Greetings to all alumni and friends of the Department of Health and Exercise Science (HES). We are pleased to send you this tenth issue of The Alumni Messenger.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter as we share the good news of the department. Since you received the last newsletter, many exciting things have occurred; faculty and students have received a number of prestigious awards, we have one new faculty member, service programs of the department are growing, faculty have obtained more external research grants, we have our inaugural class of five Ph.D. students in the Human Bioenergetics program, and with the remarkable leadership of Bill Beitz, the Attack Pack Scholarship has been fully endowed.

During the past year we have been busy implementing the department’s strategic plan. We call our plan Moving from Good to Great: Planning a Future Worthy of the Past. I encourage you to visit our departmental Web site www.hes.cahs.colostate.edu/ and review the strategic plan. As part of this plan, we will start construction soon on a $500,000 addition of wet lab space to the Human Performance Clinical Research Laboratory (HPCRL), we have hired a new faculty member Dr. Adam Chicco, who will arrive in January 2008 and we will be conducting searches for two new faculty this year. Even before the HPCRL addition is completed we will be planning a major research expansion to meet our growing demand. In addition, I am happy to report that Dr. Cathy Kennedy, long time faculty member with a wealth of experience has agreed to serve as Assistant Department Head.

All of you have my unwavering gratitude for your generous contributions during the past year to our programs and scholarships. We hope that you will choose to continue to be an important part of these exciting efforts by giving of your time, expertise and financial resources. Collectively, alumni of HES represent an enormous resource for the department’s growth and continued development.

During the year I plan to contact many of you personally to encourage you to become active donors to one of our many programs, initiatives, or scholarships or to consider establishing your own scholarship. Meanwhile, The Alumni Messenger will keep you abreast of other initiatives within the department and news about our faculty, staff, students and alumni. We especially want to highlight news from our alumni in future issues of this newsletter, so please be sure to fill out the alumni information form enclosed and send it back to us.

Warmest Regards and Happy Holidays!

Gay Israel

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Welcome Our New Faculty Member

Ben Miller, assistant professor, arrived to the Department of Health and Exercise Science in January of 2007. Dr. Miller completed undergraduate (1995) and masters degrees (1998) at the University of Wisconsin and was mentored during the MS by Barbara Morgan. Ben then went to the University of California-Berkeley to complete a Ph.D. (2002) in the Department of Integrative Biology with George Brooks. During his Ph.D., Ben used isotopes to “trace” metabolic processes in human subjects. He also developed a method to clamp lactate concentrations in a similar manner to a glucose clamp. After his Ph.D., Ben completed a two-year post-doctoral fellowship (2004) with Professor Michael Kjaer at the Institute for Sports Medicine, Copenhagen – part of the famous Skeletal Muscle Research Center. During this time his research focus switched to collagen metabolism in skeletal muscle and tendon. These studies were the first to directly measure the rates these tissues replace themselves in the body.

After the post-doc, Miller took a faculty position at the University of Auckland and began his own independent studies focusing on aging muscle, interaction of protein and energy metabolism, and the importance of timing of nutrition. The common theme throughout his research approach is to prevent muscle wasting with aging and to promote healthy aging. He plans on continuing his current line of research and to expand on them by using the strengths of other researchers in the department.

Ben has spent the spring semester applying to various granting agencies and building up laboratory space in Moby B. He has continued to mentor students from the University of Auckland and is now mentoring two students enrolled in the inaugural class of the Bioenergetics Ph.D. program. Ben will teach within HES and the joint HES/Nutrition program. In addition, he has become actively involved in the Center on Aging on the CSU campus.

He and his wife Meredith have recently settled in north Fort Collins. Ben spends most of his spare time on his bicycle as he has competed as an elite amateur for over ten years. The training is good for him, as it helps him keep up with his wife Meredith who is one of the United States’ top professional female cyclists.

Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients

Back row from left to right: Brandon Chapman, Chris Livingston, Shawn Jones, Elodie Chaplain, Front row – Marc DeCarlo, Nicole Thompson, Gwen Carey, Sheri Linnell, Stacey Seastrom, and Tracey Lipfert
The Doctoral Program in Human Bioenergetics was initiated in the Fall of 2007 with five inaugural doctoral students. Human Bioenergetics focuses on human energy production and its use through movement for exercise and health. Thus, the program curriculum covers metabolism, physiology, biomechanics, and neuromuscular control.

The health focus of the program includes courses in epidemiology and health behaviors. As an interdisciplinary program, Human Bioenergetics can address the troubling issues of human health, chronic disease, and healthy aging through both basic and applied sciences. Students can take electives in a broad range of disciplines such as nutrition, physiology, molecular biology, engineering, etc.

Our five new students represent a cross section of higher education holding Master’s Degrees from Colorado State University, University of British Columbia, University of Maryland, and Long Island University-Brooklyn, with a combined Master’s graduate grade point average of 3.9.

The Department looks forward to graduating high quality Ph.D. students who move on to tackle the public health issues surrounding the negative health consequences of chronic lifestyle related diseases such as obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and frailty.
Congratulations to Gay Israel on receiving the College of Applied Human Sciences Superior Faculty Service Award. His very generous contributions to the department over many years were recognized at the 2007 College of Applied Human Sciences Spring Meeting and Awards Reception.

Israel also received the Oliver P. Pennock Award, one of the University’s most prestigious awards that recognizes meritorious and outstanding achievement over a five-year period by full-time members of the academic community.

As Chair of the Department of Health and Exercise Science, Israel leads the faculty in developing nationally recognized academic, research, and outreach programs. Not only has he built the Department from the ground up to be a formidable research, academic, and outreach entity, but his service to the community and professionally within the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), is exceptional as well. Nancy Hartley, former Dean of the College, writes: “Gay came to CSU with a vision to transform HES into a world renowned program for heart disease prevention including the development of the Human Performance Clinical Research Laboratory. He is a tireless worker with high standards and a commitment to excellence.”

Israel has several major qualities that he brings to all his endeavors. He is a visionary leader with a heartfelt commitment. He has imagination, insight, and a boldness that challenges and calls for the best in people and brings them around to a shared sense of purpose. When Dr. Israel arrived at CSU in 1996, he envisioned bringing the Department in line with the mission of a research university. He began by establishing the infrastructure needed to conduct high-quality research and recruit outstanding faculty members. Through a combination of private and University funds, the Human Performance and Clinical Laboratory (HPCRL) was completed in 2000. The 6,000-square-foot laboratory has become a University showpiece, and Israel currently is leading a $3 million expansion of the lab.

Gay has been active both locally and nationally with efforts to effect positive change in the health of the community. He works extensively with the Larimer County Coalition for Activity and Nutrition to Defeat Obesity (CAN DO). Nationally, he has been a longstanding and active member of the ACSM, including serving as President of the Foundation (2005 - 2007).

Israel has set a benchmark of exemplary service that challenges us all to go beyond the ordinary to promote and to serve the common good.
We were blessed with a sunny blue sky and warm temperatures for the 27th annual Homecoming Race this year. A total of 1508 runners and walkers finished the event, including many members of the Adult Fitness Program. Many CSU alums and parents also took part. Over 100 student race workers from the Department of Health and Exercise Science were on hand to help the event proceed smoothly.

After the 5K race, a record number of children ran around the Oval in the Kids’ Fun Run, a total of 398 this time. It was by far the largest turn-out of children we have ever had for the fun run. We were happy to have Cam the Ram at the start of both the 5K and the kids’ race again this year.

We are hoping that our luck continues and that the weather is great for next year’s event as well. Do come join us!
Funded Research Highlights
(July 1, 2006-June 20, 2007)

College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences–College Research Council: “Assessment of Pulmonary Function and C-Reactive Protein Levels in Wildland Firefighters” ($17,500)
(Jennifer Peel, Tiffany Lipsey, M.S. and Gay Israel, Ed.D.)

The proposed study will examine the association between prolonged smoke exposure and adverse respiratory health and acute inflammation (as measured by CRP levels) among wildland firefighters.

We hypothesize that the wildland firefighters will exhibit increased respiratory symptoms, decreased pulmonary function, and increased levels of C-reactive protein (CRP), an acute inflammatory marker in the blood, immediately after prolonged smoke exposure with minimal respiratory protection compared to a baseline measurement before the prolonged smoke exposure.

Additionally, we hypothesize that these acute changes will still be detectable at least three months after the final exposure of the wildfire season. Benefits of this study include assessment of respiratory function and inflammatory status.

Caring for Colorado Foundation: “Heart Disease Prevention Program for the Medically Underserved” ($50,000)
(Gay Israel, Ed.D., Tiffany Lipsey, M.S.)

With the aid of the Caring for Colorado Foundation we initiated the Heart Disease Prevention for the Medically Underserved project by testing our first participants in February 2004. To date, 175 medically underserved individuals have been evaluated in the Heart Disease Prevention Program (HDPP). With this cycle of funding and with the referral support of local agencies and health care providers, we will continue to provide access to the HDPP for a portion of the medically underserved adult (age 40-65 years) population of Larimer County.

For purposes of this proposal, concomitant with the CFCF definition, the medically underserved are individuals who have no, or inadequate, access to health services due to limited financial resources, lack of health insurance, or language/cultural barriers.

In addition to funds for testing, we received money to continue to have a Spanish translator for those who prefer to speak in Spanish or are monolingual.

National Institutes of Health-National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: “Aging, Endothelial Dysfunction, and Impaired ATP-mediated Vasodilation” ($404,250 total for 2 years)
(Frank A. Dinenno, Ph.D.)

Peripheral vascular endothelial function declines progressively with advancing age in humans, increasing the risk for atherosclerotic and ischemic vascular disease. In addition to its role in maintaining vascular health, the endothelium plays an important role in the regulation of local vascular tone. Recent evidence indicates that the red blood cell (RBC) can act as a “sensor” and releases ATP during mismatches in oxygen demand and delivery, and this ATP can evoke endothelium-dependent vasodilation and improve local blood flow under such conditions.

Thus, the overall goal of this grant is to directly test the hypothesis that endothelium-dependent ATP-mediated vasodilation is impaired in aging humans, and that this is related to impaired vascular responses during specific physiological stressors.

Our findings could have significant implications for understanding how endothelial dysfunction relates to impaired local vascular control during physiological (e.g., exercise, hypoxia) and pathophysiological (e.g., coronary and cerebrovascular ischemia) conditions in older healthy and diseased humans.

If you are interested in being a subject for our studies, please contact the Human Cardiovascular Physiology Laboratory via email (cvlab@cahs.colostate.edu) or phone (970-491-6702).

Benefits of participation include a physician supervised exercise stress test, state-of-the-art measures of body composition, and measures of cholesterol and other cardiovascular disease risk factors.

FY07 Core Infrastructure Funding: Equipment purchase (VPR $20,000: AEP $50,000)
(Benjamin Miller, Ph.D., Gay Israel, Ed.D. and Mike Pagiasotti, Ph.D.)

The gas chromatography-mass spectroscopy (GC-MS) will be used to analyze stable isotopes that are infused into human subjects to “trace” molecules through the body. This unit will be available for the campus and the local research and medical community to send samples for assessment.
Congratulations go to Jyoti Jennewein, undergraduate in Brian Tracy’s lab. She won highest honors at the Celebrate Undergraduate Research and Creativity symposium on April 17th!

HES senior in Sports Medicine, Erin Popovich, competed in the 2006 International Paralympic Competition World Swimming Championship in Durban, South Africa. She won six gold and two silver medals. Erin added her name to the record books setting two world records and eight American records. Over 50 countries competed in the six day event.

Senior, Emily Kirchem was named the female college Player of the Year by the Colorado Tennis Association. Emily earned the Rosemary Fri Award, given to the top women’s collegiate. Kirchem is the 13th ranked player in the Central Region.

Former CSU player and coach, Teri Clement (1998), made history last spring when she and Jen Smith were the first women to be inducted into the Colorado American Softball Association’s Hall of Fame.

Gwen Sieving, M.S. (1992), health educator at CSU’s Hartshorn Health Center, was recently awarded the Henry W. DeJong Award for Vision and Leadership in Collegiate Tobacco Control. The award honors a higher education professional who has demonstrated leadership in comprehensive tobacco control on campus by creating innovative ways to promote tobacco prevention and cessation among college students. Gwen was awarded this designation at the BACCHUS Network’s 6th annual National Tobacco Symposium on Young Adults, held March 21-23 in Denver, CO.

Alumna, Kelly Walker-Haley (B.S. 1988; M.S. 1991) received one of the local Community Volunteers of the Year Awards presented by Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of Fort Collins.

Students Bring Home Research Awards

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) recently held its annual meeting at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. HES graduate students received the top five poster/presentation awards: 1st Sean Newsom, 2nd Rick Carlson, 3rd Roger Paxton, 4th Ryan Donovan, and 5th Matt Robinson. Jyoti Jennewein was also honored for having the best undergraduate research presentation.

The 25th Annual Epidemiologic Research Exchange was held on Friday, March 30, in Denver. This conference includes participants from all over Colorado and is sponsored by the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, The Prevention Services Division of the Colorado Department of Health and Environment and The Department of Environmental Health/Department of Health and Exercise Science Colorado State University. Ryan Donovan and Matt Robinson (HES graduate students) were selected to present their research and were also chosen to compete for the student prize. Ryan was honored with the 1st place award, winning $100.00 and Matt took 2nd place! They did a great job of presenting their work! Congrats to their mentor – Tracy Nelson!
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Miss Colorado 2007

Maggie Ireland

As Miss Colorado 2007 Maggie Ireland, HES Senior in Sports Medicine, hopes to bring her message of optimism to people throughout our state. Ireland believes we can find optimism even in the midst of adversity. Her message has been shaped by experience.

When she was in 7th grade, her brother, Patrick, was critically injured in the Columbine High School shootings. The national media often referred to Patrick as “The boy in the window” because he was rescued from a second story window.

During his lengthy recovery and rehabilitation, Ireland learned about the lifelong impact of a traumatic brain injury. She watched her brother learn to walk again at Craig Rehabilitation Hospital. The next summer, she went back to Craig to work as a volunteer.

As a volunteer in the pool rehab area Maggie recounted, “I helped a man with a spinal cord injury walk for the first time since his injury, and that was just the most gratifying experience, and really pushed me to want to go into a helping profession.”

Ireland plans to become a physical therapist. She calls her pageant platform “Opening the Door to Optimism” a tribute to her brother. Her goal is to raise money for the Patrick Foundation and the Children’s Miracle Network, while teaching others about brain injuries. She will represent Colorado at the Miss America Pageant in January 2008.

Like her brother, Ireland is a straight “A” student; she has never earned a “B.” She will graduate from CSU a semester early. Patrick is a college graduate, married and working in Denver. He was at the Miss Colorado competition, cheering on his sister.

2007 College Golf Tournament

Both of our teams had a great day at the 12th Annual College of Applied Human Sciences and Construction Management golf tournament.

Men’s team included: Jim Smith (’67,’69,’71), Gene Vaughan (’70,’72), Paul Havner, and Ren Jensen (’59). Women’s Team: Carol Vaughan (’71), Darlene Schuster (’80), Sharon Jensen, and Erin Butki (spouse of HES faculty member, Brian Butki).

Men’s Final Flight
• 67
• 4-way tie for 1st place

HES Women
• 1st Place Women’s Division
• With an undisclosed score
• Women—longest put: Carol Vaughan
• Closest to pin on #12: Carol Vaughan

Congratulations to all our players for a great day on the course!

Proceeds from the tournament support College of Applied Human Sciences’ scholarships and Construction Management student club activities.
Bill Beitz considers himself a lucky guy to have been associated with Dr. Luckasen’s Attack Pack (taking care of our hearts) and Sherri Linnell’s adult physical fitness program at CSU for the past 27 years. After having a heart attack in 1980, at the age of 38, he became an original member when the Attack Pack was formed. Five remain from the original seven.

Through the Attack Pack, the CSU adult fitness program and the Heart Center of the Rockies Cardiac Rehabilitation Laboratory, Bill has improved his lifestyle. He hikes in the mountains in the summer time, rides bicycles, walks, and snowshoes in the winter time.

In an effort to “pay it forward” he was motivated to start the “ball” rolling for the Attack Pack Scholarship Fund. It is now endowed for one scholarship and well on its way to providing a scholarship for a well deserving student in the Department of Health and Exercise Science. The new goal for the fund is $50,000.

Bill also has four part time jobs and he has fun at each one:
#1 Visit his four grandchildren (ages 11, 12, and twin boys age 3 ½ ) regularly in California.
#2 Volunteer at Poudre Valley Hospital Harmony campus in the Cardiac Rehab Lab – he just received the 500 hour pin!
#3 Help raise awareness and dollars for the Attack Pack Scholarship Fund.
#4 Assist design/builder Tim Conine (member of the Attack Pack) with the Attack Pack Community Health Court at Poudre Valley Hospital Harmony Campus.

In closing, Bill says, “There is life after a heart event, and keep having fun in whatever you do!”

“As we attempt to keep you informed regarding news within the Department of Health and Exercise Science, we would also like to stay abreast of what you are doing. We will publish Alumni News in an upcoming Alumni Messenger, and post your news immediately on our web site! Please take a moment to complete the form below to send us news about yourself. To update your address go to https://advancing.colostate.edu/ALUMNI/UPDATEFORM. Mail to: Department Head; Department of Health and Exercise Science; Campus Delivery 1582, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1582; FAX: (970) 491-0216; E-mail: israel@cahs.colostate.edu

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Alumni News

Gibbons, Eric, B.S. (2006). Strength and Conditioning Graduate Assistant at Troy University working with 17 athletic programs. Eric received the National Strength & Conditioning Association’s Student Assistantship Grant. This fall he was hired to coach the football team’s defense and linebackers.

Dustin J. Fink, M.S. (2000), ATC. Coordinator Special Events & Continuing Education - Sports Enhancement Department Decatur Memorial Hospital, Illinois.

Gary Van Guilder, M.S. (2001), PhD- University of Colorado (2006), Post-doctoral fellow at Vanderbilt University Medical Facility.

Aubrey Hajek, M.S. (2003). Aubrey and Tomas had their first child Anika Marie on September 11th. Aubrey is the Wellness Coordinator for the University of Michigan’s MFit Employee Wellness Program.

Joshua Sklar, M.S. (2001), Pharm D. University of Rhode Island (2005), Pharmacist at Walgreens Pharmacy. Josh states “Working in the adult fitness program is what inspired me to learn about medications and to become a pharmacist.”


Lynn Sokolnicki, B.S. (2004). After working with a research team at the Mayo Clinic, Lynn is excited to get back to school this fall at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University. She completed the Boston Marathon this past spring and now plans to train for the Chicago Marathon.


Joshua J. Meckle B.S. (2006), Joshua has been admitted into the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Daytona Beach Florida. He will begin classes this January.

We are all proud of our faculty members, Sheri Linnell and Karyn Hamilton, as they joined Kelly Walker-Haley’s “Team Sugar Bees” to compete in the MS 150 Race this past July.

In Memoriam

We extend our condolences to family and friends of Elizabeth “Betsy” Wright ('56) who died on February 17, 2007. Betsy earned her bachelor’s degree in Physical Education and her Masters degree in Administration and Counseling both from CSU. She worked for the Denver Public Schools for 34 years and retired as a supervisor of physical education.

Betsy was an avid golfer and helped coordinate numerous events at Olympic festivals. She and her dog, Molly, a bichon frise, were very active in the “Pet Prescription Program” at Children’s Hospital in Denver. They both visited patients regularly.

Betsy is survived by her brother, Maurie, eight nieces and nephews, numerous great-nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends.

Left to right Sheri Linnell, Kelly Walker-Haley and Karyn Hamilton