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NEWSLETTER

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from the Department Head

Greetings Alumni and Friends:

Budding trees, flowering dogwood and redbud dotting the countryside are sure signs of the spring season which marks the transition between winter and summer. Educational institutions from kindergarten through doctoral degree granting institutions all across the country participate in an annual spring event --graduation. Graduation marks a transition from one educational level to another, or from the educational setting to the pursuit of a career.

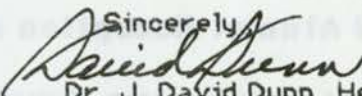
On May 8, 1988, Western Kentucky University held its graduation ceremonies at E.A. Diddle Arena. Faculty, administrators, family, friends, and alumni gathered to honor those graduating. Among those assembled for the conferring of degrees were those graduating from health and safety programs.

As usual, many fine young men and women graduated from our programs and will soon be entering their chosen careers. As they experience this transition, I congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them much success in all future endeavors.

As this group of graduates become alumni, I urge them to retain ties to Western Kentucky University through their Alumni Association. I believe that the alumni of an institution are its greatest resource. A measure of the success of an institution is the success of its alumni.

Strong and supportive alumni are central to the continuing success of an educational institution.

Through this newsletter we are attempting to communicate with our alumni. We are eager to hear from you and learn about your professional and personal accomplishments. So drop us a note with your updated address and any other information you care to share.

Sincerely,


Dr. J. David Dunn, Head
Department of Health & Safety

Community Health Students Receive Awards

Ms. Tammye Cain of Gamaliel is the recipient of the Kentucky Association of Milk, Food, and Environmental Sanitarians, Inc. [KAMFES] Scholarship Award for 1988. A check for \$500 was presented to Ms. Cain at the annual Educational Conference sponsored by KAMFES in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ms. Vickie Gibson of Bowling Green is the recipient of the Community Health Award presented by Western Kentucky University Chapter of the Kentucky Public Health Association. The award was presented in recognition for her leadership abilities and contributions to community service. Vickie also won the 1987 poster contest sponsored by the Southern Health Association in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ms. Judy Haile of Hopkinsville is the recipient of the Eta Sigma Gamma award for outstanding scholastic achievement. Judy also received the KAMFES Scholarship Award in 1987.

KPHA Convention

The Department of Health & Safety was well represented among the seven hundred conference attendees at the 40th Annual convention of the Kentucky Public Health Association Convention in Louisville held between March 29 and 31, 1988.

The Department sponsored an exhibit; hosted a reception for WKU alumni; provided a one-page advertisement in the convention brochure; and hosted a Student Community Health Conference on the topic of health care marketing.

WKU Alumni Reception at KPHA

About forty Western alumni gathered in Louisville for a wine and cheese reception at the 1988 Kentucky Public Health Association annual convention on March 29. The reception was sponsored by the WKU Alumni Association and hosted by the Department of Health and Safety. Drs. Dunn, Biggerstaff, Baum, Higgins, and Lohr represented the Department.

We were pleased to see so many graduates making a significant contribution to improving public health in Kentucky.

Student Community Health Conference

The 16th Annual Student Community Health Conference was hosted by the WKU Chapter of the Kentucky Public Health Association which was held in connection with the annual KPHA Convention.

The theme of the conference was "Health Care Marketing & Increasing Survival Potential." Also included at the conference was discussion regarding the interview

process, leadership development, and marketing one's own talents in today's world of employment.

Speakers included Ms. Barbara Morris of Methodist Evangelical Hospital, Mr. Larry Newby of Saint Anthony's Hospital, Ms. Kay Warren of Maxicare, and Ms. Carol Abuzant of the Arthritis Foundation.

Dr. Ray Biggerstaff and Darrell Miller, President of the WKU Chapter of KPHA, served as Co-directors for the conference. Twenty graduate and undergraduate students from WKU attended the conference and convention which was held in Louisville on March 29, 1988.

Eta Sigma Gamma Activities

Mr. Jerry Rossman spoke at the ESG March meeting regarding alcohol and drug abuse issues and treatment methods. Mr. Rossman is the Koala Outreach Director with an office in Bowling Green.

ESG hosted a barbecue and initiation in April at the Syre home in Bowling Green. Mr. Bill Kindred, a senior in health care administration at Western, was initiated into the honorary. Drs. Robert Baum and Thomas R. Syre, faculty advisors to ESG, received plaques from the ESG members in appreciation for their service to the group.

FACULTY NEWS

Grant Award Received

Dr. Richard Wilson received funds from the WKU Faculty Research Committee to conduct a survey of clergy in Kentucky regarding their attitudes about tobacco use and the ethical issues of growing tobacco. This research activity is part of an effort to assess the prospects of getting clergy involved in an anti-tobacco campaign.

Leadership Roles Assumed

Dr. David Dunn is a candidate for Vice President of the Southern Health Association. The annual meeting of the Association is May 3-7, 1988 in Richmond, Virginia. Also, he continues to serve as editor of the KPHA Newsletter.

Dr. Henry Baughman was elected Chairman of the Speakers Bureau for the Warren County Chapter of the American Heart Association.

Dr. Thomas R. Syre has been designated the Associate Conference Coordinator of the Kentucky Rural Health Conference sponsored by KPHA.

Articles/Books Published

Dr. Henry Baughman and Mr. George Niva published the second edition of FIRST AID FOR INJURIES AND ILLNESS.

Meetings/Conferences Attended

Dr. Richard Wilson attended the PRIDE International conference on Youth and Drugs, April 14-16, 1988, Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Henry Baughman attended the American Heart Association "Kick-off" Meeting at Medical Center in Bowling Green, Attended "Cardiac Update" in Bowling Green, and presented a talk on preventing and recognizing heart disease to the Independent Insurance Agents group in Bowling Green.

Dr. Don Carter attended the Kentucky Labor Cabinet's Hazard Communication Training for Non-manufacturing Industries on March 8, 1988.

New Graduate Assistants

Twyla Hammons is a graduate assistant in the Department of Health & Safety. She is studying for a masters degree in the M.S. program with a specialty in gerontology. A native of London, KY., Twyla graduated from Laurel High School in 1983. She then attended Cumberland College in Williamsburg and graduated with a B.S. degree in Health Education in 1987. Her future goals include completing a masters degree and working with the elderly.

Richard Masannat is a graduate assistant in the health care administration program with plans of entering the MHA program. He is a graduate of Bowling Green High School and received a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky in 1986. He spent the last year working in Bowling Green in the restaurant business. He hopes to find an administrative position in a hospital with a specialty in the areas of employee development or health planning.

Chi-Hsing Chang is a new graduate assistant with the Department of Health and Safety. She is Chinese and born and schooled in Taiwan, R.O.C. She is studying in the Master of Science in public health program. Her area of specialization is Environmental health.

Personnel Directors Seminar

"Increasing Your Survival Potential"

The WKU Chapter of KPHA served as host for the seminar which was held on April 27 at the Garrett Conference Center.

The purpose of the seminar was to address a variety of issues relating to the survival potential of employees in the health care field.

Special guests included Henry Tutino, Director, Human Rights Commission; John Sydnor, Director, Employee Relations, Medical Center; Pam Smith, Vice President, Program Management, Master Care; Joel Taylor, Director, Education/Consultation, Barren River Mental Health; Judy Owen, Director, Career Planning and Placement, WKU; Alan Stonex, Supervisor, Salary Personnel Administrator and EEO, General Motors Corp.; Joel Stoner, Administrative Advocate for Cumberland Trace Legal Services; and Charles Bunch, Administrator, Barren River District Health Department..

Topic Areas:

Preparing for the Job Market
Resume and Interview Process
Continuing Education
Special Skills Training

Special Issues:

Equal Employment Opportunities
Discrimination

**Affirmative Action
Grievance/Morale**

The seminar was co-sponsored by the Department of Health and Safety and the Dean's Office of Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health.

A special reception was held in the Executive Room of the Garrett Conference Center for the guests, faculty, and students.

Development Fund

The Department of Health and Safety is grateful to all alumni and friends who contribute financial support to the department. Recent contributors include Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Syre and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Steen. Individuals desiring to make a gift to the department may do so by sending it to the Development Office, WAB 109, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101. If the gift is intended for the Department of Health and Safety, please so indicate.

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