

Alumni Newsletter - Fall 1999

Well, the year has gotten off to a rough, wet start! Combined with Hurricane Floyd, within a four week period the athletic training facility in William and Mary Hall was flooded three times. Thanks to the efforts of our staff and, with the understanding and support of our coaches and student-athletes, we continued to provide services under very difficult circumstances.

Accreditation Update

BIG NEWS! The administration of the College (President Sullivan, Geoff Fiess, the Dean of The School of Arts & Sciences, John Charles, Chair of the Kinesiology Department, and Terry Driscoll, Athletic Director) have agreed to support the accreditation of our athletic training educational program and approved a new full time faculty teaching position for a Program Director. We are working to have a Program Director hired by July 1, 2000 and become accredited by the Fall of 2003. This is a tremendous step forward but we have a lot of work ahead. The athletic training clinical competencies have recently been re-defined and number nearly 500. We must develop an educational program that allows students to demonstrate and us to instruct and evaluate these competencies over a continuum of time. To appreciate the scope of the clinical competencies visit the NATA Web Site at www.NATA.org.

The accreditation of our athletic training educational program is a MASSIVE project, but one that is essential. Accreditation will place us in an elite group of academic institutions (less than 100 institutions sponsor accredited athletic training education programs). Without accreditation, the future of our student athletic training program would be in doubt and the scope of services we offer our student-athletes would have to change.

Farewell to the Seniors

Where are they and what are they doing? To begin with, **Jessica Meade** and **Catherine Scott** chose to stay in the 'burg for another year. Jessica is getting her Masters in Mathematics and is the GA for this year. Catherine is the football intern this year. **Sharon Rogers** hasn't drifted far from the 'burg. She is living in Surry and teaching Physical Education at James Blair Middle School. **Dawn Austin**, our graduate intern last year, is in graduate school at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. She is also the athletic trainer at a prep school in the area. **Dan Gotthardt**, the football intern then the interim assistant athletic trainer, is working for Christ Church School as an athletic trainer. **Heather Fedei** and **Thu-Ha Nguyen** took the trek up to Richmond to join fellow alumni at MCV Physical Therapy School. This is 8 years now that at least one of our students has been accepted into the physical therapy program at MCV. **Teddy Eaves** has moved the farthest away; he is living in East Lansing, MI. He is attending graduate school at Michigan State and working in their athletic training room. After a one year internship with us **Sara Drew** has returned to her native land of England and is at the top of her class in Physiotherapy School.

Homecoming

We would like to have an Athletic Training Alumni gathering during Homecoming this year. Please give me a call (Michelle at (757) 221-3407) if you will be in town and can attend. We hope a lot of you can come by, meet with our current students and share a little bit about "How did your student athletic training experience help you to your current situation?" We will have doughnuts and juice in the Hall athletic training room between **10am** and **11am on Saturday, October 30**.

Congratulations

- ◆ **Dawn Austin, Jessica Meade, Heather Fedei, and Dana Miles** all passed the NATABOC certification exam this past year.
- ◆ **Jenni Giles** was the recipient of the Gail Weldon Memorial scholarship through the NATA Research & Education Foundation. This marks the seventh straight year for a student for our program to win at least one national athletic training scholarship.
- ◆ **Jean Salcedo** was recognized as our Peer Educator for last year. This scholarship is awarded to an underclassman nominated by peers for outstanding mentoring and leadership.
- ◆ **Lou and Penny McGranaghan** on the birth of their second child, a girl, **Erin**, on January 18th 1999.
- ◆ **Bill and Robin Robinette** on the birth of their first child, a boy, **Evan**, on February 18th 1999.
- ◆ **Charles and Diane Stephenson** on the birth of their second child; a girl, **Shea**, on August 25th 1999.
- ◆ **Billy and Donna Pincus** on the birth of their third child, a boy, Jacob, on July 15th 1999.

Staff Achievements

- ◆ In May, for the second year Renee' Cork served as the host for Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers Association's (MAATA) annual meeting and clinical symposium.
- ◆ Throughout last year and this summer Renee' Cork has restructured and been teaching all 4 academic courses for our athletic training educational program.
- ◆ In May, for the second year Brian Bennett organized the Golf Tournament host for Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers Association's (MAATA).
- ◆ Brian Bennett authored the NATA lightning safety position paper for the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and revised NCAA lightning safety guidelines.
- ◆ Last Spring, Bill Robinette helped develop and direct the "Keep it Green" campus campaign.
- ◆ In May, Steve Cole presented at the NCAA Title IX Seminar regarding "Gender Equity in the Training Room." This was the first time an athletic trainer had presented at this annual seminar.
- ◆ Throughout the summer the athletic training staff has been involved in Staff Team Building projects where we have developed Core Values, Statements of Aspiration, Guiding principles and a Vision Statement for our program. Our goals are to enhance services for our student-athletes, educate student athletic trainers and allow the staff to meet the challenges of the future.
- ◆ For the past few years Ginger Ogren has been involved in the teaching of several of our academic classes. However, due to the increased demands of her position at Williamsburg Physical Therapy Center she is stepping aside but will remain involved in our program.
Thanks to Ginger for all her help and support!

High School Physicals

On May 8th we hosted the eighth annual pre-participation screenings for local high school and middle school student-athletes. The number of participants was down from years past with nearly 150 students receiving a very comprehensive physical. The project generated over \$1,300.00 for the Jewusiak Endowment in support of our program. A very special thanks to **Jim Barton, MD** for organizing the nearly 50 volunteers with over 20 physicians, on a beautiful Saturday morning.

Jewusiak Memorial Racquetball Tournament

On March 12-14, 1999 we had approximately 80 participants in the 12th Annual Jewusiak Memorial Racquetball Tournament. We want to thank the following people for a job well done: **Ellen Perry** (Office of Special Projects) **Carl Moody, Gary Shelly, and Jennifer and John Stevens**. Jennifer is the daughter of Dr. Ed Jewusiak and did a yeoman's job of getting sponsorships and donations. **Jim Pratt** of **Custom Concrete** here in Williamsburg was phenomenal in obtaining sponsorships from his fellow contractors in the concrete industry. Thanks a million, Jim!! Nice job!! **Parlett's** did our "Thank You" notes and they were fabulous! This tournament is getting bigger than ever, although we didn't generate as much funds as in past years, but it was very successful. David Jewusiak, Dr J's oldest son, won the A Division bracket!!

Educational Endeavors

The **Cramer Cadaver Anatomy and Dissection** course was a huge success again this year. It was held in our athletic training room, the old wrestling room, and in the cadaver lab. The slots for attendance filled fast and we had 25 people attend this year. This course has become very popular and we are the only site in the country to offer this workshop. We could not have done this workshop without the help of Orthopedic Research of Virginia in Richmond, and Dr. Ray McCoy of the Kinesiology Dept. Proceeds from the workshops support our Tribe Club fund.

For the 16th year, we hosted the **Cramer Basic and Advanced Student Athletic Trainer Workshops** on campus. We provided an educational experience for over 100 high school students. These workshops were one of the most successful in the country, and are a lot of fun to put on! Proceeds from the workshops support our Tribe Club fund.

The **ACES Workshops** continue to grow and help student athletic trainers prepare for the NATA-BOC certification exam. Proceeds from the **ACES** workshops support our endowment funds.

Student Athletic Trainer's Academic Achievements

Our student athletic trainers earned an average GPA of 3.02. 16 of our students were over the 3.0 mark. We even had 3 students achieve a 4.0. The Athletic Department created a new position for an Academic Coordinator to assist student-athletes and the student athletic trainers with their academic progress. Nancy Everson has been a great help in the past and her new position is an exciting addition for the entire athletic department. A foundation for the success of our athletic training program continues to be tied to the academic success of our student athletic trainers and their retention. Offering structured academic support helps us to recruit and retain quality students.

SEU Program

We have always wrestled with the need to sponsor extra educational programming for the student athletic trainers vs. the challenges of scheduling a time when everyone can attend. One of the students voiced a need for small-group learning experiences. Taking all of this into account, we piloted a new educational program during 1998-99. This new series of in-services is based upon the NATA's CEU program. Each staff member has created at least one program each week--based on the Competencies of the NATA--and each student athletic trainer must attend at least 12 of these each semester, thus accruing 12 **Supplemental Education Units** or SEUs. We went through some growing pains the first year but have come up with a more flexible plan this year. Students can attend the in-services given by the staff, can present an in-service to their peers, create a bulletin board for the training room or can attend any other program on campus that meets the Competencies. This gives the students an idea of what is required of them once they get certified and reinforces the value of continuing education. Great effort from Bill, Brian, Dan Dawn and now Jessica. Spearhead of project is Michelle.

Athletic Department Web Site

The athletic department will be "introducing" their newly designed Web Site--you can find our Sports Medicine link there. I encourage everyone to "keep in touch" with Tribe Athletics by visiting the site and our site as well. We plan to post Alumni Newsletters on our site and would welcome any comments or suggestions regarding this. Brian Bennett has done a great job at designing our site and keeps us up-to-date. We now have a Homepage on the Internet. Check us out at the following URL: <http://www.wm.edu/WMAD/wmsportsmed/homepage.htm>

Please Keep in Touch with Us!

We would also ask everyone to "drop us an email"! We would love to hear from you, to get the latest news, addresses, and announcements. **Aileen Ruaya** has been doing a GREAT job of keeping in touch with us via email. Our staff e-mail addresses are:

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Alumni Update

This Spring **Mary Ellen (Williford) Huddleston** was inducted into the W&M Athletic Hall of Fame with the Women's Gymnastics team of 1981; **Aileen Ruaya** is in the Army and stationed in Korea; **Kate McCarthy** and **Amity Rubeor** in Med School, Amity is training for a marathon for the Leukemia Society; **John Dodd** in area with Tidewater Physical Therapy as a physical therapist and helping out with our program; **Shelly Braun** in Blacksburg in a physical therapy practice; **Chad Taylor** with Physical Therapy school at MCV and worked summer camps here at William and Mary; **Kate Mansfield** is finishing Physical Therapy school at MCV, she starts her clinical rotation in the Spring and she and **Scott Clayton** are engaged; **Kevin Mahoney** is an assistant athletic trainer at NC State; **Maria Bartlett** is an assistant athletic trainer at UNC-Charlotte and came to our football game at NC State; **Andy Carter** is in a second year as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Illinois State; **Heather Fuller** is at a seminary in Louisville for Marriage and Family Therapy; **Victoria Martinez** stopped in to visit during the Spring Lacrosse Tournament, she lives in the state of Washington; **Kathy (Purtill) Pfeffer** and her husband stopped by this summer while their son attended the football camp; **Phil Sprinkle** has stopped by several times and has taken a new job; **Rosalie (Alejo) Duarte** was featured in the "Success Stories" section of the May 1999 issue of Muscle & Fitness magazine. Rosalie and her husband John now live in northern California; **Devin Flanagan** lives in Los Angeles and pursuing a Master's degree in Fine Arts for screenwriting. **Katherine Brittingham** is pursuing her PhD in Immunology at the University of Louisville. **Katrina Lee** is working for Arthur Anderson and living in Northern Virginia.

Welcome & Farewell

We would like to say Thanks and Farewell, Good Luck to **Ross Ramsey**, who has left the Tribe Club and moved across campus into Development as a Major Gift Officer. Ross was a good friend of our program and a great help with our fund raising efforts. We welcome **Joe Coots**, Associate Director for Development/ Athletics to Tribe Club and look forward to working with him.

As of November 1, **Bill Robinette**, who has been an Assistant Athletic Trainer with us for the past three and half years, will leave our staff to stay home to care for his son **Evan** and return to school full time.

Donations

During the year many of you may be solicited for a donation to The College from a variety of sources. Please realize that a donation to the College's Annual Fund is appreciated and helps the college but does **not** help our Athletic Training program or Athletics directly. Please consider directing all of your donations to the Sports Medicine program. Remember, there is no better way to acknowledge William and Mary's importance in our own lives than to give that same experience to others. The need is real and we appeal for your assistance!

Fund Raising Goals

As we move towards the accreditation of our athletic training education program, enhance our student athletic training program and expand the scope of services provided to the student-athletes, our financial needs will increase significantly. Specifically, we must raise at least \$12,000 each year through our Tribe Club-Sport Medicine Fund Drive, in addition to continuing to secure donations for the Jewusiak and Linkenauger Endowments. Currently, the combined total of the two endowment funds is almost \$200,000; we will need a combined total of \$750,000 in endowments to fully fund our accredited athletic training educational program.

Please consider making a donation, which is tax deductible, to our program through any of the three funds (Tribe Club-Sports Medicine; Edward M. Jewusiak Memorial Endowment or the Mont M. and Virginia Cottrell Linkenauger Sports Medicine Endowment). Donations should be mailed to the Tribe Club, P.O. Box 399 Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-0399. Any questions or concerns, Please call Joe Coots in the Tribe Club @ 757-221-3367 or Steve Cole @ 757-221-3405.