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Message from the Dean

Thousands of people have gone through our doors secure in the knowledge that they will receive an excellent education at the College of Applied Life Studies. We take seriously our role of providing them with that education, and we strive hard to give students and faculty members the support they need to excel in their learning and teaching. Fortunately we get a good return on our investment because those same exceptional minds make maintaining our reputation easy. We are also fortunate that we don't undertake these endeavors alone. It takes the support of our alumni and friends to accomplish these goals.

Over 1,200 individuals, corporations, and foundations are being recognized in this issue of the newsletter for their support of our College. But all of our alumni and friends are, in effect, equity holders in the College of Applied Life Studies. Your diploma serves almost like a stock certificate that, in a way, represents partial ownership in this company we call ALS. And in this issue of the newsletter you can look forward to reading about some terrific returns on your investment, from physical transformations—such as the ongoing renovation of Huff Hall and the newly remodeled Exercise Psychology Laboratory in Freer Hall—to transformations our faculty and students are making in the way we think about health sciences and the quality of life issues that we all face.

One way to ensure future success is to remain connected to those who have gone before and benefit from their expertise and knowledge. It is therefore my pleasure to announce that we have restructured the ALS Alumni Board. This group, comprised of representatives from each of our College's departments and divisions, is highly committed to helping advance the College among fellow alumni and other constituent groups. You can meet the new members of the board in this issue of the newsletter. Their professional expertise and skills will be invaluable as we look for ways to improve our College and our relations with our alumni, and we thank them for their dedication and loyalty.

We encourage you to join us for a campus event. Attend a lecture, be a mentor to a student, cheer for the Illini at a sporting event, or stop by to say hello to a former professor. Your participation is one way to watch your invest-

ment in ALS grow. Our real assets, our students, are the true beneficiaries of your participation and generosity. We look forward to hearing from you!







Dean Tanya M. Gallagher

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Meet the New ALS Alumni Board

The College of Applied Life Studies recently assembled a new alumni board, with representatives from each of the College's departments and divisions. The College is committed to building partnerships with those who have an interest in the University, share our vision, and who can provide a unique expertise beyond the academic environment. The ALS Alumni Board is key to meeting this goal. The board will meet twice a year on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus.

Our Alumni Board members recently shared their academic experiences and it was inspiring to see how the College of Applied Life Studies helped shape each member's life. If you would like to share your own experiences with the College, please send them to us!

"As a graduate of the physical education program, I take great pride in knowing that professors like T. K. Cureton conducted pioneering research on the Illinois campus—research that made significant contributions to our understanding of health and fitness. Thirty-two years later, I find myself even more appreciative of their contributions and the impact they had on my educational experiences at Illinois."

David Bobert, BS '71, Kinesiology Retired, Air-serv Inc. Dennison, Minnesota

"Dr. O'Neill and his staff excelled as a support net to the students, giving us constructive criticism, encouragement, praise, and tremendous knowledge. The students felt prepared for what would happen after graduation, though many of us stayed on for our master's because of the bonds we formed with each other and our professors. My years and memories at the University of Illinois are with me every day."

Karen Darner, BS '67, AM '68, Speech and Hearing Science

Speech Language Pathologist, Arlington Public Schools Member, Virginia House of Delegates, 49th District Arlington, Virginia

"My two degrees from the College of Applied Life Studies have opened more doors than I could ever imagine. My time at the University of Illinois exposed me to the pioneers and leaders in the school health field, many of whom I got to learn from directly. I can't think of a better way to start a career in public health!"

Laura Kann, BS '82, MS '83, Community Health Branch Chief, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Chamblee, Georgia The new ALS Alumni Board. From left to right: David Bobert, Laura Kann, Saul Morse, Karen Darner, Lu Ann Walker Maddox, Harold Wimmer, and Dean Tanya Gallagher.

"My ALS education provided me with the tools and confidence to not only tackle running a small business, but to advocate for small business as well. I know the communication, management, and



people skills my education provided me prepared me to tackle business's many challenges."

Lu Ann Walker Maddox, BS '74, MS '76, Leisure Studies Co-Owner, Walker-Baker and Associates Harrisburg, IL

"The excellent academic preparation I found at the University of Illinois was made possible by the rehab program. The most life-changing experience I ever had was to live independently and interact with students from all over the country. I would not have completed law school and had a successful professional and personal life had it not been for the Rehabilitation Education Program."

Saul Morse, AB '69 LAS, JD '72 Law, DRES Vice President and General Counsel Illinois State Medical Association Springfield, IL

"The faculty in the Department of Community Health helped me build the foundation for my 25-year career as a health care administrator. I can attribute my success to the strength of the undergraduate and graduate programs in Community Health. The College of Applied Life Studies offers a personal touch to complement its strong academics."

Harold P. Wimmer, BS '77, MS '78, Community Health CEO, American Lung Association of Illinois-Iowa Springfield, IL

Community Health News

Grads Hold First International Conference

A program started by graduates of the master's in rehabilitation program in the Department of Community Health held its first annual conference the week of September 23, 2002, in Dublin, Ireland. The Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in Ireland (ARPI), which is the first international chapter of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, was started by members of the University of Illinois off-campus master's program in rehabilitation counseling sponsored by the University from 1996 to spring 1999. The conference began with several pre-conference activities, including a workshop on Ethical Case Studies in Rehabilitation Coun-

seling offered by **Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist**, Professor of Community Health and Managing Director, Disability Research Institute. Over 60 rehabilitation professionals were in attendance, including colleagues from England, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, as well as Ireland and the United States.

Since the conclusion of the Illinois initiative, negotiations are underway with several other American universities for a second cohort. Potential University partners include Louisiana State University and the University of Wisconsin at Stout.

The creation of ARPI marks the fruition of the goal of the University of Illinois initiative, which was to establish the profession of rehabilitation counseling in Ireland. The University of Illinois was approached in 1995 to consider such an endeavor, after the National Rehabilitation Board of Ireland (the federal agency in Ireland responsible for the delivery of rehabilitative services to persons with disabilities) had conducted an extensive feasibility study. Illinois was its choice to deliver a model program to its federal and community workers in the field of rehabilitation because of our long and rich history of service to persons with disabilities. The Illinois program was the first ever to deliver a complete masters in rehabilitation counseling to a cohort of students who never "set foot on campus" until their graduation, thereby creating a cadre of professionals in Ireland and allowing the development of this profession through formal graduate training.



Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist, third from left, with members of the ARPI at the first annual conference in Dublin, Ireland.

Medical Scholars Program Recognizes Community Health

Two awards were presented to members of the Department of Community Health at the 2002 Medical Scholars Program (MSP) Retreat. The winner of the Swartz-Flood Award for the best student oral presenta-

tion at Allerton was Mickey Trockel for his talk entitled "When the Party for Some Becomes a Problem for Others: Alcohol Abuse Prevention on Campus with a Focus on Secondhand Consequences of Drinking Among College Students." In addition, Dr. Janet Reis, head of the Department of Community Health, was awarded the MSP

Outstanding Advisor of the Year



Mickey Trockel

Award by the MSP Advisory Committee. Dr. Reis was nominated for this award by many of her MSP students, who provided comments on her exemplary skills of mentoring and facilitating student growth.



Professor Karin Rosenblatt was recently elected to serve as an Epidemiology Section representative to the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association for 2002 to 2004. The Governing Council votes on resolutions and elects officers for the association. The representatives advise which initiatives the American Public Health Association uses in lobbying and influencing the government with respect to public health issues.

Health Care Goes High Tech

Melissa Mitchell, UI News Bureau

With more and more households reporting access to home computers and Internet connections, activities such as purchasing products, tracing family histories and planning vacations online have become commonplace. Janet Reis hopes one segment of the public—prostate cancer patients and their caregivers—will add another activity to that list: building skills to more effectively manage the disease.

Reis, a professor of Community Health at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is a co-author of "An e-Learning Caregiving Program for Prostate Cancer Patients and Family Members," a study funded by the National Cancer Institute through the National Institutes of Health. A report on the study, co-authored by Brendan McGinty, the president of Leo Media Inc., Urbana, Illinois, and Sandi Jones, vice president of business and strategic services at Urbana's Provena Covenant Medical Center, appears in the February issue of the *Journal of Medical Systems*. The authors urge development of an information delivery, training and support system combining Web-based resources and a CD-ROM.

"To better understand how prostate cancer patients and family members think about caregiving, we conducted a mail survey of 187 diagnosed individuals," Reis said, "inquiring about how well they feel prepared to take care of health concerns related to prostate cancer, and what they expect would happen if they took care of these concerns." Forty-five patients responded; all shared a nonterminal-stage diagnosis and had received radiation or surgical treatment at Provena Covenant's Cancer Center. Most were white, with the average age of 68. Respondents also included 40 family members.

Patients and caregivers indicated varying levels of agreement about the importance of seven conditions associ-

ated with prostate cancer—from fatigue to incontinence and sexual functioning. Both groups were polled about their sense of preparedness with respect to post-hospital follow-up care as well. "Thirty to 44 percent of patients felt unprepared or very unprepared across the caregiving functions," Reis reported.

"The least problematic caregiving function was working and communicating with family members about the cancer (18 percent). The most problematic were watching for symptoms and knowing what the symptoms might mean (39 percent)."

Reis said the finding that most surprised her was one that confirmed her suspicion that an e-learning-based program

could fill a gaping void that exists in post-hospital, home-caregiving. Forty-seven percent of patients surveyed indicated they would be interested in using such a program themselves, and 31 percent believed their family members would benefit from it.

Testing of a prototype program began at Provena Covenant's Cancer Center in January. If that test is successful, Reis hopes a program can be marketed soon to medical specialists, cancer treatment centers, primary care providers and hospice/bereavement units.





New Benches for Students!

Recent alumni of Community Health probably have memories of sitting on the floor or on the stairs outside the advising office as they waited to see advisor Carol Firkins. No longer! The Department of Community Health recently acquired two large oak benches that will accommodate students waiting to see the popular undergraduate advisor. According to Carol the benches are long overdue and are an attractive addition to the hallway at Huff Hall. Early feedback from students is that they are quite comfortable!

News

Renovation at Freer Completed

In January 2003, the Exercise Psychology Laboratory moved into a newly remodeled space dedicated exclusively to exercise psychology research. The new lab, which is located in the former location of the north gymnasium of Freer Hall, consists of several elements including an office wing housing graduate students, project coordinators, and faculty associated with the lab. Immediately adjacent is a state-of-the-art laboratory comprised of two testing areas, a data processing and analysis area, and a reception area for study participants. In addition, the lab has an exercise area used for training studies and ample storage space. Lab equipment includes ergometers, treadmills, metabolic monitoring systems, and EKG stress testing equipment. The entire complex is networked via multiple high-speed computers for the collection, processing, and analysis of physiological and psychosocial data and the screening, scheduling, and coordination of experiments and controlled exercise trials. The lab is directed by Dr. Edward McAuley.



Dr. Edward McAuley directs a student who is performing an EKG stress test. McAuley recently relocated his Exercise Psychology Laboratory into newly renovated space at Freer Hall.





Freer Hall renovation before and after: The new Exercise Psychology Laboratory has moved into a newly renovated space in the location of the former north gymnasium at Freer.



Healthy Schools Summit

Dr. Kim Graber poses with former Surgeon General, David Satcher, on the left, and the current Surgeon General, Richard Carmona, at the Healthy Schools Summit in Washington, D.C. this past October. The conference was chaired by David Satcher, with Laura Bush serving as the Honorary Chair. Dr. Graber provided a keynote address on how physical activity relates to an overall healthy school environment.

Research Update

Professor Weimo Zhu has been awarded support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to develop an E-diary system that will combine voice-recognition and automatic scoring technologies to measure physical activity. The three-year project, *Development and Validation of an E-diary System for*



Assessing Physical Activity and Travel Behaviors, will utilize advanced wireless and GPS technologies in its design.





Professor Edward McAuley (Kinesiology) and his co-PI, Professor Karl Rosengren (Kinesiology and Psychology), have received notification from the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging that their grant proposal, Activity, Gait and Efficacy (AGE) in Older Women, has been funded. This four-year project, funded at approximately \$1 million dollars, examines longitudinal relationships among physical activity patterns, expectations, balance, gait and health status in a cohort of White and African-American older women.

Athletic Training Program

Dr. Jerry Bell (right) welcomed alumni of the Athletic Training Program back to campus to speak to students enrolled in the program. Pictured left to right: Phil Zinni (BS '82, Kinesiology), Jean Bagel (BS '80, MS '88, Kinesiology), Gerry Van Dyke (BS '82, Kinesiology), and Dr. Bell.



Meet Our New Faculty



Darla Castelli joined the Department of Kinesiology this past fall as assistant professor. Darla's research interests lie in physical education teaching and programming. She began a line of research in physical education programming in 1999 and is currently involved in three major physical education/activity research projects. Darla is piloting a new course titled Technology and Pedagogical Kinesiology, which was first offered during the 2002-03 academic year. She has also authored five multi-media

CD-ROMS directed toward dissemination of best practice and assessment for the in-service teacher. Darla is interested in multimedia technology, weight training, cycling, and is a big fan of college basketball. She lives with her husband of 11 years, Mike, and her 7-year-old son Brian, who is in first grade.



Standing from left to right: Marilyn Gorney, Marilyn Minneman, Carolyn Bechly, Jean Snuggs, Peggy Kell, Ellen Greaves, Barb Parrin, Barbara Schleicher, Alyce Cheska, and Connie Johnson. Kneeling in front from left to right: Linda McClenahan, Hilary Carlson, Mary Brosius.

PEW Class of '72 Reunites

Twelve alumnae from the Physical Education for Women class of 1972 returned to campus during the weekend of October 12, 2002, to celebrate their 30th class reunion. Saturday morning began with a breakfast gathering at Freer Hall where they received a brief update on the Department of Kinesiology by Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko, Ellen Evans, Kim Graber, Ann Pollok, and Kim Colantuono. Following the breakfast and tour of Freer Hall, the attendees watched the Fighting Illini football team defeat Purdue. After the game the festivities continued with a tent party at Huff Field.

Leisure Studies News

"Bicyclologist" Addresses Leisure Studies Class

Dr. Richard Klein, a retired mechanical engineering professor at the University of Illinois and self-described "bicyclologist," recently addressed Dr. Monika Stodolska's Leisure Services and Diversity class. Dr. Klein has formed a company called Rainbow Trainers, Inc. that designs and

manufactures specialized bicycles that have proven to be remarkably effective in allowing children with disabilities to learn how to ride conventional twowheeled cycles.

Over the past several years Dr. Klein has conducted clinics around the country using his adapted training bikes, which utilize contoured rollers rather than air-inflated tires. The class, which explores adaptive education and non-traditional leisure services, was treated to a demonstration of the bikes and to a video showing how instruction progresses at a typical training clinic. In many cases, children who had never been able to ride a bike were riding conventional bicycles after a few sessions of training with the specialized bikes. At a recent camp in Wisconsin, the overall success rate exceeded 80 percent in getting children with disabilities to ride conventional bikes. "This program stands as testimony to the fact that significant numbers of children are capable of being able to ride conventional bikes," said Dr. Klein. "All it takes is someone providing the right equipment, environment, encouragement, and instruction."



"Bicyclologist" Richard Klein discusses his specialized training bicycles.



Healthy Rural Communities

Dr. Laura Payne and Dr. Kostas Alexandris received a grant for \$330,000 from the State of Illinois Attorney General's Office as a result of the Vitamin Anti-trust Settlement. The award will be used for a program called Healthy Rural Communities. The overall goal of the project is to improve physical activity attitudes and behaviors by using a grassroots, community development approach to program development and community change. Youth and older adults will be the focus populations for this three-year program.

Joseph J. Bannon Practioner Award

Dr. Cary McDonald (center), head of the Department of Leisure Studies, presents the 2002 Joseph J. Bannon Practioner Award to Fred Hall (MS '65) of the Palatine Park District and Rudy Nelson (BS '72) of the Rolling Meadows Park District. The award, named for former department head Joe Bannon, is presented to a practitioner who has



Left to right: Fred Hall, Dr. Cary McDonald, Rudy Nelson.

displayed service and support of the field of parks and recreation at both the state and national level.

Meet Our New Faculty



Carla Santos joined the Department of Leisure Studies this past fall as assistant professor. Her area of research interest is with the potential of mass media text and images to influence tourist's experiences, ways of seeing, and perceptions of place, host and culture. Carla's research usually follows two tracks. The first seeks to delineate the complex relationships between destinations, hosts, tourists, and mass media. The other track seeks to gain insight into issues of perceived cultural and historical

authenticity. Carla was born and raised in Cascais, a beach town outside of Lisbon, Portugal. Her hobbies are surfing, cooking, listening to music, and traveling. She is also fluent in English, Portuguese, Spanish, French, and Italian.

Important Message to Alumni from Department Head

Department of Leisure Studies

RE: Department of Leisure Studies Withdraws Application for Reaccreditation

Dear Leisure Studies Alumni:

Like many professional programs, there is a professional organization that accredits undergraduate programs based on their curriculum. For undergraduate programs in parks and recreation, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the American Association for Leisure and Recreation (AALR) jointly review undergraduate programs in our field for accreditation. This process is conducted every five years. The department has been accredited for the past 20 years. During our last accreditation review, concluding in December 2001, the department made the decision to withdraw its application for reaccreditation. Effective January 2002, the Department of Leisure Studies is no longer accredited by NRPA/AALR. The following paragraphs explain the reason for our decision and what we plan to do

For years, the discipline has been defined by community parks and recreation and this perspective has served the discipline well. However, as the discipline has evolved and continues to evolve, other domains (e.g., tourism, sport, etc.) have been integrated into traditional park and recreation programs. Our Department made a conscious effort to integrate two of these domains (sport and tourism) into the program about 10 years ago, partly for survival (student enrollments) and the realization that our field is much broader than a curriculum based on professional competencies for the park and recreation profession. As a direct result of that decision, the program is no longer defined by a parks and recreation professional curriculum, but takes on a broader perspective, notably, leisure studies.

This perspective has created a dilemma for the department. In brief, accreditation standards once applicable for all students in our program now fail to lead to competencies required by a diverse student body pursuing a variety of interests in the leisure field. Currently, 17 percent of our students (57 students) are in the recreation management option, the component of our program that most closely matches NRPA/AALR accreditation standards. For a program to be restricted by a set of standards that are not reflective of the diverse educational needs of our students is irresponsible on the part of the faculty. The department must maintain its integrity and responsibility to "all" students in the department and provide them with the best education possible, as defined by the faculty.

We agree the standards are excellent competencies for students in the area of recreation management. All students in our recreation management option satisfy (and will continue to satisfy) all the standards; in fact, our students exceed many of the standards. Our concern is that the standards are not appropriate for the diverse educational needs of undergraduate students in a modern, innovative and diverse leisure studies department. Thus, our belief is not that the standards are inappropriate; it is simply that they do not reflect the fundamental skills and knowledge needed for our full and diverse student population.

As you can imagine, this was a difficult decision for the department. As a faculty we must make decisions that are best for "all" of our students. The department has a long history of commitment, involvement and support for NRPA/AALR and the accreditation process. The department will continue this commitment, involvement, and support. Assuming a role as one of the leading institutions in the field, it is our responsibility to work with NRPA/ AALR and other institutions toward changes in the accreditation criteria and process that reflect the current breadth

The department has submitted a proposal to the NRPA/AALR Accreditation Council for their review. Hopefully, and depth of our discipline. the dialogue with NRPA/AALR will remain open and move forward for the interests of students, faculty, alumni, and other professionals in the field. We are committed to working with NRPA/AALR to regain accreditation status.

Sincerely,

Cary D. M. Donald Cary McDonald, PhD

Associate Professor and Head

Speech and Hearing Science

Yairi Receives ASHA's Highest Honor

Dr. Ehud Yairi, professor of Speech and Hearing Science, was honored with the Honors of the Association from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The award, which is the highest honor the Association can bestow, recognizes distinguished contributions to the field of speech, language, and hearing.



Honors recipients are renowned throughout the nation and the world for a lifetime of innovative clinical practice, insightful and rigorous research, outstanding teaching, or other distinguished professional achievements. Their contributions "must be of such excellence that they have enhanced or altered the course of their professions."

Dr. Yairi has been a leading researcher in fluency and stuttering for over 30 years. During the past two decades in particular, his research into the development of early childhood stuttering has been highly influential, enabling researchers and clinicians to better understand the diverse developmental paths of stuttering and the significant dif-

ferences between normal non-fluency and stuttering. In 2000, Dr. Yairi was the first recipient of the Research Award of Distinction from the International Fluency Association. In 2001, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the world-renowned Speech Pathology & Audiology Department at the University of Iowa. In 2002, Dr. Yairi was awarded a \$4.3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to pursue research into subtypes of stuttering. Dr. Yairi was formally presented the award by the Association this past November at their annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Research Update

Dr. Ken Watkin, professor of Speech and Hearing Science, was invited to present at the Beckman Institute's recent iEmerging conference, which showcases innovative technologies on campus for potential commercialization. Dr. Watkin's project, Ultra-Imaging LLC—one of seven UIUC projects



highlighted at the iEmerging conference—utilizes "microbubble" technology to deliver cancer-fighting drugs to specific targets and to enhance medical imaging. "Our drug-delivery technology targets cancer sites," said Dr. Watkin. "Our strategy is to carry more drugs to the tumor and release them at the tumor site."

More than 100 people, including venture capitalists, service companies, and government representatives, attended the event.



Dr. David Kuehn, professor of Speech and Hearing Science, has been notified that he and Dr. Michael Goldwasser of Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana have been chosen by Psi Iota Xi to receive a research grant. The national convention delegates of Psi Iota Xi approved as their new long-term

project Cleft Palate Research for Children, to be directed by Drs. Kuehn and Goldwasser. The purpose of the grant is to image infants and older children before and after cleft palate surgery, using Carle's magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) facilities. One of the short-term goals of the research is to obtain dynamic MRI images of velopharyngeal movements, close to real time, in the older children.

Lois Sanders Estate Gift

The Speech and Hearing Clinic in the Department of Speech and Hearing Science will benefit from the income of an estate gift from former professor emerita Lois J. Sanders. Lois's generosity is a wonderful tribute to her and to the Department of



Speech and Hearing Science. The income from the endowment fund is designated for unrestricted support of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. "The department is deeply appreciative of Lois's efforts in promoting the interests of our students and the continued excellence of the Speech-Language and Audiology Clinics," said Ron Chambers, head of the department. Lois, who retired from the U of I in 1984, passed away on August 9, 2002, in Traverse City, Michigan.

John J. O'Neill Lecture

Friday, April 4 1:00-3:30 p.m. Room 141 Loomis Lab

Professor Rachel Mayberry of McGill University (Montreal, Canada) will speak at the annual John J. O'Neill Lecture on Friday, April 4, 2003. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Room 141 of Loomis Laboratory on the corner of Goodwin Street and Green Street in Urbana.



Dr. Rachel Mayberry of McGill Univerisity will present the annual John J. O'Neill Lecture on April 4,

Dr. Mayberry, who is director of McGill's School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, investigates critical period effects on language development and processing with the goal of constructing a model of language comprehension that takes into account the factors of experience in early life and sensory-motor modality. She examines first- and second-language acquisition of signed and spoken languages begun at varying ages and how this affects language processing and reading proficiency in adulthood using sign language, and by also investigating the extent to which gesture is part of the spoken language system. Her lecture will focus on sign language and the facility to learn languages, both signed and spoken, across the lifespan.

NSSLHA Bowl-Athon

The University of Illinois chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) recently hosted a "Bowl for Independence" bowl-athon in the Illini Union bowling alley to raise funds for the national NSSLHA Loves annual campaign. The money raised will benefit Communication Independence for the Neurologically Impaired (CINI, Inc.) to promote awareness of communication devices available to patients who suffer from ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Over 90 people participated

in the bowl-athon, and as a result, over \$600 will be contributed this year by the U of I chapter to the national NSSLHA Loves campaign. Pictured from left to right are Erin Whitebread, Nicole Van Grinsven, Jessica Sheridan, Laura Rubin, and Jamie Cumpata.



The lecture series, established by **Dr. John Deck** (AM '70, PhD '85) 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.

Perlman Receives King McCristal Award

Dr. Adrienne Perlman was named the 2002 recipient of the King McCristal Award, which recognizes distinguished faculty scholars within the College of Applied Life Studies.

Dr. Perlman teaches courses in voice disorders, motor speech disorders, and in normal and disordered swallowing (dysphagia). Her primary research interest is in swallowing physiology and in the development of improved methods for diagnosis and treatment of oropharyngeal dysphagia. At present she has funding from the National Institutes of Health to examine the coordination of respiration and deglutition across the lifespan and as a function of certain neurological insults.

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



Adrienne Perlman

Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services

DRES Students Meet with Procter & Gamble, IBM

In the fall of 2002, students registered with the Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services (DRES) had the opportunity to attend two corporate recruitment events for possible internship and permanent employment placement. The events gave students in DRES a chance to talk to recruiters from two major corporations and assisted

DRES in establishing relationships with major corporations.

"One of DRES's initiatives is to continue to develop and establish relations with major corporations and to help them to identify the types of necessary job accommodations for employees with disabilities," states Susann Heft, Disability Specialist with DRES. "By doing so, this should ultimately increase the number of options available to students with disabilities regarding future employment."

Procter & Gamble hosted the first event on September 16, 2002. A total of 11 students from DRES took part in informal interviews with P&G. Students inter-

ested in applying for an internship or a permanent employment position were then directed to P&G's online application. All majors were considered, however majors in Research and Development, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Finance and Accounting, Marketing, and Customer Business Development/Strategic Selling were preferred.

The second major recruitment event included IBM and the Entry Point! Program. Ken Boyd (BS '74, Computer Engineering), the Director of Advanced DR Solution for IBM, and Laureen Summers, Program Associate for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), teamed to present information to DRES students on how IBM and the Entry Point! program work together. Entry Point! offers internship opportunities to students with disabilities and has developed unique partnerships with IBM, NASA, JP Morgan Chase, and Texas Instruments. During the two-day visit in early October, Ken and Laureen had the opportunity to tour DRES's facilities and meet with staff members to learn more about the implications for effectively accommodating individuals with disabilities. Students from DRES were able to learn more about how Entry Point! works with IBM to provide opportunities for students with disabilities.

"Overall, the planning efforts of the many individuals involved resulted in a positive experience for all who participated," Heft said. The Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services hopes to plan more successful recruiting events in the upcoming year.



Ken Bratland (left) meets with IBM's Ken Boyd and Laureen Summers of the Entry Point! internship program. Bratland recently completed an internship with IBM that was arranged through their on-campus recruitment program.

University Professors Examine Disabilities in the Workplace

University of Illinois researchers **Brad Hedrick**, **Janet Reis**, and **Mark Newsom**, along with colleagues from Northwestern University, recently completed a research project for the Disability Research Institute examining the use of assistive technology (AT) to improve the functional independence of persons with disabilities. Currently, little is known about the extent of AT use in the workplace and its effectiveness in reducing employment-related barriers. The purpose of this study was to examine the impact of

AT utilization on employment of individuals with spinal cord injuries in a variety of professional and non-professional jobs. The study participants included veterans and 170 University of Illinois alumni with disabilities attributable to spinal cord injury or disease. Researchers developed and pilot-tested a survey instrument that can be used to systematically investigate the impact of AT utilization on employment outcomes in future research.

Read about new scholarships in DRES on pages 21 and 24.

Two Alumni Receive Scharper Achievement Award

Two DRES alumni were honored with the 2002 Harold Scharper Achievement Award at the annual Delta Sigma Omicron banquet last November. The award recognizes DRES alumni who have shown unselfish and outstanding service to others.

Daniel Dropko (BS '72, Music; AM '78, ED), who earned a JD from the University of Florida in 1988, has been the recipient of numerous awards for public and community service, including the Sustained Exemplary Performance Award in 1999, while serving as Assistant Public Defender in the juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony courts in Jacksonville, Florida. In addition to his legal expertise, Dan has also served as a charter member of the Mayors Disability Council, participated in community theater as a piano player, and taught English to migrant workers. While at the U of I, Dan played four years with the Fighting Illini Wheelchair Basketball Team and was a member of the National Championship Team in 1969-70.

William R. Boston (BS '67, Marketing) has enjoyed a successful career in the insurance industry, first with Con-

tinental Insurance and later as the director of risk management for Dairymen, Inc., Kentucky's largest privately owned corporation. In 1996, he founded Outsource Management, Inc., which provides insurance consulting services to clients including insurance agencies. Bill has been actively involved in community service for over 25 years, and in 1987 he was recognized with the Kentuckian of the Year Award from the Kentucky Commission for Employment of the Handicapped. "I feel very honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the Harold Scharper Achievement Award," said Bill. "Many opportunities I have had have been directly related to the educational opportunities provided by the U of I Rehab Program."

Harold Scharper was the first paraplegic to attend the University of Illinois. Following his death in 1950, the members of Delta Sigma Omicron and friends established the Harold Scharper Achievement Award in his memory. The awards are a tribute to the example he set for others with disabilities and are given in recognition of his preference that the unselfish achievements and services of others be recognized above all other things.



Daniel Dropko (L) receives the 2002 Harold Scharper Achievement Award from Tim Nugent.



Joe Konitzki (L) presents William Boston with the 2002 Harold Scharper Achievement Award.

Ellis Lecture Features Spinal Cord Expert



Last November the College of Applied Life Studies welcomed Dr. Michael Selzer to Urbana to present the 2002 Michael J. Ellis Distinguished Lecture on Disability Science and Practice.

The annual lecture honors the contributions of Dean Emeritus Michael Ellis to the Division of Rehabilitation-Education 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 lecture is funded through a generous gift from University of Illinois alumnus Kenneth M. Viste, Jr. (BS '62).

Dr. Selzer spoke to an audience of faculty, staff, physicians, and students at the Pollard Auditorium at Carle Hospital in Urbana. The title of his lecture was Axon Regeneration in the Spinal Cord: What We Can Learn From the Sea Lamprey.



Michael Selzer and Timothy Nugent converse after Selzer's lecture on spinal cord regeneration.

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New GAO Report Cites DRI Contributions

The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) issued a new report in January 2003 that is complimentary of the DRI and its research. The report, *Major Management Challenges and Program Risks*, is part of the GAO's Performance and Accountability Series and calls the work of the DRI "vital to informing the debate over the long-term solvency of the Social Security system." It specifically highlights the following DRI efforts:

- Designing a demonstration to provide earlier return-to-work services to disability insurance (DI) applicants who are likely to be found eligible;
- Exploring the paths DI applicants and beneficiaries take to the benefit program to determine whether SSA might be able to redirect some applicants to work rather than a prolonged stay on the benefit rolls;
- Examining how the onset of disability early in life affects later employment outcomes;
- Analyzing and facilitating the transition to employment of youths with disabilities;
- Assessing the validity of medical criteria as measures of disability;
- Identifying the most salient job demands compared to a claimant's remaining capacity for work; and

Examining the impact and cost of assistive technology on employment of persons with spinal cord injuries.



According to the GAO, these DRI projects represent positive steps the agency has taken to strengthen its research and evaluation activities. As a result, policy development issues that had been cited in earlier reports no longer were considered to be a major management challenge for the agency. The GAO suggested that the DRI continue to assist SSA through investigations of the impact of medical advances and social changes on disability. The Institute was described as playing a pivotal role as the agency develops a comprehensive return-to-work strategy that integrates earlier intervention, including earlier and more effective identification of work capacities and the provision of essential return-to-work assistance.

In 2000, SSA awarded the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign a five-year cooperative agreement to develop a national Disability Research Institute. The Institute was charged with leading a disability research agenda that would inform disability policy.

ALS Honors Comeback Guest

Faculty, students, staff, and alumni met in Freer Hall on October 25 for a reception to honor the achievements of Illini Comeback Guest, **Barbara Baxter Pillinger** (ALS '56, Kinesiology).

Each year since 1980, the Student Alumni Association of the University of Illinois Alumni Association has invited a group of distinguished alumni back to campus to participate in traditional homecoming activities and meet and interact with current students, faculty, and alumni. Barbara, who is nationally recognized as a leadership expert, was one of five honorees this year. Her schedule over the Homecoming weekend was packed with activities including a ride in the Homecoming parade, introduction during half-time of the football game, luncheons and receptions with student organizations, and dinner with both Chancellor Cantor and President Stukel.

Barbara Pillinger is an excellent example of the many contributions made by ALS alumni over their lifetime,



Barbara Baxter Pillinger receives a plaque honoring her selection as an Illini Comeback guest from Dean Tanya Gallagher and Kinesiology Head Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko.

and we are very fortunate that the College of Applied Life Studies could be a part of her itinerary. She brings great pride to her alma mater!

Homecoming at ALS

Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends came together for a pre-game Homecoming celebration on Saturday, October 26. The party was held at the Rehabilitation building, which is just a block away from Memorial Stadium. Attendees enjoyed sandwiches, drinks, and door-prize drawings before cheering the Illini to a 45-14 victory over Indiana.





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[above left] Judith LeDuc (BS '70, AM '71), Tanya Gallagher (BS '67, AM '70, PhD '71), and ALS students Natalie Arp and Elizabeth Steffen.

[above right] Professor Ken Watkin, Ann Bannon, Joe Bannon (MS '58, PhD '71), and Associate Dean Ruth Watkins.

[lefi] Professor Emerita Alyce Cheska, ALS student Joe Vance and his father Bob Vance.









[clockwise from top left] Helen Browning and Bonnie Sprague; Professor April Tripp and her children enjoy the pre-game party; Laura Kann (BS '82, MS '83), Kitty Creswell (BS '84), and Jean Creswell; David Bobert (BS '71) wins a door prize.

Katy Hill, former DRES director Tim Nugent, Karen Darner (BS '67, AM '68), and Tanya Gallagher (BS '67, AM '70, PhD '71).

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Robert Bilger



Beulah J. Drom



Marlyn A. O'Neill

In Memoriam

Robert Bilger, professor emeritus of Speech and Hearing Science at the University of Illinois, died at the age of 76 on December 26, 2002. Bilger was considered one of the top researchers in his field, focusing his career on experimental psychology and audiology. The research Bilger performed led to the publishing of several scientific articles considered to be landmarks in the discipline of auditory dysfunction.

During his highly productive career, Dr. Bilger received continuous support for over 30 years from the National Institutes of Health to fund his auditory research. A number of his papers are considered to be landmarks in the discipline. Many of Dr. Bilger's doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows went on to become leading researchers. His research excellence was recognized through numerous awards: a Jacob Javits Award for Research Excellence in Neuroscience in 1987; a Claude Pepper Award for Research Excellence in Deafness and Communication Disorders in 1990; selection as a Fellow of the Association for the Advancement of Science; the King James McCristal Distinguished Scholar Award from the College of Applied Life Studies at the University of Illinois in 1993; and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Auditory Society in 1999. Also, Dr. Bilger received awards for best publication from refereed journals, as well as awards for editing from ASHA. In more recent years, he had been a member of a group at the Beckman Institute here at the University that received a patent for a new processing algorithm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bob Bilger Fund at the University of Illinois Foundation to continue support for graduate students in audiology.

"He was among so many other things a mentor, an educator, a devoted auditory scientist, a lover of language, a vivid and entertaining story teller, a sports enthusiast, an original and innovative thinker, a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and a caring and complex man who cast a very long shadow."

—Dr. Ron Chambers, head of the Department of Speech and Hearing Science

Beulah J. Drom (BS '26), associate professor emerita at the University of Illinois and affectionately known by her former students as the "Teacher of Teachers," died on

January 17, 2003, at the age of 98. Ms. Drom attended the University of Illinois and earned her bachelor's degree in the former College of Physical Education in 1926. After receiving a master's from the University of Iowa, she held a variety of teaching and administrative positions at public schools and universities throughout Wisconsin before returning to the U of I in 1947. Her knowledge in the field of physical education prepared her for a career at the University of Illinois, where Ms. Drom held various teaching and administrative positions before retiring as associate professor in 1970. Throughout her career, Drom positively influenced her field through the development of curriculums that became the cornerstone of physical education in Illinois and Wisconsin.

"She was a pioneer in the fields of body mechanics and movement education," said Dr. Alyce Cheska, former head of the Department of Physical Education for Women. "Her interests included reading, classical music, opera, horses, sports, and travel. She spent summers in Nova Scotia, Canada, and remained in contact with others after her retirement through a monthly letter, cards, phone calls, visits—always helping others with friendship, encouragement, mentoring, advice, and financial support."

Memorial contributions may be made to the Beulah Drom Scholarship Fund at the University of Illinois Foundation to continue support for undergraduate women in Kinesiology.

"Miss Drom and her "red pencil" stand as an icon for all of us—not just for teaching and education, but for living and giving."

> —Dr. Phyllis Hill (PhD '66, Kinesiology), colleague of Beulah Drom

Marlyn A. O'Neill passed away August 28, 2002, in Urbana. Dr. O'Neill received her doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Illinois in 1969, she taught at the Seattle Hearing and Speech Center; Diamond Head School for the Deaf in Honolulu, Hawaii; the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley, California; and was associate professor at San Francisco State University. She was an associate professor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Science at the University of Illinois, where she served as associate head from 1980-1997 and as acting head from 1990-1992. She retired in 1997. After retirement she fulfilled her dreams of traveling with trips to Turkey, Spain,

Illinois to Honor Pre-Title IX Women Athletes with Varsity Letters

The official start of varsity athletics for women at the University of Illinois began during the 1974-75 academic year. Before 1974 and the nationwide adoption of the Title IX resolution, women participated in intercollegiate sports in the name of the University despite not being recognized as varsity athletes. The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics recently decided to award varsity letters to these women. Women athletes who participated in basketball, cross-country, golf, gymnastics, fencing, field hockey, synchronized swimming, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, and volleyball before 1974 will be honored at a ceremony planned around several major athletic events on the weekend of November 21-23, 2003.

"These women played a major role in laying the foundation for our current varsity women's programs," said Athletic Director Ron Guenther (BS '67, MS '68). "They are 'unsung players' who deserve to receive the same recognition as those athletes who had the opportunity to earn a varsity letter while they attended Illinois."

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics is locating as many of these athletes as possible. Any woman who competed in athletics prior to 1974 may be eligible to participate in the program. You may officially sign up for the program on www.fightingillini.com or by calling Coordinator of Special Projects Tom Porter at 217-244-2771. This event is a great way to show support and honor those who paved the way for Illini women's athletics.



Important Dates in Women's Athletics at UI

- **1896** "Club sports" allowed women to participate in intercollegiate athletic events.
- **1903** The Women's Athletic Association (WAA) was formed at the University of Illinois.
- **1964** Women's Extramural Sports Association was created (from the WAA) to "maximize sports participation for all women students."
- **1972** Title IX was written to eliminate sexual discrimination in any educational program (including athletics) receiving federal funding.
- **1974** Budget for women's athletics was increased from \$14,000 during the previous year to \$82,500 for the 74-75 academic year.
- **1974** Athletic Association assumes responsibility of women's athletics at Illinois; women participants are now considered varsity athletes.



In Memoriam, continued

and Canada, to name a few. Dr. O'Neill was an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma International, American Association of University Women, and Partners Investment Club.

"Marlyn was an academic leader, nurturer of students, and above all, a peacemaker. She embodied the spirit of our department when we strove to be our best. Her spirit lives on in the ways that we embrace our young colleagues, nurture our young students, and teach in our most active and interactive style. She had a strong will, a generous heart, a gentle touch and a big sense of humor."

—Dr. Cynthia Johnson, colleague of Marlyn O'Neill

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Shinew Honored for Research

Dr. Kim Shinew, associate professor in the Department of Leisure Studies, was presented with an Illinois Parks and Recreation magazine award for "Best Research Article" in the *Illinois Parks & Recreation* Magazine Awards Program. The award came during a January 2003 gathering for University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University leisure studies alumni. The gathering was held in conjunction with the IAPD/IPRA Conference for parks and recreation.

Shinew's article, titled "The Non-Dominant Voice," was published in the May/June 2002 issue. The article was based on her study of the perceptions of equity among African-Americans and Hispanics working in public recreation in the state of Illinois.

The *Illinois Parks & Recreation* magazine gives out the awards to authors whose articles offer insightful opinions, ideas, and expertise to the 6,000 readers of the magazine. Employees and members of Illinois park districts, forest preserves, and recreational agencies primarily read the magazine. The panel of judges stated: "The study clearly demonstrates the failure of our field in addressing issues of diversity in the provision of park and recreation services."

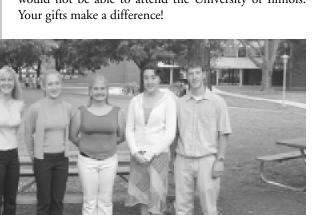


Dr. Kim Shinew (left) receives the award for "Best Research Article" from Illinois Parks and Recreation magazine editor Ann Londrigan at the IAPD/IPRA conference at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago.

Six ALS Scholars posed for a photograph at a recent reception honoring their

eligibility for the James Scholar Honors Program. Left to right: Elizabeth Addison, Laura Helregel, Alyssa Illian, Abby Nickerson, Sage Tarter, and Joe Vance. A total of 17 ALS Scholarships were

awarded this year.



ALS Scholars Program

Private giving is helping the College of Applied Life Studies recruit the brightest freshman to the University of Illinois through a new scholarship, the ALS Scholars Program. Funded through annual gifts and from endowed funds, this scholarship was awarded in fall 2002 to 17 students who met stringent academic requirements. Several students remarked that without the scholarships they would not be able to attend the University of Illinois. Your gifts make a difference!

"The scholarship was a wonderful and unexpected surprise. I truly hope that many other students in the future will get the opportunity for that extra little bit of help that I received because it really meant a lot to me."

—Megan Tracy, Kinesiology

"The ALS Scholars Program had an influence on my decision to attend the University of Illinois. I received many scholarship offers from many schools, but the University of Illinois was the school I truly wanted to attend and the ALS Scholars Program made that possible."

—Joseph Vance, Leisure Studies

Spring 2003 Calendar of Events	
Thursday, April 3	Student Alumni Career Night. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Temple Buell Hall
Friday, April 4	ALS Alumni Board Meeting. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 115 Huff Hall
Friday, April 4	John O'Neill Lecture. 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Room 141 Loomis Lab
Tuesday, April 8	Speech and Hearing Science Awards Program. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Illini Union
Saturday, April 12	ALS Mom's Day Brunch. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (rotating sessions) Peabody Private Dining Room
Thursday, April 24	DRES All Sports Award Banquet. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Park Inn
Thursday, May 1	Kinesiology Honors and Awards Program. 7:00 p.m. Levis Faculty Center
Friday, May 2	Leisure Studies Awards Program. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Holiday Inn, Urbana
Thursday, May 8	Community Health Awards Brunch. 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Peabody Private Dining Room
Saturday, May 17	ALS Convocation. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Assembly Hall

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Garret Scholarship Celebrates New Beginning

For the first time in its history the Maxwell R. Garret Scholarship will recognize and financially assist outstanding student athletes who participate in the University's adapted sports program. As a 1942 graduate of the University of Illinois, Mr. Garret established a nationally recognized fencing program at his alma mater, winning 16 Big Ten titles and two NCAA championships. As a tribute to Coach Garret's remarkable career at Illinois, this scholarship was created in 1965 through the generosity of students, parents, alumni, and friends of Coach Garret. Although it was originally intended to support members of the men's fencing team, the fencing program ceased to exist after 1993. The funds are now being directed to benefit student athletes associated with the Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services. The first student from the Division to receive the scholarship was Travis Gaertner, who was recog-



Diana and Max Garret pose with Travis Gaertner, the first recipient of the Maxwell R. Garret Scholarship.

nized at a campus reception in September 2002. Travis is a senior majoring in actuarial sciences, and served as captain of the University of Illinois Wheelchair Basketball team.

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Carol's determination and perseverance were truly inspirational. After graduating from Riverside Brookfield High School, Carol became ill with rheumatoid arthritis, from which she suffered for more than half of her life. The arthritis caused destruction in virtually every part of her body,

resulting in numerous operations. Determined to pursue her life's dream, Carol entered the University of Illinois at 40 years of age. She was working on her master's degree in English when she passed away in May 1988.

The first Carol Ann Kostka Award recipient was Lauren Wille, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering who was recognized at the 2002 Delta Sigma Omicron Awards Banquet.

"We are truly grateful to Mrs. Kostka and other generous donors who have made this award possible," said Brad Hedrick, Director of the Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services. "It is a wonderful way to continue Carol's legacy by helping students who are faced with similar challenges."



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Patricia A. Barbalunga (BS '71, Kinesiology), of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, was recently named Massachusetts Defense Lawyer of the Year at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association in Boston. Barbalunga has been a partner in the firm of Moriarty, Donoghue & Leja, P.C. in Springfield, MA, since 1987. For the past 23 years she has been involved in litigation in all courts with a concentration in insurance defense. She has been a guest speaker for numerous organizations such as the Massachusetts Teachers Conference, the National Organization for Women, the American Northeastern Athletic Conference and was a guest presenter on ABC's "Good Morning America."

James S. Bosco (MS '52, PhD '62, Kinesiology) of Santa Cruz, California, recently competed in the World Masters Games in the Sport of Badminton. He represented the USA, winning the gold medal with his team, "The Featherdusters," as well as gold medals in men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. The Games were held in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Bosco is a retired professor emeritus from the Department of Kinesiology at California State University, Sacramento.



Al Bowman (PhD '79, Speech and Hearing Science) has been appointed Interim President of Illinois State University effective June 1, 2003. "The Illinois State University Board of Trustees unanimously feel that Dr. Bowman has provided exemplary leadership for Illinois State during an extraordinarily challenging period," said Board Chair William Sulaski. "We also appreciated receiving a great deal of input from the campus com-

munity-much of it in support of Dr. Bowman."

Bowman has been a member of the Speech Pathology and Audiology faculty for 24 years. He was appointed department chair in 1994. He earned his PhD in speech pathology from the University in Illinois in 1979.



John Deck (AM '70, PhD '85; Speech and Hearing Science) recently received the Secretary 2002 Hands and Heart Award for the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. The award recognizes individuals whose dedication to veterans is marked by the highest standards in patient care. Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, presented Deck with the award, stating that the "distinguished honor is for commitment, expert knowl-

edge and dedication in providing quality health care to our veterans."

Jon G. Donlon (MS '91, PhD '95, Leisure Studies), a resident of Baton Rouge and an expert in cultural and heritage tourism, has been asked to prepare an entry describing the history and culture of "Plantations" for the upcoming three-volume *Encyclopedia of Community* (Berkshire Publishing). These publications are to be edited by more than a dozen scholars. Dr. Donlon also is co-owner of Donlon and Donlon Consultants located in Baton Rouge. His wife Jocelyn Donlon (PhD '93, LAS) earned a PhD at the University of Illinois and is working with Jon to research depression-era murals in Louisiana for the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.



Phillip E. Froehlich (BS '75, Kinesiology) was recently announced as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Leisure Resorts Corporation, a subsidiary of Leisure Industries Corporation of America. Leisure Resorts Corporation handles its parent corporation's vacation interval resort operations throughout the

United States. Phillip previously served as General Manager of the San Diego Area Radisson Hotel and the Holiday Inn Select, both located in Mission Valley. His 26 years of experience in the hospitality industry developed his expertise in operations, revenue enhancement, and general management of multiple resort properties.

Kelly Handel (BS '01, Kinesiology) earned a spot on the USA Triathlon National Select Team. Kelly will train at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, where she will be residing for the next year. Handel won the 2002 Pan Am Championship in Rio de Janeiro and took third at the ITU points race in



Boston. Her successful 2002 year also included qualifying for the 2002 ITU World Triathlon Championships, where she placed $43^{\rm rd}$.



Barry C. McKeown (PhD '79, Kinesiology), professor and chair of the Department of Kinesiology at The University of Texas at Arlington, was named the 2002 Minnie G. Stevens Piper Professor for outstanding scholarly and academic. The Piper Professorship is awarded to tenured or tenure-track members of faculty,

and is intended to identify and honor effective and dedicated teachers in the state of Texas.

Robert "Skip" Valois (MS '80, PhD '85, Community Health) had a very successful 2002 as his dedication to the field of health was recognized by several professional and academic organizations. Skip was first honored as the 2002 AAHE Scholar by the American Association for Health Education. The award recognizes those who publish and present top-



ics in health consistently over a number of years as well as make significant contributions to health education research.

Valois was also elected a fellow by The American Academy of Health Behavior (AAHB) and earned the James A. Keith Excellence in Teaching Award from the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina. He is currently a full professor of Health and Adjunct Professor of Family and Preventative Medicine at the University of South Carolina. During his free time Robert enjoys following the current success of the Illini men's basketball team.

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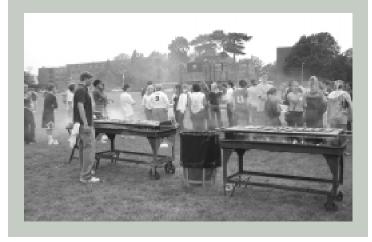
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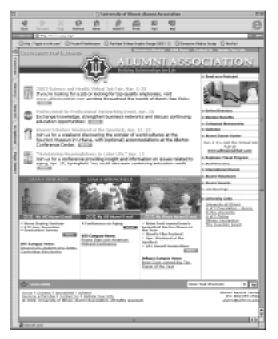
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