

Critical Pathways

College of Health Professions
Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences

Inside this issue:

New Faculty & Staff	2-4
Program Updates	5-7
Faculty, Staff & Student News	8-10
Medical School Comes to Grand Rapids	10
Student Services: Who Wants to Know?	11

Words from the Dean

As I am watching it snow outside, I am reminded that snowfalls are simply unassembled snowmen. Even with that optimistic view, snow and cold do make sitting by a fire seem like a great way to spend an afternoon. It is the perfect time to write this letter and share news about the College of Health Professions.

Many exciting changes are happening in health care and in the education of health care professionals – particularly here in Grand Rapids. On “health hill” our skyline is rapidly changing and will continue to do so over the next three to four years. The new Children’s Hospital and the new Cancer Treatment Center (both at Spectrum) will be joined by a vastly enlarged Van Andel Institute and, of course, the Michigan State University (MSU) - College of Human Medicine. A little further away at St. Mary’s is the Hauenstein Center for Neurologic Studies. All of

these will present significant opportunities for our students. We are particularly interested in joining with MSU to develop interdisciplinary learning experiences. Inside our building, our programs continue to flourish. As you read the following pages, you will recognize the many achievements of students and faculty alike. Our admissions cycle is in full swing with the number of applicants exceeding the number of class places in every program. While we appreciate the increasing interest in our offerings, we continue to hold class sizes level believing firmly that to simply increase class size with no thought to quality education serves no one well. To offset our limitations in class size, the programs in the College are diligent in providing clinical resources in a number of settings, and involved with the surrounding communities in education and research.

As I think about all that the College has become and its future possibilities, I feel a glow of satisfaction. This

College – the faculty and students are certainly making their mark in education, professional practice and research. The ship is launched, running well and ready for new challenges. To reach new goals I believe requires new leadership. Accordingly, I plan to step away from the position of Dean, July 1, 2007. This is the plan I expressed to the Provost three years ago.

I have elected to move to the College of Interdisciplinary and International Studies. My work in Honors and with international student trips will continue. I will also work with Development to secure donors for the College of Health Professions. It has been a wonderful journey and I extend best wishes for future success to all students, faculty, and staff in the College.

Jane L. Toot

College of Health Professions, Welcomes New Faculty & Staff

Michael J. Shoemaker, Affiliate Faculty, Physical Therapy



GCS, Geriatric Clinical Specialist
DPT, Slippery Rock University
BS, Calvin College

Specializations: America Board of Physical Therapy Specialties certification as a Geriatric Clinical Specialist

Winter 2007 Courses:
Advanced Clinical Decision-

Making; assisting with musculoskeletal examination

What have you appreciated about your work with CHP ?

The high-caliber students, the excellent curriculum, and the immense resources (technology, other faculty, facilities)

What work were you doing

before you started this year at GVSU?

I was a Geriatric and Pulmonary Clinical Specialist at Spectrum Health.

What activities, organizations, hobbies, clubs do you enjoy?

Volunteer pilot and aerospace education officer for the Civil Air Patrol, waterskiing, and exercise.

Ginger Stewart-Biesbrock, Assistant Professor Physician Assistant Studies



MPAS, Grand Valley State University
BS, Health Sciences, Grand Valley State University

Specializations: Cardiology, Internal Medicine

Winter 2007 courses:
Clinical Medicine – Cardiovascular, Clinical Lab Medicine, Renal Modules, Research coordinator for student projects, Laboratory instructor in Patient Evaluation

What work were you doing before you started this year at GVSU?

I graduated from the GVSU PA program in 1998 and spent the first three years practicing Internal Medicine at Spectrum Health. The following six years I practiced Cardiovascular

Medicine for West Michigan Heart and was able to work at all three hospitals in the area. I have also done some side work in an underserved clinic and a suburban internal medicine clinic.

What have you appreciated about your work with CHP ?

First and foremost sharing and teaching in a profession that I feel very strongly about. I love taking biomedical concepts and putting a “face” with it using patient scenarios in which I have been involved. I feel very strongly about preparing passionate, competent professionals to practice medicine in the Physician Assistant profession. I enjoy sharing with my students the things that excite me and figuring out how to present concepts in a manner in which they will all learn and remember. On a personal level, I

am able to study and re-educate myself on previously learned concepts as well as changes in the field since my own education. I am continuing to practice clinically and my education experience will make me a better practitioner and my clinical experience will make me a better educator.

What activities, organizations, hobbies, clubs do you enjoy?

I am wife to Robert Biesbrock, and a full-time business school student here are GVSU. I am mother of Hannah (4) and Isaac (2) who are my pride and joy. I also enjoy cooking, knitting and traveling. I run 25-35 miles a week and recently discovered triathlons as an interest. My days are busy but full of rewards!

Francis "Frank" Thaddeus Pleban, Assistant Professor Health Professions



Ph.D., Southern Illinois University Carbondale
MA, Central Michigan University
BS, Central Michigan University

Specializations: Environmental Risk and Protective Factors Towards Health Behavior

Courses that you are teaching this semester:

Introduction to Health Professions, Medical Terminology,

Health Professions Senior Capstone

What work were you doing before you started this year at GVSU?

Assistant Professor at Central Washington University

Jill A. Welch, Administrative Assistant



Associates in Business Administration, Office Professions - Delta College

What work were you doing before you started this year at GVSU?

I started at GVSU in 2000 as secretary in Kirkhof College of Nursing, then 3 years as Database Coordinator with Office of Multicultural Affairs and currently Academic Department/Admissions Coordinator

with CHP. I've experienced the student services aspect of education as well as the academic piece. Both play a critical roll in each student's growth to become a well-rounded professional.

What have you appreciated about your work with CHP?

I currently serve as co-chair on the COT Development Committee, which develops and coordinates workshops to

update and enhance skills with the latest technology developments as well as offers workshops with an array of work-related topics.

What activities, organizations, hobbies, clubs do you enjoy?

I enjoy playing sports and spending time with my husband and daughter (1).

Denise P. Meier, Part-time Faculty, Occupational Therapy



MS, Occupational Therapy, Tufts University
BS, Occupational Therapy, Tufts University

Winter 2007 Courses:

Pediatric content for the OT department

Specializations: I have practiced pediatric Occupational Therapy primarily in the community with the 0-3 age population. I particularly believe that much change can be made in these early years with intervention for the child and partnering with the family members.

What work were you doing before you started this year at GVSU?

I practiced for 17 years in Boston, Massachusetts in an urban setting and in the suburbs of Chicago. At present, I still maintain a small clinical caseload for Early On, an at-risk program in Muskegon and throughout the state. Having been an adjunct for the past 10 years in CHP, I am an old "new face" to this community.

What have you appreciated about your work with CHP?

My favorite part about the GVSU OT program is interacting with students and getting to know

them 1:1.

What activities, organizations, hobbies, clubs do you enjoy?

I live in Muskegon with my husband and 12 year old children Hannah and Matthew. I am VP of Muskegon ARC, an advocacy agency for individuals with developmental disabilities. I also volunteer at Spectrum Hospital as a Parent-to-Parent support parent for those who have infants in the NICU and am on the Board of Directors for the West Shore Symphony Orchestra. My hobbies include running for exercise, reading and boating with my family in the summer.

Lisa VanRyn, Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies



MPAS, Physician Assistant Studies, University of Nebraska
BS, Physician Assistant Studies, Western Michigan University
BS, Zoology, Michigan State University
Counseling Psychology graduate coursework from Western Michigan University

Specializations:

Instructor of Patient Evaluation Courses, Clinical Medicine Courses, Simulation and Model Patient Coordinator

Winter 2007 Courses: PAS 502 lecture and lab, Modules in PAS 500, Lab sections PAS 500, CPSS sections

What have you appreciated about your work with CHP?

Faculty in department and college; Relationship with model patient and patient simulation faculty and staff.

What work were you doing before you started this year at GVSU? Although I accepted the tenure track position this year, I

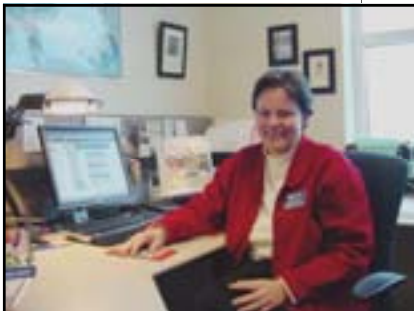
have taught at GVSU as a Visiting Assistant Professor. I also do family practice work through Advantage Health, St Mary's.

What activities, organizations, hobbies, clubs do you enjoy?

Mission trips through Luke Society, and volunteering through HIS. Hobby: Chasing my 2 sons (age 3 and 5) and Shelton (age 6) who arrived from Haiti, December 2005.

New Faculty & Staff—continued

Darlene Zwart, CHP Student Services Coordinator



M.Ed., Adult and Higher Education, Grand Valley State University
B.A. Therapeutic Recreation and Sociology, Calvin College

What work were you doing before you started this year at GVSU?

I spent the past couple of years working in the College of Education on a grant funded project and as a graduate assistant. Prior to this I spent 10 years at Calvin College as the Assistant Director for International Admissions and another 6 years at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Center as the Outpatient Pediatric Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

What have you appreciated about your work with CHP?

The fact that I have my own office with a window is a wonderful perk!! However, this does not rival the opportunity to work with high school, college-aged and nontraditional adult students in their education and career pursuits. It is a privilege to provide them support as they face significant life decisions. I have also enjoyed getting to know the faculty and staff, and value their support for the work of the Student Services Office.



What activities, organizations, hobbies, clubs do you enjoy?

Although my days of spending the summer bicycling across the USA have come and gone, I still do enjoy daily bike rides throughout the summer. A few years ago I went on a “Bike and Barge” trip through the Netherlands, while this summer I anticipate bicycling through parts of Italy and next year joining a group of GVSU faculty and friends for a ride through France. During the other seasons when the sun isn’t always shining and the days bitterly cold, I pull out my cross country skis and snowshoes for some winter time trekking.

Destiny Vasicek, Graduate Assistant CHP Student Services Office



AB, Spanish, University of Michigan
M.Ed. (in process) College Student Affairs Leadership, Grand Valley State University

What were you doing before you started this year at GVSU?

After graduation, I worked at the Department of Romance Language and Literature at the University of Michigan. Then, I moved to Grand Rapids with a friend and worked for a

medical billing firm for a few months. I got the school bug again and decided to enroll in my current program of study.

What have you appreciated about your work with CHP?

I have found that I really value the pursuit of knowledge and the manner with which the CHP furthers education. Also, after having worked in a few academic settings, I find that in higher education individuals show a level of professionalism and knowledge that reaches far beyond common practice. Working at the Col-

lege of Health Professions has strengthened those beliefs and encouraged me to continue on my chosen path.

What activities, organizations, hobbies, clubs do you enjoy?



I regularly exercise at the local YMCA. My favorite thing to do is hike up the sand dunes on the coast of Lake Michigan and watch the sunsets, no matter the season.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Physical Therapy

Our third class of 40 students (Class of 2009) began the Clinical Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) program this fall, after we graduated our last Masters of Physical Therapy students at the end of April 2006. Our first class of DPT students (Class of 2007) participated in two nine-week clinical experiences this fall. This cohort is back on campus for the winter semester, followed by a final nine-week clinical in May-July and graduation in August, 2007.

This fall has also brought some faculty changes. **Cathy Harro**, PT, MS, NCS, who has been a visiting and affiliate faculty member for many years, has begun a position as a tenure track assistant professor. We welcome **Michael Shoemaker**, PT, DPT, GCS, who has joined us as a full-time affiliate faculty member. Michael has previously taught courses in the area of cardiopulmonary physical therapy as an adjunct faculty member for our program. **Susan Allaben** will be phasing into retirement over the next few years, but at this time she remains very involved in the clinical education courses in the curriculum.

Gordon Alderink has been busy on several fronts. This past summer he completed data collection on a joint project with biomechanists at the National Institutes of Health biomechanics lab. They studied the throwing mechanics of elite high school pitchers and will use an induced velocity analysis to ascertain which joints velocities contribute most to pitch velocity. This information will be a unique contribution to the sport biomechanics field and may

change how we understand pitching injuries, rehabilitation and performance enhancement.

This fall **Gordy** collaborated with faculty from the Colleges of Engineering and Osteopathic Medicine on a project studying the kinematics of the head/neck. The goal of this project, funded by the American Academy of Osteopathy, was to determine if there is a three-dimensional kinematic stereotype of persons with cervical dysfunction and pain.

Gordy also continues to be active with the Gait and Clinical Movement Analysis Society, an eclectic group of physicians, therapists, biomechanists, kinesiologists, dedicated to the advancement of motion analysis for the clinical study of persons with movement disorders. He serves on the executive committee and as chair of the accreditation committee. In addition, he is a member of the Commission for Clinical Motion Laboratory Accreditation.

In addition to a very full course load, our students continue to be actively involved in service to the community. GVSU PT students serve as coordinators of pro-bono physical therapy services provided by volunteer

physical therapists and GVSU PT students at three clinics in Grand Rapids. Two of our second-year students, **David Mashni** and **Linda Rusiecki**, provided training in posture and body mechanics to students at Alledale High School who participate in Community Based Vocational Training. We applaud our students for their demonstrations of social responsibility.

In October, PT faculty and students presented demonstrations for the MichBio Expo 2006 Career Day. Over **200 Grand Rapids area junior and senior high school students** participated in lab demonstrations and presentations on various health professions. These high school students had the opportunity to experience therapeutic exercise labs, physical therapy assessment tools and observe computerized motion analysis to gain insights into the field of Physical Therapy.

Pictured below are two students from the DPT class of 2008 with their clinical instructors at one of our valued clinical sites in the Detroit area -- William Beaumont Hospital in Troy.



PT students and area Physical Therapists continue to offer free care on a weekly basis in three of Saint Mary's Health Care facilities. Pictured are **Briana Dittman**, SPT-DPT Class of '08 and alumnae **Margie Johnson** PT, Class of '96

Clinical Education



Students are (l-r) **Karen Asekomeh** and **Lisa Glenn**. Physical Therapist Clinical instructors are **Jill Rosenfeld** and **Jaime Janes**, Center Coordinator of Clinical Education at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

PROGRAM UPDATES—continued

Therapeutic Recreation

Student **Jamie Gearig** received the *Peg Connolly Scholarship*, an award that provides funding for an undergraduate student to attend the annual conference at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association's September annual conference in Orlando, Florida.

Jen Boor, Jamie Gearig, Tracy Gras & Nicole Olson. (2006, September). *Therapeutic recreation for international refugees.* Paper presented at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association's Annual conference, Orlando, FL.

Therapeutic Recreation has been very busy this academic year in regards to faculty, students, and the Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Club. The fall semester started off with two national association conferences where the TR program from GVSU was recognized. The Therapeutic Recreation Program received the Excellence in Education Award for best practices in its therapeutic recreation curricula. It has been a busy year for **Teresa Beck** and **Kari Kensinger** who not only gave presentations at their national association conferences (TR and ATRA professional organizations) but provided poster sessions, led panel discussions and supported student initiatives. We are pleased to announce that at the association meeting Teresa received the Meritorious Service Award and Kari a Certificate of Recognition for her work with the Student Institute.

In September, the American Therapeutic Recreation Association's annual conference was held in Orlando, Florida.

GVSU's Therapeutic Recreation students were also visible at this conference. A group of students, **Jen Boor, Jamie Gearig, Tracy Gras** and **Nicole Olson**, were selected to present on

"Therapeutic Recreation for International Refugees". This presentation was based upon work they had completed with the Catholic Human Development Organization on a voluntary basis to provide community orientation and transitioning for international refugees seeking political asylum and relocating to Grand Rapids.

Therapeutic Recreation students have been busy as well. In the fall, the TR Club held its annual Rake-n-Run. Members of the club spent a day raking leaves for older adults who are unable to do so themselves or unable to pay for someone to rake their yard. This was done in collaboration with City of Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department which supplies the rakes and names of seniors who need the assistance.



February 23, the TR Club hosted its annual Distinguished Lecturer Series. This year the club brought in **Dr. Barbara Wilhite** from Temple University. Dr. Wilhite provided a presentation to the students and invited local practitioners. The remainder of her time was spent interacting and networking with the students.

Finally, the third year students under the guidance of **Teresa Beck** will be hosting the annual Michigan Therapeutic Recreation Association's Spring Workshop on March 30. This day long workshop is open to all therapeutic recreation practitioners and students across the state.

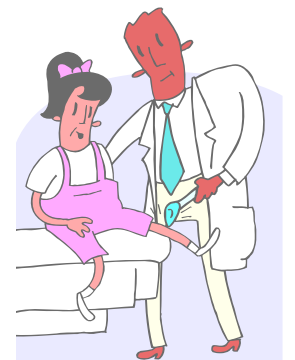
Physician Assistant Studies

After many hours of hard work and effort, the physician assistant studies program was extremely successful in its accreditation review during the summer 2006. Three visitors came from the ARC-PA for a two day review in June. They brought their report to the ARC-PA board who voted in September 2006 for a 4 year accreditation. This represents the strong and dedicated work among the faculty and staff.

The program has enjoyed the stability of its faculty and welcomes the recent addition of **Ginger Stewart-Biesbrock** (GVSU PAS Alum, 1998). She has been hired as a Visiting Professor for 3 days per week and remains clinically active 2 days

per week with a local cardiology group.

The GVSU PAS program graduates continue a strong record of success on the national certifying examination. Once again, the Class of 2006 has a 100% pass rate, a testimony to the quality education, as well as the quality of the students and faculty.



Since the inception of the program, our graduates achieved a 97% pass rate on the OT national certification examination for first-time takers, and a 100% pass rate for second-time takers.

Occupational Therapy

The Occupational Therapy Program continues to demonstrate steady growth in class size and number of applicants as well as quality. Our current class has nearly tripled in size from the class just three years ago. This is well above the national average of 83%. Our students enjoy a wide variety of fieldwork placements, with our first international placement. **Paula Miller** completed her level II fieldwork in Sydney, Australia last year. Our students also appreciate the job outlook for the field of Occupational Therapy. Our graduates have a 100% job placement rate in the field.

The **Pre-Occupational Therapy Club** meets bi-monthly at the Allendale campus, and helps to keep potential students informed as to admissions procedures, updates in the field, and service opportunities. The Pre-OT Club membership is currently approaching 50 students.

The OT students participate in a variety of service activities through the Student Occupational Therapy Association. These activities include: Relay for Life, the Arthritis Walk, and other fundraising activities.

The faculty is in the process of reviewing applications for admittance into the fall class of 2007. Our faculty also remains active with presentations, pub-

lications, and participation on state boards. Our associations with the community have provided key Occupational Therapy guest speakers from Spectrum Health, Mary Free Bed, Metro, St. Mary's, and Rehabilitation Professionals. Our association with Grand Rapids Community College has resulted in a joint OT/COTA class session on the specific roles of these professionals. The Occupational Therapy Program at Grand Valley State University continues to provide an excellent graduate professional program with students that are well regarded and employed in our community and beyond.

*Occupational Safety and Health Management program students **Pat Gast, John Kowitz and Valerie Poholski** will each be awarded one of six academic scholarships. Each student will receive \$2,000 when the awards are given at the Michigan Safety Conference in April.*

Occupational Safety & Health Management

The Occupational Safety and Health Program has received its sixth grant from **J.J. Keller and Associates**. With the new grant, not only is a Compliance Lab Coordinator (**Paul Moore**/student) funded (\$3,500), and \$35,000 worth of software provided, but for the first time, all students within the degree program will be provided a user identification/password for web access that will remain valid for six months upon graduation.

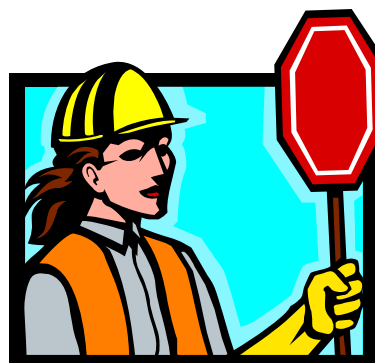
Four OSH majors, **Lindsey Dotson, John Kowitz, Paul**

Moore, & Jennifer Nykamp were selected by the American Society of Safety Engineers to participate in a four day National Student Leadership Conference held in St. Louis in October.

The Occupational Safety and Health Program has received a grant from Summit Training which will: provide all students web access to Summit

Training Materials; provide OSHA's 10 and 30 hour Compliance Training leading to an OSHA certificate of achievement; provide \$28,000 worth of software to be housed in the OSH Lab for student/faculty use.

OSH Majors are currently involved in two major projects with the University. One group is developing a complete set of training materials for the College of Engineering addressing student use of machines in the Engineering Laboratory. Another group is working on a variety of safety issues (audits, training, etc.) for GVSU's safety department.



FACULTY & STAFF & STUDENT NEWS

Barbara Baker—DPT

Barbara was accepted into and began the Ph.D. program in Interdisciplinary Health Studies at Western Michigan University.

Teresa Beck—TR

Beck, T., & Kensinger, K. (2006, September). *Increasing student numbers through effective marketing and recruitment strategies*. Poster session presented at the Therapeutic Recreation Program, Orlando, FL.

Beck, T. (2006, October). *Will the last one out, please turn off the lights?* Panel presenter for the keynote session of the National Therapeutic Recreation Society's Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Beck, T. (2006, October). *Curriculum evolution: From physical education to health professions*. Poster session presented at The National Therapeutic Recreation Society's Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

At the National Therapeutic Recreation Society's annual conference held in October in Seattle, Washington, Dr. Beck was presented with the esteemed *Meritorious Service Award*.

The American Therapeutic Recreation Association awarded the Therapeutic Recreation Program *Excellence in Education Award* for best practices in its therapeutic recreation curricula.

Jeanine Biese—OT

Biese, J. (2007). Arthritis. In Cooper, C. (Ed.), *Fundamentals of hand therapy: Clinical reasoning and treatment guidelines for common diagnoses of the upper extremity* (pp. 348-375). St. Louis, MO: Mosby Elsevier.

Biese, J., and Schneider, A. M. (2007). Rehabilitation of the wrist, hand, and fingers. In M. Voight, B. J. Hoogenboom, & B. Prentice (Eds.), *Musculoskeletal rehabilitation: Techniques for intervention* (pp. 545-576). New York: McGraw-Hill Medical.

Wally Boeve—PA

Boeve, W. (2006, October). *Preceptor development*. Paper presented at the annual Michigan Academy of Physician Assistant Conference in Traverse City, MI.

Charles DuBose—PA

DuBose, C. (2006, October). *Abnormal uterine bleeding*. Paper presented at the annual Michigan Academy of Physician Assistant Conference in Traverse City, MI.

Greg Green—OSH

Dr. Green has been selected as one of thirty-five people worldwide to participate at the Oxford University Roundtable on Terrorism. The round table will be held at Oxford, England (April 1 - April 6, 2007). The paper he has been asked to present is entitled: *Assessing the impact of response to terrorism attacks to improve the public health system at the local level*.

Cathy Harro—DPT

Harro, C. (2006, June). *Evidence based balance evaluation and intervention in traumatic brain injury*. Paper presented at the Concentrated Education Series, Annual Physical Therapy Conference, Orlando, FL.

Harro, C. (2006, June). *Clinical case discussion in traumatic brain injury*. Panel participant at the Concentrated Education Series, Annual Physical Therapy Conference, Orlando, FL.

Harro, C. (2006, September). Organized and conducted a Regional Item Writing workshop sponsored by the Neurology Council and the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists for Neurologic Clinical Specialists, University of Pittsburgh, PA.

Harro, C., & Hoogenboom, B. J., (2007, February). *Physical therapy: Health in motion*. Workshop presented at Science IS for Girls at Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI. Event cosponsored by Grand Rapids Community College, GVSU Math and Science Center, Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails, and Kent Intermediate School District.

Barb Hoogenboom—DPT

See Harro, C. (2007, February). Workshop.

Voight M., Hoogenboom, B. J., & Prentice, B. (Eds.), (2007). *Musculoskeletal rehabilitation: Techniques for therapeutic exercise*. New York, New York: McGraw-Hill Medical.

Kari Kensinger—TR

Kensinger, K. (2006, September). *Professional involvement*. Paper presented at the Student Institute of the American Therapeutic Recreation Association, Orlando, FL.

See Beck, T. (2006, September). Poster presentation.

Kensinger, K., Gibson, H. J. & Ashton-Shaeffer, C. (in press). Leisure in the lives of young adults with developmental disabilities: A reflection of normalcy. *Annual in Therapeutic Recreation*, volume 15.

Kensinger, K., Boor, J., Gearig, J., Gras, T., & Olson, N. (in press). A Case Study: Therapeutic recreation for international refugees in a midwestern community. *Therapeutic Recreation Journal*, 2nd quarter, 2007

At the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, Dr. Kensinger was presented with a Certificate of Recognition for her contributions to the Student Development Team, Michigan Chapter Affiliate, and Developmental Disabilities Treatment Network.

Cynthia Grapczynski—OT

The Pew Faculty Teaching Center has announced that Dr. Grapczynski will be presented with the Pew Teaching Excellence Award at the April 2007 Honors Banquet.

Frank Pleban—HPR

Barney, D., & Pleban, F. (2006). Pre-Service physical education teacher's perceptions of teaching before and after a semester long elementary physical education practicum experience. *The Physical Educator*, 63(1), late winter, 46-52.

Pleban, F. (2006). Effectiveness of cinema education in the health classroom. Paper presented as the American School Health Association's 80th Annual School Health Conference. St. Louis, MO.

Pleban, F. (2007). Fathers as mentors - mentoring context. In S.E. Brotherson, & J.M. White (Eds.), *Why fathers count* (chapter 24). Provo, UT: Men's Studies Press.

In collaboration with the VanAndel Research Institute / WMCMCC Regional Group, Dr. Pleban is involved in research examining breast cancer screening among the working poor in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Committee Member for the American School Health Association Council for Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use Prevention.

Dan Vaughn—DPT

At the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists annual meeting in October, Dr. Vaughn was installed as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists.

FACULTY & STAFF & STUDENT NEWS—continued

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it . . ."

Marian Wright Edelman

Students

Julie Hollenbeck and Ellen Matthews—RIS

Julie and Ellen were awarded 1st and 3rd place respectively for their poster presentations at the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technicians 2006 Student Scientific Exhibit. Each student received a plaque in recognition of her work.

Stephanie Waalkes—RIS

Congratulations to Stephanie for being the first in the class of 2007 to attempt and successfully pass the board registry examination in ultrasound physics. The first echocardiography class of the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences program will graduate April 2007.

Grand Valley State University Welcomes Michigan State University—College of Human Medicine

"As two public higher education institutions seek ways to collaborate, by sharing resources and talents, it will benefit the citizens of Michigan, especially as we seek ways to revitalize the economy."

President Thomas J. Haas



The presidents of Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University signed an agreement to collaborate on future research and academic projects that will enhance the state of health care in West Michigan.

Thomas J. Haas, president of Grand Valley State University, and Lou Anna Simon, president of Michigan State University, signed the agreement January 23 during a brief ceremony at Grand Valley's Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, on Michigan Street in Grand Rapids.

GVNews—January 23, 2007

Who Wants to Know?

Student Services - College of Health Professions

Academic Year 2006/2007	Totals 09/06- 02/07	Average / Month	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-07	Jan-07	Feb-07
Clinical Laboratory Science, Therapeutic Recreation, Occupational Safety & Health Management								
Office Visits	5	1	0	0	3	0	2	0
Phone Inquiries	10	3	0	2	1	4	0	3
Health Professions								
Office Visits	11	2	3	1	2	2	2	1
Phone Inquiries	37	6	12	5	7	2	9	2
Occupational Therapy								
Office Visits	12	2	1	1	2	1	0	5
Phone Inquiries	87	14.5	15	22	14	6	19	11
Physician Assistant Studies								
Office Visits	53	9	11	4	5	6	12	15
Phone Inquiries	224	37	46	43	48	17	40	30
Physical Therapy								
Office Visits	40	6.5	6	5	6	4	13	6
Phone Inquiries	223	37	30	53	37	18	50	35
Radiologic & Imaging Sciences								
Office Visits	123	20.5	10	14	28	18	14	39
Phone Inquiries	359	60	55	58	92	32	60	62
Other - General								
Office Visits	31	5	4	5	6	6	7	3
Phone Inquiries	199	33	12	32	47	22	53	33

Sept 2006 - Feb 2007	Totals	Average/ Month
Office Visits	275	46
Phone Contacts	1139	190

During September 2006–February 2007 the Student Services Office with the support of faculty represented the College of Health Professions at:

- 15 Admissions events**
- 7 Advising Center events**
- 3 Community Career events**

In October and November 2006, the College of Health Professions hosted **two Open House** events that welcomed a total of **200 guests**.

Grand Valley State University
Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences
Suite 200—301 Michigan Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

www.gvsu.edu.shp

Phone: 616-331-3958
Fax: 616-331-5999

For further information contact:
Darlene Zwart
zwartda@gvsu.edu
or
Destiny Vasicek
vasicede@gvsu.edu

