Hello alumni and friends!
Happy PT Month! As the leaves are changing outside, our facilities are changing inside. The computer lab was just completed and work on the new student and conference rooms is about to begin. Other changes have occurred in our admissions process—applications are now on-line so applicants can check on the arrival of their materials, and committee members can review materials without physically coming into the Program. In addition to the reciprocal agreement we have with the MPH program, we now offer a PhD degree through the School of Medicine and Public Health’s Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR). You can read about this Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation (GPCI) in the Alumni Section of this newsletter. We have ten students traveling to Belize over winter break as part of their service learning course and five students going to Uganda in May for their four-week internship! Funding is a challenge so if you are interested in supporting our international endeavors, you can do so through donations to the PT General Fund for faculty and the Phi Theta Global Health Fund for students. Just earmark your donations and we will make sure they go toward our international efforts!

On November 13, David Brown, PT, PhD is visiting us from Northwestern University as our Visiting Lecturer. He will speak on “New Approaches to Amelioration of Locomotor Disability Post-Stroke.” That night, we will host an alumni function at a men’s hockey game at the Kohl Center. Finally, it’s hard to believe it’s been ten years but the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) is returning next September, which means we will really be busy over the next year!

Lisa Steinkamp, PT, MS, MBA
We welcomed the following forty students into the Class of 2012 this summer: Nicole Allen, Timothy Barnes, Jeff Bayers, Hannah Biere, Allyssia Borski, Jeff Breunig, Elizabeth Chumanov, Ryan DeRose, Lauren Deyoe, Gina Diorio, Elizabeth Donlan, Melissa Fischer, Carl Goehner, Amanda Warner, Gina Grady, Kristen Hille, Sara Spellbring, Catherine Koss, Anna Lang, Kari Martin, Alissa Matzinger, Brett Maxwell, Ger Moua, Michael Murphy, Jr., Talitha Nelson, Ashley Nofsinger, Emily Pilger, Rachel Puda, Andrea Reed, Angela Reed, Emily Roberts, Susan Rowntree, Jessica Sigl, Amy Shepherd, Katherine Steingraeber, Kristin Tracz, Elizabeth Vu, Jennifer Werwie, Courtney Wilder, and Megan Wiley.

The second-year students have taken good care of them, entertaining them at a summer picnic, mentoring them as big brothers and sisters, and arranging a Brewers game outing. Phi Theta is altering their mission statement to focus on community service and they are off to a great start by having a record turnout at their Adopt-a-Highway clean-up. Students held a PT Olympics this summer and the penny wars made $210, which was donated to MEDiC. PT students are helping medical students battle law students through the Dean’s cup, and won the softball game 15 to 0. We had another successful high school health careers camp this summer, students volunteered at the Special Olympics FunFitness event, and this fall, they helped out at the Madison Ironman Triathlon. Upcoming events include a clothing sale, Bucky Book sales, a massage fundraiser, men’s basketball game concessions, fundraising for the Combined Sections meeting, and a holiday party.

Numerous students will be volunteering at the Fall WPTA Conference. Stephanie Boehme was offered a spot in the Waisman Center’s Maternal and Child Health Lend program, where she joins Michelle Drucker. Hannah Biere was selected to participate in an interdisciplinary Medical Spanish course.

In conjunction with Drs. Hiederscheit and Dewane, the following students presented posters at the WPTA Spring Conference:

- Beth Michalski, SPT: “Executive Function and Its Role in Falls”
- Ed Rothbauer, SPT: “Reduced Executive Function Time Associated with Impaired Postural Control in Older Fallers, but Not Healthy Older Adults or Young Adults”

Congratulations to Kristin Sorenson for her WPT Fund Scholarship Award, and to Becca Stocker and Britt Savage for winning Chris Crivello Community Service Awards!
• Barb Morgan has retired after 18 years of service to the PT Program! She will retain emeritus faculty status and will still be around in her research lab downstairs but we will really miss having her as part of the program. This summer, Barb presented her research findings on “Chronic Intermittent Hypoxia Alters Chemoreflex Control of Lumbar Sympathetic Nerve Activity and Carotid Body Protein Expression” at the Experimental Biology Meeting in New Orleans; “Effects of Sleep Disordered Breathing on Cerebrovascular Regulation” at the 50th Anniversary Symposium of the Department of Population Health Sciences; and “Cardiovascular Sequelae of Sleep Disordered Breathing” at the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Calgary, Canada.

• Jill Boissonnault became director of the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics/Meriter Hospital Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency in June. This year, the residency program admitted four residents, one of whom is an alumnus of this program (Jessica Smith, Class of 2008). For the first time, the residency is partnering with Spine and Sport Physical Therapy in Rhinelander WI, where a resident will complete his mentored patient care outside the UWHC/Meriter system; other clinics may be considered to play this role in the future. The three on-site residents will assist in teaching the laboratory sessions of PT 676 and PT 677 (orthopedic track). Jill presented a four-hour ethics seminar, “Striving Toward Cultural Competence” at St. Mary’s Hospital in Green Bay, and at the VA Hospital in Madison this summer. She is developing a new seminar to meet WI licensure requirements which will be offered to PTs and PTAs around the state who work for facilities that take our students on their clinical internships. This course will address domestic violence, elder abuse and child abuse. Hosting this course may be arranged through Amy Shannon at Shannon@pt.wisc.edu.

• Bill Boissonnault presented on the PT/PTA workforce shortage at CSM in Las Vegas and at the Wisconsin Hospital Resource Administrators Annual Conference. In 2009, he taught medical screening post-graduate courses for the University of California at San Francisco, Samuel Merritt University, Arcadia University, the University of Tennessee-Memphis, and Northern Arizona University. He taught differential diagnosis courses at Marquette University, Columbia University, the University of Indianapolis, in Siena, Italy, and at the 10th Nordic Congress on Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapy in Gothenburg, Sweden. Bill presented on “NSAIDS: Friend or Foe” at the WPTA Spring Conference. He was an Invited Lecturer at the Youngstown State University Program in Physical Therapy, where he spoke on “Differential Diagnosis for the Physical Therapist.” Bill presented “Differential Diagnosis of Disease States Masquerading as Pain Syndromes” as the Distinguished Lecture on the Science on Manual Therapy for the University of Illinois-Chicago Fellowship in Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy. Bill was recently appointed as president for the Foundation for Physical Therapy, Inc. The PT Foundation is the physical therapy profession’s principle and only nationwide physical therapy research foundation. Its mission is to raise the numbers of, and provide research funds for, PT and PTA researchers. Bill was admitted into an honorary science society called Accademia dei Fisiocritici in Siena, Italy. Bill and Giuseppe Plebani, an Italian physiotherapist, are the first two therapists to be accepted in this 319 year-old society. He completed his term as chair of the WPTA’s PT/PTA Workforce Shortage Task Force and will serve on the newly-established Chapter Workforce Committee. Bill presented an overview of the task force’s activities and recommendations at APTA’s State Governmental Affairs meeting in Phoenix, AZ. He will present “Screening for Medical Referral” at the WPTA Fall Conference. He is co-investigator on a grant entitled “Examining the Role of Fellowship Education on Clinical Decision-Making: A Clinical Vignette Study,” which was funded by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists.

• Stacey Brickson has submitted a poster for the 2010 Orthopedic Research Society meeting in New Orleans entitled “Mapping In Vivo Strain in the Rotator Cuff: A Novel Application of Acoustoelectrography.” She has submitted an NIH R21 grant as co-principal investigator with Dr. Ray Vanderby entitled “Noninvasive Biomechanical Assessment of the Rotator Cuff” as well as an internal KL2 grant entitled “Roles of the Neutrophil and Macrophage in Restoration of Function Following Stretch Injury in Mice.”

• Colleen Cobey is working at the UW Spine Clinic three days a week and University Health Services two days a week. Students will benefit from shadowing experiences with Colleen but faculty miss seeing her around the hallways!

• Judy Dewane was recently appointed as an assistant professor. She presented an advanced vestibular course to the HealthReach Staff, and was the keynote speaker for SAIL’s Fall Prevention Fair, with an address entitled “Don’t Let Your Last Trip be a Fall: Reducing Your Fall Risk.” Judy worked with Peggy Neid, OTR to talk to medical students about rehabilitation for patients with Parkinson’s disease. She was named to the Falls Prevention Task Force of Dane County, which is one of the few World Health Organization-certified programs.

Christy Birkholz accepts the Program’s Honorable Mention Award.
• Kristi Hallisy presented “Biomechanical Analysis of Tai Chi Fundamentals” at the Madison Tai Chi Center with Tricia Yu; “Deconstructing Tai Chi: Biomechanics, Kinesiology, Therapeutic and Functional Applications” at the International Tai Chi Symposium in Nashville, TN; and had a platform and poster presentation at the 12th Annual Armed Forces Health Protection Conference in Albuquerque, NM entitled “Tai Chi: Physical and Mental Training for Fitness, Therapy and Function.” Kristi is teaching an Independent Study in Tai Chi and QiGong for DPT students. Other presentations have included “Differential Diagnosis of the Orthopedic Client with Dizziness” to the Neuro Science Group in Neenah, WI, and “Physical Agents for Pain Management” to the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residents at UW Hospital.

• Bryan Heiderscheit received the 2008 Mentor Award from the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association for contributions to the professional development of physical therapists. He also received the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award from the Physical Therapy Program of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he completed his physical therapy training in 1994; he spoke on “Running Biomechanics: Evaluation and Treatment Strategies.” Bryan was recently appointed as Associate Editor for the Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy. Bryan is speaking on “Running Biomechanics: Evaluation and Treatment Strategies” at the WPTA Fall Conference.

• Karen Patterson was appointed to a National Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Medical Advisory Council for Families with Children with SMA (FSMA). She presented at the 25th Anniversary 2009 FSMA Family/Professional Conference in Cincinnati in June. Karen also presented to the local Wisconsin Chapter of FSMA which was live webcasted internationally. Both presentations were part of “Navigating Therapy for the Child with SMA for Best Outcomes.” Karen is also involved with Special Olympics screening and is the Program’s liaison to the Waisman Center here on campus.

• Mary Sesto is a co-investigator on a proposal funded by the American Academy of Family Physicians to look at the efficacy of prolotherapy in the treatment of lateral epicondylosis. The Trace Center, of which Mary is director, was featured in USA Today. Its mission is “to prevent the barriers and capitalize on the opportunities presented by current and emerging information and telecommunication technologies, in order to create a world that is as accessible and usable as possible for as many people as possible.” Mary is preparing several grants which are focused on unemployment in patients with cancer.

• Lisa Steinkamp’s trip to Uganda was successful in establishing relationships with the physiotherapy program at Makerere University and Mulago Hospital; five students will conduct their four-week internship in Uganda next May! The poster “Initiating a Global Health Clinical Rotation for Physical Therapy Students: The UW-Uganda Connection” was displayed at the UW Global Health Reception. The first cohort of teachers was funded through the organization in which Lisa is involved called Healthy Classrooms. The summer We Can Row program for female cancer survivors was so successful that it is continuing into fall with the intent of becoming a year-round program. Lisa, Mary Sesto, Sally Bobula, SPT, Stephanie Boehme, SPT and Katie Kowalski, SPT are evaluating the feasibility of this rowing program for cancer survivors.

• Jill Thein-Nissenbaum successfully defended her DSc in Orthopedics and Sports from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions and is being promoted to assistant professor. She continues to treat UW athletes and is speaking throughout the semester at various state conferences on the Female Athlete. Jill is on the Academic Advisory Group for Thera-Band. She spoke on “The Female Athlete Triad” at the UW-Madison’s Center for Women’s Health Research, Women’s Health Forum. Jill spoke to the California Chapter of the APTA on “The Female Athlete: Understanding Development, Common Disorders and Competition,” and will present “The Female Athlete: Understanding Development, Common Disorders and Competition” at the WPTA Fall Conference.

• Sue Wenker has been preparing our DPT students and Clinical Instructors on the use of the CPI Version 2006 and offered a Credentialed Clinical Instructor Course in August. She has continued in the development of standardized patients to assist first-year students in becoming comfortable with exercise prescription prior to their four-week internship. Sue gave an inservice to physical therapists at Dean Care in Madison on “The Nagi Model, ICF Model, and their Relationships to Documentation.” She presented “Program Development for the Clinician and How to Prepare for the New Generation of Physical Therapists” with Doug Grovergys, PT to UW Sports Medicine staff; and presented information on the field of physical therapy and the UW-Madison PT requirements to Kinesiology students. Sue is co-authoring a monograph with Mary Sesto on “The Difference Between Clinical Significance and Statistical Difference,” and is co-author of a Geriatrics Home Study Course with Dr. Sesto to be published in 2010 entitled “Interpreting Statistical Significance and Clinical Relevance: Application to the Older Adult.” Sue is also co-editing a book chapter with Reenie Euhardy on “Geriatrics and Primary Care.” She will present “Making Ideas Reality: Developing a Framework for Creating and Implementing Programs and Projects” at the WPTA Fall Conference.
Faculty Publications


Alumni News

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Announcements

Margaret (Peg) Kohli is the recipient of her own Margaret Kohli Award for Outstanding Alumni Contributions to the Physical Therapy Profession! Peg graduated in 1937 and was Program Director from 1946-1972. She received the Lucy Blair Award, the WPTA Hall of Fame, and the WPTA Outstanding Service Award. Peg was also elected to the APTA Board of Directors as Treasurer and Director. We will present Ms. Kohli with this award at her residence and will make the announcement at the Alumni Reunion on November 13.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PT PROGRAM ALUMNI REUNION!
Mingle and catch up with classmates, other PT alumni and faculty:

6PM Friday, November 13, 2009
Kohl Center-Nicholas Suite
7PM Hockey Game - UW vs. Anchorage Alaska
$50.00 per person includes entrance into the Nicholas Suite, game ticket, and appetizers.
Contact Lisa Levy at 608/265-9388 or Levy@pt.wisc.edu by Oct. 23 to obtain your tickets.

Join the UW-Madison PT Program’s Facebook network!
Just go to www.facebook.com and type UW Madison Physical Therapy Alumni in the search box.

News from Your Classmates

Maryam (Levine) Scott (1981): I would love to hear what my classmates are doing!

Geoff Kaplan (1992): In February 2009, I became the Director of Sports Medicine with the Houston Texans.

Jim Carlson (1999): Has become a valued adjunct faculty member through his assistance in teaching PT 523: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Aspects of Physical Therapy!


Becky Lindquist (2005): Was accepted into the Kaiser Permanente PT Fellowship in Advanced Orthopedic Physical Therapy.

Liz (Sierra) Bottrell (2006): Was accepted into the Fellowship in Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy at the University of Illinois at Chicago.


Shannon (Flood) Rizzo (2006): I got married this past December! Enjoying my job at the Naples Community Hospital—Sports Medicine Clinic. We work closely with an orthopedic surgeon—James Guerra, MD. Oh, and I was a UW cheerleader for Halloween this year! Ha ha. I love getting the “In Touch” each year to see what each of you are up to! What a great opportunity for the students to go to Belize!

In Memoriam

Mary (Dicke) Ehrlinger (1994) passed away on August 19, 2009, surrounded by her family and friends. She was training for the 2009 Madison Ironman Triathlon. Mary was Rehabilitation Director for Oakwood Village, where she was loved and respected by her patients and co-workers. She is survived by her husband, Scott, and children Noah, age 8, and Ava, age 5. Donations may be made to the Mary Ehrlinger Memorial Fund at Summit Credit Union to purchase kayaks for swimmer support on Lake Monona and also to provide for Noah’s and Ava’s education.

Upcoming Events

Kinesiology Club: October 15 from 6-7:15 PM
Massage Fundraiser: November 6 from 11 AM – 6 PM
Meet the Program: November 7 from 9 AM - Noon
Anatomy Refresher Course: November 4 and 11
Visiting Lecturer/Reunion: November 13 6-10 PM
WPTA/Phi Theta CE Course: January 30, 2010
Theraband Course: (all funds go to the Miami-Marquette Challenge) March 6, 2010

Students compete in the PT Olympics on "Dress Like Your Favorite Movie" day.
INTERESTED IN A PHD?  READ BELOW ABOUT THIS NEW OPPORTUNITY!

Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation

Housed in the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) of the School of Medicine and Public Health, the Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation (GPCI) includes an MS, PhD and a PhD minor. The focus of the GPCI is to provide physicians, clinical scientists and other health care professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to conduct and translate basic science discoveries into clinical applications through patient (human or animal)-oriented research — or what is commonly known as "from bench to bedside."

Patient-oriented research includes:
- The study of disease
- Therapeutic interventions
- Development of new technologies
- Clinical trials

The Institute for Clinical and Translational Research has joined with its academic partners to develop and offer the Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation. The UW School of Medicine and Public Health, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine and the College of Engineering are represented in the curriculum and are joined by the Marshfield Clinic on the Faculty Governance Committee overseeing the graduate program.

The curriculum will provide a solid foundation in research methods and analysis, including biostatistics, study design, and ethical and responsible conduct. Through electives and a research requirement, students will pursue their own areas of specialization in patient-oriented clinical research.

The new program will welcome individuals pursuing a research career in academia, industry, at research institutes, or with health or regulatory agencies.

Highly desirable preparation for the clinical investigation graduate program includes health professional degrees such as MD, DVM, PharmD, MPT, DPT, PhD or BSN.

With active clinicians expected in the program, both full- and part-time enrollment will be available with the goal of offering courses at times and via technology to accommodate the schedules of busy professionals.

For more information, visit http://www.med.wisc.edu/education/graduate-programs/clinical-investigation-graduate-program/769

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