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Message from the Department Chair...

Dr. Venita Lovelace-Chandler

One of the faculty goals for this year was to have more communication with alumni. This second newsletter within one year provides a forum to assist in meeting that goal. Thanks to James Fletcher for his coordination of the first newsletter and to Stacey Stephens and Twala Maresh for Issue #2. Also, great thanks to those of you who responded to our request for news about you. Please keep that news coming for the Spring 2001 and future newsletters. We want the newsletter to be an exchange opportunity with information flowing to and very importantly flowing to and very importantly, from alumni. Information is included regarding the upcoming ArPTA Fall Chapter meeting to be hosted on the campus, Oct. 7th. Please try to attend the alumni breakfast scheduled for Saturday morning. We did not want to interfere with the ArPTA meeting activities, so the optimal time for an alumni activity was early morning. The breakfast will be followed by the celebration of the new building at 8:00 am. I think that all alumni will be proud of the instructional and research space devoted to the department of Physical Therapy.

The newsletter editors asked me to provide information on accreditation actions for the department. I am thrilled to announce that the application for the interim accreditation (AIA) for the DPT professional was approved by CAPTE at the last meeting. Our next accreditation visit will occur in 2003 when the first DPT professional students are graduating. Secondly, the department asked CAPTE to allow suspension of enrollment in the PTA program for three years while we assess the need for continuation of that program. The development of other schools in Arkansas and neighboring states and the change in employment opportunities for the profession in general prompted us to want to

suspend enrollment. Please know that the PTA curriculum was excellent and performance on licensure examinations was above the national average for over 95% of the graduating class.

Some of you have asked about performance on the licensure examination for PT graduates. I will do a detailed report for the next newsletter but will provide the following information. In combined years 1997 and 1998, 172 students took the exam with 104 passing on the first attempt and all passing on the second or subsequent attempt. For 2000, the data is not complete.

Please come for the alumni breakfast and building dedication and support the ArPTA. Don't forget to send us news about your work and personal life.

Notes from the Dean

Dr. Neil Hattlestad

Greetings again from the dean's office. Recent developments in the Department of Physical Therapy should serve as a rich source of pride for all Bear PT Alumni. I wish every physical therapy graduate could have attended the recent meeting of the UCA Board of Trustees meeting to witness the "virtual tour" of the new physical therapy building presented by members of our Physical Therapy Faculty. The building was designed with the infrastructure to support use of the most advanced instructional technology equipment. Several of these devices were used in the presentation to show how learning activities can be developed with greater effectiveness and efficiency. In a field such as physical therapy where the knowledge base changes so rapidly, the ability to bring the world to the classroom is key to the preparation of professionals with state-of-the-art knowledge and skills. Owing to the fine support of Provost Mosbo, President Thompson and the UCA Board of Trustees, we now have one of the finest physical therapy instructional and research facilities in the nation.

Dr. Lovelace-Chandler and the faculty have given unselfishly of their time, creativity, and energy in the planning of this facility. I am confident of their ability to rise to the next great challenge which is to develop proposals to build the equipment inventory to a level that will maximize the potential of our program. There will be some public sources to obtain financial support, but many of these agencies do not authorize awards unless the applicant has secured matching funds. This will require the acquisition of financial gifts from private and corporate partners. If you or your employer would like to provide a tax deductible gift toward the physical therapy equipment acquisition project, please contact Dr. Lovelace-Chandler or any member of the Physical Therapy Faculty.

An excellent opportunity to tour the new building will occur when the Arkansas Chapter of the APTA holds its conference on our campus early this Fall. A ceremony to dedicate the building to the advancement of physical therapy practice and research will be held during that time. Please take advantage of this opportunity to see our new building, renew old friendships, and expand your professional network.

Post-Professional DPT: Advance Your Future

Since the inception of the post-professional DPT program, it has become extremely popular. Currently, 20 students are fully enrolled in the program. In addition, approximately 15 other students are taking hours toward their DPT and plan to be enrolled in the post-professional DPT program in the near future.

The primary reason for the popularity is that the graduate course work is provided in a non-traditional format (ie. blocks, weekends and/or Internet based) to meet the needs of the working therapist. The DPT program includes 25 hours of core (required) course work plus 30 hours of elective course work, totaling 55 hours.

<u>Core Courses:</u>	25 hours
Histology for PTs	4 hrs.
Pharmacology for PTs	2 hrs.
Efficacy in PT Practice	3 hrs.
Ethics	3 hrs.
Professional Leadership	3 hrs.
Seminar	3 hrs.
Differential Diagnosis	3 hrs.
Directed Study (Administration, Research, Consultation)	4 hrs.
<u>Electives:</u>	30 hours

The 30 hours of electives may be taken from several areas of physical therapy practice. These areas may include but are not limited to sports, geriatrics, pediatrics, spine, aquatics, anatomy, and wound care. This course work is designed to advance a physical therapist toward a specialization and/or to allow a physical therapist to achieve an advanced degree. It would be a great way to obtain CEU's while also working toward your degree.

Any person wishing to learn more about the post-professional DPT may refer to our PT homepage www.uca.edu/divisions/academic/pt and /or contact Dr. Clayton Holmes at 501-450-5597 or email: holmesc@mail.uca.edu.

Focus on PhD Students

Currently, UCA has 10 fully enrolled PhD students and several others in the admission process. Below we have highlighted four students who have provided some insight into their experience thus far. The purpose of the PhD is to prepare physical therapists to become scholars who bridge theory, practice, and research. The program of study is individualized for each student and their area of focus.

Connie Matheny

Completed her undergraduate work at Southwest Baptist University with a BS in PT and Psychology in 1993 and obtained an advanced clinical Masters degree with emphasis in Neurology and Orthopedics at the University of Indianapolis in 1998. Her clinical practice is in long-term care and pediatrics. She is currently employed as an instructor at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri.

Quote:" My experience at UCA has been positive. I feel that this program provides an excellent opportunity for the "non-traditional" student to further their education. The most beneficial aspect of this program is flexibility. I have found the faculty and staff willing to work with students making every effort to accommodate student needs and schedules."

Russ Nelson

Completed his MS with PT emphasis in 1993 at UCA. He currently works as Director of Sports Medicine at St. Michael Out-patient Rehabilitation Center in Texarkana with clinical practice focus on Sports Medicine and Flexibility. In addition, Russ is a Sports Certified Specialist.

Quote: " I have a wife and two children. The PhD program at UCA has made it conducive to completing it on the weekends. There is no way that I could make it without the instructors making it convenient for the student."

Yasser Salem

Completed his undergraduate and Masters degree in PT at the Cairo University College of PT in Cairo, Egypt in 1992 and 1997. He is currently working in the New York City Public School system with emphasis on preschool age and early intervention.

Quote: " I have a special interest in the areas of pediatric neurology, cerebral palsy and vestibular rehabilitation. I have enjoyed coming to the program at UCA as it gives me the opportunity to learn and develop my academic and practical skills."

Stephanie Everett-Smith

Completed her undergraduate at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 1992 and MS with emphasis in PT in 1994. She is currently working at St. Edwards in Fort Smith, AR, with her clinical emphasis in acute care. Her area of focus is geriatrics.

Quote: "Returning to school, while working full-time, has been more of a challenge than anticipated. The flexibility of class scheduling and faculty support at UCA has allowed me the opportunity to pursue my PhD in Physical Therapy. Ron, my husband, as well as my parents, have played key roles in supporting and encouraging me. I believe that with good planning and a developed support network of co-workers, family, and

university faculty, successful completion of the PhD program will be a very rewarding process."

If you are interested in the PhD program, please visit our website or contact Dr. Clayton Holmes at 501-450-5597 or email: holmesc@mail.uca.edu.

OPEN HOUSE !!!

As you know, the Fall ArPTA Meeting will be held at UCA. Please join us for an Open House and the Dedication of the new Physical Therapy Center on Saturday, October 7.

The PT Department will host a breakfast at 7:15. The Dedication will be at 8:00 followed by the ArPTA meeting at 8:30. For more information, call Betty Young at 501-450-3611 or e-mail her at betty@mail.uca.edu

UCA PT and PTA Alumni Spotlights

Class of 1999

Adam Pomfret: Moved with wife Jennifer to Indiana, April 2000. Currently working for a hospital and has a new baby girl, Amelia Grace born 7/11. Address: 3367 E. Margaret Dr., Terre Haute, IN 47802. Email: terfmop@netzero.net.

Christy Renfroe: Working at HealthSouth Sports and Rehab in Birmingham, AL. "Exciting!! Got to work with Dr. Andrews a lot! Also getting married on Oct. 7th!" Address: 1620 Lake Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35244. Email: christfroe@hotmail.com.

Kirk Reynolds: Started new job in April at an expanding clinic, Orthopedic Institute in Springdale/Fayetteville. Also involved with athletic testing for NW AR high schools. Address: 2508 Drexelwood Dr., Springdale, AR 72762. Email: kirkareynolds@hotmail.com

Brooke (Mays) Dedman: Married Scotty Dedman in January 1999. Specific treatment focus is Peds. Address: 211B Pebble Beach Dr., Hot Springs, AR 71913

Class of 1997

Callie Cullom Fincher: "I have a baby daughter, Whitney Elly born Jan.28th, 2000. I have transferred to Baptist Memorial Hosp. in Osceola, where I work with one other PT." Address: 3755 West County Rd. 876, Dyess, AR 72330

Lori Anne (Clark) Person: " I married Jonathan David Person from the 1996 PTA class. We now have a son, Jonathan David Jr., born 12/2/99. We both work for the Baptist Health Therapy Centers." Address: 16401 Chenal Valley Dr. #8306 LR, AR 72223.

Matthew Steed: "After graduation I married Kimberly Woods and worked in Magnolia for one year. I returned to Southern Arkansas University in August of 1998 to pursue a BS degree. I'll graduate in May 2000 with a BS in Biology and double minor in Math and Chem. Kim and I plan to move to LR in June or July where I plan to attend Medical School at UAMS."

Class of 1996

Melissa Little: "I work for Greenwood Schools as a PT and for Fort Smith Public Schools as a supervising PT. I have two beautiful and smart children; Lauren 1 1/2 and Colton 10 months." Address: 4205 W. Hwy 10, Greenwood, AR 72936.

Class of 1992

Phyllis Liles: Working PRN for St. Vincent's Rehab in Sherwood. Currently looking for full-time employment. Address: 1202 Locust, Beebe, AR 72012, Email: pliles92@yahoo.com

Class of 1990

Kelley D. Lewis: " I am currently home schooling my two children Zachary and Shelby and loving every minute of it!" Address: 158 Hwy 321 Beebe, AR 72012

Kellee Ann (Johnson) Taylor: Four children; Adam age 9, Stephen age 7, Julia age 5, and Nathan age 8 months. Working per diem for PT Associates of Schenectady. In summer 1999 was involved in an accident involving a horse and almost lost two fingers so has not returned to full-time employment and is currently home schooling her children. Address: 2125 Eastern Pkwy, Schenectady, NY 12309.

Class of 1984

Susan Louks: Opened private practice clinic in Bryant, Feb. 2000. Address: 602 Providence Dr., Bryant, AR 72022. Email: slouks@msn.com

Teresa Tiemeyer: "Michelle is in college - Now, doesn't that keep us all young!" Address: 6374 CR214, Keystone Hts., FL 32656. Email: tiemeyer@atlantic.net

Class of 1983

Terry J. (Norman) Smith: Married William Lee Smith 1995. "I have 2 kids, Brandon (8/1/96) and Ally Olivian (5/6/98). I work PT homecare T/Th performing evaluations only. Our family pets include: 2 dogs, 1 cat, 1 fish, 1 gerbil, 2 miniature donkeys, 1 pony, and 1 squirrel." Address: 7751 Grassland Ct, Fort Worth, TX 76176. Email: lsmithx@aol.com.

Class of 1982

Wade Harris: "I am still director of Rehab at St. Michael Rehab Hospital in Texarkana, TX. The hospital is doing well and our department is growing. We have several UCA graduates on our staff". Address: 2124 LR 23, Ashdown, AR 71822, Email: wharris@smh.sch.org.

Class of 1973

Susan McCoy (Neckar): "Almost retired, working PRN. Older daughter Ann is a PT, younger daughter Jill in grad. school in biotechnology @ Texas A&M. Have 2 granddaughters and 1 on the way (Ann's). Husband Bill, owns Feed Store and raises and sells donkeys." Address: PO Box 442, Troy, TX 76579, Email: ywacystal@aol.com

Congratulations to the Newest UCA PTA Alumni

<i>Angela Beth Anders</i>	<i>Mike Hales</i>	<i>Heather M. Litchford</i>	<i>Karen G. Shelnut</i>
<i>Richard Antoine</i>	<i>Jason Michael Hall</i>	<i>Jennifer L. Martin</i>	<i>Sandi Studivant</i>
<i>Andrea M. Barron</i>	<i>Keiven G. Harris</i>	<i>Adrienne S. McClure</i>	<i>Michael D. Teddar</i>
<i>Virginia L. Baughn</i>	<i>Tina J. Ives</i>	<i>Kisa D. Northcutt</i>	<i>Traci Turner</i>
<i>Michael Lewis Bennett</i>	<i>Jeremy A. Jenkins</i>	<i>Mandy Anissa Patrick</i>	<i>Nicole Walker</i>
<i>Robin L. Daul</i>	<i>Revati D. Keller</i>	<i>Sara K. Peterson</i>	<i>Sunny Whitehurst</i>
<i>Jason Elliot Deal</i>	<i>Joy M. Knight</i>	<i>Rita Rainey</i>	<i>Lydia Zapalowski</i>
<i>Anjanette Lee Guthrie</i>	<i>Lara C. LaMastus**</i>	<i>Jennifer L. Reynauld</i>	

** Outstanding PTA Student Award for 2000

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Your total contribution of \$5,325.00 for the 2000 phonathon will be used within the PT department for equipment, continuing education, emergency student funds, etc. The faculty, staff, and students wish to thank you for your continued generosity.

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Candidates for MS PT Degree in December 2000

Michael Adkins	Colin Davis	Genie Holland	Paul Rogers
Jim Aldridge	Ginny DeHart	Jenny Hood	Trigg Ross
Carri Allen	Kenny DeLuca	Jason Johnson	Lana Schneeberger
Alisa Arnold	Matthew Edwards	Rachel Ladin	Steve Scroggin
Lisa Ashmore	Matt Enderlin	Chad Larimore	Jessica Short
Michele Benson	Hannah Farrell	Erin Lawrence	Deborah Stepp
Terri Berkshire	Amber Felts	Jessica Ledet	Emmanuel Tee
Melissa Bettis	Rebel Flynn	Erin Lewis	Patty Thielmier
Karen Bond	Laurinda Foreman	Kerrie Mackey	Jessica Unger
Shannon Buchman	Misty Freeman	Jay Manning	Sharon Vaughn
Jeff Bullock	Brooke Gabbard	Christina Mayerhoff	Brooke White
Laura Cabrera	John Galloway	Richard Miller	Kendra White
Destiney Campbell	Jason Granger	Melissa Minton	Amanda Whitehead
Casi Chanslor	Amy Harder	Sarah Mitchell	Charity Williams
Frank Clement	Jennifer Harness	Brooke Mulvaney	Kevin Wisdom
Rachel Cloud	Ellen Haverstick	Christy Orten	Alice Wolfe
Mary Cogger	Joshua Haynes	Della Richards	Rex Wynn
Clint Crabtree	Missy Hill	Brad Rogers	Jason Zimmer

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