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Mission Statement

The College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences is actively engaged in enhancing the University's commitment to teaching, research, and service. This academic unit holds the intellectual and personal growth of the individual as its central purpose. The College is dedicated to offering academic and professional programs related to sport and human movement activities. These programs are characterized by curricular experiences which are designed to broaden perspectives, enrich awareness, deepen understanding, establish disciplined habits of thought, prepare for meaningful careers and, thus, help individuals become informed, responsive, and productive citizens. The College's administration and faculty remain committed to fulfilling this mission.

On the Cover- (from left) Guoli Liang, Associate Dean Yan, Dean Dana Brooks, Associate Dean Lynn Housner, Dean Tong, and Dr. Jack Watson. Dean Tong and Associate Dean Yan represented Yang Zhou University, China.

Message from the Dean

Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank the faculty for exemplary teaching, research, and service activities throughout the past academic year. I would also like to thank the staff for their ongoing support and hard work. As we close another productive academic year, please review the following highlights featuring some of the faculty, staff, student, and visiting committee outstanding accomplishments.



Congratulations to all of the 2009 faculty/staff/student award recipients. The awards ceremony represents the College's best efforts within the academic, service and collaborative arenas. Once again the Dean's List recipients exemplify the successful efforts of the College's best and brightest. The College continues to witness an increase in the number of students who earn Dean's List recognition.

The College, Departments, and International Center for Performance Excellence worked collaboratively to invite noted scholars to campus to speak to our faculty and students.

The Dean's Office Follow-the-Leader Program consisted of five graduating seniors with active support from the Provost's Office, Office of Social Justice, Student Recreation Center, Athletic Department, Dean's Office, and Associate Dean. The Program incorporated a dinner hosted by Interim Provost Jane Martin for the five participants. The five students attended the AAHPERD National Convention in Tampa, Florida, made possible through the Dean's Office travel funds.

Additionally, the Dean's Office continues to support the NASPE Outstanding Major of the Year by funding travel for Josh Jobson to attend the AAHPERD Convention in Tampa. Josh was selected to deliver this year's Student Commencement Address to the graduates.

Dr. Mary Wykle, Chair of the College's Visiting Committee, led the spring 2009 Visiting Committee activities. I would like to thank Dr. Housner and Dr. Watson and the students for their active participation in the Mentoring Program established by Dr. Wykle.

Some exciting new curricular offerings include a joint minor with the School of Journalism and at the Masters level a dual degree offering between the College of Business and Economics and the Sport Management discipline within the Sport Sciences Department.

In closing, on behalf of the Dean's Office, I would like to wish you and your family a very safe, healthy, and joyful summer vacation. Please take a little time to enjoy life's many little gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana D. Brooks".

Dana D. Brooks, Dean

Summer 2009 Visiting Committee Update



Dr. Mary Wykle, PhD

The Visiting Committee met March 26-27 in Morgantown. This was our first meeting without Dean Brooks as he was attending the AAHPERD National Convention and finalizing preparation for becoming AAHPERD president. The Committee extends its heartiest congratulations to Dean Brooks as he accepts this “mighty” challenge of a great association. Dean Brooks continues to bring laudatory recognition

on the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences and West Virginia University. In his absence, Dr. Lynn Housner and Dr. Jack Watson did an admirable job of keeping me on schedule and to task.

The highlight of the spring meeting was the initiation of a student mentoring program. Dr. Housner and Dr. Watson provided guidance and helped to identify speakers, select topics, and recruit students for an enlightening evening. We had four speakers with extensive experience in mentoring. Dr. Jack Watson led the evening, introducing “Leadership, Mentoring, and Engagement, with an Emphasis on Passion.” He set the stage for initiation of a mentoring program to support interested students.

The second speaker, Dr. Larry Cote, serves on the WVU Leadership Institute and spoke on “Setting the Stage, Theories and Principles of Leadership and Mentoring.” It was important to understand that this is not a new concept, but has been used informally and formally for many years and in many settings.

After a break for some chocolate brownies and “healthy” tidbits, Dr. Daryl Siedentop, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University, and Distinguished C-PASS Lecturer, spoke on “Leadership and Mentoring in Physical Education Teaching and Teacher Education.” The last speaker of the evening, LTG Ken Wykle (U.S. Army Retired), highlighted topics covered by the previous speakers with “The Nuts and Bolts of Mentoring.” The key to a successful program is ongoing activation, empowerment, and action. His many descriptive stories gave meaning to the importance of mentoring from student days well into professional life.

Reinforcement of the knowledge and advice presented was put to immediate use. The students in attendance then broke into their major areas for

round table discussions led by members of the Visiting Committee. Dr. Watson and Gen. Wykle attended the sessions and rotated among them. Students noted that they both recognized the need of being mentored, as well as the need to mentor new students entering the College. The students said they are looking forward to more guidance and mentoring opportunities.

Visiting Committee members gathered the next morning, and discussed the mentoring session, noting the value, and importance of conducting at least two sessions each year. Members evaluated the best time to hold the sessions and identification of outstanding speakers. Based on student comments, two topics that top the list for the coming year include “Work-Life Experience” specifically how to combine work, job, and family – especially for women and single parent households. The other topic is “Intergenerational Interaction in the Workplace,” recognizing that age will not always indicate seniority and dealing with the challenges of a “boss” who is in a different demographic.

The regular sub-committee provided reports. The committee tabled until the fall meeting the continued discussion of a new name for our newsletter. Please share your unique ideas. Meanwhile, the Visiting Committee accepted the newest C-PASS Hall of Fame recommendations for the fall induction ceremony. The inductees include David Dzewaltowski, Judith Hayes, and Milton Richards and the Outstanding Alumnus is William Bonsall.

As a reminder to all alumni and friends please submit your Hall of Fame nominations who best represent past graduates who have made a contribution to the field and society. Once nominated, names remain in the active file. As personal events change, the sub committee will update the individual files for consideration into the Hall of Fame.

I thank all the committee members who continue to freely give of their time. They have a huge impact on the College and extensive experience and wisdom to share. We are looking forward to the fall meeting and continuing down the path of supporting our students as they prepare to go forward with all their hopes and dreams. Congratulations to the award recipients this spring and to all our graduates. We are so proud of you.

Dr. Mary Wykle, PhD

Chair, 2009

Visiting Committee

College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences

Sweet 600!



Coach Linda Burdette

With victories over Rutgers and George Washington on January 31, West Virginia University gymnastics coach Linda Burdette (MS 1973) became the first WVU coach to earn 600 wins with a Mountaineer team. Through 35 years, Burdette's record stands at 612-244-4 with a .714 win-percentage.

Only current WVU men's basketball coach Bob Huggins (639-234), a 1977 graduate of the WVU College of Physical Activity and Sport

Sciences, has more overall wins than Coach Burdette. WVU volleyball coach Veronica Hammersmith is second to Burdette in most wins with a Mountaineer squad (563).

Burdette's record-setting win-mark was just one of the

many highlights that came during her 35th season with the Mountaineers. Having inherited the program after its inaugural 1974 season, the Parkersburg, W. Va., native has seen her club grow into one of the nation's powerhouses, with three NCAA Championship appearances, six East Atlantic Gymnastics League (EAGL) titles and 26 NCAA Regional appearances to her name.

This past season, Burdette coached the Mountaineers to a 15-8 record, a second-place finish at the EAGL Championship and a season-long ranking in the GymInfo Poll. Though the team came up short in defending its conference title, four Mountaineers captured individual championships, including senior Meghan Morris, who finished first on the uneven bars, the floor exercise and the all-around. For her efforts all season, Morris was named the EAGL Outstanding Senior Gymnast, the 11th Burdette protégé to receive the honor. Morris concluded her Mountaineer career as an individual qualifier at the 2009 NCAA Championship, the 16th gymnast to do so under Burdette's watch.

WVU honors Belmear with Martin Luther King award

Longtime student advocate and College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences grad Horace Belmear has won West Virginia University's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award.

WVU's Center for Black Culture and Research presented Belmear with the honor at its Unity Breakfast on January 19, the day the nation commemorates the life of King. The achievement award is given to a West Virginia resident who is working to fulfill the commitment of the civil rights leader and has made a substantial contribution in the advancement of such concerns as civil rights, humanitarianism, social action and advocacy.

Belmear earned a master's degree in physical education from WVU in 1951.

After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he taught social studies and physical education at Dunbar High School in Fairmont for 18 years. While at Dunbar, he coached football, basketball, track and baseball.

In 1971, Belmear came to WVU as director of foreign student admissions. In seven years, he tripled the number of international students and countries represented at WVU. In 1979, he was named assistant dean of admissions and records. The following year, Belmear took on formal responsibility for the recruitment and retention of black students at WVU, which became his full-time role until his retirement in 1993. Belmear has dedicated a substantial portion of his professional career to mentoring generations of WVU students, said Dana Brooks, dean of the WVU College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences and keynote speaker.

Dean Brooks challenged people to "be the change you wish to see in others" during the Unity Breakfast

"I can think of no individual more deserving of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. award than Mr. Horace Belmear."

Brooks said. "He lives Dr. King's dream by advocating and promoting social justice, fairness and compassion toward all individuals. It is important to note Mr. Belmear and his wife, Geraldine, were instrumental initially in recruiting and retaining minority and international students on the WVU campus.

"The term 'in loco parentis' comes to summarize the relationship Mr. Belmear had – and continues to have – with students he worked with," Brooks added. "He is, in fact, a West Virginia treasure."

Together, the Belmears created an annual welcome reception for incoming minority freshmen; the event is now named in their honor. Mrs. Belmear passed away in 2005.

"Mr. Belmear is considered a pioneer and advocate for students of color," WVU employee Robyn Wade noted in a nomination letter. "He began his teaching career in 1946, almost a decade before Brown v. Board, at Dunbar High School in an all-black school in Fairmont. His desire to present all people an opportunity to receive an education embodies Dr. King's dream. Dr. King once said, 'Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.'"

In recognition of a stellar high school coaching career and service to both WVU and the state, Belmear has received numerous awards. He was inducted into the WVU College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences Hall of Fame, the West Virginia All-Black Sports and Academic Hall of Fame and the WVU Student Affairs Hall of Fame.

His expertise in the area of student retention in higher education has been highlighted in many publications, and he received the Distinguished West Virginian Award.

Belmear continues to serve his beloved university. He is on the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences Visiting Committee and works in the Office of Student Affairs on a voluntary basis.

Get Lost orienteering competition hosted by Adventure Leadership program

It's a beautiful sunny afternoon at Cooper's Rock State Forrest. Under a pavilion, teams crowd around their maps and discuss strategy.

"Five – four – three – two – one – go! You have exactly four hours," said Nathan Kile, coordinator of West Virginia University's adventure leadership minor and the organizer for Morgantown's first orienteering competition.

The GET LOST! Orienteering Competition, sponsored by WVU's College of Physical Activity and Sports Sciences, started at 1 p.m. Sunday and was open to the public.

It challenged competitors to locate as many of the 35 checkpoints on their topographic maps of Cooper's Rock as possible, before 5 p.m., using their orienteering skills.

The checkpoints were assigned point values based on remoteness.

"Orienteering is basically navigating from one location to another, typically with a map and compass," Kile said.

A total of 24 people competed in the race, which included people competing solo and in pairs.

"I'm pleased with the turn out for the first year," Kile said. "I hope word spreads, and it grows."

Those who received the highest point values in the various skill and team size divisions received hand painted river stones as awards.

Students from Kile's outdoor navigation and survival class also took part in the event.

Some competed and others attended just for participation points. This was the student's last of many outdoor activities.

"It's a lot of work, but it's worth it to see people have a good time," Kile explained.

Levi Filsinger, a senior parks and recreations major and adventure leadership minor, helped set up checkpoints using the

skills he learned in Kile's class last spring.

"I got a little bit lost myself," Filsinger said.

Jared VanMeter, a senior geology major, and Katie White, a junior history major, both competed and enjoyed the event.

They plan to participate again if possible. Katie plans on conditioning for the next event.

"It was pretty sweet," VanMeter said. "I think more people should get into this."

This race was the second competition in a series of outdoor competitions that started with a duathlon and will end with the Decker's Creek Adventure Race.

Kile hopes this year's events will develop into a more formal race series next year, which will include the current events with additions such as a trail run and a water event.

In the future a mountain biking race and climbing competition may also be added.

"Morgantown is so blessed with outdoor activity," Kile said. "You can do anything."

He added that he wouldn't change anything about the event other than designating new checkpoint locations for future races.

"It went great. Nobody got hurt, nobody got lost and everyone had a good time," Kile said.

The 19-credit-hour minor in Adventure Sports Leadership minor is designed to provide students with the solid base of knowledge, skills, and experience sought by many employers within the adventure sports industry.

Interested students must submit a Major Declaration Form which indicates the intention to minor in Adventure Sports Leadership. For more information about enrolling in the minor contact Carol Straight, College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, room 277, phone 304-293-0839, or email Carol.Straight@mail.wvu.edu. Carol will provide details about the necessary paperwork to declare a minor. Students should contact their advisors about enrolling in the Minor in Adventure Sports Leadership.



Students learned navigation skills at the Get Lost! orienteering competition held at Cooper's Rock State Forest and sponsored by the College's Adventure Sports minor.

College announces retirement

After nearly three decades of service to WVU and to the state, Dr. Linda Carson, Ware Distinguished Professor, is retiring from teaching. Carson left Purdue University in 1979 to join the WVU College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences. In 1980, she developed the first of many learning laboratories for WVU students, requiring them to assist in “active learning” play classes offered on campus for young children and their families.

Many hundreds of families have participated in Dr. Carson’s children’s programs and countless number of students from a variety of academic units on campus have benefited from the professional preparation that only actual experiences with children can provide. Dr. Carson used to tell her students that the best professors they will ever have will be the preschool children they were about to meet.

“Dr. Carson’s positive impact on the College, the University and the state is hard to measure. The students who participated in the learning laboratories were eager to experience the unique first-hand opportunities provided through the program,” Dean Dana Brooks said.

“Dr. Carson’s work as a teacher and mentor has made lifelong believers of the benefit of combining healthy activities, and choices, in combination with the skill development of young children,” he added.

Dr. Carson was the recipient of WVU’s Outstanding Teacher Award, the Patch Award for Outstanding Community Service, the Eugene M. Fuller Award for the Most Outstanding Recreation Programs in West Virginia, WVAHPERD Honor Award for Distinguished Professional Service, National Honor Award for Excellence in Partnering from US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, and the NAGWS Pathfinder Award for her career contribution to the wellbeing and skill development of young children.

Professor Carson developed award-winning physical activity programs for infants, babies, toddlers, pre-school, and elementary school-age children in both land-based and water-based learning environments, earning recognition for involving family members as play partners. The signature feature of Dr. Carson’s play programs is a character named Choosy who

promotes healthy decision making by children and grownups. Choosy has been successfully introduced as a messenger for awareness and prevention for a public health issue that threatens the quality of life of children and their families, not only in West Virginia, but in every area of the country. More information about Choosy can be found at www.choosykids.com

Dr. Carson is recognized for designing innovative children’s programs with a focus on healthy living and active learning. Dr. Carson was a lead trainer for “I Am Moving, I Am Learning (IMIL), an obesity prevention initiative for the national Office of Head Start. IMIL gained national recognition as the recipient of the 2006 ACF Honor Award for Excellence in Partnering from DHHS. Dr. Carson is serving on the training team for “Little Voices for Healthy Choices,” a national obesity prevention initiative introduced in 2008 for Early Head Start programs. Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development and school readiness programs serving low income children and their families.

Professor Carson is also on the leadership team of WV Games for Health, a series of statewide projects that have utilized total body video games to enhance health indicators of school age children by increasing physical activity levels as a direct result of active video game playing (exergaming). The WV Games for Health project, the first of its kind, is providing teacher training and active video game equipment for every school in the state of West Virginia.

The Ware Distinguished Professor is a position established by the generosity of the Ware Family Foundation. The Ware Professorship focus incorporates leadership in childhood health and fitness, and Professor Carson has devoted her entire career to enhancing the wellbeing of children. Dr. Carson has represented the Ware Family Foundation, West Virginia University, and the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences with distinction within the state of West Virginia and across the country.

Dr. Carson plans to continue to serve children and families through Choosy Kids, a company within the WVU Business Incubator.

Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

Nominations to College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences' Hall of Fame and Outstanding Alumnae

Every fall, up to three outstanding individuals are inducted into the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences' Hall of Fame. A vote is taken by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee during the Visiting Committee’s Spring weekend in Morgantown, WV. 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 College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences, Hall of Fame Selection Committee, PO Box 6116, Morgantown, WV 26506-6116. The nomination form is available on the College’s web site: <http://www.wvu.edu/~physed/nomination.htm>.

Hall of Fame Criteria:

1. Hold a degree awarded by the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences or a certification in Athletic Training prior to 1997; and have made significant contributions to the College, their profession, and/or society.
2. Those presently employed by the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences are not eligible.

Outstanding Alumna/Alumnus Criteria:

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 be an alumnus/alumna for more than 5 years.

Sports Executives Provide Career Advice to Students

The College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences and the WVU Sport Management Club hosted a panel of top executives from professional athletic organizations inside Ming Hsieh Hall on April 14, 2009.

The panel consisted of members of the Houston Astros Major League Baseball team and the Pittsburgh Steelers NFL organization.

The Steelers were represented by Marketing Events Manager John Simpson. Gene Dias, the director of media relations, David Gottfried, the assistant general manager and general manager Ed Wade were on hand from the Astros.

The purpose of the event was to give an inside prospective of working inside a professional organization. The discussion opened with each executive discussing how they reached their respected positions.

Dias began by taking an internship with the Philadelphia Phillies in a position that wasn't even related to his major of journalism.

Wade, meanwhile, began by pursuing to become a MLB beat writer but told the audience that in order to make it, they must be aggressive and willing to take any job.

"If you want to get into sports to make money or meet players, you're going the wrong way," Wade said. "You have to have the passion and drive and willing to be competitive."

WVU Sports Management Club President Andrea Mendlow and Vice President Maureen Wade served as moderators for the discussion and fielded questions to panel ranging from how to stand out during the interview process to whether students should go straight into the work force given the current economic state.

Simpson said even though many students are considering going to graduate school due to the economy, he personally

would not recommended it because students can still gain experience, which many organizations look at.

"You can get out there and hone your skills not only in sport-related fields," Simpson said.

Dias added that sports have a broad market, and they get candidates for jobs ranging from the Navy Seals to candlestick makers.

"At the end of the day, you will still face the same type of competition when you get out of graduate school," Wade said.

Despite seeming large, sport organizations work relatively in small departments, according to the panel.

Wade said that the Astros have only 11 people who have permanent offices in Houston. All together, there are less than 200 positions in the organization.

Students and professors also asked questions like what a usual day is like for an employee in a baseball organization, to what psychological aspects they look for while scouting a player before the draft.

Most questions, though, were focused on obtaining jobs in a sports related field, and according to Dias, that is the reason he attends such events.

"Having them learning from people who have gone through the same thing they did and learning from people who were in their shoes (is essential to making it into a sports organization)," Dias said. "I think being able to share with young people our experiences is important."

Wade closed the discussion by giving the same advice he told his children while they were growing up which summed up the purpose for the assembling of the panel.

"Put your best foot forward all the time and take every opportunity you are given," he said.

Bravo helps lead Latin American SM Association

College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences Assistant Professor Gonzalo Bravo now serves as vice president of the Board of the Latin American Sport Management Association (ALGEDE, Asociación Latinoamericana de Gerencia Deportiva). Rosa López de D'Amico of Venezuela is the newly elected association president.

ALGEDE conducted The International Congress in Sport Management, which took place in Turmero, Venezuela, March 5-7, 2009. The congress lasted three days and speakers from different countries from the American continent participated: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico, USA and Venezuela.

Featured invited guest speaker joined the group from Spain. There were 600 participants and organizers called the event a success. The academic program was divided in conferences, parallel oral sessions (paper presentations), workshops and panel discussions. The theme was "Sport Management as

an Academic Area".

The Congress' goal included: To identify and meet academics working in the area of sport management in Latin America and to form the Latin American Sport Management Association.

The group reports that their first conference as a new association will probably be in 2011 in Monterrey, Mexico, at the University of Nuevo León. For more information, please contact Rosa Lopez de D'Amico. Email: rlopezdedamico@yahoo.com

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Follow the Leader Program students learn from administrators



Dean Brooks and 'Follow the Leader' participant Josh Jobson share notes at the Annual AAHPERD conference

The WVU College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences' Dean's Office annually sponsors the Follow the Leader Program, which targets graduating seniors who plan to pursue a career in higher education administration and/or Sport Management/Administration. University administrators participate in this program to give the students an idea of the daily responsibilities in various areas of administration.

Mentors in the 2009 Follow the Leader Program

included Dana D. Brooks, Dean, WVU College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences; Lynn Housner, Associate Dean/Interim Chair, WVU College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences; Terri Howes, Associate Athletic Director, WVU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics; Dave Taylor, Director, WVU Recreation Center; Charlie Morris, Associate Director,

President's Office of Social Justice, and Jane Martin, Interim Provost, WVU Office of Academic Affairs and Research.

The following students were selected by the Dean's Office to participate in the 2009 program: Stephen Bageant, Matthew Todd Chalupski, Andrea Mendlow, Julianne A. Noll, and Harrison S. Turkheimer. Each student met with each of the administrators previously mentioned.

"The 2009 Follow-the-Leader Program was an educational experience for the selected students," commented Dean Brooks. "This year's group took full advantage of direct access to some of the top leaders at the University, as well as the networking opportunities available at the national conference in Florida," Brooks added.

The application process and guidelines required that students must be a graduating senior, have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, submit a one page statement of professional goal(s), submit a current resume, and references.

Participating students attended an orientation meeting, kept a log appropriate with each of their administrative assignments, attended the National AAHPERD Convention in Tampa, Florida, this past spring, and attended a summary session in April 2009 where they highlighted several of their administrative experiences and a summary from the AAHPERD Convention.

College partnership promotes professional development

WVU, WVAHPERD, and the WVDE hosted a professional development mini-conference on March 21, 2009 at the Coliseum. Participants from around the state attended the conference, which focused on understanding and developing pedagogy and curriculum for lifetime wellness.

WVU hosted the mini-conference as a follow-up to the Higher Education session at WVAHPERD this year and subsequent discussions with WVAHPERD board members and WVSDE leaders, to explore the possible collaboration of WVAHPERD, the WVSDE, and higher education in health and physical education programming in West Virginia.

The workshops were delivered by experts from the WVSDE, P-12 teaching, and higher education to bring the most current and needed information regarding standards-based curriculum and instruction, etc. to professionals throughout the state.

A central element of the initiative offered affordable, graduate professional development (PD) credit for teachers through WVU extended learning, similar to the Academy, but more streamlined and shorter, and with follow-up requirements to be submitted electronically for 3 credits. Funds from workshop tuition covered the presenters and will sustain the workshops for implementation statewide.

In this initial session organizers established the following goals: Prioritize the professional development needs of West Virginia teachers; decide on a structure for professional development workshops (i.e., credits, costs, length of workshops, remuneration for workshop leaders, coordination with staff development days, etc.); establish an adjudication process for approving workshops and, finally, identify potential workshop leaders along with a statewide staff development schedule.

Summer 2009 Snapshots



(from left) Bill Alsop, Carol Ramsburg, and Marie Alsop attended the 2009 college halftime reception at the WVU vs. Connecticut men's basketball game.



Dr. Susan Bandy, The Ohio State University, spoke to faculty, staff and students in March as part of the ICPE Distinguished Lecture Series. Her lecture was titled, "Sport and Gender in an Era of Globalization and Transnationalism."



Dr. Floyd Jones and Leslie Meltzer pause during a student focus seminar this spring.



Dr. Daryl Siedentop, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University, and Distinguished C-PASS Lecturer, spoke on "Leadership and Mentoring in Physical Education Teaching and Teacher Education" as part of the College's Student Mentoring program.



College guests attended the 2009 Capitol Classic luncheon on January 14 at the Charleston Embassy Suites: Chuck and Margaret Ann Simpson, Rob Rubenstein, Dr. Sandy Elmore, Sue and Jim Bialek, Scoofer Higginbotham, and Shelly Kelly



Dr. Milton E. Richards visited campus this March to talk about "Current Issues Affecting NCAA Athletic Departments." Dr. Richards serves as director of athletics at California State University Stanislaus.



Visiting Committee member Dee Ware and former coach Kittie Blakemore joined a capacity crowd at the first student mentoring program hosted by the College this past March

Special Olympics coaches' certification offered on-line

ACE graduate Jeff Grubbs, (Master's degree, 2009) has partnered with Dr. Daniel Ziatz to help launch an on-line version of the Special Olympics Principles of Coaching Course with the development of a "non-credit" version of the course. The WVU Office of Extended Learning approved the course in April.

The project is in partnership with Special Olympics of North America and will be used as approved ongoing coaching education for maintaining, upgrading or re-certifying Special Olympics coaches' certification. Currently, there are approximately 250,000 Special Olympics coaches in the United States.

"This is a great opportunity for WVU, the College of

Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, the Office of Extended Learning and Special Olympics North America (SONA) because this will be the only on-line course offered of its kind," Grubbs explains. "We also plan to use the format for the course to translate to the undergrad and graduate ACE program," he added.

Grubbs and Ziatz in concert with SONA staff are working with WVU's ITRC to design the course. Grubbs hopes to become the course manager, working with the development of the course and maintaining it when it's up and running.

Hoop It Up campus event scores big

Graduate Sport Management Club works with local groups

The WVU Graduate Sport Management Club recently completed the Waterfront Place Hotel's Hoop It Up On-Campus 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at West Virginia University. The event was presented by Nate Smith's Basketball School in conjunction with the Greater Morgantown Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB). Club members worked with Dr. Dallas Branch and others to put on a successful 3-on-3 basketball tournament April 17-19 at the WVU Student Recreation Center.

With the generous support of event sponsors and the GMCVB, the Graduate Club hosted the tournament for players ranging from age 9 to 19 from across the north central West Virginia area. From the feedback received by Club members and event volunteers, the event was a big hit for participants and spectators alike.

Proceeds from the tournament are donated to the Jerry P. Wilkins Scholarship for Leaders Award, given each year to a

deserving minority graduate student applicant accepted into the Graduate Sport Management discipline. This year's scholarship recipient and major organizer of the Hoop It Up event Markeisha Everett said, "It was exciting to put on an event that we knew was going to benefit a good cause. In addition, we learned a great deal about planning and organizing such an event."

Since the beginning of the school year, Club members spent time both in and out of class to develop the 3-on-3 On Campus event, engaging corporate partners, promoting and publicizing the event, and developing a blue-print "model" for future events. This experiential learning effort is but one example of many practical "hands-on" projects that helps to distinguish the Graduate Sport Management discipline as "1 of the 15 great sports biz programs in the country" (Partnership Activation 2.0, February, 2008, 1).

Athletic Coaching Education Student Volunteers Recognized

Stepping Stones partnership continues

I wanted to let you know that Ashley Hickman and Michael Marsh have completed 80+ hours with us here at SteppingStones and Special Olympics. They both have been wonderful volunteers and the athletes loved having them around. They worked the entire weekend of Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament, Regional tourna-

ments, office work, parties and basketball practice with us. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,
Kim Walls, *SteppingStones*

Linda Carson receives Pathfinder Award

Head Start Body Start National Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play (HSBS) advisory board member Linda Carson received The Pathfinder Award at the 2009 AAHPERD convention. The Pathfinder Award provides national recognition to women who have demonstrated continuous dedication to the advocacy, recruitment, and enhancement of girls and women in sports and sport leadership in their states. The award is given by NAGWS. Linda has prepared young girls to have confidence and to participate in games and sports with skill competence when they were ready.

Linda is the Ware Distinguished Professor at West Virginia University and the Director of the WV Motor Development Center in the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences. She has been setting the Head Start community afire the past several years with knowledge and enthusiasm about I Am Moving, I Am Learning (IMIL).



Dean Dana Brooks, Dr. Linda Carson, and Gloria Brown, Lexington, VA, celebrate at the 2009 Annual AAHPERD National Conference in Tampa, FL.

New Faculty Additions and Search Updates

Dr. Valerie Wayda has accepted the invitation to join the College as Chair of the Coaching and Teaching Studies Department and associate professor. Please extend a WVU welcome to Dr. Wayda and her family. More information about Dr. Wayda will be featured in the next issue of the College newsletter.

Dr. Emily Jones, assistant professor, will join the College in Physical Education Teacher Education within the Coaching and Teaching Studies Department. Her appointment begins in

fall 2009.

Dr. Coyte Cooper has resigned his position in the Sport Sciences Department and will join the UNC faculty at Chapel Hill. A committee has initiated the search process to fill Dr. Cooper's position for the fall 2009.

The College's major gifts officer search is ongoing. The committee is currently conducting interviews in an attempt to fill this position in the very near future.

Sport communication minor created to fill niche

WVU's School of Journalism and the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences partner to offer new minor.

Students who love sports now have a new opportunity to get in on the action. Beginning this summer, the WVU P.I. Reed School of Journalism and the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences have launched a new minor in sport communication.

The minor, which is available to students outside the School of Journalism and CPASS, prepares students to understand the business of sports and to work with athletes, the media, corporate sponsors and the public to effectively communicate their client's message. Students will gain practical skills as professional communicators in the multibillion dollar sports industry.

Job areas associated with sport communication include sports information, media sales, sponsorships and endorsements, and community relations. "We know that students are passionate about sports and are eager to break into the industry," said School of Journalism Dean

Maryanne Reed. "This minor is an opportunity for students to match their passion to a profession that offers a wide range of career choices."

Dana Brooks, dean of the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences, says the minor is a unique partnership between two academic programs with different strengths.

"The School of Journalism offers hands-on, practical skills in media writing, public relations and strategic communications, while the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences provides a solid understanding of the issues affecting professional and college sports today," said Brooks.

The minor requires 18 hours – nine from the College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences and nine from the School of Journalism. This blended minor includes both on-campus and online courses, and most courses are offered in the summer terms.

For more information, visit <http://journalism.wvu.edu/online> or <http://www.wvu.edu/~physed/>.

WVU now offering unique minors in health and fitness fields *Receives ACE award for contributions to field*

West Virginia University students interested in health and fitness now have an opportunity that most students across the country do not have.

WVU's College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences is currently the only college in the U.S. to offer a group fitness instructor minor. The college is also one of only three universities to offer a personal trainer minor.

Students who choose these minors will get hands-on fieldwork experience. They are required to take a national certification exam. Classes and certifications for these minors are sponsored by the American Council on Exercise (ACE).

"We are very proud to have the American Council on Exercise as our partner to help us offer these great programs," said Nancy Naternicola, fitness and wellness director for the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences.

ACE, which sets certification and continuing education standards for fitness professionals, is committed to protecting all segments of society against ineffective fitness products, programs and trends through ongoing public education, outreach and research, according to the group.

Naternicola is one of 25 ACE master trainers in the country. When hired by WVU, she decided to partner the two organizations and create a unique opportunity for students.

"Personal training is one of the fastest growing professions in the health and fitness industry, and group fitness instructors are also in high demand," Naternicola said. "Both minors compliment many majors, and graduating with several national certifications is important when landing a job in the fitness and health industry."

ACE recently recognized WVU's College of Physical Activity and Sports Sciences as a partner in specially-designed curriculum to create highly trained, credentialed fitness professionals, who make positive contributions to the health and fitness of the nation.

WVU's College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences is also the only school in the country to offer minors in aquatic management and adventure sports.

For more information on WVU's College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, visit <http://www.wvu.edu/~physed/>.

Faculty Briefs

Presentations

Ziatz, D., (2009, April). Special Olympics West Virginia Style, Special Olympics North American session. Presented at the annual national conference of AAHPERD convention.

Clement, D., Parker, P., Visek, A., Harris, B. (2009). Jobs in Academia: A Panel Discussion with Assistant Professors in Sport and Exercise Psychology. Presented at the Eleventh Annual Northeast Atlantic Sport Psychology Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

Clement, D. (2009). Sport Psychology & Athletic Training. Presented at the West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Sports Medicine Conference in Charleston, WV.

Dieffenbach, K. & Vosloo, J. A qualitative examination of the experiences of female coaches. Presentation submitted to AAHPERD in Tampa, FL in April 2009.

Dieffenbach, K. & Lauer, L. Coaching ethics: An oxymoron, a lost art, a moot point? Creating a culture of principles and standards. Presentation submitted to AAHPERD in Tampa, FL. in April 2009 (Larry Lauer is at Michigan State University at the Institute for the Study of Youth Sport)

Dieffenbach, K. (2009) Participated in three educational professional service webinar workshops: Building Your Profession: Being a professional coach, Coaching the Transition Athlete, and Training on Limited Time. Presented for USA Cycling, the national cycling governing body.

Publications

Etzel, E. Published edited book with FIT, Counseling and psych services for college student-athletes.

Etzel, E. (in press) Chapter in Casebook on Ethically Challenging Work Settings in Mental Health and the Behavioral Sciences, to be published by Oxford University Press.

Loughran, M.J., & Etzel, E. (published) Ethical practice in a diverse world: The challenges of working with difference in the psychological treatment of student-athletes. *Athletic Insight*.

Other College News

WVU's **SEP discipline** was featured in Irish sport psych press: *Psych Works*, the official newsletter of the Irish Sport Psychology Network, winter 2009 issue. The author summarized that the mission of the WVU Sport and Exercise program is "to develop strong teachers, researchers, and consultants under the scientist-practitioner model" and notes that "collaborative relationships that build upon the shared expertise of faculty and graduate students" help prepare students for careers in academia and private practice. The article suggests that faculty and students aspire to lead by example "by modeling the skills and principles we teach to our students and clients including ethical behavior, teamwork, and grace under pressure, emotional composure, rational thinking, confidence, and humility."

The article explains that **Jack Watson** has contributed to committees in both APA and AAASP, and "is helping with the

international dissemination of their model of graduate training. The team at West Virginia University is undoubtedly not only a standard bearer among the 42 graduate programs in the United States but it is arguably a world leading course for the sport psychologists of 2012.” <http://www.irishsportpsych.com/docs/psychworks2009.pdf>

The ACE Special Olympics class is providing students to work with Stepping Stones, Morgantown, WV, in many activities. Monica Marietta is now the Director of Stepping Stones and is overseeing the collaboration.

Special Olympics class students are also working with the WVU Center for Civic Engagement. One student, Susan Reed, received a Presidential Award for providing approximately 150 service hours. Dan Ziatz received a Center for Civic Engagement grant to help provide gas reimbursement for students who will travel to Charleston, WV, for the Special Olympics Summer Games. Tim Klinker, a graduating senior in ACE, also completed more than 100 hours working with Special Olympics, once again exemplifying the students’ excellent work ethics.

The Strength and Conditioning minor received official approval as a minor this spring. Classes will start next summer. The minor will serve as an area of emphasis for ACE students and will be available for students across campus. The program has been approved by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), the premier organization for the field in the U.S.

Required courses include Physiological Aspects of Strength and Conditioning, Introduction to Strength and Conditioning, Strength and Conditioning Techniques, Strength and Conditioning Program Design, Introduction to Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Health, Methods of Personal Training, (**Nancy Natericola**) and an internship. Total credits equal 21 credit hours.

Students will be prepared to take the Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) exam when they complete the program. This certification is considered as the gold standard and is required in the profession for working in strength and conditioning programs at the high school, college and professional levels. Classes will start summer 2010.

Kristen Dieffenbach reports that **ACE 256 certified 29 new WVSSAC certified coaches**. These students passed the WV Sport Rules and Regulations exam, the American Sport Education Sport First Aid exam and the American Sport Education Coaching Principles exam, all with an 80 percent or better. The latter two are national tests. These students are now certified to coach in West Virginia middle and high school scholastic programs. The two national certifications are recognized in many state and private youth sport organizations.

The College received national attention in the **April 2009 Oprah magazine**. **Kristen Dieffenbach**, ACE, was quoted as an expert in the field of sports psychology to address the issue of exercise excuses. The story quotes Kristen in her attempt to “decode” excuses. She says we avoid exercise because “we’ve robbed it of any joy. We’ve transformed it from a natural, stress-relieving activity to something we have to schedule, plan, and create goals for. In other words: another form of stress.” Kristen recommends that women care for themselves first. Unless you meet your needs, you’ll have trouble meeting the needs

of the people who count on you. She calls that concept “self-care.”

Kristen surfaced again in the March 2009 issue of *Adventure* magazine as an expert in the field of multisport training. In a story titled “Instant Ironman,” the magazine shared a cross-training training plan that incorporates how to get more out of doing less. Kristen competes nationally in multisport races such as Primal Quest, a 500-mile beast where she placed in the top ten last summer. Cross-training, she says, keeps her mental capacities fresh. “Switching between activities is more stimulating,” she adds. “It’s human nature. You’re less likely to get bored.”

Ed Etzel will receive the APA Division 47 Education Award at APA Convention in Toronto this summer. He is also actively involved in consulting with USOC Sport Psychology Registry.

Etzel has been promoted to the rank of professor in the Department of Sport Sciences. He received the promotion through recommendations of colleagues, the Dean, and the WVU Office of Academic Affairs.

Dallas Branch, SM graduate program, and Dr. Jackie Cueneen (SM grad) were quoted in a recent story in the NY Times as experts in the Sport Management industry and discipline.

Lynn Housner, PhD, associate dean, took on the role of physical educator when he provided Spark instruction and skill-based activities through experiential learning. In February, Housner organized a series of PE related activities. Physical educators began class with a series of activity stations, and then laughed and panted their way through a MVPA, basketball bulldozer and builder. Dr. Housner concluded the staff development session with further review of Spark resources, sample task sheets for student cognitive learning, and an overview of PE and Wellness Standards. The Parkersburg High School Physical Education Department hosted this event, showcasing their beautiful new mini gym.

WVU wins 14th national rifle championship

West Virginia University's No. 3 ranked rifle team captured its 14th national championship this March in Fort Worth, Texas, at the TCU Rifle Range and the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The title is the first for the WVU rifle program since 1998.

The Mountaineers won the team air rifle competition, shooting a staggering 2353 score to propel them to the championship with an overall aggregate score of 4643, seven points better than second-place Jacksonville State (4636). Navy finished second in air rifle with a 2327 while Jacksonville State tallied a 2324, good for third.

It is the highest finish for the Mountaineers at nationals since a third-place finish in 2001.

"Yesterday wasn't a good day," third-year coach Jon Hammond (CPASS grad) said of their sixth-place smallbore finish after the team shot a 2290 in smallbore. "Everyone was disappointed in their performance. We weren't even thinking national championship today, rather to just come out and shoot

well in air rifle."

"We've been one of the best air teams all year and the pressure was off," Hammond added. All four of the team's top members, Wallizer, Lamson, Santelli and Kulbacki, "came out and stuck to their job, really. They just focused on what they could control. Our depth showed and the turnaround from yesterday to today is incredible. It's one of the biggest comebacks I've seen since I've been in the sport."

Hammond becomes the fourth Mountaineer coach to guide West Virginia to the national championship; Marsha Beasley (1990-2006) won eight titles, Ed Etzel (1977-87; 1989) won four and Greg Perrine won it all in 1988. From 1983 to 1998 WVU either won the NCAA Championship or was the national runner-up. "It's amazing really. It's been over 10 years for the program to have won a national title and to do it in this fashion is incredible. I'm happy for our team and our program."

SM Graduate Recognized

Todd Knisley (MS, SM, 2007), was featured in Carstarphen's Campaigners, a web-based blog offering an online network of public relations resources, strategies and discussions about best practices in the field.

The blog provided a profile on Knisley due to his expertise in college athletics, public relations and marketing. Knisley is an Assistant Director of Marketing and Promotions for the University of Oklahoma Athletic Department. The piece notes that Knisley earned a bachelor's degree from West Virginia

University in 2006 where he majored in sports management and minored in communications and business. He went on to earn a master's degree in sports management from West Virginia in 2007.

Knisley, whose experience includes an internship with the NFL Players Association and a job in marketing and partnerships with the NFL's Minnesota Vikings, says he feels that his job is a combination of marketing, advertising and public relations, and that helps to make his job exciting.

CPASS part-time faculty member named Professor of the Year

Ruth Kershner, associate professor in the Department of Community Medicine at West Virginia University, and CPASS part-time faculty member, has been chosen 2008 Professor of the Year. The award comes from the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia.

The award was announced at a dinner at the Cultural Center in Charleston in March, following a reception at the governor's mansion.

A registered nurse and faculty-student liaison of the WVU School of Medicine, Kershner has been a member of the WVU faculty since 1991. In 2005, she was named American Association of Health Education Professor of the Year. She has twice been given the WVU School of Medicine Distinguished Teacher Award.

"Dr. Kershner's teaching is demonstrably effective," said Dr. Alan Ducatman, chair of the Department of Community Medicine. "She utilizes a variety of teaching methods, bringing knowledge, humor, compassion, experience and substance to the classroom. Her students are inspired. It is no wonder that all of them obtain employment at or soon after graduation, and 70 percent stay in West Virginia."

Kershner orients her students toward community service projects such as working at food banks in Morgantown and distributing alcohol information outside bars during the first few weeks of the new academic year. They also volunteer in public schools, at the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health and at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Under her leadership, WVU's Community Medicine Student Association earned recognition from the West Virginia Health Education Council.

Last year, Kershner won the Dean's Award for Excellence in Community Service for her work at the University on the Drug and Alcohol Advisory council and Sexual Assault Advisory Council and also in the community on the Board of the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center. She is also on the Monongalia County Board of Education Wellness Committee.

The Professor of the Year award carries a cash prize of \$10,000 sponsored by United Bank. The foundation, created in 1984, recognizes and rewards innovation and creativity in the faculties of West Virginia's public and private colleges and universities.

College alumnus leads effort for school, vets

Bill Stefanko (SM '04) reached out to WVU and the school he loves gave him another reason why. WVU is helping him treat the serving and veteran members of the military.

One day a thought about a friend, Gary Stover, who's serving over in Iraq, meshed with a segment he'd seen on ESPN's "Outside the Lines," where different organizations brought veterans to various ball games.

"It got me thinking," he said. "If I can just take someone for one game and just give them a little enjoyment, if I can just give something back after all they've given for us, I have to do it."

WVU Director of Sports Marketing Matt Wells hooked Stefanko up with a group called the Gathering of Mountain Eagles, which last year brought a group of about two dozen military veterans to the home opener against Marshall.

Stefanko said he's planning on having one or two people at this year's home opener against Liberty.

Stefanko hopes to make it at least a yearly thing and maybe even a few times a year. "I'm just a Joe Schmo, but I want them to be able to have the same experience we have and just to show appreciation for all the stuff they do. I don't ever want to take them and what they do for granted," he said.

"It's just about having fun, but that happens, I guess," he said, "but it's special to me. When you're there and you see the emblem in the middle of the field, everyone knows what it means. It's hard to say exactly what it's like." And so Bill Stefanko will show them instead.

Contact sports writer Mike Casazza at 304-319-1142. His blog is at blogs.dailymail.com/wvu.

Pioneering Camp Celebrates Graduation with Coach Stewart

WVU Head Coach Bill Stewart will help 19 young adults and their parents celebrate one year of healthy lifestyle habits at their upcoming graduation weekend in Morgantown. The campers and their families will commemorate their success in Camp NEW You, an innovative program designed to help overweight children in WV by ensuring new habits will be supported at home.

The graduation activities take place June 12-14, in Morgantown. Camp NEW You participants and their guests will attend the commencement ceremony and dinner, featuring keynote speaker Coach Stewart, at Touchdown Terrace, located at Milan Puskar Stadium. Sponsor representatives from PEIA, Mountain State Blue Cross Blue Shield, WV CHIP, The Health Plan, Milan Pharmaceuticals and the Office of Healthy Lifestyles will join campers at the dinner.

Camp NEW You, which refers to nutrition, exercise, and weight management, is a joint effort between the Department of Pediatrics in the WVU School of Medicine and the WVU College of Physical Activity & Sport Sciences.

The camp activities focus on healthy goal setting and decision making. Camp counselors emphasize the importance of parent participation in creating healthier home environments that provide opportunities for healthy eating and regular physical activity.

"Camp NEW You focuses on the collaboration of children and parents," Emily Murphy, a researcher in the department of pediatrics, said. "Children are more likely to follow through with healthy lifestyle changes when their home environment reflects what they're being taught at camp."

"The kids attending this camp are at risk for chronic health conditions because their Body Mass Index (BMI) measurements are greater than the 85th percentile. These parents realized they needed help teaching their child new habits, because sometimes their own knowledge in these areas is lacking," says

Dr. Emily Murphy, exercise physiologist with the CARDIAC Project, a co-sponsor of the program. "Camp NEW You was designed to help teach new healthy lifestyle habits while also ensuring that habits will be supported at home."

Preliminary results show that this approach is working. Of the original 23 campers, a significant reduction in BMI has been achieved.

After attending camp with their child for a few days during a two-week summer camp, parents join their children for three additional fun-filled weekends throughout the year. Each session is packed with activities and simple techniques for reaching healthy lifestyle goals. Lifestyle coaching is also involved.

Because Camp NEW You is a collaboration between WVU College of Physical Activity and Sports Sciences and WVU School of Medicine-CARDIAC Project, campers and their families have access to high level experts in the fields of exercise physiology, medicine, nutrition and behavioral medicine.

"Every camp weekend we have a variety of professionals who participate in programming. Experts include registered dietitians, medical doctors, and behavioral specialists," says Dr. Murphy. "It's an added benefit that the program involves such high level consultants."

Because the camp targets high risk children, many health insurance providers such as PEIA, Mountain State Blue Cross Blue Shield, and WV CHIP have approved most program costs. To participate, youth must be between 11-14 years of age and with BMI greater than the 85th percentile. A least one parent or guardian must commit to attend.

A limited number of spots are available for next year's camp, starting in summer of 2010. Applications are currently available at www.campnewyou.org or by calling 304.293.0859.

CPASS Alumni Briefs

Phil Peevy (MS '82) has landed his first PE teaching position at Silverbrook Elementary School in Fairfax, VA. Previously, he sold Coca-Cola for 25 years and had an opportunity to move on and apply his degree. Lori, college sweetheart and wife of 28 years, is also employed with FCPS at Mount Vernon High School. Peevy currently holds a provisional license in the state of Virginia.

Dr. Dan Mahoney (SM '90) has recently been appointed to be Dean of Kent State University's College of Education, Health, and Human Services. Dan has quite a distinguished career in higher education, serving as Assistant Provost at the University of Louisville, among other duties. He is a distinguished scholar, receiving the Sport Management Fellow induction from NASSM and the Earle F. Ziegler Award, the most prestigious award in sport management. Congrats to Dan and best wishes in his new capacity at Kent State.

Bobby Bates (ACE '05) was named varsity football coach at McQuaid (NY) High School after three years as the school's head JV coach. The program was 23-13 in the last four seasons under the leadership of Tom Zaccardo. Bates promises to "surround" the players with "successful, energetic people" to motivate the team. According to his dad, Bob Bates, he was prepared to take on the challenges as head coach thanks in large part to his education in the College's ACE major.

Bill Tranced (Ed.D '80) has spent a life time involved in sports, sports sciences and coaching in the UK and internationally. Most recently, Bill joined University Campus Suffolk in Ipswich, UK, where he is working part-time promoting sports and fitness for all.

Dick Struck (BS '61) was inducted into the Delco Athletes Hall of Fame at the association's annual awards dinner April 23, 2009 at the Concordville Inn (Delaware). Dick was an All-Delco football and basketball player and the second-leading basketball scorer in the league. He played football on scholarship at WVU where he was a teammate of future NFL players Sam Huff, Bruce Bosley, and Joe Marconi. He turned down a contract offer from the Dallas Cowboys to accept a commission in the United States Army.

Anne Tierney (MS, ACE '09) has accepted a position as recreation technician at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. Anne reports that she received a higher pay level due to her degree from WVU.

Scott Gower, (MS SM '08) will take over as athletic director at Scranton Prep, PA, the school has announced. Joe Lalli, former AD and coach, is retiring. Gower, who will begin his duties on July 1, is a graduate of Keystone College. He completed an internship in athletic management last year at Villanova University.



Michele Hoffman Samuels and husband Darren Samuels introduce the newest addition to their family and future WVU Mountaineer: Slayton Hoffman Samuels was born on May 18, 2009, 12:49 p.m., weighing in at 7 lbs 1 ounce and 21 inches long.



Make a Difference in the Lives That Follow

*by Deb Miller,
Director of Planned Giving,
WVU Foundation*

Many people make the excellent educational experiences available through the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences possible. They take pride in this chance to help.

Everyone has the opportunity to help in his or her own special way too. One valuable option is to include a gift provision in a will or revocable trust that will help the College continue to carry out its important mission.

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The www.wvuf.org website can help you learn more about scholarships and future support through your estate plan (click on Planned Giving). Truly, every gift matters — because every gift does something good!

In Memoriam

Francis T. Evans

Daniels, WV - December 11, 2008

Michael T. Ray

Charleston, WV - May 4, 2009

Hope H. Loar

Morgantown, WV - May 11, 2009



Fitness Information Technology Recent Publications



FIT's recent publications include **Integrated Physical Education: A Guide for the Elementary Classroom Teacher**, 2nd Edition, which includes a number of chapters authored by C-PASS faculty members, edited by Lynn D. Housner; **Counseling and Psychological Services for College Student-Athletes**, edited by Dr. Edward F. Etzel; and **100 Trailblazers: Great Women Athletes Who Opened Doors for Future Generations**, by Dr. Richard Lapchick. The editors of FIT's **International Journal of Sport Finance** recently began a web blog. The blog, available at <http://ijsf.wordpress.com>, is an attempt to provide academicians, students, and practitioners interested in sport finance a constant and more casual forum for following and discussing newsworthy events in the field.



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Fall 2009 Events



Dave Zirin addressed College faculty, staff, students, and local media as part of ICPE's distinguished lecture series held this past March. Zirin's presentation was entitled, "Sports, Racism, and Resistance."

Tribute to Linda Carson

Friday, August 28, 2009, 6 p.m.
Erickson Alumni Center

Wall of Honor Reception

Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 3 p.m.
Coliseum

Fall Visiting Committee Meeting

October 2-3, 2009

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Friday, October 2, 2009
Reception, 7 p.m.
Induction Ceremony, 8 p.m.
Erickson Alumni Center

Homecoming Tent Reception

WVU vs. Connecticut
Saturday, October 24, 2009
Two hours prior to kick-off
Tent City Two