

Perspective

School of Physical Education Newsletter

Fall 2006

Burdette Tops All-Time Victory Mark at WVU



Linda Burdette

School of Physical Education alumna Linda Burdette (B.S. '71, M.S. '73) has set goals and achieved them all her life. One of her achievements has been maintaining a sense of tradition and pride in the gymnastics program at West Virginia University. Her tenure at WVU has led her to become an impressive member of the faculty at the University and the coaching staff for the athletic department.

After 30 years of coaching, Burdette's career at WVU is decorated with a long list of notable awards. Burdette, who serves as faculty member in athletic coaching education, has been named Coach of the Year by the East Atlantic Gymnastics League, the Atlantic 10 and regional AIAW. Burdette's career achievements entered the Mountaineer record books on March 18, 2006 when she became WVU's all-time leader in career wins, passing Dale Ramsburg with her 541th win.

"It is a very big honor to be the all-time leader in career wins at WVU," Burdette says. "I am amazed that I have been able to accomplish that many wins."

Burdette's career is a result of hard work and dedication during her time as a student at WVU, where she earned a B.S. in physical education and home economics and a master's degree in physical education. As a student, she was a member of the club gymnastics team and Orchesis. Even though she was a physical education major, sports for women at the University were nonexistent.

"When I attended WVU there were no intercollegiate sports for women," Burdette states. "I was very fortunate to have some very good professors who served as role models – mentors – who empowered me to believe I could accomplish anything with hard work."

She moved into the job as head gymnastics coach at WVU when the first full-time coach left after the 1973 season, the first year of the program.

Though Burdette's career features 546 wins, 219 losses, nine conference championships, 28 trips to the regional championships and four trips to the national championships, her greatest impact has been her ability to be an exceptional coach.

Senior gymnast Alyssa DeSantis says that Burdette remains understanding and caring through all the struggles the team shares. Additionally, Burdette's passion is what drives the team to do their best in all they do, adds DeSantis.

Meanwhile, Burdette credits her success in the sport to those who have helped her. "I have been surrounded by wonderful friends, colleagues, staff, great athletes and the best community," she states. "The University administration and the athletic administration have provided me with the support I needed to develop a successful program."

With her list of victories and her accomplishments becoming longer by the season, Coach Burdette shows no sign of stopping any time soon. She says that one of her main aspirations is to have a team win a national championship. In her effort to achieve her dreams she says that she is driven by the gymnasts, consistency and good ethics. Burdette also says she never gives up and never takes no for an answer.

Throughout her career, Burdette has coached hundreds of gymnasts and has been an inspiration to thousands of fans. Her excellence in the sport and passion for life make a difference in the lives of the gymnasts, their families, the community and WVU alumni.



Coach Burdette and WVU gymnast Cheryl Goldenfield

Dean's Message



Dana Brooks

I would like to wish you and your family a very safe, healthy, and enjoyable holiday season. Since the publication of the School's last newsletter one year ago, there has been much growth and excitement within your School of Physical Education. Our progress reflects the continued focus on School-wide strategic initiatives.

Faculty/Staff Accomplishments

Under the leadership of Nancy Naternicola, the School's wellness and fitness class offerings have expanded with the establishment of a new personal trainer minor within the Athletic Coaching Education Program. Dr. Andrew Ostrow has guided the School's International Center for Performance Excellence as it continues to enhance its publications and services worldwide. Meanwhile, Dr. Linda Carson was reappointed the Ware Distinguished Professor in Physical Education. Dr. Carson has been active nationwide in promoting children's wellness and fitness programs.

New faculty hires in fall 2006 include Kristen Dieffenbach, Athletic Coaching Education; Meredith Dotson, Athletic Training; Erin Jordan, Athletic Training; Nathan Kile, Adventure Sports and Julie Jahn, Physical Education Teacher Education.

Student Development Activities

The School increased the number of graduate students enrolled in web-based distance education degree programs in athletic coaching education (65), physical education teacher education (65), and sport management (15). Also, we updated the School's student recruitment video. The finalized video was completed in October 2006. The School hosted the spring 2006 dean's list reception on September 8, 2006. More than 150 students, parents, family, and friends attended the reception.

The School of Physical Education co-hosted the WVU Minority Doctoral Student Colloquium with the WVU Office of Social Justice. More than 25 prospective minority master's and doctoral degree students and faculty attended the two-day program September 24-26, 2006.

Strategic Planning Support

During fall 2006, the dean's office supported the integration of fundraising and development activities, as well as alumni relations and communications efforts, with the creation of a part-time program coordinator position. Kim Cameon was hired to fill this new role. Also, the dean's office appointed a Name Change Committee, chaired by Dr. Andrew Ostrow (see article on page 15).

The vast majority of the School's faculty and staff voted to move the School of Physical Education, in part or in whole, to St. Francis School located off Pattenon Drive. The School's academic programs and staff were requested to engage in strategic planning focusing on future classroom, office, and lab space needs. It became obvious that anticipated future growth was not possible within the Coliseum. Dr. Lynn Housner was appointed chair of the Transition Committee. Dr. Housner and his committee, consisting of staff, faculty, alumni, and University and provost office representatives, has made a recommendation (fall 2006) to the Office of the Dean and the Office of the Provost (see article on page 15).

Visiting Committee Meetings

The School of Physical Education hosted the spring meeting of the School's Visiting Committee April 20-22, 2006, and the fall meeting was held September 28-30, 2006. While on campus, the Visiting Committee attended the School's annual faculty, staff, student, and Visiting Committee awards luncheon on April 21, 2006.

Alumni Awards, Reception and Golf Outing

I would like to extend a special thank you to Jim Bialek and Nationwide Insurance for sponsoring the annual WVU and WVU-Tech faculty and alumni golf outing in Charleston. Also, warm appreciation goes out to Dave and Louise Christensen for providing dinner for the golf participants.

May 14, 2006, was a very special day for the School. Dr. Jerry West received an honorary doctorate degree from WVU. Jerry met with the School's graduating students, faculty, staff, and Visiting Committee members prior to the University's Commencement ceremony, where he provided an excellent overview of remarks he would make in his role as the 2006 WVU Commencement Speaker. During the School's mini-Commencement ceremony, held in the College of Creative Arts theater immediately following the University's Commencement ceremony, Coach John Beilein delivered a welcome address and greeted each of the graduating students.

The School held a retirement reception for Kacy Wiedebusch at the Erickson Alumni Center on Thursday, April 20, 2006. Many former colleagues, students and faculty attended the reception to reminisce with Kacy and to wish her well.

The School of Physical Education hosted the WVU program titled "A Celebration: Integration of Sports on the WVU Campus." The activity took place October 13, 2006 in the Mountainlair's Gluck Theater. Former coaches and athletes in attendance included John Mallory, Garrett Ford, Gene Corum, Gale Catlett, and Martha Thorn.

Looking toward the future, West Virginia University is actively recruiting and retaining quality graduate and undergraduate students. The University's goal is to increase its enrollment to 30,000 students by 2010. To assist the University in reaching this goal, the School of Physical Education has been requested to increase the number of its majors and pre-majors by 124. The School is also expected to increase its student credit hour production by 82. Similarly, the School's academic programs will be requested to increase student retention rates to 90%. I am seeking your assistance in recruiting

quality students to enroll in the School's various academic programs.

I hope you enjoy reading the School's newsletter. As always, your comments and suggestions are deeply appreciated.

Submitted by,



Dana D. Brooks, Dean

Visiting Committee Report

The Visiting Committee members gathered for the fall 2006 meeting September 28-30 in Morgantown. Twenty-six of the 32 members attended and met with students and faculty who shared program updates and reports. The sub-committees for 2006-2007 include student affairs, development, visioning, wellness & fitness, Hall of Fame, and outstanding alumnus.

Since there are some major changes coming to the School of Physical Education, including a move from the Coliseum, a change in the name of the School, and a restructuring of the employees plus ongoing wellness issues in the state; several of the committees had very "lively" discussions, and some excellent ideas and suggestions resulted.

On Thursday evening, Christine Spain, director of research, planning and special projects from the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, spoke to the group. She provided details about PCPFS, discussed the four behaviors to help make us all healthy, and outlined the President's Challenge.

Finally, the School of Physical Education inducted Sandra J. Elmore and Martha T. Thorn into the Hall of Fame on Friday evening. Additionally, Margaret Ann "Peggy" Bahnsen and Jerry A. West were recognized as Outstanding Alumni. It is always remarkable to me how exceptional and extremely talented our inductees are.

- Article submitted by Louise Christensen, Chair



2006-07 School of Physical Education Visiting Committee. First row: Dee Ware, Mary Kay Bell, Jean Irion, Louise Christensen, Terri Howes, Leslie Meltzer, Ferris Antoon, Peggy Bahnsen, Dale Williams, Dana Brooks. Back row: Horace Belmeur, Al Ware, Gale Catlett, Herman Moses, Robert Rubenstein, Jim Bialek, Judith Hayes, Michelle Hoffman, and Pat Hairston. Not pictured: Steveda Chepko, Bill Douglas, Jack Frost, George Henshaw, Rod Hundley, Jes Hutson, Dianne Jones, John Mallory, Tim McNeely, Les Poolman, Milt Richards, Leon Ryan III, John W. Walker, Sr., and Mary Wykle.

2005 School of Physical Education Hall of Fame,

The West Virginia University School of Physical Education honored five alumni at its 18th annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony on October 14, 2005.

Entering the PE Hall of Fame was inaugural member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame **Carol Eckman** (posthumously), retired golf professional Michael Krak, former Middle Tennessee State vice president **Robert C. LaLance, Jr.** and well-known aquatics professor **Mary O. Wykle**. Long-time professor and former dean **J. William Douglas**, accepted the 2005 Outstanding Alumnus award.

"The Class of 2005 inductees represents a nationally recognized golf professional, an internationally recognized aquatic therapy teacher and scholar, a pioneer in intercollegiate women's basketball and a university vice president for student affairs," said Dean Dana Brooks. "The School of Physical Education is proud to add the names of this year's class to the 86 outstanding alumni previously inducted into the School's Hall of Fame."

2005 Hall of Fame



Carol Eckman

1983. In 1969, she established the first National Invitational Women's Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament, hosting a 16-team tournament at West Chester State College. The first tournament, won

Carol A. Eckman, considered the "mother of the women's collegiate basketball championship," completed her doctorate degree in physical education from WVU in

by her undefeated West Chester State team, was a forerunner of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) and the NCAA championships.

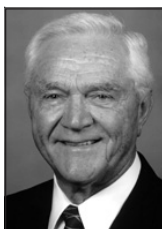
Eckman began her coaching career at the high school level, then moved on to State University of New York-New Paltz (1962-67), West Chester State College (1967-72), Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1973) and Lock Haven (1973-77). Her West Chester State squad won that inaugural championship and finished second in the tournament from 1970-72.

In addition to coaching basketball, Eckman served as an assistant professor, associate professor and co-athletic director and coached field hockey, softball and tennis.

In 1982 she received the AIAW Merit Award for leadership. She is also a member of the College of New Platz Hawk Athletic Hall of Fame and the West Chester University Hall of Fame.

Eckman passed away as a result of cancer in 1985. The Carol Eckman Award was created in her honor and is presented annually by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Nancy Hile accepted the award on Eckman's behalf.



Michael Krak

graduation, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, as assistant professional at Canterbury Golf Course. After serving three years (1951-1954) in

Michael Krak received his B.S. in PE from WVU in 1948. He played golf for four years and served as captain of the team from 1947-

1948. Upon

the Air Force, he joined the PGA Tour in 1954. After two seasons, he returned to Morgantown as head professional at Lakeview Golf Club, serving in that capacity until 1962.

After stops as club pro in Purchase, N.Y., Oceanside, N.Y. and Darien, Conn., he was involved in the development of plans for the Pete Dye Golf Course in Bridgeport. In 1980, he was named director of golf at National Golf Course in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., serving as host professional for the 1983 Ryder Cup. Throughout his career as a club professional, he played in five U.S. Opens, nine PGA Championships and one British Open.

"Mike is a good player, a first-rate golf professional and a genuinely nice person who handles himself well on and off the golf course," golf legend Jack Nicklaus wrote on his behalf. "A devoted family man with wholesome family values, Mike sets a fine example for young players and professionals."

Krak is retired, but still teaches private lessons in Palm Beach Gardens, where he lives with his wife, Susan (B.S. '59).



Robert LaLance

and a Doctor of Arts degree from Middle Tennessee State in 1974. He served as an administrator at Middle Tennessee State for 35 years, retiring in 1998. For six years (1963-69), LaLance served as an instructor, assistant professor and director of intramural sports. He served as dean of men from 1969-70 and dean of

Robert C. LaLance, Jr., a Huntington native, received a B.S. degree from the School of PE in 1962, a M.S. from the University of Tennessee in 1963

Outstanding Alumnus, and Dean's Service Award

students from 1970-75. In 1975, he was named vice president for student affairs, a post he held until his retirement.

In 1994, he received the John Jones Award for Outstanding Performance by a Dean presented by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. He also served in a leadership role in several professional organizations.

He currently resides in Murfreesboro, Tenn. with his wife, Martha Lou (WVU, 1962).



Mary Wykle

Mary O. Wykle graduated from WVU with B.S. ('65) and M.S. ('66) degrees in health and PE, and went on to complete her Ph.D. in education at St. Louis University. She is

an assistant professor of physical education at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria, Va., where she teaches fitness, wellness, weight management, aquatics, yoga and pilates. In addition, she has an aquatic consulting practice that provides training in all areas of aquatics, and is licensed as an instructor/instructor trainer in risk awareness and safety management for aquatic therapy.

Wykle serves as a regular presenter and trainer at national symposiums and regional institutes for the Aquatic Therapy and Rehabilitation Institute. She was Chairman of Health and Safety Services for Europe and District Chairman of Volunteers for the American Red Cross in Europe and Chairman of the

Red Cross for the Far East. She conducted full CPR training for soldiers, and trained military members and their families to be swim instructors and lifeguards throughout military bases in the Far East.

She has been recognized by Who's Who in Aquatics, awarded the United States Army Outstanding Civilian Service award on four occasions, won the American Red Cross Clara Barton Honor Award for Meritorious Leadership and received the Dolphin Award from the Aquatic Therapy and Rehabilitation Institute.

Wykle presently serves on the School's Visiting Committee. She resides in Burke, Va., with her husband, Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Wykle.

2005 Outstanding Alumnus



Bill Douglas

J. William Douglas received his B.S. and M.S. in physical education at WVU, then began his teaching career at Glenville State College in 1962. In 1967, he moved to Ohio

State, where he earned a Ph.D. in 1969. He was named chair of the Department of Health and PE and director of athletics at Kentucky

Wesleyan College in 1969, then returned to WVU as professor and chairperson of physical education in 1972.

In 1979, Douglas was named dean of WVU's School of Physical Education, a position he held until 1992, when he returned to the faculty ranks as a professor in the sport management program until his retirement in 2001. Currently he serves as professor emeritus in the School of PE.

A 2001 PE Hall of Famer, Douglas served as president of state and district professional organizations and as a member of two national Board of Governors. He has received numerous service awards and has been active in several community organizations including PATCH, Rotary Club, American Red Cross, Vision 2000 and Valley Community Mental Health Center.

He and his wife Karen, a professor emeritus in the WVU Department of Community Health, reside in Morgantown and Florida.

2005 Dean's Service Award

The 2005 Dean's Service Award was presented to **Stan Farr**, for his support of the National Youth Sports Program at WVU. Stan has served on the advisory board of NYSP for approximately 12 years. He has donated equipment from West View Tennis Center for use in the program. He also provided ideas on how to proceed with our program once federal funding was reduced and has assisted in fundraising for NYSP.



Left to right: Craig Walker, Bill Douglas, Mary Wykle, Robert LaLance, Nancy Hile, Mike Krak, and Dana Brooks

2006 School of Physical Education Hall of Fame,

The School of Physical Education inducted two graduates into its 2006 Hall of Fame and honored two others as Outstanding Alumni on September 29 at the Erickson Alumni Center.

The 2006 Hall of Fame inductees are: Sandra Elmore, chair of the Department of Physical Education at West Virginia University Institute of Technology (WVU Tech), and retired WVU women's tennis coach Martha Thorn.

Being honored as the School's 2006 Outstanding Alumni are: Margaret Ann "Peggy" Bahnsen, retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel and former chair of the School's Visiting Committee, and Memphis Grizzlies CEO and former NBA great Jerry West, who recently received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater.

"This year's Class of 2006 inductees, Sandra Elmore and Martha Thorn, represent nationally recognized intercollegiate athletic coaches and administrators," said Dean Dana Brooks. "The School of Physical Education is proud to add the names of this year's class of inductees to its growing list of outstanding alumni." He added, "The two outstanding distinguished alumni represent outstanding military leadership and stellar professional basketball talents and administrative expertise. We are proud to welcome them into our elite group."

2006 Hall of Fame

Sandra J. Elmore earned her B.S. degree from Glenville State College in 1973. She received both her M.S. (1975) and Ed.D. (1989) in physical education from West Virginia University. Elmore coached basketball, track and tennis teams at

the secondary level at both Ravenswood High School and Clay County High School. Elmore became the first female in the State of West Virginia to serve as an athletic director in the WVIAC who administered football. She has served students in higher education in West Virginia for more than 28 years as a professor, assistant women's basketball coach at WVU, head women's basketball coach at Potomac State College, and director of athletics and chair of the Department of Physical Education at WVU Tech.

She established the Sandra J. Elmore Women's Basketball Endowed Scholarship at Potomac State College of WVU in 1994. Elmore was instrumental in developing the Athletic Coaching Education program at WVU Tech, where it has emerged as one of the largest and fastest growing programs on campus by maintaining a high standard of quality and academic excellence.

Additionally, Elmore has served on many committees and special assignments, with focus areas including Title IX, athletic scholarship awards, extreme sports, and head coaching position search committees. She has served on the YWCA and the West Virginia National Girls and Women in Sport Association Boards of Directors and has received various grant awards on behalf of WVU



Sandra Elmore

Tech. Elmore resides in Nitro, West Virginia.



Martha Thorn

Martha T. Thorn earned a B.S. in health, physical education, and general sciences from James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA,

in 1959. She received a master's degree in health and physical education from WVU in 1963.

Thorn was named head women's tennis coach at WVU in 1973 and served in this capacity until November 2000. Thorn guided the women's tennis team to an overall record of 273-180-1, achieving the Top Five Big East Team award. She was one of three original coaches of women's sports at WVU and coached the first women's intercollegiate team to compete for WVU.

She has served on various committees including the Atlantic Ten Tennis Committee, co-chair of the Atlantic Ten Volleyball and Gymnastics Tournament at WVU, Big East Tennis Committee, Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Tennis Committee, West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tennis Policies Committee chairperson, West Virginia State High School Tennis Tournament Director, and Tennis Rules Committee. She has also served on numerous WVU committees, such as Office of Social Justice, Council for Women's Concerns, Take Our Daughters/Sons to Work Day, Women of Color Luncheon, and Student Discipline Committee, as well as many WVU School of Physical Education committees. She has provided volunteer support for

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Extension Services, Girl Scouts, YMCA, and Monongalia Riding for the Handicapped Association.

Thorn has received numerous awards including Coach of the Year-Atlantic Ten Conference and Outstanding Teacher in Physical Education Award. The WVU Fall Tennis Tournament was renamed "The Martha Thorn Invitational Tournament" in honor of Thorn. She resides in Morgantown, West Virginia.

2006 Outstanding Alumni



Peggy Bahnsen

Margaret Ann "Peggy"

Bahnsen earned her B.S. degree in recreation from the WVU School of Physical Education in 1966. She received a

master's degree in psychology counseling from Old Dominion University in 1976.

Bahnsen served in the U.S. Army and has received numerous honors and recognition, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, and Outstanding Young Woman in America. She has been interviewed on CNN as one of three people achieving "firsts," such as first woman regimental tactical officer at West Point. Throughout most of Bahnsen's Army career she has achieved the "first," "only" or served as the highest ranking woman on the job or in the organization.

Bahnsen returned to WVU in 1995 where she held the position of professor of military science, lieutenant colonel, U.S. Army. She was the first woman graduate in the history of West Virginia University to hold this position and was selected

for this duty by a Department of the Army Board. Bahnsen served in this capacity until her retirement from WVU. Bahnsen is the co-founder and chair of the Lincoln Legacy Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to developing leadership skills in West Virginia youths. She serves as director of Camp Lincoln, a West Virginia Conservative Youth Leadership Camp. She has been featured as keynote speaker at West Virginia Girls State. Bahnsen also serves on the University of Houston Health Science Center's Advisory Committee for Project Healthy Outlook on Mammography Experience. She resides in New Cumberland, West Virginia.



Jerry West

Jerry A. West received his B.S. degree in physical education from WVU in 1960. In 1959, as a junior, West led the WVU men's basketball team to the NCAA finals

and captured the tournament's Most Outstanding Player Award. In a superlative senior season, West was a consensus All-American and led WVU to its third consecutive conference championship.

Before entering the NBA, West served as co-captain of the gold medal winning U.S. Olympic basketball team in Rome in 1960 and was a member of the victorious U.S. squad in the 1958 Pan American Games.

West was drafted by the Lakers and averaged more than 30 points per game during a four-year span and the Lakers rose from third place in the division to first. West is better known as one of the greatest

players in NBA history after a 14-year career, all with the Lakers. He was selected to the all-NBA first team ten times and the all-defensive first team four times. He was selected to play in the All-Star Game for 13 consecutive seasons. He was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979.

West next achieved the head coach position with the Lakers. He became general manager of the Lakers in 1982 and was named the NBA Executive of the Year for 1995. After a brief retirement, West took his talents to the Memphis Grizzlies as president of basketball operations in 2002.

On November 26, 2005, his number 44 became the first basketball number to be retired by West Virginia University. He also received an honorary doctorate degree from WVU and was the Commencement speaker in May 2006. Jerry West resides in Memphis, Tennessee.

2006 Dean's Service Award

The West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) received the 2006 Dean's Service Award for its involvement in the Dance Dance Revolution Program (DDR). Nidia Henderson, wellness coordinator, WV PEIA, accepted the award on behalf of PEIA. The School of Physical Education, along with PEIA, Konami Digital Entertainment, Mountain State Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Acordia, and the West Virginia Governor's Office have joined efforts to place DDR video games into all public West Virginia middle and high schools to increase students' physical activity.

School of Physical Education

Athletic Coaching Education (ACE)



Kristen Dieffenbach

Kristen Dieffenbach has joined the program as assistant professor. She has a Ph.D. in exercise science with an emphasis

in exercise and sport psychology from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Kristen's areas of educational, research, and consultation concentration include coaching education, performance enhancement, talent development, and understanding and preventing under-recovery. She is an Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology certified consultant and a member of the USOC registry of sport psychology service providers. Currently she serves as advisory board member with the USA Cycling coaching education committee and is the cycling psychology editor for *Peak Conditioning for Cycling*. As a coach she holds an elite level USA Cycling license and has earned a Level II endurance specialization from USA Track and Field. She has coached for over 10 years at the high school, collegiate, recreational, and elite levels. Personally, she enjoys endurance and ultra endurance cycling, running, and adventure racing and competed in an eight-day race this summer in Utah.

Nancy Naternicola, clinical instructor of fitness and wellness, announced that WVU will become the first college or university in the state, and one of only three in the country, to offer a personal trainer minor. The program, approved by Faculty Senate this spring, began

offering classes in summer 2006. It will prepare students for a professional career in designing and conducting comprehensive and individualized exercise programs.

The program, open to all WVU students, is an outgrowth of the WVU Nutrition and Wellness Initiative, a task force initiated in 2004 by WVU President David C. Hardesty. Personal trainers will be one of the top 10 health professions in demand in the near future, Naternicola said. The program also prepares students to become nationally certified as personal trainers through the American Council on Exercise, the only non-profit accredited by the National Organization of Certifying Agencies (NOCA).

Athletic Training (ATTR)

Michelle Sandrey, associate professor and graduate coordinator, presented at the West Virginia Association of School Nurses 2005 Fall Conference. She has also had an article published in the *Journal of Athletic Training*.

Jeromy Alt left the School in August 2006 to take a position as athletic training clinical coordinator at the University of Cincinnati. The School of PE faculty and staff wish him well in his future endeavors.



Meredith Dotson

Meredith Dotson has joined the School of PE as a clinical instructor. In addition to her responsibilities as an ACI, she serves as athletic trainer for the WVU women's basketball team. She received her undergraduate degree from WVU in 2003 and earned her master's degree at Auburn University in 2005.



Erin Jordan

Erin Jordan has joined the program as interim athletic training clinical coordinator. She earned her M.S. degree from Indiana University in 1996 and

graduated from WVU with a B.S. degree in 1995. She is active with the NATA. Erin served in the United States Army during 2001-2006 and was the Joyner Sports Medicine, clinical/high school athletic trainer.

Athletic training major **Margaret "Maggie" Miller** was honored with the WVU Foundation Outstanding Seniors Award during the Weekend of Honors Convocation. Students were selected based on achievements in scholarship, leadership and service. Maggie has won numerous awards and scholarships, from the WVU Presidential Award to the Albert "Whitey" Gwynne Athletic Training Scholarship, to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Basic Instruction Program (BIP)



Nathan Kile

Nathan Kile is the school's new program coordinator in adventure sports. He will be working to develop and offer a variety of outdoor adventure opportunities through both the Basic Instruction Program and the Lifetime Activities Program. Nathan most recently lived in Chattanooga, TN and has an undergraduate degree in leisure

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studies from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and a M.Ed. in counselor education from Georgia Southern University. He has over nine years of experience in outdoor recreation and experiential education, and has worked in a variety of different settings. Being a lover of anything in the out-of-doors, Nathan can often be found scaling a steep rock face, kayaking down a whitewater river, or backpacking in a remote wilderness area. He often participates in triathlons and other races.

Lifetime Activities Program

The School of Physical Education offers “**Mission Possible**,” an exercise/behavior change program designed to help those who are obese or morbidly obese. The program includes individual exercise programs, membership to Stansbury Fitness Center, and various individual and group counseling and exercise. The goal is to provide a safe and non-intimidating environment to learn how to make the lifestyle, physical, and emotional changes necessary for lifelong healthy living. For more information contact WVUMissionPossible@hotmail.com “Mission Possible” is an outgrowth of the WVU Nutrition and Wellness Initiative, a task force initiated in 2004 by WVU President David C. Hardesty, Jr.

Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE)

Lynn Housner, professor and associate dean, was presented the Honor Award at the West Virginia AAHPERD Convention held in Huntington, W.Va., October 26-28, 2006. Dr. Housner presented two papers in Chicago and at the National

Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education. Dr. Housner also had two papers published in China and will have a featured article in the Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Dr. Housner has also served as a mentor at the WVSDE Health and Physical Education Leadership Academy. He has been a JTPE reviewer and editorial board member and has been nominated for NASPE president.

Linda Carson, Ware distinguished professor and director of the WV Motor Development Center, was recognized earlier this year by the West Virginia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (WVAHPERD) for service and inspiration to others in the field of physical education.

Dr. Carson is also the first faculty member in the School to receive a grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. The WVU Motor Development Center, working with the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency, will introduce Dance Dance Revolution, a physically active video game, to middle schools and high schools throughout West Virginia. The program will engage public school students, including those not normally predisposed to exercise, in a fun physical activity that helps improve overall student health at an impressionable age.

Additionally, Dr. Carson was honored for her dedication in teaching and expertise in childhood motor development to the Center’s programs. Dr. Carson was also among four recipients to receive the highest honor from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (see article on page 16).

Andrew Hawkins, professor, visited an international school in Shenyang, China in November 2005 and met with the People’s Education Press and faculty at Beijing Sport University. He attended the International Association of Behavior Analysis Conference in Beijing and presented papers on behavior analysis.

Dr. Hawkins also attended the National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education in San Diego in January as a presenter.

Sean Bulger, assistant professor, recently published a book, along with several fellow WVU graduates, titled *Sport Education Seasons*, Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Jack Sager, MS, ATC, PETE doctoral student, presented a roundtable discussion paper at the American Educational Research Association convention in San Francisco on April 7, 2006.

Kerry McKenzie is the program coordinator for the Motor Development Center. This summer she coordinated the Choosy Kids Club.



Julie Jahn

Julie Jahn has joined the program as a visiting lecturer and doctoral student. She is providing oversight for the undergraduate adapted physical education courses and serves as coordinator of the Friday morning adapted PE program. She received her undergraduate degree in 2005 from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse in exercise and sport

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*Program and Faculty Updates,
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science, teaching and recently completed her master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa in physical education. Julie was a Polar Scholar during her master's program, working closely with Polar Electro, Inc. and teaching with their technology in the Iowa public schools. A former collegiate hurdler and sprinter at UW-L, Julie still enjoys running and lifting weights and also has been a yoga instructor for the last two years. Julie has a passion for physical activity advocacy and plans to pursue research in that area.

Dr. Ruth Kershner, visiting assistant professor, received this year's WVAHPERD Ray O. Duncan Award.

Bruce Wilmoth, associate professor, received the President's Service Award at the fall 2006 WVAHPERD convention. Bruce continues to serve as director of the summer National Youth Sports Program.

Sport and Exercise Psychology (SEP)

Dana Brooks, professor and dean, served as keynote speaker at the Celebration of Business 2006 for the Hagerstown-Washington County Economic Development Commission and presented the topic "Business of College Athletics: Good, Bad, and Ugly" at the April 2006 conference in Hagerstown, Md. Dean Brooks also presented "The Minority Experience at the Research University: Building a Shared Community" at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in March 2006. He also presented in March at North Carolina State University, Durham, N.C. with the

topic "African American College Athletes: The Sojourner from Plantation to Playing Field." He was a co-presenter at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Conference, in Vancouver, BC, Canada, on November 2006. He also received the 2006 E.B. Henderson Award from the AAHPERD Ethnic Minorities Council.

Sam Zizzi, associate professor, took over the reins of the SEP program as program coordinator from his mentor and colleague, **Professor Andy Ostrow**.

Dr. Zizzi and Jack Watson, assistant professor, published "Student Recreation Centers: A Comparison of Users and Non-Users on Psychosocial Variables" in the May 2006 Recreational Sports Journal of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association.

Ed Etzel, associate professor, and **Dr. Watson** (with other authors), published a refereed article, Understanding and promoting college student-athlete health: Essential issues for student affairs professionals, in the NASPE Journal. In addition, **Dr. Etzel and Dr. Watson** served as co-editors for the special edition of Ethics and Behavior that focused on sport and exercise psychology. They authored the "Introduction to the special edition: Sport and Exercise Psychology, Ethics and Behavior."

Drs. Watson, Zizzi and Etzel published "Ethical training in sport psychology programs: Current training standards, ethics and behavior" in that special edition.

Drs. Etzel and Watson and other panel members presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology in

September in Miami, Fla. **Drs. Watson, Zizzi and Etzel** also presented at the 2005 Annual Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology in Vancouver.

Dr. Etzel co-presented at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. in September.

On another note, you can listen to **Dr. Etzel** on WWVU, U-92, WVU student radio, during the Sunday afternoon blues program "Blind Alley."

Dr. Watson, along with current and past students, **Damien Clement, Brandon Harris** and **Jennifer Hurst**, authored "Teacher-Practitioner Multiple-Role Issues in Sport Psychology" in the journal Ethics and Behavior.

Dr. Watson is organizing an international experience for undergraduate students in Germany for summer 2007.

Drs. Ostrow, Watson and Zizzi attended the 8th Annual National Sport Psychology Conference in Wuhan, China, October 12-21, 2006. Dr. Ostrow provided the keynote address while Dr. Watson and Dr. Zizzi delivered lectures and workshops in their areas of expertise.

Dr. Ostrow traveled to Qatar and Venezuela to promote the ICPE's international mission.

Damien Clement, MS, ATC, SEP doctoral student, was elected student representative for the Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology and will serve on their executive board for 2006-2007. Damien attended the Northeast Atlantic Sport Psychology Conference, March 24-25 at Temple

Program, Faculty and Student Updates

University in Philadelphia and presented an update on the program.

Three SEP faculty members served as members of the U.S. Olympic Committee's Sport Psychology Registry, which certifies them to work with Olympic athletes.

The SEP program continues to grow. As of spring 2006, there were approximately 60 majors, 80 minors and 18 doctoral students. The minor in sport and exercise psychology has grown from fewer than 10 students to over 50 from 2003 to 2006. Two recent doctoral student admissions, **Jessica Creasy** and **Katie Cowan**, were awarded the Swiger Doctoral Fellowship.

SEP students and faculty were recognized at the AAASP national conference as presenting more empirical, peer-reviewed research than any other program in North America. Since 1994, the group has conducted more than 140 presentations at the conference. Four faculty and 14 SEP students attended the 2006 AAASP conference in Miami, Fla., conducting 10 presentations or workshops.

Amanda Visek, SEP doctoral student and graduate teaching assistant, is the 2006-2007 recipient of the WVU Foundation's Distinguished Doctoral Fellowship.

Sport Management (SM)

Gonzalo Bravo, assistant professor, was asked to present two topics at the 4th regional Latin American Congress of ICHPER-SD at Universidad Iberoamericana in San Carlos Cojedes, Venezuela, September 20-22, 2006. Dr. Bravo also presented at the 22nd North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM), May 31-June 3, 2006 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Dr. Bravo co-presented on a separate topic at the same NASSM Conference. Dr. Bravo co-presented at the 2006 AAHPERD National Convention, April, 27, 2006 in Salt Lake City, UT. In addition, he presented at the Doctoral Colloquium on Current Research in Sport Management at the Ohio State University on May 3, 2006. Dr. Bravo has been awarded a teaching grant by the Faculty Senate of West Virginia University to write and develop the course "Sport in the Global World."

Russ Sharp, part-time instructor, was elected to University of West Georgia's Athletic Hall of Fame. Russ serves as WVU associate athletic director for finance/administration, and was one of four people selected for enshrinement this November in the University of West Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame. Sharp's contributions to West Georgia Athletics covers a variety of duties during 14 years of distinguished service. For more, visit: [http://](http://www.uwgsports.com/article.asp?articleid=80769)

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The **Sport Management Program** developed a corporate partnership for marketing management services with the Pittsburgh Pirates to provide baseball fan and non-marketing analysis through the ESPN Sports Poll graduate course taught exclusively at WVU. Additionally, the program has proposed contract research services to the Knight Commission for Intercollegiate Athletics, NACDA Consulting and the NCAA. The program continues to develop international opportunities with Venezuela and China. Faculty members made presentations this past year in Venezuela and at the Sport Marketing Association conference in Phoenix, AZ and at AAHPERD, NASSM and SMA conferences.



Left to right: Andrew Ostrow, Rosa López de D'Amico, Floyd Jones, and Alessandro D'Amico in Venezuela

“Through the Years” Updates

General Earl E. Anderson, USMC (retired) (B.S.'40), of Vienna, Va., is the 2006 recipient of the WVU Alumni Association's David W. Jacobs Lifetime Service Award, in recognition of his many years of service to the Alumni Association and to WVU.

Sam Mandich (B.S.'41), of Parkersburg, W.Va., was inducted into the 16th class of the WVU Sports Hall of Fame on February 19, 2006. Sam played both football and basketball at WVU. He was part of the 1938 football team that defeated Texas Tech in the Sun bowl, and was captain of the 1940-41 basketball team. Sam went on to coach basketball at Parkersburg High, becoming one of the most distinguished high school coaches in the state, with a winning percentage of 70% and three state championships. Sam retired in 1984. He and his wife, Anne, have one daughter, Mary Beth, and four grandchildren, Ben, Scott, Sam, and Heather.

The late **Clyde "Hard Times" Green** (B.S.'49), of Morgantown, W.Va., was inducted into the WVU Sports Hall of Fame on February 19, 2006. Clyde was a WVU basketball team member from 1946-49. During his four years the team had a 78-12 record and a 43-game home winning streak. He later coached boys' and girls' basketball at Romney High School and Morgantown High School. Clyde passed away in 2002.

Al (B.S. '50) and **Dee** (B.S. '52) **Ware**, of Nokomis, Fla., have donated land at the corner of Beechurst and University Avenues in Morgantown to be used as a gateway to WVU's downtown campus. Preparations for the gateway are in the early planning stages. Retired chairman of Amherst FiberOptics-Amherst International, Inc., Al is a

former member of the WVU Foundation's Building Greatness National Campaign Committee and the WVU Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Dee chairs the Blaney House Visiting Committee and has been both a leader and benefactor in the development of WVU's Stansbury Hall Fitness/Wellness Center. They have served on the School's Visiting Committee.

Mary Ann (Pietro) Morris (B.S.'58), of Missouri City, Texas, is retired. She and her husband care for her mother. Mary Ann visited with Dean Brooks in fall 2006 while in Morgantown for the WVU-Maryland football game.

Ferris Antoon (B.S.'60), of West Long Beach, N.J., founder of the Monmouth County Intermediate Soccer League, was honored in spring 2006 for his dedication to soccer when the league's executive committee named the league after him before the start of the fourth season. Antoon was inducted into the School's Hall of Fame in 2003 and is a current Visiting Committee member.

Jerry West (B.S.'60), of Memphis, Tenn., the WVU and NBA basketball legend, received an honorary doctor of letters degree

from WVU President David Hardesty at the WVU's Class of 2006 Commencement on May 14. Jerry delivered the address at WVU's 137th Commencement, which is available online at

http://www.nis.wvu.edu/2006/west_speech.htm.

Jerry is currently president of basketball operations for the Memphis Grizzlies. His son, Jonnie, is a WVU freshman and member of the men's basketball team.

Mary Wykle (B.S.'65), of Burke, Va., received the Aquatic Therapy Practitioner of the Year award as announced by the Aquatic Therapy and Rehabilitation Institute (ARTI) at their international conference in Sanibel, Fla. Mary co-authored Safety Standards for Therapy Pools and Safety Standards for Aquatic Therapy Practitioners. At the request of ATRI, Mary also developed Risk Awareness and Safety Training. She is an adjunct professor of physical education at Northern Virginia Community College and works with the Walter Reed Medical Center therapy department to schedule workshops so their therapists can learn to use aquatic therapy to help our men and women coming home from the war. This year she also presented a White House briefing about aquatic therapy.

Garrett W. Ford, Sr. (B.S. '70), of Morgantown, W.Va., received the Neil S. Bucklew Award for Social Justice during the WVU Weekend of Honors on April 21, 2006, in recognition of his work with student athletes. Garrett is currently WVU assistant athletic director and counselor of student athletes. He had a stellar career as a Mountaineer running back, the University's first to top both 2,000 career rushing yards



Al and Dee Ware

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and 1,000 yards in a single season. He played two seasons in the NFL for the Denver Broncos, then returned to WVU as the University's first African-American assistant coach. Garrett was inducted into the School's Hall of Fame in 2004.

George Henshaw (B.S.'70), of Metairie, La., was inducted into the 16th class of the WVU Sports Hall of Fame on February 19, 2006. A Mountaineer football player from 1967-69, George was a first team all-southern conference defensive tackle in 1967 and Associated Press honorable mention All-American in 1968. He was co-captain in 1969, when the Mountaineers were 10-1 and won the Peach Bowl. George went on to coach college football at WVU, Tulsa, Florida State and Alabama, then professional football for the Denver Broncos, New York Giants and Tennessee Titans. He is currently senior assistant and running backs coach for the New Orleans Saints.

Regis Turocy (B.S.'70), of Bethel Park, Pa., received his doctoral degree in health care ethics from Duquesne University in 2000. He is currently assistant professor at Slippery Rock University's Graduate School of Physical Therapy.

C. Steven Yates (B.S.'71), of Brunswick, Ga., is senior athletic trainer/instructor for the Department of Homeland Security.

Maribeth ("Mimi") Cialli Smith (B.S.'74), of Houston, Texas, teaches parenting and childbirth classes at the Woman's Hospital of Texas, Houston, and is a certified lactation consultant. She and her husband, Larry Smith (B.S. 74, WVU Chemical Engineering), have three children and two grandchildren.

Bill Reger-Nash (Ed.D.'84),

of Morgantown, W.Va., is the recipient of WVU's premier service award, the Ethel and Gerry Heebink Award for Distinguished State Service, for his role in addressing unhealthy lifestyles throughout the state. Bill is currently a professor in the WVU Department of Community Medicine. His previous honors include the Dean's Award for Excellence in Community Service, the Health Advocate Award and the National Health Information Award. He was also named one of the "10 Best Minds" by US News and World Report in 2003.

Scott A. Collins (B.S.'91), of Clearfield, Pa., was inducted into the 16th class of the WVU Sports Hall of Fame on February 19, 2006. Scott was the first WVU wrestler to win a national championship, and he led his 1991 team to finish 6th in the NCAA championship. Scott teaches physical education at his alma mater, Clearfield High. He and his wife, former WVU gymnast Elizabeth Foltz, have a daughter, Ellen.

Steve Bennett (B.S.'95), of Ellicott City, Md., is director of venue management and competitions for Special Olympics Maryland. Steve has been in management with Special Olympics since 1998, in Raleigh, NC; Anchorage, AK; and Salt Lake City, UT. He previously was manager of the national tour for USA Gymnastics.

Eric Michael James (B.S.'95), of Cameron, W.Va., is in his tenth year of teaching health and physical education at Cameron High School. Eric is the head baseball coach, assistant football coach, assistant girls' basketball coach, and strength and conditioning coach. He recently obtained funding, with the help of Marshall County Schools and Delegate Scott Varner, to construct

and design a new weight training and conditioning facility at the high school. Eric is also involved with the Cameron Grade School flag football and pee wee wrestling programs and is president of the Cameron Little League Baseball Association. He and his wife, Courtney, have been married for eight years. They have two daughters, Jensen (8) and Avery (3), and one son, Lander (6).

Christopher Dudley (M.S. 96), of High Point, N.C., is assistant vice president for community relations at High Point University.

Mark Landers (B.S.'97), of Deltona, Fla., is a national account manager with Verizon Wireless. While at WVU he played baseball under Coach Dale Ramsburg, setting 16 school records and four Atlantic 10 records, and was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in 1994. Mark has been married 10 years and has a 3 year-old son, Davin.

Nakia Cooper (B.S.'98), of Virginia Beach, Va., is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He has served as navigator of the USS Carter Hall, foreign liaison officer in the N2L



Nakia Cooper

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organization, and operations officer of the USS Ashland, which came under attack in Jordan during Operation Enduring Freedom. At the time of this writing, Lt. Cooper was preparing to take command of PC Crew Juliet in October 2006, which is deployed to the 5th fleet area of responsibility on USS Whirlwind. He and his wife, Stephanie, reside in Virginia Beach with their three year-old son, Tyler. At the time of this writing they were expecting twins in September 2006.

Peter Hudecki (B.S. '99), of Buffalo, N.Y., teaches physical education and health and coaches football and girls' basketball at East High School in Buffalo. He also coaches lacrosse at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, a boys' high school in Buffalo.

Curt C. Laird (M.S. '99), of Rock Hill, S.C., has been selected as program coordinator of athletic administration for the University of Charleston in Charleston, WV. He will begin his duties there in fall 2006. Curt will return to West Virginia from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, where he has been assistant professor of sport management since 2003.

Keiba L. Shaw (Ed.D. '01), of Tampa, Fla., is an assistant professor in the School of Physical Therapy at the University of South Florida. Keiba served as a panel member at the WVU Minority Doctoral Student Colloquium in September, 2006.

Tamara D. Holmes (M.S. '02), of Fayetteville, N.C., is an artist and CEO of At First Hand, Inc. You can view her original artwork on specialty items at her web site: <http://www.atfirsthand.com>.

Mike Yurcho (B.S. '03), of La Jolla, Ca., received his M.S. degree from the University of Tennessee in 2005. He currently works for PRG Financial Resources, Inc. in San Diego and is assistant track and field coach at La Jolla High School.

Jonathan Hammond (M.S. '04), of Aberdeen, Scotland, has been named head rifle coach at WVU. Jon was a member of the WVU rifle team from 2002-03 and has competed internationally as a member of the Great Britain and Scottish national teams at world,

European, and Commonwealth championships.

Daniel E. Della-Giustina, of Morgantown, W.Va., former chair and professor in the School of Physical Education's Safety Department and currently professor of safety management in the College of Engineering and Mineral Resources' Department of Industrial and Management Systems Engineering, has been appointed to the Board of Hazard Control Management, a national certification board for hazard control managers.

Mary Kathryn "Kacy" Wiedebusch, of Morgantown, W.Va., retired associate professor of dance, is the 2006 recipient of the Paul B. "Buck" Martin Award, given annually by the WVU Alumni Association to one who has worked to preserve, maintain and promote the traditions of the university. Wiedebusch, who earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from WVU with professional study in New York City throughout her career, retired from WVU in 2006 after more than 50 years of service.

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Possible Move for the School of Physical Education

In the fall 2005 semester the faculty and staff of the School of Physical Education voted overwhelmingly (86%) to relocate from the Coliseum either partially or completely to the St. Francis facility acquired by West Virginia University. This decision was precipitated by the expansion of programs and the accompanying need for additional space within the School of Physical Education and with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Extended Learning and ROTC programs were also identified as programs in need of space and were included as potential units to consider in the transition process.

On April 13, 2006 a transition team appointed by Dr. Brooks, dean of the School of Physical Education, was convened to discuss the possible strategies for occupying St. Francis. The committee included the following School of Physical Education

personnel: Lynn Housner, associate dean, co-chair; Louise Christiansen, visiting committee chair; Dallas Branch, program coordinator, Sport Management Program; Linda Carson, director, Motor Development Center; Andrew Ostrow, director, International Center for Performance Excellence; Vince Stilger, program coordinator, Athletic Training Program; Jack Watson, assistant professor, Sport and Exercise Psychology Program; Tracy Wheeler, Business Office; Bruce Wilmoth, director, Lifetime Activities Program; and Dan Ziatz, program coordinator, Athletic Coaching Education Program. The committee also includes the following WVU personnel: Russ Dean, associate provost, co-chair; Sue Day-Peroots, dean, Extended Learning; and Rob Moyer, interim director of Facilities Planning.

After much deliberation the transition committee submitted the following three options to the provost for consideration.

Option 1: Physical Education would use the existing St. Francis school and annex building, relocating only Physical Education space from the Coliseum.

Option 2: Using the existing St. Francis school and annex space, a second floor would be built above the gym area. The ROTC programs, Extended Learning, and part of Physical Education would be housed in the facility.

Option 3: A new building would be constructed to house ROTC, Extended Learning, and all of Physical Education, both from the Coliseum and Stansbury Hall.

Option 3 was the preferred option followed by Option 1. Option 2 was the least preferred option.

We are currently awaiting the provost's decision.

Name Change Task Force Recommends New Name

Beginning in January 2006, the Office of the Dean, WVU School of Physical Education established a Name Change Task Force. The charge given to the Task Force was to propose by July 1, 2006 a new name for the School of Physical Education that reflected the diversity of academic disciplines within the current School. Members of the Task Force reviewed several hundred names of colleges and schools within the United States that housed one or more of the current academic programs found in the School.

The Task Force identified key words (e.g., sport, performance, physical activity) that members felt might be of value for inclusion in a proposed title. The Task Force then determined that the final name

selected must best meet the following five evaluative criteria: anticipate growth opportunities; encompass existing programs; avoid overlapping across campus; communicate effectively; and provide marketing appeal.

The Task Force prepared a written justification for inclusion of the word "College" rather than "School" in the title. Based on the five criteria above, the Task Force then identified five names that were included in a survey format: College of Allied Sport and Performance Sciences; College of Performance Excellence; College of Physical Activity and Performance Sciences; College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences; and College of Physical Activity Sciences.

A survey was created by the task force and administered to a total of 250 undergraduate and graduate students and 25 faculty members across the five academic programs in the School. The survey was also administered to selected school staff and members of the Visiting Committee. The results of the survey indicated that 100% of the constituency groups identified above ranked one name as their first (88.24%) or second (11.76%) choice. Based on these data, the Name Change Task Force recommended to the Office of the Dean that the School of Physical Education be renamed the **College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences**.

Professor Claims National Award for Efforts to Combat Childhood Obesity

Dr. Linda Carson, the Ware Distinguished Professor in the WVU School of Physical Education who has devoted her career to fighting childhood obesity, is among four recipients of the highest honor from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Linda Carson, director of the West Virginia Motor Development Center, was part of a national childhood obesity-prevention team presented with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Assistant Secretary's 2006 Partnering for HHS Excellence Award.

Carson and other members of the team accepted their award from Dr. Wade Horn, assistant secretary of the ACF, during an October ceremony in Washington, D.C. The award recognizes the work of partnerships to advance the goals and mission of the Department of Health and Human Services and ACF.

The group was recognized for an obesity-prevention program it

developed for Head Start, the nation's child development program for preschoolers from low-income families. The initiative – known as “I Am Moving, I Am Learning” – focuses on physical activity and healthy nutrition choices. The team worked with Head Start teachers to

integrate health into the curriculum. The program has been successfully launched in six mid-Atlantic States, including West Virginia.



Left to right: Dr. Carson, Amy Requa, Region III Head Start Health Content Specialist; and Dr. Wade F. Horn, assistant secretary for children and families (ACF), DHHR.

ICPE Announces New Publications

Fitness Information Technology (FIT) Publishing, part of the **International Center for Performance Excellence (ICPE)**, published a book about John Wooden, entitled *You Haven't Taught Until they Have Learned: John Wooden's Teaching Principles and Practices*. It is co-authored by Swen Nater, former UCLA basketball player, and Ronald Gallimore, well known for his original research on Wooden. To access the book visit:

<http://www.fitinfotech.com/Detail.tpl?SKU=1885693664>

ICPE announces the publication of six new book titles.

Also, an agreement has been established by the ICPE with the International Society of Sport Psychology and the China Association of Sport Psychology to include an online China Research Manuscript section to the International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology that is also published by the ICPE.

The ICPE has supported faculty initiatives with Universidad Iberoamericana del Deporte, San Carlos, Venezuela, ASPIRE Sports Academy, Doha, Qatar, Schiller European student exchange program, faculty professional travel to China,

Australia, Venezuela and Ireland and the Beijing Institute of Sport.

Finally, ICPE sponsorships and partnerships include the International Chinese Society for Physical Activity and Health, AAHPERD-NASPE, Association for the Advancement of Applied Sport Psychology, Sport Marketing Association and the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sport.

School of Physical Education Hosts Presentations, Lectures

Integration of Sports at WVU

The School of Physical Education commemorated integration of sports on campus by hosting “A Celebration: Integration of Sports on the WVU Campus” on Friday, October 13, at the Mountainlair Gluck Theater. The program honored pioneer African American athletes, coaches, faculty and staff.

Don Nehlen Lecture Series

Jerry West, the basketball great whose solid consistency as a WVU Mountaineer and L.A. Laker earned him the nickname, “Mr. Clutch,” was the featured speaker for the September 6, 2006 Don Nehlen Lecture Series. West spoke at the Erickson Alumni Center. The 1960 graduate was awarded an honorary doctorate from his alma mater in May after delivering the keynote address at the 2006 Commencement. The lecture series was established after Nehlen’s retirement as head football coach in 2001. The School of Physical Education and United Bank sponsored the event.

Guest Lecture Series: WVU-IT

As part of the WVU School of Physical Education Guest Lecture Series, former WVU head women’s basketball coach Kittie Blakemore spoke to the WVU Institute of Technology campus and local community on April 19, 2006. Blakemore served as the first head women’s basketball coach at WVU from 1973-1992 and won 301 games and guided three postseason teams, two of which qualified for the NCAA tournament. Four of Blakemore’s teams won 20 or more games in a season, and she helped develop WVU’s first and only Kodak All-American, Rosemary Kosiorek. In 2003, Blakemore was named to the WVU Hall of Fame.

Distinguished Lecture Series

The School hosted two distinguished lecture series events, beginning in October 2005.

The Sport Management Program presented Dr. Packianathan Chelladuria from The Ohio State University as the 2005 Distinguished Lecturer, on October 28, 2005 in the

Jerry West Lounge. Dr. Chelladuria is a recognized scholar of management science, specializing in organizational theory and organizational behavior in the context of sport. His contributions to sport management have been recognized worldwide and he has spoken internationally in numerous countries.

Dr. Ketra Armstrong, professor, Long Beach State University, spoke at the School of Physical Education Spring 2006 Distinguished Lecture Series event on April 7 in the Jerry West Lounge.

Dr. Armstrong shared with faculty and students the implications of her scholarship relative to the management of sport. Dr. Armstrong’s career includes research at The Ohio State University and has published numerous data based on sport behaviors of ethnic minority consumers and has begun to investigate the behaviors of consumers of Hispanic and Asian descent and their influence on American sport business.



(l-r): Floyd Jones, Packianathan Chelladuria, Dallas Branch, and Gonzalo Bravo

PE Alumni Sought for Database Update

The School of Physical Education is asking graduates of the School to contact us with current contact information including e-mail address, as we do not have e-mail addresses for the vast majority of alumni. In this digital age, we would like to have the option of contacting alumni by e-mail when appropriate. In particular, **ACE alumni** are currently being sought by the program to participate in an Internet survey.

Please send an e-mail message to **PEAlumni@mail.wvu.edu** with your name, graduation year, degree, and current contact information. Thanks in advance!

Faculty, Staff, and Student Awards 2005-06

Scholarships

Ishonté Cherrile Johnson-Peters - Roger Alford Scholarship
Ashley N. Howley - Ferris & Deanna Antoon Textbook Scholarship
Erica L. Freeman - Fred M. Coombs Scholarship
Jennifer L. Boyles - Doris Dorinzi Memorial Scholarship
Byron J. Towner - Dr. Patricia K. Fehl Graduate Student Scholarship
Andrea B. Wamsley - Eleanor Lantz Scholarship
Jeremy Slider - John Semon Scholarship
Meghan Sternart - C. Peter Yost Memorial Scholarship
Andrea B/Wamsley and **Ashley N. Howley** - Albert C. "Whitey" Gwynne Athletic Training Scholarships
Erica L. Freeman - John C. Spiker Athletic Training Scholarship
Erica L. Freeman - K. Douglas Bowers Athletic Training Scholarship
Eric Thorne - Jimmy Leard Memorial Athletic Training Scholarship
Amy Lancaster - Erica Lynn Cadran Memorial Athletic Training Scholarship
Dirk A. Kelley and **Anne K. Tierney** - Sport Management Scholarships
Cherai Frazier and **Andrew Rhoden** - Jerry P. Wilkins Scholarship for Leaders Awards
Cherai Frazier and **Andrew Rhoden** - Jerry P. Wilkins Book Scholarships

Outstanding Student Awards

Joshua Garner (undergraduate) and **Karrie Teschy-Schiebel** (graduate), Athletic Coaching Education
Maggie Miller (undergraduate) and **Timothy Kulpa** (graduate), Athletic Training
Allison Cole (undergraduate) and **Jack Sager** (graduate), Physical Education Teacher Education

Sean Fitzpatrick (undergraduate) and **Damien Clement**, Sport & Exercise Psychology
Bethany Swaton (undergraduate) and **Brett Befus** (graduate) Sport Management

Special Student Awards

Sean Fitzpatrick, NASPE Outstanding Senior Award
Natalie Gimbel and **Amanda Young** (spring 2006), and **Jessica Breaud** and **Rebecca Adams** (fall 2005), WV Motor Development Center Commitment to Children Award in Honor of Ken McPherson

Faculty Awards

Jeromy Alt, **Andrew Hawkins**, **Jack Watson**, **Bruce Wilmoth**, and **Sam Zizzi** - Outstanding Teacher Awards
Dallas Branch, **Linda Carson**, **Jack Watson**, and **Bruce Wilmoth** - Outstanding Service Awards
Linda Carson, Outstanding Grantsperson Award
Andrew Ostrow, **Jack Watson**, and **Sam Zizzi** - Research/Creativity Awards

Staff Awards

Debra Hardesty, **Carol Straight**, and **Li Yang** - Shining Star Award
Nick Reseter, Perfect Attendance Award
Sherri Daniel, **Doug Satterfield**, **Betsy Sharley**, **Carol Straight**, and **Tracy Wheeler** - Excellent Attendance Awards

Years of Service Awards

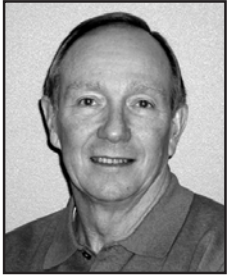
Michelle Sandrey, **Jack Watson**, and **Sam Zizzi** - 5 Years
Sherry Binion and **Doug Satterfield** - 10 Years
Dan Oliver, 15 Years
Sharon Sisler, 35 Years

Crystal Service Award - Jim Bialek



2006-07 School of PE faculty. Front row, l-r: Lynn Housner, Linda Carson, Carl Bahneman, Kristen Dieffenbach, Sam Zizzi, Vince Stilger, Melinda Eskridge, Nancy Naternicola, Kerry McKenzie, Allison Hetrick, and Dana Brooks. Middle row, l-r Gonzalo Bravo, Floyd Jones, Dallas Branch, Michelle Sandrey, Dan Ziatz, Nathan Kile, Julie Jahn, Erin Foreman, Meredith Dotson, and Andy Ostrow. Back row, l-r: Sean Bulger, Jack Watson, Ed Etzel, Bruce Wilmoth, Andy Hawkins, Bob Wiegand, and Randy Meador.

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Rich Mull

"I would not be where I am today as it pertains to my career if it had not been for my WVU years of experience and overall

education," says Richard F. Mull ('67, '68.)

Thinking back over his 35-year career in education, Rich remembers his years at WVU as formative ones: "Morgantown and West Virginia are very close to my heart."

"My time at WVU was when it all began for me," says Rich. He received a two-year scholarship for running on the cross-country team, set the mile record in intramural sports that still stands, was president of his campus fraternity (Sigma Nu), worked as a graduate assistant, and was the director of WVU's intramural sports program for four years. "All that made it possible for me to come to Indiana University."

At Indiana, he is an assistant professor in the Department of Recreation and Parks Administration within the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and is the director of the Center for Student Leadership Development and a number of campus sports facilities. For 19 years, he served as the director of all campus recreational sports. He also holds two patents on products that help golfers putt better. Rich was as a member of the WVU School of Physical Education's visiting committee for six years, and his professional expertise made him a valuable member of that group. He was inducted into the School's Hall of Fame in 1994.

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Nominations to School of Physical Education's Hall of Fame and Outstanding Alumni

Every fall, up to three outstanding individuals are inducted into the School of Physical Education's Hall of Fame. A vote is taken by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee during the Visiting Committee's Spring weekend in Morgantown. Nominations are accepted year round. You are encouraged to recognize alumni that meet the following criteria by completing the nomination form and mailing to: WVU School of Physical Education, Hall of Fame Selection Committee, PO Box 6116, Morgantown, WV 26506-6116. The nomination form is also available on the School's web site: <http://www.wvu.edu/~physed/nomination.htm>.

Hall of Fame Criteria:

1) Hold a degree awarded by the School of Physical

Education or a certification in Athletic Training prior to 1997; have been a faculty or staff member with the School; and have made significant contributions to the School, their profession, and/or society.

2) Those presently employed by the School of Physical Education are not eligible.

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From the list of previously inducted Hall of Fame members, one individual will be selected as the Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna for that year.

A. Must have received the Hall of Fame Award

B. Must hold at least one degree from the School.

C. Must be an alumnus/alumna for more than 5 years.

Nomination Form for School of Physical Education Hall of Fame

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Statement by Nominator:

In Memoriam

Mary Belle King Ryan (B.S. '35), of Morgantown, WV, passed in February 2004. She taught in Kanawha County, WV, from 1935-1943 and served on the Morgantown City Council from 1970-1972. She was an active volunteer as a Red Cross Grey Lady and with the Monongalia General Hospital Auxiliary. She also was a member of AAUW and the Morgantown Lions Club. She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Walter H. and Dr. Patricia Ryan, with whom she made her home; her faithful companion and friend, Erica the dog; one sister, two sisters-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Ralph Waldo Ryan, in 1999.

Samuel M. Pinion (B.S. '40), of Morgantown, WV, died on October 4, 2005. He lettered in football at WVU from 1937 through 1939, helping the Mountaineers defeat Texas Tech in the 1938 Sun Bowl. He was a WWII U.S. Air Force veteran and was a founding member of the Morgantown Touchdown Club and Pines Country Club. He joined Wilson Sporting Goods in 1949 and worked there for 29 years. He began building and operating Pinion Realty Co. in the 1960s, continuing there after his retirement from Wilson. Sam was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Mary, and is survived by his son, Michael, daughter-in-law Suzanne, and four grandsons, Samuel, Maxwell, Liam and Dominic. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mountaineer Athletic Club, PO Box 877, Morgantown WV 26507-0877, or to the WVU School of Physical Education, c/o Dana Brooks, PO Box 6116, Morgantown WV 26506-6116.

Margaret "Peggy" Brady Cline, (B.S. '55), of Summersville, WV, passed away Feb. 6, 2006. She was an honor graduate and active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. After graduation, Peggy was an Air Force wife, mother, teacher, and bought and sold real estate. She

was a loyal Mountaineer fan, member of the WV Golf Association, past president of the Women's WV Golf Association, and past chairman of the WV Golf Association rating committee. She was also involved in many social and civic organizations, including Girl Scout leader, the Mountain Azalea Garden Club, Bridge Club. Peggy was a member of Summersville Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Jack Cline; sons, Robert L. Cline and wife, Pam, and Dr. John M. Cline, all of Summersville; daughters, Dr. Carolyn A. Cline and her husband, Dr. Marcus Gordon of Boston, MA, and Mary Cline Vest and her husband, Brian, of North Myrtle Beach, SC; 12 grandchildren, a sister, and a brother.

Word has been received that **Anthony C. "Tony" Allevato** (B.S. '61, M.S. '65), of Pataskala, OH, has passed away.

Maribeth Mallory (B.S. '71), of Whitehouse Station, NJ, died July 2, 2006. She grew up in Morgantown, WV, and relocated to New Jersey, where she married John Mallory (B.S. '68), raised their two children, and taught and coached hockey and cheerleading in primary and secondary schools. She was a member of the WVU School of Education Visiting Committee and was an avid Mountaineer fan. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Aimee and two grandchildren, Maddyson Angelina and John William Mallory. Memorial contributions may be made to WVU Foundation-Maribeth Mallory Fund P.O. Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507, or Kelly's Dream, P.O. Box 711, Somerville, New Jersey.

David S. Hypes (B.S. '85), of Summersville, WV, lost his battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in April 2005. He was a member of WVU's wrestling team while in college, and after graduation returned to Summersville to teach, coach, and serve as principal at his alma mater, Nicholas County High School. He is

survived by his wife, Kathy Anderson Hypes; his parents, John and Lola Hypes; and his sister, Carolyn Connell; all of Summersville.


James H. Roberts of Elizabeth, WV, died June 19, 2006. He was a graduate of Wirt County High School where he was an outstanding athlete. He received a football scholarship to The Ohio State University where he graduated with a B.S. in 1948. He received his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1949 and returned to Elizabeth where he owned and operated Roberts Store for many years. He was also active with the Republican Committee, serving as a member of the West Virginia Executive Committee for 20 years. He received the Distinguished West Virginian award. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and served in the south Pacific. He was an active golfer with many awards. He was a member of various civic organizations, including the Phi Epsilon Kappa National Physical Education Honorary and the WVU School of Physical Education Visiting Committee. He was an inductee of the Mid-Ohio Valley Sports Hall of Fame, WVU Mountaineer Athletic Club and WVU Gold Club member. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia Higgins Roberts; three daughters, Sara Dorothy Roberts of Marietta, Ohio, Charlotte and Carl Perham and daughter, Grace, of Fairfax, Va., and Christy Roberts of Kitty Hawk, N.C.; and a sister, Elizabeth Roberts Bare of Hinton.

Martha Baker, of Morgantown, WV, passed away unexpectedly on March 28, 2006, from a sudden illness. At the time of her death Martha was an active part-time faculty member in the WVU School of Physical Education, teaching physical education for special populations as well as the PETE Friday Program. She had retired from the Monongalia County Board of Education and was a leader in Special Olympics. She is missed by the School's faculty and staff.

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