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This edition of the ALS newsletter offers a glimpse of a few of the many recent events in the College of Applied Life Studies. As you will see in the pages that follow, one of the highlights of the year has been the successful completion of an aggressive faculty recruitment effort. An outstanding pool of approximately 60 applicants responded to the Cross-College Initiative Faculty Searches in Aging and Disability. Individuals were invited to campus from across the nation for formal interviews, and from that group, three of the most highly sought-after faculty are joining us this fall. The College also was able to recruit five additional faculty members through departmental searches, bringing the total number of new faculty who will join the College in the fall to eight. Increasing the number of tenure/tenure-track faculty within Applied Life Studies is a high priority, and we are fortunate to have had such a rich applicant pool in our recent searches.



Tanya M. Gallagher

I am also pleased to share that the 2004-2005 fiscal year was one of our most successful years in terms of fundraising. Annual fund contributions—both dollars and number of donors—to Applied Life Studies have increased by approximately 20% compared to the previous fiscal year. Much of this support is designated to help our students, including the establishment of a new program, the ALS Student Career Development and Leadership Awards Program, which will provide students with resources to aid their professional development. This fiscal year over 100 students in Applied Life Studies received privately funded awards and scholarships, which are critically important to our efforts to recruit and retain the highest-achieving students. That enrollment at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is growing steadily while quality indicators such as GPA and class rank are increasing is a strong endorsement of the programs in ALS.

Among the student-based programs that the College and the ALS Student Council offered this year were two highly successful events. This year's Student/Alumni Career Night brought 17 alumni to campus to share career paths and insight with our current students. This past spring the College also hosted over 350 students and their families at the fourth annual Mom's Day Brunch.

As alumni and friends of the College, you are important partners in our success. Your continued involvement will ensure that today's students receive the quality of education they have come to expect from Applied Life Studies. As we begin a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you back to campus to see firsthand the faculty, students, and activities that are featured in the pages that follow.

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KINESIOLOGY, COMMUNITY HEALTH MERGE

To relieve the administrative pressure on a small core of faculty in one of its academic programs, the College of Applied Life Studies recently reviewed its structure and made some organizational changes, most evident in the merger of two units.

Tanya Gallagher, dean of the College of Applied Life Studies, created a task force within ALS more than a year ago to find another department in the College to merge with the community health program. “We needed to relieve community health of carrying all the administrative load of a department,” Gallagher said.

After a series of discussions and meetings with faculty and students within the College, and with their overwhelming support, the Departments of Community Health and Kinesiology have merged, enriching both programs. The Department of Kinesiology was a natural choice because of the common health theme and the lead of other universities—more than 100 campuses around the country have kinesiology and community health under one department. “We are maximizing advantages of preserving department identity while reaping the benefits

of an overlapping department structure,” said Gallagher. “We’re moving forward to retain the benefits of both systems.” Under the name Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, all of the programs of study and the degrees previously offered will be retained and strengthened.

The University Board of Trustees approved a merger between kinesiology and community health on January 20, 2005, and with one semester now completed under the new arrangement, the merger is already reaping benefits.

Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko, head of the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, said this collaboration is beneficial to both students and faculty. “This is a really exciting opportunity to pull together faculty with a common interest,” Chodzko-Zajko said. “It provides more opportunities for students within the curriculum. There are virtually no negative effects, and I’m already enjoying working with colleagues in both programs. It’s an exciting opportunity for both programs to grow.”

DEPARTMENT OF RST GOLF OUTING

RECREATION, SPORT AND TOURISM

The Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism teamed with the Illinois Association of Park Districts for a reception that followed the Summer Golf Tour kick-off held at the Chevy Chase Golf Course in Wheeling, Illinois, in May. The event attracted more than 100 alumni and friends, including family members of Charles Brightbill and Allen Sapora, who participated in a silent auction to benefit the Brightbill-Sapora Professorship in Recreation Fund.

Pictured at right are Ted Flickinger, president and CEO of IAPD; Department Head Cary McDonald; Dean Tanya Gallagher; Jeanne Sapora Snyder (BS '70, EdM '73); John Sapora (AB '83); and Fred Brightbill (BS '60, MD '64).



ALS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY FOR FALL 2005

DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH



DAVID R. STRAUZER – COMMUNITY HEALTH

Dr. Strauser joins the faculty from the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Research at the University of Memphis where he was director of the Center for Rehabilitation and Employment Research. He earned a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation psychology, a master's in rehabilitation counseling, and a Ph.D. in rehabilitation counseling psychology with a minor in educational psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Strauser's teaching and research interests include the assessment of individuals with disabilities and psychological factors that impact the career development and vocational behavior of individuals with disabilities. He is also interested in the impact of trauma symptoms on career development and the impact of the working alliance on rehabilitation outcomes, psychological well-being and career development.



CATLAINN K. SIONÉAN – COMMUNITY HEALTH

Dr. Catlainn Sionéan joins us from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School where she has been a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar since 2003. Dr. Sionéan was formerly a behavioral scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Alma College, Michigan, and a master's and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Sionéan's teaching and research will focus on her longstanding commitment to promoting and reducing disparities in women's health, specifically women's reproductive health behaviors and outcomes, and the design, implementation, and evaluation of behavioral and community interventions.



KYLE T. EBERSOLE – KINESIOLOGY

Dr. Ebersole received his bachelor's degree from the U of I with an emphasis in athletic training, and an M.P.E. in exercise science and a Ph.D. in exercise physiology from the University of Nebraska. Since January 2000, he has been the director of both the Athletic Training Education Program and the Athletic Training Research Laboratory in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Department of Human Movement Sciences. Dr. Ebersole's research involves the evaluation of muscle function using electromyography and mechanomyography.

JACOB J. SOSNOFF – KINESIOLOGY



Majoring in exercise and sport science, Dr. Jacob Sosnoff received his bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) from Ithaca College and both a master's and Ph.D. in kinesiology with a gerontology minor from The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Sosnoff's professional interests are investigating age-related changes in neurophysiological control of movement in healthy and disabled populations across the lifespan and teaching neurophysiology of movement, motor control and learning, and motor development.

AMELIA (AMY) WOODS – KINESIOLOGY



Dr. Amy Woods joins us from Indiana State University where she had been a faculty member since 1994. She earned a bachelor's degree in physical education teaching from Winthrop College, a master's in physical education from the University of Tennessee, and a Ph.D. in instruction and curriculum in physical education from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Woods will be actively involved in Kinesiology's teaching and teacher education program while continuing her research on teacher career stages, effective teaching, and school-based physical activity programs.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, SPORT AND TOURISM

MEGAN CHRISTINE JANKE – RECREATION, SPORT AND TOURISM



Dr. Megan Janke earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and a master's from Clemson University, with both degrees focusing on therapeutic recreation. This past May Dr. Janke completed her Ph.D. in child and family development with an emphasis on midlife and aging from the University of Georgia. Her research and teaching interests are in the areas of leisure, aging, and health, specifically the role of leisure during transitions such as retirement, the onset of disability, and caregiving on individuals' physical and mental well-being.

**DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH
AND HEARING SCIENCE**

**LAURA SEGEBART
DETHORNE – SPEECH
AND HEARING
SCIENCE**

Dr. Laura DeThorne joins us from Pennsylvania State University's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders where she has been a faculty member since 2002. An alumna of the University of Illinois, Dr. DeThorne earned her bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from the Speech and Hearing Science Department. Dr. DeThorne's teaching interests include child language development, childhood communication disabilities, and behavioral genetics. Her research focuses on understanding environmental and genetic influences on child language development and disability.



**PRITESH K. PANDYA
– SPEECH AND
HEARING SCIENCE**

Dr. Pandya has bachelor's and master's degrees in audiology from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and this past May he earned a Ph.D. in communication sciences/cognition and neuroscience from the University of Texas at Dallas. Dr. Pandya was awarded a prestigious NIH-NIDCD Individual Predoctoral Fellowship that supported his dissertation research. In addition to teaching in the area of audiology and hearing disorders, Dr. Pandya will continue his research on neural information processing and neural plasticity with a special interest in the neural basis of learning complex spatiotemporal information such as speech.



**ALS STUDENTS
FEATURED ON
NATIONAL TELEVISION
SPOTS**

Two students in Applied Life Studies will appear in commercials for the University of Illinois that will be shown on television and the scoreboards during halftimes of football and basketball games this coming year. The spots feature UI athletes performing in the classroom, with the tag line, "The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Where academics come first." Illinois basketball guard Dee Brown, a senior in Recreation, Sport and Tourism, is shown looking up from a book in the University of Illinois Library and taking aim with a crumpled paper at a nearby wastebasket. After sinking the shot, the library erupts in cheers until a librarian restores order. Also appearing in the commercials is UI gymnast Krystal Melcarek, a kinesiology major, who is shown executing a flip to the front of a classroom to write the answer to a question on a blackboard. The College of Applied Life Studies is proud to have two students representing the campus in such a national spotlight.



ALS student Dee Brown.



Graduates of PEW class of 1972 recently reunited to celebrate 33 years of friendship along the Pacific Coast in Oregon.

From left to right. Karen Stahl Beuprie, Carolyn Bechly, Linda Raap McClenahan, Marilyn Minneman, Patty Seghers, Lyndell Wilken, Hilary Carlson, Marilyn Rueter Gorney, and Jean Snuggs.

BELL INDUCTED INTO NATA HALL OF FAME

KINESIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH



Dr. Gerald Bell, the long-time director of the Athletic Training Program in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health at the University of Illinois, was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Hall of Fame during its 56th annual meeting this past June in Indianapolis.

Nominated and selected by their athletic training peers, all the new inductees have been certified NATA members for at least 25 years. Bell is retiring this year as director of the Athletic Training Program in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health. For more than 30 years, he has provided athletic training services for Olympic-level distance swimmers and U.S. swimming teams throughout the world, and he has played a vital role in helping Illinois athletic trainers gain licensure. He has

served on numerous NATA program accreditation committees and received many honors and awards, including the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award in 1996 and Bud Miller Educator of the Year in 1998.

"I can't imagine doing anything else in my life," says Bell about his distinguished career as an athletic trainer. "Providing care and education for our future is food for the soul."

"Jerry deserves to be recognized for his extraordinary achievements," says NATA executive director Eve Becker-Doyle, CAE. "He joins the more than 200 other remarkable ATCs in the NATA Hall of Fame, who are an inspiration to all of us."

ENTREPRENEURIAL GRAD GIVES BACK TO DEPARTMENT

RECREATION, SPORT AND TOURISM



A recent graduate from the College of Applied Life Studies has taken the bold step of starting his own online business while designating proceeds to the academic unit that awarded his undergraduate degree. Nik Lapin, a 2005 graduate of the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism, recently founded an online clothing company that offers original Illini T-shirt designs. The venture, IlliniTees.com, is especially noteworthy because Nik has donated a portion of his sales to the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism.

Nik was able to capitalize on the success of the Illinois basketball team this past season by offering a variety of shirts supporting the team. He has plans to expand his business to cater to other organizations that may need custom T-shirts. "I never thought the business would take off as it did," says Lapin. "Starting a business was always something I wanted to do, and donating money back to the department was a way of saying 'thank you' to the professors and administrators who made a difference in my life and my time at the U of I so enjoyable. Hopefully the money donated can be used to help give others the same experience I had in the department."

ALS FACULTY MEMBER RECOGNIZED FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

RECREATION, SPORT AND TOURISM



Professor Kim Shinew of the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism recently was honored with the highest award the University of Illinois bestows for undergraduate teaching. Shinew received the Campus

Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching at the annual Instructional Awards Banquet this past April. Cary McDonald, head of the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism, said "Dr. Shinew's work in undergraduate instruction has had an observable impact in the department. She continues to make a significant contribution to our teaching mission. She is viewed as a mentor in the broadest sense of the word, taking both a personal and professional interest in her students. She is often sought out by students for career decisions, references and support. We are thrilled that she has received this prestigious campus recognition."

FAMILY HONORS PARENTS' ANNIVERSARY WITH STUDENT AWARD FUND

The children of Floyd and Etta McAfee gathered in Troy, Michigan, on December 9, 2000, to celebrate their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. In thinking about an anniversary gift that would be most meaningful, the children decided to establish a fund that would support students in the College of Applied Life Studies. Sadly, their father Floyd died from cancer a few days later; however, he was aware of their intentions and quite pleased to know that his alma mater would benefit from his children's generosity.

"Our parents committed their lives to helping others reach their potential," said daughter Floydetta McAfee of Alexandria, Virginia. "They were also very proud of their University of Illinois affiliation so this seemed a fitting way to honor them while helping students whose careers will continue their legacy."

As a physical education student, Floyd H. McAfee earned his bachelor's degree from the U of I in 1957. As a tackle on Coach Ray Eliot's Fighting Illini football team, he was selected as All America honorable mention. Floyd spent much of his career with the U.S. Army, serving as a combat officer in Vietnam and as an advisor to the Vietnamese and Iranian armies, receiving numerous commendations, including a medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Silver Star. During this time, he earned two master's degrees, one from Indiana University in health and safety studies and one from Central Michigan University in hospital administration. He also taught three years at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. Achieving the rank of colonel, Floyd retired in 1984. With a passion for academia, Colonel McAfee joined the faculty of the Charles S. Mott Community College, where he was serving as associate dean of business at the time of his death.

Etta Ulmer McAfee divided her time among raising their four children, taking college courses, and campaigning for social causes. Etta's activism evolved into her becoming the first African-American social director at the United States Military Academy; a founding member of the first Army Family Worldwide Symposium, which produced new policies that improved the quality of life for military families; and creating Operation Christmas Lift and Book Lift, Kansas statewide drives to provide military troops in Vietnam with gifts and moral support. Etta combined her love for family, her interest in the human condition and her political passions into a lifelong career of giving back to her community and serving others.

The Floyd and Etta McAfee Award was fully endowed this past year, and the interest income provides permanent annual support for students who have a commitment to multicultural issues. Students within any academic unit of the College are eligible to apply.



Etta and Floyd McAfee



Etta McAfee (right) and her daughter Floydetta returned to campus last spring to recognize Dornecia Hunter, a junior in community health, as the first recipient of the Floyd and Etta McAfee Award. Dornecia plans to continue her education with a graduate degree and ultimately pursue a career focused on improving access to healthcare by underserved populations.

"Addressing the health and wellness needs of our diverse society is among our highest priorities within Applied Life Studies," said Dean Tanya Gallagher. "The Floyd and Etta McAfee Award provides a wonderful way for us to encourage and support students in this important area of study. We are tremendously grateful to the McAfee family for their generosity and for their commitment to helping future generations of students."

ESTABLISHING A “TEAM CARE” CONCEPT IN IRAN

SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCE

Although many developing countries have highly educated health care providers, the concept of “team care” treatment, which is so prevalent in the United States, is not always evident. Their clinics and hospitals may staff doctors with a variety of specializations who work largely independently of each other. However, with complex disorders such as cleft palate, treatment is often interactive and one type of treatment might have either a positive or negative impact on another aspect. Therefore, it is important for different disciplines to coordinate their respective treatments and the timing of those treatments.



Dr. David Kuehn (center) with two of his colleagues in Iran.

Dr. David Kuehn, a professor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Science, recently traveled to Iran to help establish a more coordinated approach to treat patients with cleft palate. Dr. Kuehn was invited to participate in the mission, sponsored by the Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, by Dr. Mohammad Mazaheri, a retired dental specialist who has been working to develop the concept of team care in Iran over the last decade. In an effort to strengthen the team by including other specialists, this was the first trip to include a speech-language component. Dr. Kuehn, who has long-standing experience involving the speech of individuals born with cleft palate, led the lectures related to speech.

“I lectured to approximately 100 speech-language pathologists from all parts of Iran and a few neighboring countries as well,” shared Kuehn. “My lectures dealt with diagnostics and treatment of people born with cleft palate with a particular focus on speech issues. The birth defect of cleft palate may have a profound effect on the ability to communicate if not treated properly.”

In addition to lecturing, Dr. Kuehn evaluated 20 patients in a clinical teaching situation, with a select group of 12 speech-language pathologists observing as he evaluated each patient individually. He then shared his diagnostic impression and recommendation for specific treatment with the group of observers.

“I was impressed with the level of education of the people with whom I interacted,” said Kuehn. “The Iranian professionals were extremely enthusiastic about further developing their programs by adopting a more coordinated team care approach. Our experiences in Iran could serve as a useful model for establishing and nurturing team care in other developing countries as well.”

PRESS COVERAGE AT 35,000 FEET

AMERICAN AIRLINES FEATURES UI WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL STORY ON FLIGHTS

DIVISION OF DISABILITY RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

If you took an international flight on American Airlines earlier this spring, chances are you saw a feature on the U of I wheelchair basketball team as part of the in-flight video. CBS recently produced a story highlighting the success of wheelchair basketball at the University of Illi-

nois, and American Airlines included this as part of their news loop on international flights. The story included interviews with head coach Michael Frogley and several players, along with an overview of the history of wheelchair basketball at the University of Illinois.



GRANT FAIRBANKS 1910–1964

The present reputation of the Department of Speech and Hearing Science as an institution of varied and extensive research activities was initially established through the creative efforts of Dr. Grant Fairbanks. Following experience on the faculties of the Universities of Iowa and Southern California, and wartime service as Chief of Aural Rehabilitation at Borden General Hospital, Fairbanks was named professor of speech and director of a new Speech Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois in 1948. He immediately set about to inaugurate full-scale research in speech and hearing science. First, he facilitated the hiring of two tenure-track faculty members, one in speech and one in hearing, and then oversaw the renovation of the entire third floor of Illini Hall to provide adequate facilities for the numerous activities he envisioned.

The laboratory he established soon became recognized as one of the leading centers for technical research in these areas. He recruited a group of capable and enthusiastic young graduate students who carried out a wide range of studies and earned the first doctoral degrees in speech and hearing science at the U of I. According to Dr. Gordon Peterson, founder of the Speech Research Institute at the University of Michigan and a contemporary of Dr. Fairbanks, these students “received unique training in the field under his mature and enlightened guidance. These men and women went on to have a strong influence in the field of speech and hearing research, and the loyalty which they showed their major professor over the years is ample testimony of the quality of leadership that he provided during their years of academic training.”

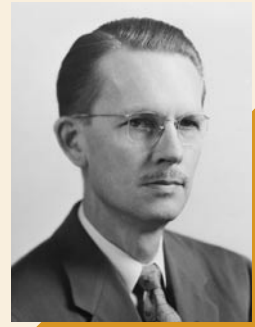
Fairbanks was recognized to be a person of intense purposes and strong opinions. As Peterson reflected, “Dr. Fairbanks was intolerant of ignorance and scornful of careless thinking. But beneath his academic austerity was a friendliness and warmth which was genuine and overwhelming. His students knew this, and he gave them his time and energies in a most generous way. That he could give so much of himself to his students and still produce the

volume of work his bibliography attests is remarkable.”

Dr. Fairbanks also was named editor of the *Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders*, at that time the sole research publication of the American Speech and Hearing Association, shortly after coming to Illinois, thus considerably increasing the national visibility of the department. He held this position from 1954 to 1959. Previously, he had served as consulting or associate editor of the *Quarterly Journal of Speech* and several other scholarly journals in his field. In recognition of his service and the quality of his research, the American Speech and Hearing Association awarded him the Honors of the Association in 1955.

In 1962 Grant Fairbanks left the University of Illinois to accept the position of director of research at the Subcommittee on Noise Research Center in Los Angeles. However, his friends at the Stanford Research Institute soon persuaded him to become head of the Speech Research Group at that institute in Menlo Park. As he stood at the horizon of this new research program of great scientific promise, Dr. Fairbanks tragically died aboard an airliner in June 1964 while returning to San Francisco from Chicago. The plane made an unscheduled landing at Denver, and the coroner determined that he had died by asphyxiation due to ingesting a piece of food that had lodged in his throat. This unfortunate accident robbed the profession of one of its most competent and enlightened scientists at an age when many important research contributions and much research leadership were yet to be realized.

Dr. Murray Miron, a student of Dr. Fairbanks in the 1950s, wrote in the preface to *Experimental Phonetics: Selected Articles by Grant Fairbanks* about the dedication and passion Dr. Fairbanks brought to his work. “Dr. Fairbanks would often proclaim that science is a way of life; and I know of no other person to whom such a philosophy was more fitting or appropriate.”



ELLIS LECTURE FEATURES MOVEMENT SPECIALIST



Richard E. A. Van Emmerik with Dean Tanya Gallagher.

Richard E. A. Van Emmerik, associate professor in the Department of Exercise Science at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, presented “Variability and Coordinative Function in Movement Disorders” at the annual Michael J. Ellis Distinguished Lecture Series on Disability Science and Practice this past spring.

Dr. Van Emmerik’s lecture provided an overview of the empirical evidence for the functional role of variability in the stability and adaptability of movement, with special emphasis on gait and posture disorders. The presentation focused on the implication of these concepts for understanding postural and gait instability due to aging and neurological movement disorders such as Parkinson’s disease and multiple sclerosis. This Ellis lecture series honors the contributions of Dean Emeritus Michael J. Ellis to the Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services and recognizes individuals whose achievements in disability science or practice have substantially advanced the health, educational, economic, social, and political status of persons with disabilities. The lectures are funded through a generous gift from University of Illinois alumnus Kenneth M. Viste, Jr. MD.

HEDRICK NAMED TO NWBA HALL OF FAME

DIVISION OF DISABILITY RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Brad Hedrick (’84 PhD, Recreation, Sport and Tourism), the director of the Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services at the University of Illinois, was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame for the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Hedrick has been an active participant and supporter of the NWBA for over 30 years. He began his playing career in North Carolina and moved to the University of Illinois campus, where he continued his sports participation career and completed his education. At Illinois, Hedrick moved from the court as a player to the bench as the coach of the men’s and women’s University of Illinois wheelchair basketball teams, leading his teams to 13 National Championships. In addition, he served as the assistant coach of the Women’s Pan Am Team in 1982 and the 1984 Women’s Paralympic Team, and head coach of the 1988 Women’s Paralympic Team (Gold), the 1994 Men’s Gold Cup Team (Gold), and 1996 Men’s Paralympic Team (Bronze).

Brad has had an active role in the NWBA organization, serving as tournament director of many national



events, president of the Central Intercollegiate Conference, and Division II Commissioner.

THE ALS ANNUAL FUND: HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

COVER STORY



Employers continue to tell us that extracurricular experiences combined with a strong academic foundation are key to the ultimate success of our students in the workplace. The College of Applied Life Studies has a long-standing tradition of encouraging out-of-classroom activities and with your help these opportunities

will be enhanced even more. To expand and further strengthen these opportunities, the ALS Student Career Development and Leadership Awards Program, supported solely through the Annual Fund, has been established. Eligible students will receive financial assistance for a variety of activities, including membership fees for a professional organization in their field of study or help defraying their expenses when attending conferences or studying abroad. This new program will help ensure that deserving students have every opportunity to achieve a well-rounded educational experience at Illinois.

Annual contributions also allow us to continue the very successful student recruitment program called the ALS Scholars. These scholarships are awarded every year to outstanding incoming freshmen, and they are funded entirely through private support. Moreover, gifts from our community of alumni and friends are critically important to maintaining library acquisitions, faculty research and teaching support, and other “basics” of running the College of Applied Life Studies. And since Annual Fund gifts are put to use in the year they are given, they make an immediate and important difference in the lives of our students.

If you would like to help us in our efforts to provide the most rewarding experience possible for students in Applied Life Studies, please visit the campus giving website at <http://www.giving.uiuc.edu/> and select College of Applied Life Studies from the fund list to make your gift. Thank you for your support!

ALS STUDENT LEADER: MATT PONTIFEX

Opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities is a hallmark of the University of Illinois. ALS is fortunate to have many students who not only participate but also demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities. One such student is Matthew Pontifex, a senior in kinesiology.



Matt currently serves as the president of the Applied Life Studies Student Council, an organization created five years ago to provide students with a direct line of communication to the College administration. He hopes to further develop the Council by expanding its membership to include presidential representatives of large student organizations within the College, which will create leadership experiences for other council members. He also is vice president of education for Illini Emergency Medical Services, a non-profit nationally recognized non-transport EMS service, where he oversees all cardio-pulmonary resuscitation/first aid classes. Under Matt's supervision, the service certifies approximately 500 students in CPR/FA every year including several kinesiology research labs. Furthermore, he volunteers as an EMT for events around campus such as varsity football and soccer as well as commencement ceremonies.

“One of the main reasons that I try to be as involved as possible in extra curricular activities is that they put me in a position that requires me to adapt and learn new skills and ways of managing my time,” shares Matt. “Additionally, there is always a social aspect to any organization so that I continue to meet new people and make more friends. The opportunities that extracurricular activities offer are as endless as the number of student organizations.”

“I do not believe that I am a rarity in the College of Applied Life Studies,” says Matt. “Most students selected from across the College would amaze you with their list of extracurricular activities, the number of honors and awards they have won, or however it is that you define success. The University seems to foster an atmosphere of continued success and friendly competition such that there is always someone on campus who is better at something than you are, which pushes you to strive to do even better.”

Matt is especially thankful to the alumni of ALS, many of whom have returned to campus to help him and other students with career advice during the annual ALS Student/Alumni Career Night. “For the past several years it has continued to grow as more and more alumni have volunteered to help current students understand what it takes to be successful as well as to offer valuable career and life advice,” said Matt.

ESTATE GIFT BENEFITS STUDENTS IN KINESIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Joanne McCarty Carraway (PEW '51) and her husband Charles had many life experiences for which they were grateful. Yet, their college education and the impact it had on their lives was one they never forgot. To ensure that future generations of students have the same opportunities, Joanne and Charles included their respective alma maters in their estate plan. Thanks to their advance planning and charitable intent, students in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health will benefit for years to come.

The Joanne M. Carraway and Charles M. Carraway Scholarship Fund was established this past spring at the University of Illinois and a similar fund was created at Charles' alma mater, Louisiana State University. As endowments, the principal remains intact and only the interest used so that the scholarships become permanent sources of student support at both institutions.

"With the rising cost of tuition, private support for our students is incredibly helpful," said department head Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko. "We are tremendously grateful to the Carraways for this kind act of generosity."

A graduate of Robinson (Illinois) High School, Joanne Carraway was actively involved in girls' sports, which influenced her decision to pursue a degree in the physical education for women program. As a high-spirited University of Illinois student in the late 1940s and early '50s, she lived in McKinley Hall and was a member of the Women's Athletic Association. After graduation, Joanne



Joanne and Charles Carraway, circa 1954.

was a teacher and coach at several schools, eventually returning to her home town of Robinson. There she met southern petroleum engineer Charles M. Carraway, who was in town on business. The two were married on August 22, 1954.

Joanne and Charles loved sports as well as animals and travel. At one time they owned and trained thoroughbred race horses. Charles retired from the Lewis Engineering Consulting Company and the couple moved to Evansville, Indiana. They were partners in a private consulting business there until returning to Robinson for their final years.

Joanne passed away in 2001 and Charles in 2004.

Members of the Carraway family were on campus in May to present a check to Dean Tanya Gallagher. "It is heartwarming to know that the Carraways placed such a high value on their college education that they wanted to be sure others had the same benefit," said Dean Gallagher. "It will be an honor to award annual scholarships in the names of such generous individuals as Joanne and Charles Carraway."



Siblings of Charles Carraway present a check to Dean Tanya Gallagher. Left to right: James "Ferrell" Carraway, Jane Carraway Green, Dean Tanya Gallagher, and Nancy Carraway Stubbs.

Barbara Williams Hodson

(’75 PhD, ’60 MS, and ’58 BS, Speech and Hearing Science), Wichita, KS, was recognized at the 2004 American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation’s national convention with the 2004 Frank R. Kleffner Lifetime Clinical Career Award. Currently a professor in the Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences at Wichita State University, Dr. Hodson’s pioneering work in phonology has represented a major paradigm shift in how phonological disorders are assessed and treated, particularly in understanding the phonological system of children who are profoundly unintelligible. She is perhaps best known for co-authoring the text *Targeting Intelligible Speech* and for developing the test “Assessment of Phonological Processes,” now in their second and third editions.

**Maureen McGonagle**

(’87 BS, Recreation, Sport and Tourism), LaGrange Park, IL, was elected president-elect of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) during its April 2005 Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition in Orlando, Florida. Ms. McGonagle, director of Campus Recreation at DePaul University, has received the Region III Award of Merit and four NIRSA Service Awards in recognition for her service at the national, regional, and state level. As president-elect, she will work on an 11-member board of directors that serves a 4,000-member national association that is the leading resource for professional and student development, education, and research in collegiate recreational sports.

**Francis McGuire**

(’79 PhD, Recreation, Sport and Tourism), Clemson, SC, was named South Carolina Professor of the Year last November. The award, administered by the State Commission on Higher Education, recognizes professors for exceptional teaching. His passion for teaching and student learning has won McGuire numerous awards, including the 2003 Society of Park and Recreation Educators Excellence in Teaching, a national honor awarded to Dr. McGuire out of 200 nominees from across the United States. Dr. McGuire is a Fellow in the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs, the Academy of



Leisure Sciences, and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. He is co-author of *Leisure and Aging: Ulyssean Living in Later Life*, a textbook used nationwide in leisure and aging classes.

Georgina Mendoza

(’96 BS, Community Health), Staten Island, NY, is a consultant for Amper, Politziner & Mattia, a regional certified public accounting and consulting firm serving the greater New Jersey/New York business community. Ms. Mendoza performs financial and utilization analyses for hospitals, HMO’s, physician groups, and ambulatory surgery centers. Her previous experience included market analysis and benchmarking hospital financial and operating statistics.

**James Phillips**

(’90 BS, Kinesiology), Sycamore, IL, is Northern Illinois’ new athletic director. Mr. Phillips had formerly served as the senior associate athletic director at Notre Dame, overseeing men’s basketball, men’s soccer, and rowing, among other duties. From 1998-2000, Jim was an assistant athletic director at Tennessee; and from 1992 to 1997, he was an assistant basketball coach at Arizona State University.

**Charles Summers, Jr.**

(’84 BS, Recreation, Sport and Tourism), Scarborough, ME, was sworn in as the New England Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration on March 7, 2005. In this capacity he manages SBA district offices in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont and has oversight of the SBA’s financing, marketing, and outreach efforts in the six-state region. Prior to assuming his current position with the SBA, Mr. Summers served as manager of state operations for Senator Olympia Snowe, chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. He also served two terms in the Maine Senate, where he was on the Joint Standing Committees on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Legal Affairs and Taxation. A public affairs officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Mr. Summers was called to active duty as an aide to the secretary of the Navy on September 11, 2001, and also currently serves as a training officer for the Naval Reserve.

**Jody Vanderveen**

(’67 BS, Recreation, Sport and Tourism), East Lansing, MI, has joined Dykema Gossett PLLC as a government relations professional in its Lansing office. Prior to joining Dykema Gossett, Ms. Vanderveen was a partner in a multi-client lobbying firm, Vanderveen & Associates, representing diverse interests including health care, manufacturing, contracting, state contract procurement, and local government. Prior to lobbying, Ms. Vanderveen worked for nearly twenty years with the Michigan Legislature serving as a legislative aide and chief of staff to Senator Michael J. O’Brien. Ms. Vanderveen is a founding member of the Lansing chapter of the Women’s Economic Club and a member of the board of directors of Haven House, a homeless shelter in East Lansing.



UI WHEELCHAIR SPORTS PROGRAM RECEIVES 2005 NWBA SPIRIT AWARD

DIVISION OF DISABILITY RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The University of Illinois' Wheelchair Sports Program was recognized by the National Wheelchair Basketball Association for its long-term commitment to serving athletes with physical disabilities. Created in 1949 by NWBA founder Dr. Timothy Nugent, the program has produced hundreds of world-class athletes, including many who have left the U of I and started wheelchair basketball teams throughout the nation. The program continues to flourish today as the Fighting Illini Women's Team is the three-time defending National Champion.

According to NWBA President Harry Vines, "The award recognizes the most-prized resource that we (NWBA) possess, that being our volunteers. We have never done a good job of thanking those individuals and organizations that have blazed the trail for our sport. This is a small step in that direction."



Dr. Timothy Nugent accepted the NWBA Spirit Award on behalf of the University of Illinois.

COMMUNITY HEALTH MD/PHD CANDIDATE NAMED STUDENT OF THE YEAR

KINESIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH



Dr. Reginald Alston and Travis Gayles.

Travis Gayles, a doctoral student pursuing a PhD in public health policy and community health, was honored as Student of the Year by the College of Medicine's Medical Scholars Program Urban Health Program this past February. Under the direction of his faculty advisor Dr. Reginald Alston, Travis is pursuing his doctorate through ALS, in addition to his medical degree. He also has received a grant from the UI at Rockford Project Export to support his research study titled "Examining Illinois Small Business Employers' Attitudes Towards Association Health Plans (AHPs)." Travis is shown here with Dr. Alston of the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health.

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- ▶ **\$80 to purchase *Therapeutic Activities for Persons Disabled with Alzheimer's*.** Published by PRO-ED, this important source provides extensive hands-on activities and the essential background information that will allow staff to understand and work with this population.
- ▶ **\$125 to purchase *Clinical Disorders of Balance, Posture and Gait, 2nd edition*.** The second edition of this definitive text covers all clinical aspects of human locomotion and its disorders. Multidisciplinary in authorship and approach, it covers all the important clinical areas. Updated and revised throughout, the book has been expanded to allow for increased knowledge on the subject. Important changes for the second edition include new chapters on techniques for gait analysis, peripheral neuropathies and dizziness.

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Join alumni, students, faculty, and friends of the College of Applied Life Studies for a celebration before the Illinois v. Penn State football game, which kicks off at 6 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided, along with a chance to win some great Illini door prizes. The festivities begin at 3 p.m. at the Rehabilitation Education Center, located a short distance from the stadium on the northwest corner of Oak Street and Stadium Drive. This event is free and open to all alumni and friends of the College of Applied Life Studies.

To order football tickets call 217-333-3470, or go to <http://fightingillini.com>

We hope to see you there!



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