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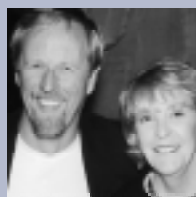
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A Message from the Dean

Hello alumni and friends,

I'm always delighted when it's time to prepare for the *ALS Newsletter* because it's an opportunity to send a greeting and a heartfelt thank-you to all the loyal alumni and friends of the College who contribute to our success. Each of you is cordially invited to visit with us on campus—we have so many exciting developments we would like to share with you.

In this issue of the newsletter you'll read about new programs related to our core mission: improving the quality of human life. Programs such as the Disability Research Institute, the Diversity Research Laboratory in Leisure Studies, the Initiative in Aging in Kinesiology, and the latest Speech and Hearing Science research exemplify the faculty and student initiatives that are ensuring that the key societal issues affecting all of us remain the focus of the College of Applied Life Studies.

Our service programs continue to make great strides as well. The Motorcycle Rider Program in Community Health recently celebrated its 25th year of service, and the Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services has acquired new state-of-the-art transportation equipment and hired a full-time coach for its legendary wheelchair basketball program. These activities continue to strengthen the College's connection to our University, local, and state communities.

You have made vital contributions to our accomplishments. The over 1,200 individuals, corporations, and foundations who are being recognized in this issue of the newsletter are making a difference in so many lives. Your support is important in many ways, from helping us establish new scholarships to attract the finest students to helping support the teaching and research efforts crucial to the mission of ALS. It is our pleasure to recognize your contributions in this issue.

As many of you already know, when ALS alumni get together, whether at a Big Ten game at Memorial Stadium, at a big bowl game at the Superdome, or on campus, the atmosphere is charged with camaraderie. We like keeping in touch with you. Please make a note to attend a college event—we'd enjoy seeing you!



Dean Tanya M. Gallagher



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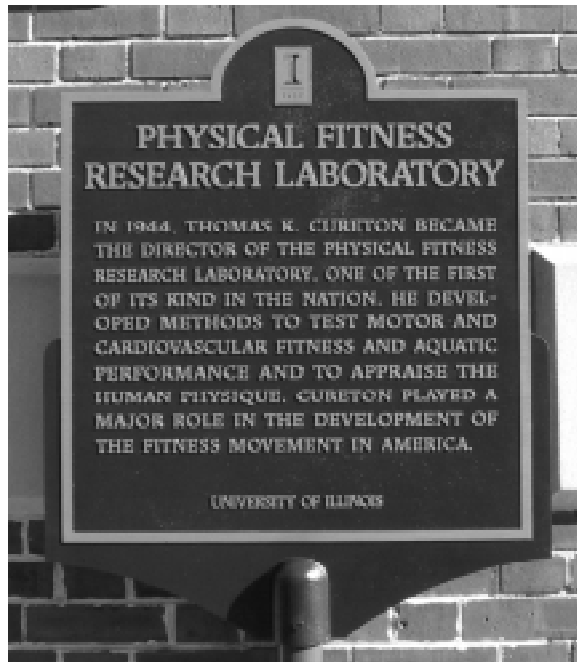
Cureton Historical Marker Dedicated

On November 10, 2001, the University of Illinois and the College of Applied Life Studies dedicated a historical marker at the west entrance of Huff Hall to honor the late Professor Thomas K. Cureton (1901-1992), the founder of one of the world's first physical fitness research laboratories and widely regarded as the "Father of Physical Fitness." Nearly 100 former students, colleagues, and friends of Dr. Cureton attended the ceremony, which began two hours before the Illinois-Penn State football game. Those speaking included Dean Tanya Gallagher, Mrs. Portia Cureton, and two of Dr. Cureton's former students, Dr. Ed Shea and Dr. Sharon Plowman (MS '66; PhD '70).

After the marker was unveiled attendees gathered to visit and reminisce and view a video documentary of Dr.



Mrs. Portia Cureton and Dean Tanya Gallagher unveil the marker.



The marker honoring Dr. Thomas K. Cureton.



Dr. Thomas K. Cureton

Cureton's pioneering Physical Fitness Research Laboratory. The laboratory continues today to support research in critical fitness issues, and each year the Department of Kinesiology presents the T.K. Cureton Physical Fitness Research Award to an outstanding graduate student. The day before the event, Dr. Cureton's son, Dr. Kirk Cureton (MS '72; PhD '76), presented a lecture to faculty and students of the Department of Kinesiology. The weekend was a wonderful tribute to one of our finest scholars.

DRI Hires New Research Coordinator

Professor **Richard T. Roessler** recently joined the staff of the Disability Research Institute as the Research Coordinator. He is currently Principal Investigator of Project A-WIN, a five-year grant from the Social Security Administration, and Co-Director of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Employment Project (in collaboration with colleagues from Kent State University).

Most recently, Dr. Roessler served as University Professor Emeritus of Rehabilitation Education and Research at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He has published extensively in the area of rehabilitation counseling and service delivery, coping with disability and

chronic illness, career development, school-to-work transition, employability assessment and training, return-to-work interventions, and post-employment services. In the course of his career he has received several honors and was appointed to the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities from 1983-1987, and from 1987-1992. Dr. Roessler's research has been supported by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Department of Education, and the Social Security Administration.



Dr. Richard Roessler

Motorcycle Rider Program Going Strong After 25 Years

The flowing curves of the fenders, the piercing reflections from perfect chrome, the visual muscle of a big V-Twin engine. And, of course, the sound—that heart pounding, pavement-thumping sound. The promise of seeing the world from the seat of a motorcycle has lured many aging baby boomers, finally able to afford that ultimate symbol



of freedom, to their local motorcycle dealer. But some of these new riders are faced with a problem. Even though the nimble, polished, raw-boned beauty looks great sitting in the driveway, it's hard to pretend you're the next James Dean when the only bike you've ever ridden was the old Schwinn you had in college. You don't know a clutch from a kickstand, and the

thought of actually riding, and possibly wrecking, your new expensive vehicle is a bit daunting. What to do?

John Sudlow has heard this story before. As the director of the Motorcycle Rider Program at the University of Illinois, he's helped everyone from high school students to retirees learn how to ride motorcycles safely. "And yes," he adds, "we've had people who have purchased very expensive motorcycles before learning how to ride them. But our program helps them, too. We cater to everyone, from the beginning rider to the experienced motorcyclist who wants to learn advanced skills."

For over 25 years, the Motorcycle Rider Program has been a part of the Department of Community Health at the University of Illinois. In the mid 1970's, following a motorcycle boom that saw Japanese manufacturers such as Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, and Suzuki flood the U.S. market with economical cycles, the State of Illinois approached the University of Illinois to develop a motorcycle-training program. Previously, motorcycle training fell under the domain of driver education teachers, without much success. "It was a huge bomb," says Sudlow. "Driver education teachers often didn't want anything to do with motorcycles, and it's hard to blame them. Teaching someone to ride a motorcycle involves a whole other set of skills apart from driving a car." When the accidents started adding up, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) decided it needed to try a new approach, and established regional motorcycle training centers operated by selected state universities. In 1976, Dr. Rudolf (Rudi) Mortimer, a professor in the Department of Community Health, assumed the leadership of the U of I program. Since that time, over 42,000 people have received

training through the U of I Motorcycle Rider Program, and today there is nearly always a waiting list to get into the classes.

The popularity of the program comes as no surprise to Sudlow. "We offer Illinois residents free instruction, which includes 20 hours of hands-on training, and we even supply them with a motorcycle and helmet to train with if they don't yet have one. It's the best training you're going to get." Another big incentive is that riders who pass the course are waived from taking the riding tests at the state driver's license facilities. In addition, some insurance companies give breaks to those who successfully complete the course. "Those are big incentives, and certainly they contribute to the popularity of the program," says Sudlow. "In fact, the program is so popular among riders that we rely on their word-of-mouth as our best form of advertising."

Of the 46 states that currently offer a motorcycle-training program, Illinois is only one of two that provides it for free. So how is Illinois able to offer this instruction at no cost to the rider? "A portion of the fees collected from every motorcycle license renewal is directed back into rider education and the Motorcycle Rider Program," explains Sudlow. "And because those annual license renewals help fund our program, we like to see people actually ride their motorcycles, rather than store them in the garage or take them out occasionally just to look at them without renewing their plates."

The mission of the program—to train motorcyclists to ride safely and reduce accidents and injuries on Illinois roadways—dovetails perfectly with the mission of the Department of Community Health. Given the popularity of the course among motorcycle riders, the program will likely continue to grow as a valued part of the College of Applied Life Studies. For more information, contact the Motorcycle Rider Program at 800-252-3348, or visit their website at www.mrc.uiuc.edu.



John Sudlow



Students Travel to United Kingdom

Building upon the benefits of international travel and study, the Department of Community Health again offered its course “Health Care Delivery in the United States and the United Kingdom—A Comparative Analysis” this past May and June. During the period, students and faculty traveled to London and York, England and Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland.

The course has taken on additional prominence, given that health care reform continues to be a matter of public concern. During the past decade, health care costs continue to rise at a rate well above inflation, while the number of uninsured continues to increase. Traditional modes of health care delivery are being replaced by a variety of emerging plans. Analyzing delivery systems in other industrial countries allows students the firsthand opportunity to observe alternative delivery systems and lessons, which may be applicable for the U.S.

Key areas contrasted between the British and American systems were cost, accessibility of services, distribution of health facilities and personnel, public accountability, and health promotion/disease prevention strategies. During the course students traveled throughout the country, then participated in visitations, which included hospitals, clinics, governmental agencies, universities, health organizations and professional organizations.



The course, a 20-day trip that is offered for credit or not-for-credit, is offered every two years during the intersession period between spring and summer semesters. Alumni and students are invited to participate. The next trip will be offered May 19 through June 9, 2003. For information, email torourke@uiuc.edu or contact Professor **Tom O'Rourke** at 217-333-3163.

Members of the travel/study group, led by Dr. Tom O'Rourke, pose for a picture outside the Waverly Train Station in Edinburgh during their trip to the UK last summer.

Course Offers Community-Health Perspective to Medical Ethics

If you were in the health care field, and a reporter asked you to reveal medical information about a man who just went on a shooting rampage at a public school, would you feel obligated to inform the reporter of the man's medical history?

“Most health care professionals should know better than to breach confidentiality in that way, but that's exactly what happened recently at a news conference following a tragic shooting,” says **Dr. Craig Walls**, a visiting assistant professor in Community Health. Walls and visiting assistant professor **Steven Notaro** are team-teaching a course this semester that explores these ethical questions, but with a new twist. “Introduction to Medical Ethics” takes a community-health perspective in introducing students to a wide range of issues in modern medical ethics, such as end-of-life issues, research ethics, and clinical ethics. While other medical ethics courses have sometimes addressed these issues, they have not approached the subject from the perspective of a person in the health



planning, health administration, or health education fields. Drs. Walls and Notaro are sure they will have no problem with material. “Open the newspaper almost everyday and you can find examples of ethical questions,” says Walls. “The rapid pace of change in clinical practice, policy development, and health law ensures that we have a constant supply of new subject matter. Our class will explore issues that are particularly relevant to students in Community Health and empower them with a basic understanding of the forces that shape the medical decisions that they will encounter in their lives.”



Steven Notaro and Craig Walls

New Developments in Aging Research

The Department of Kinesiology is playing a major role in a new initiative that will bring together campus scholars who share a common interest in aging research.

In June 2001, the Colleges of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Applied Life Studies; Liberal Arts and Sciences; Medicine; and Veterinary Medicine jointly committed to establishing a campus-

wide Initiative on Aging with the goal of increasing collaborations in the area of aging research, education, and outreach.

The Department of Kinesiology has been heavily involved in all aspects of the development of this new initiative. For example, the department has taken responsibility for developing the program website, which is being hosted by for the College of Applied Life Studies. In addition, several Kinesiology

faculty have been invited to speak at the weekly colloquium series which has been organized as part of the new program. To learn more about the new developments in aging research at Illinois, visit the initiative website at <http://aging.als.uiuc.edu>.



Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko, Kinesiology Department Head, appeared on the November 20, 2001, edition of the Today Show with Matt Lauer in conjunction with his work on the National Blueprint on Physical Activity and Aging. In addition, he was featured in a special edition of Newsweek magazine dedicated to aging and activity.



Graber Elected President of NASPE

Dr. Kim Graber has been elected to serve as President-Elect for the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE). Dr. Graber will serve a three-year term. This is a nonprofit, professional organization consisting of 20,000 members that includes K-12 physical educators, college and university faculty, researchers, coaches, athletic directors, and trainers. One of the goals of NASPE is to educate the American public on the value of physical education for children.



Kinesiology Welcomes Back Dr. Kirk Cureton

Following in the footsteps of his famous father, Dr. Kirk Cureton (MS '72; PhD '76) returned to the Urbana Campus last November to present a lecture to faculty and students in the Department of Kinesiology. Dr. Cureton is a professor at the University of Georgia and son of Dr. Thomas and Portia Cureton. The lecture, entitled "Hyperthermia, VO₂ max and Physical Performance in the Heat," was presented on November 9, 2001, the day before the University dedicated a historical marker commemorating the work of his father. Dr. Kirk Cureton received his PhD from the University of Illinois in 1976.



Department Highlights

Biobehavioral Kinesiology

- Professor Edward McAuley gave a keynote address at the World Congress of Sport and Exercise Psychology in Skiathos, Greece.
- Professor Edward McAuley also gave a keynote address at the Centers for Disease Control and Health Canada Consensus Symposium on Physical Activity in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.
- Dr. Carlos Mendes de Leon from Rush Institute on Aging in Chicago visited the department to present a talk on “Social Relations, Activity and Disability in the Elderly.”
- Dr. Peter Blahus from Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic presented a colloquium on Measurement Issues in Kinanthropology.
- Faculty were particularly active in the area of grant writing with submissions to the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Centers for Disease Control.

Cultural, Pedagogical, and Interpretive Studies

- Faculty were active in preparing evaluation materials for the forthcoming National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards review.
- Professor Synthia Sydnor presented a keynote address at the European Congress for the History of Sport at the University of Gottingen in Germany.
- Professor Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko presented keynote addresses at national conferences in Japan, Portugal, and the United Kingdom.
- The faculty sponsored reading group funded by the Illinois Program for the Humanities.

Exercise Physiology and Athletic Training

- Professor Gary Iwamoto was appointed to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Applied Physiology.
- Professor Jeffrey Woods was elected President-Elect of the International Society of Exercise Immunology.
- Professor Jerry Bell participated as a site visitation officer for NATA accreditation visit at the University of South Carolina and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.
- Professor Jerry Bell gave the keynote address at the Illinois Southern District Physical Therapy meeting in Centralia Illinois.
- The faculty invited many distinguished speakers to participate in its Kines 490 seminar series. Speakers included Drs. John Holloszy, Jerome Dempsey, and Gunnar Blumquist.

Meet Our New Faculty



Gordon Binsted

Dr. Binsted joins the Department of Kinesiology from the University of Alberta. Dr. Binsted's research applies sophisticated modeling techniques from the field of computer science to the study of human perception and action systems. The central theme of his research focuses on the role of vision in the control hand movements, such as reaching. An additional research theme extends his work on visuomotor control to individuals with Down Syndrome, examining factors influencing the different types of movement characteristics that are found individuals with this disability.



Ellen Evans

Dr. Evans joins the Department of Kinesiology from Washington University School of Medicine where she completed a three-year post-doctoral fellowship. Dr. Evans' research emphasis is in the area of aging. She has demonstrated expertise in intervention studies in older adults and has employed innovative research techniques in body composition and glucose metabolism.



Dr. Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko meets with Nadine and Chester Houston, generous supporters of the Lifetime Fitness Program in the Department of Kinesiology. The Houstons were recently recognized by the University of Illinois Foundation for their support of many programs at the U of I.

Bannon Receives Prestigious Award

Former Leisure Studies faculty member **Dr. Joe Bannon** has received the Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of public parks in the United States. Dr. Bannon's many contributions to the field have been made while he has occupied several different roles during the course of his career, including educator, consultant, and book publisher.

After completing an undergraduate degree at Ithaca College and a master's degree at the University of Illinois, he assumed the position of Superintendent of Recreation in Leonia, New Jersey. In 1963, he became the General Superintendent of the Topeka, Kansas, Recreation Commission.

In 1966, Dr. Bannon returned to the University of Illinois to become the Chief of the Office of Recreation and Park Resources, which was the outreach arm of the Department. While in this position, he completed his PhD. In 1973 he was appointed head of the Department of Leisure Studies. He remained in this leadership position until his retirement from the U of I.

During his tenure at Illinois he authored or co-authored nine books on the subject of management, which is his specialty. His initiative and drive led him to co-found the Journal of Park and Recreation Administration (JPRA) in 1984. JPRA is now in its 19th year of publication and is established as one of the field's major journals. During the 1980's and 1990's there was a move-

ment away from the park and recreation administration option in university departments, and the existence of JPRA has been crucial to the retention of that option.

In 1974 Dr. Bannon founded a consulting company, Management Learning Laboratories. The company completed master plans, feasibility studies, and market studies for many park and recreation agencies across the county. In addition, the company arranged seminar and workshop programs both in the U.S. and abroad.

The final phase of Dr. Bannon's career has been as a publisher. He is the founder and CEO of two publishing companies based in Urbana, Illinois: Sports Publishing, Inc. and Sagamore Publishing. Sport Publishing, Inc. focuses primarily on sports books for the popular market and offers biographies of famous sports figures. Sagamore Publishing has published over 100 books that address park and recreation issues. Sagamore was founded in 1983 at a time when the major national publishing houses were withdrawing from the parks and recreation field because they considered it to be too small to be profitable. Sagamore stepped into this void and has been an important resource in providing texts for college curricula and disseminating information to professionals in the field.

Throughout his life, Dr. Bannon has been in the forefront of the parks and recreation field at the national level. He has been a forceful advocate for the field in numerous forums and has earned widespread respect among his peers.



Dr. Joe Bannon

Conference to Focus on Crisis Management

The Department of Leisure Studies will hold the sixth annual Executive Development Institute at the Levis Faculty Center on the Urbana campus on April 10-11, 2002. This year's topic is "Extraordinary Occurrences: Assess the Risk, Avoid the Problem, Assemble the Plan, Deal With the Aftershock." Sessions will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, with speakers throughout the day and conclude with a dinner and reception that evening. A continental breakfast will be served on Thursday morning, and the sessions will conclude with a luncheon. Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) will be awarded.

Overnight accommodations are reserved at the Chancellor Hotel in Champaign at \$79 per night. The fee for the Institute is \$125, and this includes the dinner/reception, breakfast, luncheon, and all Institute materials.



Members of the Leisure Studies Advisory Board attended the Chancellor's pre-game luncheon prior to Illinois vs. Northern Illinois football game, September 8, 2001. Pictured left to right: Carrie Hauptert, Molly Hamer, Jerry Handlon, Barb Handlon, Chancellor Nancy Cantor and her spouse, Professor Steven Brechin, and Dean Tanya Gallagher.

For more information or to register, contact the Department of Leisure Studies at the University of Illinois at 217-333-4410.

Department Unveils Two New Websites

The Department of Leisure Studies has recently increased its online presence by establishing websites devoted to two major departmental initiatives. The Diversity Research Laboratory website, at www.diversitylab.uiuc.edu, features profiles of faculty and graduate students affiliated with the laboratory, a description of research projects undertaken with the lab, as well as various resources useful to faculty and graduate students studying issues of diversity. The website also contains a collection of recent media articles devoted to issues of race and ethnicity, as well as a page dedicated to graduate students and potential applicants to the program.

The Illinois Rural Recreation Development Project (IRRDP) website, at www.ilruralrec.uiuc.edu, is the latest tool in their efforts to develop recreational and leisure services with organizations and individuals in rural communities. In the past year, the IRRDP has partnered with local leisure and recreational organizations in the Illinois towns of Farmer City, Tolono, Marshall, Tuscola, Newman, Ogden, Abingdon, Hamilton, Bushnell, Colchester, and Virginia. The long-range goal of these

partnerships is to build sustainable services that the local organizations can continue on their own. The project has been a great success thus far, and several rural towns in Illinois are now completely self-sustaining after a period of partnership with the IRRDP.



Diversity Research Laboratory Established

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, for the first time in Los Angeles (California) history, Anglo-Americans now represent the minority of the population. Acknowledging the fact that the changing face of America has many implications for the design and delivery of health and human services, the Department of Leisure Studies has established the Diversity Research Laboratory (DRL) to help communities address these emerging issues.

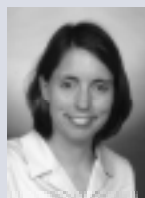
Specifically, the mission of the DRL is to facilitate, produce, and disseminate multidisciplinary research dedicated to understanding leisure as it relates to the richness that diversity brings to community life. Research projects conducted within the laboratory explore the relationships between ethnicity, race, gender issues, aging, disability, lifestyle choices, immigration status, and leisure. "There are over 300 colleges and universities in North America with degree programs in sport, recreation, and leisure studies," stated **Dr. Monika Stodolska**, assistant professor and founder. "It is our goal to become the leader in our field in the scholarly study of diversity and in design of leisure programs and services to best meet individual and community needs."

Meet Our New Faculty



Konstantinos Alexandris

Dr. Alexandris, new this year to the Department of Leisure Studies, conducts research in the areas of sport, fitness, and recreation participation. His teaching interests include sport management, sport and leisure marketing, consumer behavior and marketing research. In the past three years he has taught marketing related classes in the Business School of City College (affiliated institution of the University of Sheffield) and sport management classes at the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, Greece. He has also worked as marketing consultant in the fitness industry in Greece.



Laura Payne

Dr. Payne joins the Department of Leisure Studies from Kent State University. Her research interests include examining the effects of leisure behavior on measures of health and well-being (e.g., psychosocial, physiological) among two populations in transition: adolescents and older adults. In addition, she serves as Director of the Illinois Rural Recreation Development Project. The project, which is administered through the Office of Recreation and Tourism Development (ORTD), strives to help small, rural communities develop the infrastructure for sustainable local parks and recreation programs and services that positively impact the quality of rural life.

Yairi Receives Major Grant, Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Ehud Yairi, professor of Speech and Hearing Science, has been awarded a \$4.3 million grant for his proposal entitled *Stuttering Subtypes and Associated Risk Factors*. Scientists from several Midwest universities will participate in the project, which is organized into four main categories: epidemiology, language function, motor skills, and personality factors. Joining Dr. Yairi as principal investigators are two fellow University of Illinois faculty members, Dr. Ruth Watkins (Associate Dean of the College) and Dr. Nicoline Ambrose. Dr. Watkins will head the Language branch, while Dr. Ambrose is in charge of the Epidemiology branch. In addition, three alumni from the U of I are also on the research team: Dr. Kelly Hall of Northern Illinois University, Dr. Rebecca Throneburg of Eastern Illinois University, and Dr. Carol Hubbard of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

In addition to this major grant, Dr. Yairi, whose stuttering research at the U of I is internationally recognized, was recently named the Distinguished Alumnus for 2001 by the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at the University of Iowa, a world-renowned center for the study of communication disorders. Dr. Yairi returned to Iowa to accept the award, and, taking a refreshing approach, presented a lecture entitled "The Joy of Stuttering Research: Lively Data Behind Boring Results and Dry Statistics."



Dr. Ehud Yairi

Watkin Receives King McCristal Award

Dr. Kenneth Watkin has been named the 2001 recipient of the King McCristal Award, which recognizes distinguished faculty scholars within the College of Applied Life Studies. Professor Watkin teaches coursework in the areas of speech physiology, diagnostic imaging in speech-language pathology, and articulation and biomechanics. His research program includes ultrasonic image analysis and tissue characterization of oro-pharyngeal cancer, in-utero fetal brain development in populations at high risk

for communication disorders, and upper airway biomechanics. Professor Watkin is the director of the Ultrasound Research Laboratory and also holds an appointment in the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign.

The McCristal Award was established in 1987 in honor of King McCristal, a former dean of the College, and is presented yearly to a faculty member in recognition of notable scholarship and research.

Congressman Johnson Visits ALS

United States Congressman Timothy Johnson joined Dean Tanya Gallagher for a tour of some of the labs and facilities in the College of Applied Life Studies last fall. Representative Johnson spent the afternoon meeting with faculty and staff in the Department of Speech and Hearing Science getting familiar with the research initiatives underway in the department and seeing firsthand the advances in speech and hearing technology that are being developed at the University of Illinois. During the two-hour visit, Johnson also toured the University of Illinois Speech and Hearing Clinic, a public speech and audiology clinic open to the community that also serves as a teaching lab for U of I students and a research facility for U of I faculty.



U.S. Representative Timothy Johnson meets with Dean Tanya Gallagher during his visit to the college last fall.

Nancy Hager Scholarship Awarded

Jaime Poulos, a master's student in speech-language pathology, is the first recipient of the Nancy S. Hager Graduate Student Award. This award recognizes a second-year graduate student in Speech and Hearing Science and is named in memory of **Nancy Hager** (BS '57), a dedicated speech pathologist who helped many children overcome speech and language disabilities during a 29-year career with the Carbondale (Illinois) School District. Nancy's



Seated l-r: Sara Keim (daughter of Nancy Hager), Jaime Poulos, Chester Hager. Standing l-r: Dr. Ron Chambers, Dean Tanya Gallagher.

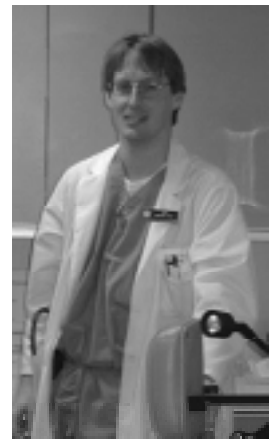
husband, Chester, and children, Susan, Scott, and Stewart, believed that the most fitting tribute to Nancy would be to help students at the U of I who are following in her footsteps, and they have established an endowment to fund the scholarship, which is awarded to a student who shows a strong interest in working in public schools.

"In doing so, Nancy still plays a part in the University and the profession she loved so much," shared Mr. Hager. Ms. Poulos's outstanding scholarship earned her the honor for 2001, which was presented at an event at the Illini Union last November. "We are grateful to Chester Hager and the many contributors who made this endowment possible," said Dean Tanya Gallagher. "What a wonderful tribute to this extraordinary person."

O'Neill Lecture Will Feature Cochlear Implant Expert

An alumnus of Speech and Hearing Science and graduate of the Medical Scholar's Program will be featured at the 2002 John J. O'Neill Lecture this spring. **Ted Meyer**, MD, PhD, who is completing a post-doc and residency at the University of Indiana and will begin a fellowship at the University of Iowa in the fall of this year, will present "Understanding Word Recognition with Cochlear Implants." The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled for Friday, March 8, from 1:00 to 3:00 in Room 101 of the Armory.

The lecture series, funded by an annual contribution from **Dr. John Deck** in honor of former Speech and Hearing Science professor **John J. O'Neill**, is used to attract outstanding speakers to campus in order to augment work offered in the department. Speakers and topics are selected based on their relevance to current students' clinical training experiences and recent academic issues.



Dr. Ted Meyer

Meet Our New Faculty



Julie Hengst

Dr. Hengst joins the faculty of the Department of Speech and Hearing Science, where she teaches courses in adult-onset cognitive-linguistic communication disorders, augmentative and alternative communication, and normal processes of language-use and development across the lifespan. Her research investigates how people manage everyday conversations, especially focusing on individuals with aphasia and their routine communication partners.



Nicoline Ambrose

Dr. Ambrose has joined the faculty of the Department of Speech and Hearing Science. Her primary research interests are stuttering and genetics, and she is the project coordinator for a National Institutes of Health (NIH) project on the onset and development of early childhood stuttering.

Member of "Gizz Kids" Makes Gift to DRES

Kim Pollock, a 1971 industrial engineering graduate who played on the University of Illinois "Gizz Kids" wheelchair basketball team that won two National Wheelchair Basketball Association Championships, and his wife, **Michelle**, have made a gift commitment of \$1 million to the Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services in the College of Applied Life Studies on the Urbana-Champaign campus.

The Kim C. and Michelle Pollock Endowment Fund will support students with disabilities through academic and athletic scholarships, assistive technology and services, and support for adaptive varsity athletics.

"The College of Applied Life Studies is committed to understanding how individuals with disabilities can achieve full inclusion, and to providing these opportunities for our students at the University of Illinois," said Tanya Gallagher, dean of the College of Applied Life Studies. "Kim and Michelle Pollock's gift will enable us to reach a new level of leadership in the area of disability studies by ensuring that future students have access to these cutting-edge programs and services. Their generous support will make an enormous difference in the lives of our stu-

dents with disabilities, and we are truly grateful."

Kim Pollock was co-captain of the 1970 championship team and was named an All-American three years in a row. He also played on the USA Wheelchair Team that competed in the 1968 Paralympics in Tel Aviv, where he won two silver and one bronze medal in track and field events including swimming and decathlon. He also competed internationally at the Stoke Mandeville games in England, Switzerland, and Austria. In Austria, Kim won seven gold medals.

In his senior year, Pollock received the Harold Scharper Service Award and was recognized as one of the top 100 seniors. He received the Harold Scharper Achievement Award in 1996.

Kim's career has been in information processing, rising to a senior executive capacity in the consumer products field and later, the biotech field. He's held key information systems positions with Procter & Gamble, Playtex International, Centocor, and Amgen.

Michelle Pollock holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Cincinnati. She worked with children with learning disabilities in a career that spanned more than 30 years.

"The experiences and opportunities available to me as a disabled student at the U of I were unlike anything available anywhere else in the world," said Kim Pollock. "I feel very fortunate to have been able to take advantage of this tremendous program and now that I am able to, I want to help ensure that other students can also benefit from this unique opportunity."



Kim and Michelle Pollock

DRES Transportation Service Gets Upgrades

The accessible campus bus service operated by DRES took delivery of three new Amtran buses equipped with custom-built lifts fabricated by Mobile Conversions of Bethel, Ohio. Each is equipped with air conditioning and a state-of-the-art communications system that has greatly improved the quality and reliability of communication between the Division and the operators.

Additionally, to enhance student safety through improved communication with DRES bus operators, evening and weekend bus drivers were given a cell phone that student riders can call to maintain direct, continuous communication access. This has greatly improved the ability of evening and weekend drivers to more spontaneously adjust their routes and schedules to meet the changing needs of students and, thus, has also served to substantially enhance campus safety and security for students with disabilities. The staff of the DRES transportation service

including **John Kamradt**, supervisor of Facilities and Equipment, and Disability Transportation Specialists, **Fred Divan**, **Kim Smith**, **Carolyn Bretzlaff** and **Rebecca Wilsey**, are all to be commended for the extraordinary job they have done in coordinating the purchase, evaluation, refinement, and implementation of these transportation system changes.



One of the new Amtran buses

Former DRES Participant Carries Olympic Torch

JOHN MITCHELL, INSIDE VENTURA COUNTY

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is reprinted by permission of Inside Ventura County. The torch passed through Ventura County on January 16th on its way to the Feb. 8 opening of the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Dr. Schick graduated from the University of Illinois in 1972.

Dr. **James Schick**, medical director of the neonatal intensive care unit at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, feels honored he was chosen to carry the Olympic torch when it comes to Ventura County on Jan. 16.

Schick, 51, will do his running along the streets of Oxnard in his wheelchair, a conveyance he's been obliged to use since he was 19.

"I was attending the University of Wisconsin and working two jobs," he said. "While driving my car, I fell asleep, the car rolled and my spinal cord was injured. I had been on my way to meet people to go rock climbing."

Schick was nominated to be a torch bearer by his older brother, Tom, of Rockville, Md.

"Because he has accomplished so much, he is an inspiration to all of us," said Tom Schick. "That's me, my wife, my four kids and my sister and her family."

Prior to his accident, James Schick had been involved in "a lot of sports," one of which was skiing. He was good enough to be a member of the National Ski Patrol in Wisconsin.

In 1970, as he recovered from his accident and adjusted to his new lifestyle, he searched for a university that could accommodate him.

"There were no college campuses truly accessible to wheelchairs back then, it was before legislation," Schick said. "But then I learned about the University of Illinois, which had been accessible to wheelchairs since the 1950s. I understand it was started for G.I.s coming back from World War II and Korea with spinal cord injuries."

Illinois had a rehabilitation education center, buses with lifts, and accessible buildings, Schick said.

"If a class you wanted to take was in a building without access, they would move the class to an accessible site," he said. "They had everything for the disabled that we take for granted now. But it wasn't until 1979 that the law requiring public buildings to accommodate the disabled was passed.

"There was no problem at Illinois with the students. There were 250 people on campus with various disabilities. You could socialize with everybody. Everyone was treated equally."

In 1972, Schick received a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Illinois and, in 1976 he received his medical degree from Georgetown University.

That same year he came to California to do his residency in pediatrics and fellowship in neonatology at UC Davis. It was there he met his future wife, Marlene Epstein. Their sons are Eric, 20, and Evan, 17.

"I think they're excited about me being in the torch relay," Schick said. "I know I'm excited about it. But I don't really have butterflies because I don't get too nervous about things. I try to do a good job, do the right things. I try to enjoy life."

Schick feels this Olympic experience is good for local cities and for the country.

"It couldn't have come for the country at a better time," he said. "It will help people feel real good about their country and everything that's going on."



Karen Quincy Loberg, Inside Ventura County

Former DRES participant James Schick receives the Olympic Torch as it makes its way through Ventura County, CA, on January 16th

Frogley Hired as Head Basketball Coach

The future of the DRES's legendary wheelchair basketball program was secured this year with the hiring of **Michael Frogley** as the Division's full-time Head Basketball Coach. As a half-time graduate assistant, Coach Frogley led the Illinois men's team to three national collegiate championships in four years, and took the team to the Final Four of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Open Division twice—a feat last achieved in 1970. Mr. Frogley also coached the women's team to two second-place finishes in the National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in the same timeframe. Internationally, he served as the Head Coach of the Canadian Paralympic Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team that won the 2000 Paralympic World Championships in Sydney, Australia.

To improve the program's recruiting base, Coach Frogley has successfully created a partnership with the Illinois High School Association to develop a unique scholastic wheelchair basketball program in Illinois which can serve as a feeder to the Urbana campus program, and he has increased participation in the Urbana campus summer wheelchair basketball camps for youth with disabilities from a high of 40 campers to nearly 200.

In combination with Campus Life Supervisor **Maureen Gilbert** and strength and conditioning and wheelchair track coach **Marty Morse**, the Division's athletic programs are clearly poised to further enhance their programmatic excellence, leadership, and outreach in the area of adapted sports and recreation.



Coach Michael Frogley

DRI Welcomes Distinguished UI Alumna

Nobuko Matsubara, a 1969 graduate of the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations and the first-ever recipient of the International Alumni Award for Exceptional Achievement, met with officials of the Disability Research Institute during her September visit to the University of Illinois. Throughout her career at the Japanese Ministry of Labor, Ms. Matsubara has championed the rights of disadvantaged groups, and has worked actively to promote equal rights for women and the disabled. She currently serves as President of the Japan Association for Employment of the Disabled (JAED). Pictured left to right are Lori Williamson, Director of Development and Communications for International Affairs; Chrisann Schiro-Geist, DRI Managing Director; Tanya Gallagher, DRI Scientific Director; and Ms. Matsubara.



Virtual Job Fair for Alumni and Students

Are you a student or alumni seeking employment? Or perhaps you are an employer searching for that perfect job candidate. Either way, the University of Illinois has designed a new program to help you. In March 2002, the College of Applied Life Studies is participating in a Science, Health, and Recreation Virtual Job Fair, coordinated by the University of Illinois Alumni Career Center and co-sponsored by the University of Illinois Career Centers and Alumni Relations offices. This new service allows job applicants and employers to submit resumes and job postings online. Job seekers, at no cost, can visit the site during the specified time, register, select jobs of interest, and submit their resume information to those selected employers.

Between March 1 and March 31, job seekers should log on to the site at www.uillinoisjobfair.org and view categorized science, health, and recreation-related job listings. Applicants input their resume information and send it to employers for whose positions they wish to apply. Then employers contact candidates who interest them.

For further information, please contact the Alumni Association Career Center at 312/575-7830 or e-mail careers@uillinois.edu.

Chrisann Schiro-Geist Presented Rehab Award

Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist was presented with the W.F. Faulkes Award at the National Rehabilitation Association Awards Breakfast on November 3, 2001, in Biloxi, Mississippi. The award goes to a dedicated pioneer in the field of education. According to the Association, "Dr. Schiro-Geist has spent 25 years promoting distance education for Rehabilitation professionals nationally and internationally, and her efforts continue to enhance Rehabilitation knowledge and professionalism in the U.S. and abroad. Her commitment and dedication to this knows no boundaries." Congratulations, Dr. Schiro-Geist!



NRA President Steve Autrey presents the W.F. Faulkes Award to Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist.

ALS Hosts Party at Sugar Bowl

The College of Applied Life Studies welcomed alumni and friends to a Sugar Bowl party at the New Orleans Hilton prior to the game. Illinois lost the game to Louisiana State University, but the festive New Orleans atmosphere and camaraderie of old friends ensured that the trip was a great time for all.



Dean Tanya Gallagher, Lucille Kann (BS '53), and Douglas Kann.



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Richard Stockbarger (BS '50), Shelli Stump (BS '76, MS '79), and Dennis Stump.



Walter (BS '58, MS '62) and Alice Johnson

Spring 2002 Events

Friday, March 8

John J. O'Neill Lecture featuring Dr. Ted Meyer, sponsored by the Department of Speech and Hearing Science. 1:00 p.m., Room 101 of the Army.

Thursday, April 10 to Friday, April 11

Department of Leisure Studies Executive Development Institute, Levis Faculty Center. For more information contact 217-333-4410.

Thursday, April 11

Speech and Hearing Science Student Awards Program. 7:00 p.m., Illini Union.

Thursday, April 18

Kinesiology Awards Ceremony. 7:00 p.m., Levis Faculty Center.

April 18-20

University of Illinois Foundation Spring Gathering. Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago. For more information contact 217-333-0810.

Friday, April 26

Leisure Studies Awards Ceremony. Holiday Inn, Urbana, IL. 6:00 p.m. For more information contact 217-333-4410.

Saturday, May 11

ALS Convocation Ceremony. 9:30 a.m., Assembly Hall.

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New Scholarship Established in ALS

The College of Applied Life Studies has established a new program to recognize outstanding freshman students. Funded by a generous gift from Mary Ellen Wilson Towne, the scholarships will be awarded each year to freshman students from the state of Illinois. The revenue from an endowment established in memory of her late husband, Wendell S. Wilson, will be used to recruit the highest-caliber freshman students, who are referred to as "ALS Scholars." In addition, the Wilson endowment also provides student emergency funds. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

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As a University of Illinois faculty member in 1974 who specialized in sports psychology, **Rainer Martens** (PhD '68, Kinesiology) needed a company to publish the proceedings of a professional conference he had organized. It didn't take long before Rainer and his late wife, Marilyn, had the idea of starting their own company. Not long after, Human Kinetics Publishers, Inc. was founded.

Twenty-eight years later, this local publishing company has become one of the world's leading sources of information in the area of physical activity. With annual sales surpassing \$22 million, HK publishes a wide range of resources ranging from text and consumer books to software and distance education courses. In addition, HK developed the American Sport Education Program, the most widely used coaching education program in the U.S.



Julie and Rainer Martens

"Our objective is to make a positive difference in the quality of life of every human being by promoting physical activity through information," shared Rainer who serves as the company president. "Ultimately, we hope to help people worldwide lead healthier, more active lives."

Marilyn Martens played a vital role in the development of Human Kinetics. After her 1991 death, Rainer married Julie Simon (PhD, '77, Kinesiology), HK's first employee. Julie serves as Executive Vice President.

For the past 10 years the Martens have been generous supporters of the ALS Library at the University of Illinois. Their gifts initially paid for a sport database subscription. As the market for HK publications continued to expand, both on a national and international level, the Martens felt that University of Illinois students would benefit from having immediate "hot off the press" access to their books. Since 1999, Human Kinetics Publishers, Inc. has donated 224 new books directly to the ALS Library.

"HK would not exist without my education from the U of I and my tenure as a faculty member," shared Rainer who retired from Illinois in 1985 but continues as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Kinesiology. "The U of I Library has been an outstanding resource for both of us as well as our company over the years."

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Nick Adams (BS '01, Community Health) of Champaign, Illinois, is staff auditor in the PersonalCare finance department. He received a bachelor's degree in finance and health administration in 2001. Adams was previously an intern in the PersonalCare quality health management department.

James S. Bosco (MS '52; PhD '62, Kinesiology) of Santa Cruz, California, had an exceptional year in badminton competition in 2001, winning first place in singles in the 70-74 age group in both the USA Badminton Senior Championships in Spokane, Washington, and the National Senior Olympics in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Bosco is a retired professor from the Division of Health and Physical Education at California State University.

Norma Dycus (MS '75, Kinesiology) of Dayton, Ohio, was one of seven women recently honored as Administrator of the Year for 2001 by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA). Ms. Dycus is Athletics Director at Sinclair College in Dayton, Ohio, where she supervises seven men's and women's athletic programs.

Lawrence W. Gahan (BS '60, Kinesiology; MS '64, Leisure Studies; PhD '70, Kinesiology) of Clemson, South Carolina, recently retired from Clemson University after 32 years. Dr. Gahan was Alumni Distinguished Professor in the Depart-

ment of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management, and is a past recipient of the Charles K. Brightbill Award, which is presented by the Department of Leisure Studies at the University of Illinois to honor achievements of outstanding alumni.

Dean C. Garstecki (PhD '74, Speech and Hearing Science) of Wilmette, Illinois, is currently the chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northwestern University. His long-time interest, adult-onset hearing loss and its related communication problems, was developed while completing his doctoral program at the U of I, working with Professor John J. O'Neill, a renowned rehabilitative audiologist-clinical psychologist. In recent years Garstecki has been recognized by many associations for his contributions to research, teaching, and professional service, including the Chicago Hearing Society, the Chicago Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association. His recent work focuses on the role of psychological control in hearing loss management among older adults.

Sue Dwyer Hamilton (MS '01, Community Health) of Springfield, Illinois, recently passed the licensing examination to become a certified rehabilitation counselor. Mrs. Hamilton is a public service administrator at the Department of Human Services and an adjunct faculty member at Lincoln Land Community College.

Ashley Herndon (BS '00, Speech and Hearing Science) recently completed a year of volunteer service through Americorps/VISTA with the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. During her service, Ashley worked in Austin, Texas, as a family service/crisis intervention technician, working to support clients affected by extensive flooding.

Frank Joranko (MS '53, Kinesiology), of Lansing, Michigan, was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of Albion College during the college's homecoming celebrations last fall. After graduating from Albion College, Joranko earned his master's degree in Kinesiology at the U of I, and then went on to teach and coach at the high school, before returning to Albion as a baseball and football coach.

Tim Madden (BS '80, Kinesiology) of Minnetonka, Minnesota, has recently moved from Colorado to Minnesota, where he is the Director of Provider Network Management for Medica/Allina Health System. Previously, Tim worked as Upstream Marketing Manager-Clinical Data Products for GE Medical Systems Information Technologies.

Jerry L. Mayhew (MS '68; PhD '76, Kinesiology) of Kirksville, Missouri, was chosen as the 2001 National Strength and Conditioning Association's (NSCA) Outstanding Sport Scientist. This award represents the highest scientific acknowledgment offered by the NSCA, and is given only to senior-level scientists for their contributions in the field of applied sport and exercise science research. Dr. Mayhew has worked as the Human Performance Laboratory Director at Truman State University for 26 years.

Francis A. McGuire (PhD '70, Leisure Studies) was recently named one of Clemson University's Alumni Distinguished Professors. Professor McGuire came to Clemson's Park,

Recreation, and Tourism Management Department in 1981, where he now serves as interim director.

James "Cam" Pepper (BS '92, Kinesiology) of Collinsville, Oklahoma, is the new Director of Marketing for Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Tulsa.

Timothy D. Romani (BS '84, Kinesiology) of Denver, Colorado, was the executive director of the Metropolitan Football Stadium District, an organization created by the State of Colorado for the construction of the new Bronco football stadium in Denver. Romani received his bachelor's degree in sport sociology from the U of I in 1984 and his master's degree in finance and strategic planning from California State University in 1987. The new stadium, Invesco Field at Mile High, first saw action this past season.

Travis T. Threats (AM '84, Speech and Hearing Science) of St. Louis, Missouri, recently contributed to the new International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF) from the World Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Threats is an assistant professor at St. Louis University, and was the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) liaison to the WHO for the ICF process.

Brett Wolters (BS '95; MS '97, Kinesiology) of Springfield, Illinois, is among the 69 new physicians of the Class of 2001 who graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield. He began orthopedic surgery residency in July at the School's affiliated hospitals in Springfield.

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