

DR. DAVID MARINI RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS
Dr. David Marini, faculty member of the department, was the recipient of one of two Outstanding Alumni Awards at the Honors and Awards Banquet held on April 19, 2009. Marini received his MAE from Ball State in 1974 in health science and Public Health, and has been an instructor in the department since 1980.

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
We are currently collecting business cards of alumni to display in our department and need your help!

Showing students the vast array of opportunities in the fields of Physiology and Health Science, your business card will be posted in our department, along with many other alumni from across the country and around the world. All positions and areas are welcomed and appreciated!

THANK YOU.

MAIL YOUR BUSINESS CARD TO:
Business Card Collection
Dept. of Physiology & Health Science
Cooper Science Building, CL 325
Ball State University
Muncie, IN 47306

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS
Dale Hahn and his wife and fellow faculty member, Beth Hahn, will be retiring from the department at the end of the spring 2009 semester. Dale joined the Department of Physiology and Health Science in 1978, and after a brief leave to teach at Georgetown College in 1995, returned to Ball State to serve as chairperson of the department for three years. Beth joined the department in fall of 2003, also attending Ball State for her undergraduate and graduate work in health science.

Dale's principal focus in instruction has been with the department's Core Curriculum course, Health Science 160. By teaching three large sections of this course each year for 30 years, he has taught more than 20,000 Ball State undergraduates. He has been awarded both the Lawhead Teaching Award and the Excellence in Teaching Award. The Hahns have served as directors of the London Centre and the Australia Centre. Dale also has taken students to China, South Korea and Japan.

In retirement, Dale will continue writing, and Beth will work independently on worksite health projects. They also plan travel.

RADIOGRAPHY STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS
The Indiana Society of Radiologic Technologists recognized three Ball State Allied Health students in radiography. Jacinda Tommila, Samantha Frazier and Lisa Wymer received scholarships based on their success in radiological study, GPA, and professional membership. The students study radiography in conjunction with Clarian Health, with clinical labs held at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

HONORS & AWARDS PROGRAM
The annual Honors and Awards Program was held on April 19, 2009, recognizing both students and alumni for their achievements in the areas of physiology and health science. Each year, the department selects students to receive awards created by distinguished alumni, honored health science and physiology societies and associations, awarding students with over $7,000 in scholarships. Dr. Jodi Brookins-Fisher and Dr. David Marini were recipients of the 2009 Outstanding Alumni Award. Look for more information about the Honors and Awards Program in the next issue.