At long last the School of Kinesiology and Recreation (KNR) is under one roof! The new $50-million Student Fitness Center and McCormick Hall opened in January after two years of construction. A walkway connects the Student Fitness Center to McCormick Hall, where the School of KNR and Health Promotion and Wellness are both housed. While the facade of McCormick Hall was retained, the building interior is new with the only remaining recognizable items being the load-bearing pillars throughout the first floor.

Entering McCormick Hall from the Quad, guests quickly encounter the KNR Mural chronicling the school’s rich heritage through stories and pictures. Also on the first floor are faculty offices for recreation and park administration, physical education teacher education, exercise science, two computer labs, four classrooms, a faculty-staff lounge, the Exercise Physiology Laboratory, and the Biomechanics Laboratory.

The spacious School of KNR main office, located at the south end of the second floor concourse, houses the chief clerk, academic advisors, office manager, administrative aide, assistant director, and school director. Adjoining the main office are the McCormick Conference Room and mail room. The athletic training program is on the second floor and includes a 30-seat classroom and an adjoining laboratory with 12 taping stations, 16 treatment tables, three mat platforms, a hydrotherapy area, and numerous state-of-the-art therapeutic modalities. Also located on the second floor are the instructional gymnasium, several classrooms, the equipment room, and the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity Laboratory.

Students enjoy the informal seating throughout the building as well as the wireless Internet accessibility. The classrooms and laboratories each feature digital signage listing daily class schedules, meetings, and other special events. McCormick Hall is truly a state-of-the-art educational facility that will serve students and faculty for years to come. Be sure and stop in for a visit and tour the next time you return to Illinois State!
**Director’s message**

Students, faculty, and staff are thrilled to finally be housed in the new Student Fitness Center and McCormick Hall. New classrooms and laboratories will create wonderful learning opportunities for current and future students. More information about the new building is included in this newsletter, but I urge you to come to campus and have a firsthand look at our new home.

On a historical mural located on the first floor of McCormick Hall, the words “Celebrating our Heritage, Looking to the Future” are included. We have a rich heritage, and we owe a deep debt of gratitude to past faculty members and students. With our state-of-the-art facilities, excellent students, and dedicated faculty, we look forward to a bright future. I assure you that we will continue to work diligently to deliver high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs to maintain the tradition of excellence in our programs.

Though many faculty members were in temporary offices for 18 months and also endured a move between the fall and spring terms this past year, they continue to do exemplary work in their teaching, scholarship, and service activities. We have many outstanding students that are developing into strong professionals. Please be sure to read through this newsletter carefully to note faculty and student achievements.

Our undergraduate and graduate enrollments continue to be healthy. In fact, we have worked closely with admissions in enrollment management to ensure that we do not become overcrowded. To do this, we closely monitor admissions as well as internal transfers at ISU. It can be difficult to tell a prospective student that we are full to capacity, but we are committed to the concept that when a major or minor is admitted to our programs, they will be able to enroll into the required classes in timely and sequential manner.

State funding to ISU was not increased for the upcoming year so we will continue to face financial challenges. In the face of diminished state support, the generous support of our donors helps fill budgetary shortfalls. We are certainly grateful for those gifts that enable us to continue to produce excellent teachers, athletic trainers, fitness leaders, and recreation professionals. For instance, your donations to the School of Kinesiology and Recreation Foundation fund have contributed to the support of student travel to professional conferences, student scholarships, and computer and software upgrades, to provide a few examples. We need your continued generous support to maintain excellence in our programs.

On a personal note, I am excited to again serve as director of the School of Kinesiology and Recreation after serving as associate dean in the College of Applied Science and Technology for the past five years. The director for the past two years, Kevin Burke, has moved to another institution. We wish Burke well in his new position.

Congratulations to our new graduates! We welcome you as the newest members of our outstanding alumni. We hope that you will reserve October 14–15 on your calendar for the 2011 Homecoming weekend at Illinois State. We would be delighted for you to tour our new building and enjoy the changes on campus and in Uptown Normal. We look forward to seeing you then or any other time you are back on campus.

Sincerely, Alan Lacy

**Building naming opportunities**

The construction of the new Student Fitness Center and McCormick Hall creates the opportunity for friends of Illinois State to create their own lasting legacy on campus through several naming opportunities. Opportunities include:

- Aerobics rooms
- Athletic training lab
- Classrooms
- Climbing wall
- Dance aerobics rooms
- Department offices
- East lobby/Atrium
- Exercise Science lab suite
- Faculty/staff lounge
- Instructional gym
- Jogging track
- Juice bar lounge
- Locker rooms
- Natatorium/Pool
- Open lounges
- Outdoor courtyard and gardens
- Seminar rooms
- Spinning room
- Sport courts
- University street pedestrian bridge
- Weight and fitness rooms
- West lobby/Atrium

For more information contact:

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Program news

Athletic Training (AT)

This has been an exciting year for the athletic training education program. Last August we welcomed two new faculty members, Jeremy Hawkins and Jeff Williams. Hawkins was hired as an assistant professor and undergraduate director of athletic training education. Williams, instructional assistant professor, took over instruction of the KNR 298 courses related to athletic training. Hawkins comes to ISU from Brigham Young University, where he served as an assistant teaching professor and clinical education coordinator. Williams is a graduate of the accredited ISU athletic training master’s program. Both thoroughly enjoy their new roles and responsibilities.

Faculty update

Noelle Selkow, assistant professor, will begin her employment in August. Originally from Youngstown, New York, Selkow completed her undergraduate degree at Mount Union College, where she double majored in athletic training and exercise science, with a health minor. She comes to us from the University of Virginia, where she completed both her master’s and Ph.D. Her research interests focus around the use of ice during injury, changes in blood flow with modality use, and low back pain. The addition of Selkow will add both breadth and depth to our offerings. We are thrilled to have her join our faculty.

Curricular news

In an attempt to stay at the top of our profession in educational offerings, a few changes were set in motion in both the undergraduate and graduate programs. In an attempt to strengthen our undergraduate general medical offerings, a partnership was created with four OSF Prompt Cares in the area. These clinical sites became part of three, five-week rotations for the first semester students. In addition to spending time at the Prompt Cares, students also spend five weeks at a high school and five weeks at a university (either ISU or Illinois Wesleyan). Students have loved the time spent at the OSF Prompt Cares and gaining exposure to these sites in this manner.

Recognizing the need to give graduate students more hands on experience, an additional manual therapy class was created and presented to the school curriculum committee. Additionally, plans were made to offer most graduate classes on an annual basis, allowing for smaller class sizes, while increasing total program enrollment. Efforts are in the works to acquire additional clinical sites for both programs to accommodate this growth. One such potential site is an athletic training clinic on campus. Initial meetings have taken place to open the Athletic Training Lab as an Athletic Training Clinic beginning fall 2012, servicing the ISU student body. The clinic will be staffed by a graduate assistant, assisted by undergraduate athletic training students.

It has been a productive and exciting year at ISU. If you would like to make a donation directly to support the students in the Athletic Training Education Program, you may do so through the School of Kinesiology and Recreation website’s Athletic Training Education Fund (kinrec.IllinoisState.edu/giving). The AT faculty and students appreciate your support. Be assured your donations are applied directly to benefit students. Examples of recent expenditures from the fund include support of student travel to the NATA and GLATA annual meetings. As always, if you have updates on what you are doing, please submit them using the form in this newsletter or by contacting one of the faculty members directly. We look forward to hearing from you.

Athletic Training Club

The Athletic Training Club has seen success this year in its service projects and supporting its educational and social goals. In the fall, members helped build the School of Kinesiology and Recreation Homecoming float, which won First Place in the Homecoming Parade. Members also helped raise funds for a 5K event called “Justin’s Jog” to benefit the Special Olympics. In November, the club sent a group of students to the Illinois Athletic Trainer’s Association annual meeting in Lisle. In addition to attending educational sessions, students competed against other universities from throughout the state in the annual Quiz Bowl. Unfortunately we were not able to defend our Illinois title, losing in the second round to the eventual Quiz Bowl champions. The fall semester concluded with the club participating in the Giving Tree charity by purchasing and wrapping gifts for underprivileged children during the holidays.
During spring semester, Kathy Schniedwind came and spoke to the club about her involvement with Special Olympics. Members supported Schniedwind and her work with Special Olympics in the Polar Plunge. The club also sponsored a local 9 and under traveling baseball team, the Renegades. To celebrate Athletic Training Month, members organized the service event, recruited donors, and were thrilled to receive an overflow of students wanting to participate. Our initial goal was to collect 23 usable units of blood. When the day was over, we had collected 45! All thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are anxious to make the blood drive an annual event.

**Exercise Science (ES)**

This year was marked by many changes within the exercise science program. Most notable was the time spent preparing for the move into newly renovated McCormick Hall and then getting settled after the move. Fall semester, faculty and staff packed up offices and laboratories in Horton and purged old files, books, etc. Laboratories were shut down the first part of November with the move occurring after Thanksgiving. All of this was accomplished within a two-week window. Semester break was spent unpacking in the new building with new offices, new laboratories, and new equipment. It is amazing how well the entire moving process went given the logistics, volume of equipment that needed to be moved from Horton into McCormick, and the fact that school was still in session during the process.

In addition to new classrooms and computer labs, the expanded and new laboratory spaces will provide for continued and new instructional and research opportunities in exercise science. Compared to the old Horton Exercise Physiology laboratory and Biomechanics laboratories, the McCormick facilities will almost double the size of both of those labs. McCormick also now houses our newest laboratory in KNR, the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity Laboratory.

**Faculty updates**

With 23 years of service to ISU, numerous classes taught, and thousands of students taught, Mary Jo Adams announced her retirement beginning this fall. Adams has taught a diverse array of classes ranging from 100-level basic activity classes to upper-level undergraduate and graduate classes. She has taught general education personal fitness classes as well as KNR major classes, including Human Anatomy and Physiology, Exercise Health and Disease, Physiological Testing, EKG, and Stress Management. Her contributions to the exercise science program over the years have been significant, noteworthy, and appreciated. Feel free to drop her an email at mjadams@IllinoisState.edu.

A new addition to the ES program is Michael Torry. While Torry is new to teaching, he is not new to ISU as he completed both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at ISU. He completed his doctoral degree at SIU-C in biomechanics. Last year he taught Human Anatomy and Physiology and Biomechanics. We look forward to Torry’s continued contributions to the program and school.

In October we received the sad news that longtime teacher, colleague, mentor, and friend in KNR and ES, Robert Liverman passed away at the age of 79. Bob came to ISU in 1969 and taught for nearly 30 years before retiring in 1997. He was one of the founding fathers of the exercise physiology laboratory and the exercise physiology graduate program at Illinois State University.
ISU, in addition to his contributions in the exercise science program. At ISU, Bob taught undergraduate and graduate courses, including anatomy, physiology, exercise physiology, and research writing. He chaired many master’s theses and served as the department’s graduate coordinator and as coordinator of the physiological assessment laboratory. He was an author; a national presenter in his field; a professional member of the American College of Sports Medicine; American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; and the National Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association. Bob and his family requested that memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Normal, or to the School of Kinesiology and Recreation (KNR) exercise science program, 5120 Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-5120.

Curricular news

The exercise science faculty continues work on curricular revisions. The proposed revision includes the addition of an exercise psychology course and an exercise biomechanics course. We are also revamping the exercise programming course (KNR 308) by dividing it into two classes: Exercise Programming for Neuromuscular Fitness and Exercise Programming for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Fitness. This modification of the KNR 308 class will allow for an expansion of the KNR 285: Resistive Training Instructional Methods class. Additionally, the KNR 286: Group Fitness Instructional Methods class is being revamped for content and hours (from two to three credit hours). Also, in the works is an advanced studies option within the ES program so that students interested in graduate programs will have additional course choices so as to strengthen their academic record in preparation for graduate studies.

The exercise science program continues to be strong with an enrollment of nearly 185 students. Interest in getting into the major continues to be high. This past spring we had 71 applications to the ES major, with availability for 29 students. The average GPA for those admitted students was 3.49 with six students having a perfect 4.0 GPA. We continue to have a diverse student interest in the ES program, with students wanting to work in commercial, corporate, and clinical settings in addition to students wanting additional schooling in graduate programs for physical therapy, occupational therapy, sport psychology, biomechanics, exercise physiology, nursing, and other academic areas.

The senior-level senior practicum program (KNR 398) remains strong with students completing internships in a variety of professional settings in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and other states. New this year are students doing internships with the Coast Guard in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Thanks to past faculty and all of our alums for laying such a strong foundation for ES to be what it is today. Please come back to ISU for a visit or just drop us a line and let us know what you have been up to recently by emailing Dale Brown at dbrown@IllinoisState.edu.

Exercise Science Club

The Exercise Science Club (formerly LIFE Club) has been active in getting students involved by providing opportunities they may not get in class. Club officers this year were Ken Nowatski, president; Jeff Schusler, vice president; Eddie Kuprjeski Jr, treasurer; Laura Cooley, secretary; Kelli Carlson, social cochair; and Jase Gamble, social cochair.

The club combines the elements of service, social opportunities, and education to construct a well-balanced organization. In the fall the club traveled to a Prairie Thunder hockey game to support the local team, hosted a book sale to lighten the load for teachers moving into the new building, and dissected beef hearts. We also spent meetings carving pumpkins, building gingerbread houses, and hosting speakers from the business world. For the second year run-

**Vision statement**

A society living well through active lifestyles and healthy use of sport and leisure.

**Mission statement**

The School of Kinesiology and Recreation provides nationally acclaimed programs that promote physically active lifestyles and a healthy use of sport and leisure through exemplary teaching, scholarship, and service.
The school year was another busy one for the KNR PETE Club. The fall semester activities were led by our officers, Laura Mueller, president; Mike Donovan, vice president; Renee Swierczewski, secretary; and Kevin Kring, treasurer. The club participated in the national World Wide Day of Play, a city-wide event coordinated by the Children’s Discovery Museum in Normal. Forty students from the PETE program organized and ran games and activities for the event.

**Battle of the Clubs**

The annual competition returned to the Quad after a one-year absence due to the McCormick Hall construction. This year the traveling trophy was reclaimed by the PETE Club despite strong competition from the Exercise Science Club.

**Homecoming**

The PETE Club sponsored a tailgate event before the game and participated in the construction of the KNR float for the Homecoming Parade. This was a new event for the PETE Club, and it was a great success. The KNR float won first place in the parade and the tailgate was well attended.

**IAHPERD Convention**

The annual convention was held in November in St. Charles. The PETE club sponsored a superstar team comprised of Renee Swierczewski, Joe Burdi, Brittany Bott, Ryan Reeves, Mike Cahoj, Val Pelizza, Kristen Zeleny, Pat Matuszewski, and Mike Wietekamp. The convention was a great networking opportunity as both current and former ISU students attended. Approximately 25 PETE majors also volunteered at the convention. Fall PETE Club meeting highlights included guest speakers Rachel Smith and Molly Sharer who shared their experiences as a student teacher and first-year teacher respectively.

**2011–2012 Developments**

- Mary Henninger assumed the duties of the physical education teacher education program director as of August 2010.
- The School of KNR hosted the IAHPERD Mid-State Conference in February, with the PETE faculty playing an integral role. Kristin Carlson and Molly Logan led a session, while Deborah Garraty delivered the keynote address. Several PETE Club members assisted participants and IAHPERD representatives.
- The PETE faculty successfully completed and submitted the NCATE/NASPE accreditation program review in March 2011.
- The PETE Advisory Council met on April 15, 2011, with Kay Werts and Jason Dane in attendance with the PETE faculty. Todd McLoda and Kevin Burke addressed the council members regarding the state of the college and of the school.
- The following PETE majors volunteered at the YWCA for the Week of the Child planning and implementing stations that emphasized physical activity: Kerilyn Friedheim, Vicki Klopf, Bryan Hills, Mike DeWitte, Amy Nelson, Derek Johnson, Tiffanie Brown, and Laurel Schultz.

**Physical Education Teacher Education Club**

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**Point of pride**

KNR faculty were awarded four external grants and four internal grants last year.
**New club officers**

Our spring semester kicked off with the election of new officers: Renee Swierczewski, president; Kate Kram, vice president; Paul Husch, secretary; and Sebastian Coates, treasurer. The officers attended the annual IAHPERD Leadership conference at Starved Rock in January, volunteered at the IAHPERD Midstate Conference hosted by ISU in February, and helped out at Shape Up Illinois at the state capital in Springfield in March. Club meetings were used to host a variety of speakers during the spring semester as well. Kelly Throneberg and Linda Hocker from the El Paso school district gave club members tips on job hunting, while student teachers Lara Johnson, Kevin Kring, and Mike Weitekamp shared their experiences.

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**Recreation and Park Administration**

The recreation and park administration (RPA) program had a productive and exciting school year. We celebrated the opening of the Student Fitness Center and McCormick Hall. The Student Fitness Center is under the direction of RPA alum, Dawn Sanner. Just as exciting was the re-opening of McCormick Hall. If you have not had the opportunity to see it, you wouldn’t even recognize it! From the outside, it looks the same, but the transformation on the inside is remarkable. We invite you to come to campus and take a tour.

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**Faculty/Emeriti news**

**Tenure/Promotion**

- **Dan Elkins**, recreation and park administration, earned tenure and promotion to associate professor.
- **Amy Hurd**, recreation and park administration, earned promotion to professor.
- **Todd McLoda**, athletic training and associate dean of CAST, earned promotion to professor.
- **Barbara Schlatter**, recreation and park administration, earned promotion to professor.

**Other accomplishments and appointments**

- **Karen Dennis** earned her doctorate of education in curriculum and instruction from Illinois State University this summer. Congratulations!

**New faculty**

- **Lindsey Kronmiller**, instructional assistant professor in recreation and park administration
  - B.S. ’06, recreation administration, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston
  - M.S. ’07, recreation administration, Illinois State University, Normal

**Noelle Selkow**, assistant professor in athletic training
  - B.S. ’06, athletic training and exercise science, Mount Union College, Alliance, OH
  - M.Ed. ’07, athletic training, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
  - Ph.D. ’11, sports medicine, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

**Retirement**

- **Mary Jo Adams**, instructional assistant professor, exercise science
- **Sandra Hupp**, instructional assistant professor, recreation and park administration

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*Faculty pictures*
Faculty news
We are pleased to report that Brent Beggs completed his first year as the program director for RPA. Daniel Elkins earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor. Amy Hurd and Barbara Schlatter were both promoted to professor. The RPA program also bid a fond farewell to Sandra Hupp who retired at the conclusion of the 2010–2011 academic year.

Rho Phi Lambda
Twenty-one students were inducted into Rho Phi Lambda, the national honor society for students in recreation and leisure studies: Jamie Haeger Angell, treasurer; Kaitley Christine Davis, president; Michelle Suzanne Jacobs; Zachary Alan Klaus, vice president; Dale Edward Specht, secretary; Emily Sandra Verrilli; Jon Vidovic, historian; Brittany E. Beeth; Stephanie Blindt; Meaka Brents; Stephanie M. Fester; Kyle Funaro; Elizabeth G. Fryzel; Megan Haig; Payton Hobart; Britta A. House; Sarah Johnson; Kyle L. Madeja; Olivia Myers; Margaret A. Seletos; and Amanda R. Spiekhout. Melissa Zahl was inducted as an honorary member. The ceremonies took place in November and April, and were attended by School of Kinesiology and Recreation Director Kevin Burke, RPA faculty, family, and friends.

ISU Alumni and Friends Social
RPA alumni, students, faculty, and friends gathered for the Illinois State University RPA Social at the annual Illinois Parks and Recreation Association conference at the Chicago Hilton in January. With more than 250 people in attendance, this popular event provided the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and win some great door prizes. School of Kinesiology and Recreation Director Kevin Burke was on hand to meet alumni and to recognize the outstanding career of Sandra Hupp.

Parks and Recreation Society
Parks and Recreation Society (PARS) participated in some exciting activities last year. Members volunteered at the Worldwide Day of Play for the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation and Town of Normal Parks and Recreation. Recent alumni came to speak during the regular September club meeting. In October PARS volunteered with the Annual Town and Gown 5K Run and at the Normal Parks and Recreation Haunted Trail event. Prior to the Haunted Trail, a chili dinner and pumpkin carving took place at Nancy Niebur-Parente’s home; the pumpkins were donated to the

Point of pride
KNR faculty wrote 11 refereed abstracts in the last year.

Giving back
If you would like to give back to the recreation and park administration program, you can do so by making a gift to the Recreation and Park Administration Fund at kinrec.IllinoisState.edu/giving. Your contribution will directly benefit RPA students! Finally, remember to keep us updated on what you are doing by submitting the form in this newsletter or contacting the faculty. We look forward to hearing from you.
KnR Graduate Program

After a five-year hiatus, Illinois State University’s physical education-teacher education master’s degree program has been reactivated. Margaret Coleman and Mary Henninger each taught a physical education teacher education course in the 2010–2011 academic year, and Deborah Garrahy will teach KNR 423: Sociocultural Perspectives in Physical Education Pedagogy this fall. Students may take these courses as a degree-seeking student or as a student-at-large (non-degree seeking). If you are interested in registering for a course and/or pursuing a master’s degree, contact Margo Coleman at (309) 438-8302, mmcolem@IllinoisState.edu or visit us at kinrec.IllinoisState.edu/graduate/teacher_education.

Higher Enrollments

With the downturn in the economy, graduate programs typically see an increase in applicants. That has held true at ISU as well. We have 113 graduate students and all sequences are quickly filling for the fall. Many of these students pay for graduate school by working as a graduate assistant. This past year 61 students had full-time assistantships and 13 had part-time assistantships. These assistantships were in such areas as ISU Athletics, Illinois Wesleyan Athletics, Four Seasons Health Club, Bloomington Prairie Thunder Hockey, Bloomington Extreme Arena Football, and teaching classes within the School of Kinesiology and Recreation. Graduate assistants are teaching KNR classes within the Active For Life Program (previously called the Basic Activity Program). These include bowling, first aid, tennis, and two new classes this fall—touch rugby and indoor group cycling.

Graduate Students’ Scholarly Activity


In addition to these national conferences, nine graduate student presentations were made at the ISU Graduate Research Symposium. Thanks to generous donations from alumni, the School of Kinesiology and Recreation is able to provide considerable financial support to students travelling to present at professional meetings. Your continued support of the school allows us to provide support to our outstanding students in their research endeavors. As always, your comments and reflections on the KNR graduate program are welcome. Please send them to arhurd@IllinoisState.edu. Your input will be appreciated.

Sport Management

This past school year was a great time to be a graduate sport management student at Illinois State. For starters, students had opportunities to learn from some of the best sport managers in the business without ever stepping foot off campus. In October, Chicago Blackhawks President John McDonough and Executive Vice President Jay Blunk stopped by ISU, with Stanley Cup in tow, to talk to students about how they turned their franchise into a world-renowned sport property.

KnR Events

8th Annual KnR Kickoff
4–5:15 p.m.
Thursday, September 8, 2011
252 McCormick Hall Instructional Gymnasium

KnR Esther Larson McGinnis Scholar Lecture—Beverly Ulrich, Ph.D.
Wednesday, October 19, 2011
Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

KnR Social at the IAHPERD Conference
Thursday, November 17, 2011
Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles

Recreation and Park Administration Alumni and Friends Social
6:30–8 p.m.
Friday, January 27, 2011
Illinois Park and Recreation Association Conference
Hyatt Regency Chicago

KnR Esther Larson McGinnis Academic Achievement and Service Awards Ceremony
4:30–8 p.m.
Friday, April 13, 2012
ISU Alumni Center on North Main St., Normal
champion. In February, students Michelle Krischel and Chris Mallen helped host the first ever ISU sport management symposium and internship fair at ISU’s Alumni Center, an event attracting 180 students from more than a dozen colleges and five different states. Attendees heard from an impressive lineup of speakers, including legendary sport marketing guru Mike Veeck, as well as prominent industry executives such as Chicago White Sox Director of Ticket Sales Tom Sheridan, National Sponsorship Manager for State Farm Insurance Todd Fischer, Assistant Director for NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championships Lee Dicklitch, and Executive Director for the LPGA’s State Farm Classic Kate Peters.

Also making her way to campus in November was one of the nation’s leading sport management researchers, Mary Hums, whose work with the Olympic and Paralympic Games has taken her not only to Atlanta, Athens, and Vancouver, but also the United Nations. Hums traveled to Normal to deliver the School of Kinesiology and Recreation’s annual Esther Larson McGinnis lecture.

While sport management students had numerous opportunities to network and gain insight from top professionals without ever leaving campus, several students took advantage of two program-sponsored trips. In September seven students joined Nels Popp on a one-day trip to Chicago to attend a sports business luncheon featuring panelists such as Chicago Cubs Owner Tom Ricketts and Chicago Bears President Ted Phillips, among others. The event gave students a chance to network with industry executives from places like Northwestern University Athletics and 670 The Score sports radio. In October, the sport management program embarked on its annual class trip, this year to Indianapolis, where students met professionals including top NCAA administrators Greg Shaheen and Julie Roe Lach, as well as Lucas Oil Stadium Director Mike Fox. They also toured the NCAA Hall of Champions and Conseco Fieldhouse, plus enjoyed an NBA game between the Indiana Pacers and Orlando Magic.

Students also had unique classroom opportunities largely due to the revamped sport management curriculum. In the sport industry course, students had an hour long conversation (through Skype) with the nation’s leading sport executive headhunter and founder of teamworkonlive.com Buffy Filippell, and were able to spend an evening speed networking with industry professionals from area sport organizations. In a new sales class, students spent an evening on the phone cold-calling potential ticket buyers for a local minor league hockey team, and in a new event management class, students hosted a golf tournament in which they generated several thousand dollars for a local charity. Meanwhile, in the sport law class this past year, students negotiated their own solution to the NFL collective bargaining agreement standstill, and in the advanced topics class, they competed in the second annual case study competition where local sport managers voted on which team presented the best solution to how the NHL might expand to Las Vegas.

International study trip to Poland

In May undergraduate students from the School of Kinesiology and Recreation traveled to Poland to participate in a two-week cultural immersion experience with our colleagues from the Opole University of Technology in Opole, Poland. For the second consecutive summer, 11 students along with Deb Garrahy (physical education teacher education) and Dave Thomas (exercise science) participated in classes and an international conference hosted by Opole University of Technology. The trip, sponsored through the Dean’s Office of the College of Applied Science and Technology, included visits to Krakow, Wroclaw, and Glucholazy, Poland. Students spent a reflective afternoon at the Memorial Museum at Auschwitz-Birkenau, and enjoyed new friendships with our Polish hosts. Finally, KNR students, Garrahy, and Thomas gave presentations at The IX International Workshops of Student Scientific Associations and Young Scientists.
2011 Esther Larson McGinnis Academic Achievement and Service Awards

Individual awards
Howard Hancock Athletic Achievement Award ........ Matthew Mroczynski
Clifford E. Horton Scholarship Award ............... Jilana Kerkman
Ellen Abshire Recreation and Park Administration and Service Award ................... Hannah Boehm
Patricia B. Malik Spirit Award ........................ Kristy Ekner
Trent R. Richards Scholarship ........................ Nichelle Harrison (4th year awarded)
Darlene A. Kluka Scholarship ....................... Lara Mae Johnson
Rene Revis Shingles Service Award .................. David Span
Betty J. Keough Honorary Teacher Education Scholarship Award ................... Kerrilyn Friedheim and Victoria Klopf
Betty J. Keough Junior Academic Achievement Award in Physical Education/Teacher Education ........ Sarah Grisko
Graduate Assistant Teaching Award .................. Joseph Warning and Jonathan Kurka
Jorndt Student/Faculty Research Award ............ Jeff Williams
Faculty Mentor ........................................ Kevin Laudner
Marlene Mawson Graduate Research Potential and Service Award ................... Rob Lynall
Joyce Morton Kief Future Professional Award .......... Renee Swierczewski
Kathy Schniedwind Athletic Training Scholarship .... Sara Breslin and Dane Langellier

Professional Development Awards
Athletic Training ........................................ Christina Meyer
Exercise Science ....................................... Kristin Radosta
Physical Education Teacher Education ............ Alex Ebbing
Recreation and Park Administration ................. Timothy Carter

McGinnis Distinguished Seniors
Athletic Training ........................................ Stephanie Rendall
Exercise Science ....................................... Joe Madonia
Physical Education Teacher Education ............ Ryan Reeves
Recreation and Park Administration ................. Brittany Dellorto

Points of pride
Darlene Kluka ’72 was inducted into the CAST Hall of Fame in 2010.
John Quindry ’94 was inducted into the CAST Academy of Achievement in 2011.
Olivia Myers ’11, recreation and park administration, was a 2011 Bone Scholar.
Kinesiology and Recreation donor roll

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