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A Message from the Dean

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College on the Move: Program Expansion, Initiatives Continue

The College of Health and Human Services has experienced unprecedented opportunity and achievements over the past year. We have expanded our academic programs, scholarship and community initiatives in impressive ways. It is important to note, however, that the opportunities experienced by the College are deeply rooted in the hard work of our faculty and our supporters. As with all achievements, our College's progress has taken the vision and teamwork of all our members. In this newsletter, I want to highlight some of the positive achievements by the College of Health and Human Services, as well as acknowledge the work of some of our faculty who have taken leadership in making these achievements possible.

Student Health Clinic Now Open

Beginning Fall Semester 2002, Kennesaw State University became a residential campus. With this change, the College was given the opportunity to take responsibility for student health at the University. A student health clinic is now operational in the Nursing Building, and will move the first of the year to one of the newly renovated houses on Frey Lake Road. Kevin Smith, MD, who has been a member of the teaching team in the Nurse Practitioner Program, will provide the medical oversight for the clinic. Dr. Judy Perkins has led the initiative to establish a student health clinic, operated as a nurse-managed clinic, under the direction of the College. This new project



Robin Rolle, CMA and KSU student

allows the College to further serve the university community while supporting the teaching mission of the School of Nursing. A related initiative in the School of Nursing is the establishment of the Center for Community Health Services to better enable us to coordinate the numerous current and potential health services offered in the larger Cobb County community. Dr. David Bennett, Dr. Gloria Taylor, and Mr. Troy Spicer have taken leadership roles in our health services outreach to underserved populations.

Human Services Reaches Out to Community

During the past year, faculty in the Department of Human Services has achieved outstanding results in community-based programs. The Center for Public and Non-profit

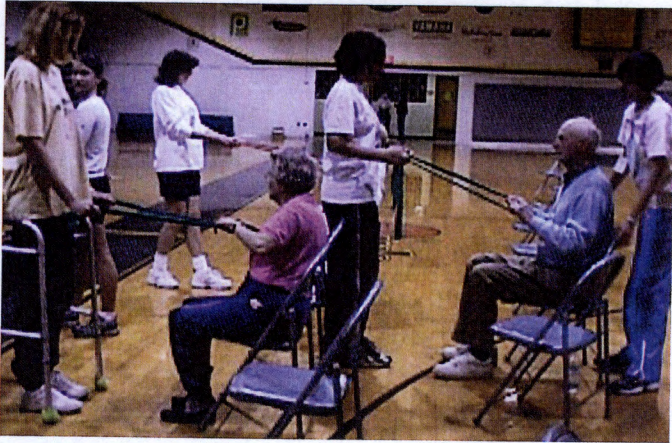
Leadership has been revitalized and now collaborates with more than 100 community agencies. These collaborations have been so successful that several agencies plan to locate satellite offices on the Kennesaw State University campus. While Dr. Ann Hicks-Coolick is the Director of this Center, Dr. Alan Kirk and all the faculty of the Human Services Department have worked relentlessly to make this program a success. One example of this group's community collaboration is demonstrated in the successful partnership with the Cobb County School System in securing \$1.2 million grant to implement a sex education curriculum in all county public middle schools.

SPARHKS — A Partnership with Senior Citizens

In the area of scholarship, Dr. Angela Lanier is doing research in conjunction with the Seniors Participating in Activities Relating to Health at Kennesaw State (SPARHKS) program focusing on physical activity for senior citizens. Dr. Lanier and her team are not only examining the effectiveness of the program, but have expanded the physical activity segment with a group of seniors to weight training in the College-operated Employee Fitness Center. This action research is important in evaluating a significant program in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Sports Science, and it has the potential to benefit the health and well being of senior citizens. Additionally,

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Community Connections



Seniors – Weight Bands

Dr. Mitchell Collins is collaborating with researchers at Emory and Georgia Tech to work on projects related to health promotion in persons with Parkinson's Disease and college-age women at risk for heart disease. These examples of integration of scholarship with College programs demonstrate our commitment to making a difference in education and in our community.

Perioperative Nursing

This course is designed to provide the RN with Perioperative Nursing theory and practice for entry level into the Operating Room. The primary focus of this course is the utilization of the nursing process to provide care for clients undergoing surgical intervention. There is a six-week didactic portion followed by six weeks of clinical experience. The course content includes Perioperative standards, surgical foundations, anesthesia, infection control, sterilization, legal aspects, and specialty areas. The course meets on Monday and Wednesday from 4:30- 8:30. The next course is scheduled to begin in February and September every year.



September 2002 Perioperative Class

School of Nursing Accelerates BSN Program

Finally, the School of Nursing has implemented an accelerated BSN program for students holding other baccalaureate degrees. This project was funded through the State Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP). As part of this accelerated program initiative, the number of nursing students taking classes on the Kennesaw State campus will increase. This program also will include an outreach component working with Floyd College in Rome to offer the accelerated BSN to students from Northwest Georgia. Dr. Marie Bremner took leadership in developing the ICAPP grant and she will coordinate these efforts. Additionally, letters of intent to establish a new Masters in Nursing Program and a Masters in Social Work Program have been sent to the Board of Regents for consideration. The College of Health and Human Services continues to work in partnership with the Bagwell College of Education on the development of a joint doctoral program in Leadership and Ethics. Drs. Genie Dorman, Alan Kirk, and Louise Bill have all taken leadership in the development of these new academic initiatives.

As you can see from this brief overview, the College of Health and Human Services is on the move. The College is fortunate to have the opportunity and support to undertake these exciting initiatives. Our successes are a result of teamwork by faculty and staff, as well as our many alumni and community friends. Yet, as I highlight specific College programs and the leadership of specific faculty, I am very cognizant of the many other individuals who support a number of other significant College programs and initiatives. I continue to be impressed with the high level of education offered our students. It is truly a personal opportunity to be part of such a hard working and accomplished group.

KSU Health Center and College of Health and Human Services Form Unique Partnership

Health centers that serve students, faculty, and staff are certainly not unique on college campuses. Neither are health education programs. What is unique is the partnering of the two units that has occurred at Kennesaw State and the benefits each one brings to the other.

The partnership has its roots in the long-held dream of the former Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, Dr. Judy Perkins, to establish a "nursing clinic" to serve as an adjunct to the education of nursing majors at KSU. When the opportunity came to design a new nursing building, she saw that a clinic/laboratory was a part of the design. Within six months after the opening of the building, a "walk-in"

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clinic was opened under the auspices of the Cobb Board of Health and staffed by nurse practitioner faculty. Original services included women's health, immunizations, and physical exams. Later, limited types of episodic care were implemented. The clinic operated on this basis until June 2002.

Beginning in the Fall of 2001, great changes were underway for both the College of Health and Human Services and KSU. Upon the retirement of Dr. Perkins, the College welcomed a new Dean, Dr. Richard Sowell, while the University obtained approval to become a residential campus through the implementation of nearly 1000 residence beds. With the University facing new responsibilities for health care for non-commuter students, the University and Dr. Sowell asked Dr. Perkins to return and implement a more comprehensive, expanded clinic built on the successes of the current clinic and remaining under the auspices of the College.

The new clinic, dubbed KSU Health Center, opened on August 15, 2002. Though it is still in its current location, remodeling is underway for the Center to be relocated to one of the houses on Frey Lake Road that has been leased by the University. This 3000 square foot building will offer state of the art facilities for the Center as well as a home for the College's Center for Community Outreach that operates a variety of indigent clinics throughout the University's service area.

In addition to location, many other changes are in place. In order to expand the types of services offered, the Center contracted with a private physician, Dr. Kevin Smith, to serve as medical director. Dr. Smith sees patients at the clinic once a week, as well as providing supervisory oversight to KSU Nurse Practitioners Colette Frena, Christine MacKenzie, and Darlene Codner. Dr. Smith, who operates a number of urgent care centers in the metropolitan area, has expertise in occupational medicine, student health and travel clinics. He also serves as faculty in the School of Nursing at KSU. Under Dr. Smith's direction, a number of services have been added, including minor trauma care, dispensing of medications, EKGs, allergy injections, asthma aerosol treatments, and others. Programs are currently in the planning stage for handling the workers compensation program for the University, establishing a travel clinic and providing health-care for KSU athletic programs.

Though the expansion of services is certainly a value-added component for the faculty, staff and students of Kennesaw State University, what makes this Health Center unique is its close connections with the academic programs. In addition to being under the direct supervision of Dr. Sowell, all providers in the clinic also have nursing faculty status and serve as preceptors to graduate nursing students or teach in the graduate nursing program. Preceptorships provide students with expertise in the actual skills involved in working in a medical office. Great care was taken in the selection of a computer program for tracking data with an eye to future research projects. Collaboration with the Center for Community Health provides invaluable resources for both Centers. Both the Health Center and the School of

Nursing share computer information on immunization data. More opportunities open up every day for collaborations between two entities with similar missions.

Through collaborative efforts such as this, the needs of the University and the vision of the leadership of the College of Health and Human Services have come together to provide a needed service to the University while enhancing its own educational and research missions.

Upcoming Conference Targets Latino Smokers

Kennesaw State University's Center for Health Promotion and Wellness, School of Nursing, and Center for Hispanic Studies are teaming up with the Cobb County Health Department in providing a regional conference on tobacco use prevention and cessation among Latinos. The conference, to be held April 8-10, 2003 at KSU, will provide opportunities for healthcare workers to understand and communicate effectively with the Latino community.

In Georgia, Hispanic middle school students lead all racial/ethnic groups in the use of tobacco with 18.5% reporting current use of some form of tobacco compared to 14.7% of White and 13.2% of African-American middle school youth, according to a 2001 Georgia Youth Tobacco survey. Compare this to the national figures of 28% of high school and 11% of middle school students who smoke, and the need for specialized programs targeted to the Latino community becomes clear (American Lung Association Fact Sheet: Teenage Tobacco Use, 2002).

While the national prevalence rates are lower among Latinos than other racial/ethnic groups in the United States, the smoking prevalence rates in the Southeastern states tend to be above the national average. The current CDC State System shows the percentage of Latino adults who smoke in the following Southern states:

• Georgia	26.5%	• Alabama	36.1%
• North Carolina	35.3%	• South Carolina	21.2%
• Florida	17.1%	• Tennessee	20.2%

The Hispanic/Latino community in Georgia has grown tremendously over the last decade. The latest US Census reveals a 400% increase in Georgia's Hispanic/Latino population since 1990. A number of counties in Georgia have Latino populations that range from 6% to 20% (US Census, 2000). This large and fast increase in the Latino population has left Georgia struggling to develop an appropriate infrastructure for its new residents, many of whom do not speak English and may lack legal status in the United States. The Hispanic/Latino community is finding itself underserved in many arenas, including healthcare.

During the conference, a variety of sessions will be offered, covering topics on Latinos and acculturation, programs that work, assessing the need of the Latino community, working with migrant communities, proper Spanish translation, developing

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messages for the Latino community, how the tobacco industry targets Latinos, and others. For additional information, contact Sherry Twidwell, Director, and Center for Health Promotion and Wellness at (770) 499-3517.

Bereavement Teleconference Set for Next April

The School of Nursing is partnering with the CAREing Center to air the 10th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference that will focus on "Living with Grief: Coping with Public Tragedy." The live-via-satellite program will be broadcast Wednesday, April 30, 2003, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., on campus (location TBA).

The televised broadcast will look at factors that define public tragedy and offer insight and advice to organizations and individuals as they support their communities and help those coping with loss. The effects of such national tragedies as 9-11, Hurricane Andrew, Oklahoma City, and other significant events will be examined.

Moderated by award-winning journalist and Senior News Analyst for National Public Radio, Cokie Roberts, a panel of noted experts will examine the factors that define public tragedy and will offer insight and advice to professionals as they support communities as they struggle with loss.

At the conclusion of the teleconference, viewers will be able to:

- understand the six factors that affect public perception and responses to a traumatic event;
- assess the ways individuals, in varied situations of involvement, respond and react to public tragedy;
- describe short- and long-term interventions to persons affected by public tragedy;
- discuss the role of the following organizations in public tragedies: hospitals, workplaces, faith communities, mental health organizations, emergency personnel, and schools.
- describe ways such organizations may assist affected individuals as well as needed support for organizational personnel;
- describe the ways that spirituality, development, culture and social class may influence responses to tragedy;
- discuss the value of ritual and memorialization as public responses to tragedy and
- describe the ways that public policies may influence prevention and intervention to public tragedy.

Continuing education credit will be available.

Center for Community Healthcare Supports Community Outreach

Following two years of decline, the number of Americans without health insurance rose from 14.2% in 2000 to 14.6% in 2001. An estimated 41.2 million men, women and children are without health insurance. Although the majority of the uninsured are the poor, the largest increase was in the \$75,000-and-up income bracket with 7.7% without insurance last year.

"We're getting to the point where uninsurance is not just a poor people's problem, not just a problem of the down and out, but a middle-class problem," said Diane Rowland, Executive Director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured in a recent article in The Los Angeles Times.

Against this discouraging backdrop, the School of Nursing has formed the Center for Community Healthcare. At the Fall 2002 College of Health and Human Services faculty meeting, Dean Richard Sowell announced the formation of the Center for Community Healthcare.

"This center is possible due to the University's abiding focus on and support for community outreach," said Dr. Sowell. School of Nursing Chair Dr. David Bennett added, "We have a faculty of over 25 nurses with a wide range of expertise and experience. It is time that we coordinated our existing efforts to advocate and provide healthcare services for uninsured, vulnerable and under-served populations in our area."

The Center for Community Healthcare involves faculty in projects and research to promote the understanding of the needs of the under-served. It also assists as a resource to others in the community who are interested in addressing these needs through collaboration. Cobb Health Partners Clinics, a community-based organization supported by the School of Nursing, serves as a starting point for these efforts. Clinics operated by Cobb Health Partners at three local service or religious organizations—MUST Marietta, the YWCA of Cobb and St. Stephen United Methodist Church—will provide free healthcare to more than 2,500 people by the end of 2002.

Now in its twelfth year of operation, Cobb Health Partners has the organizational and financial support of the School of Nursing and six collaborating organizations: the WellStar Health System, the YWCA of Cobb, MUST, St. Stephen United Methodist Church, the 13th District of the Georgia Nurses Association and the Cobb/Douglas Board of Health.

The Center for Community Healthcare is the fourth center created by the College of Health and Human Services since 1999. The three other centers include the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness, the Center for Professional Development and Service in Health Care and the Center for Non-Profit and Public Leadership.

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Center for Nonprofit and Public Leadership Continues to Reach Out, Expand

The Center for Nonprofit and Public Leadership continues to expand and to serve community agencies in the areas of grant writing, program evaluation, and training.

The Center joined the Cobb Community Collaborative to become more knowledgeable about community issues. In September 2002, Human Services faculty members collaborated with the Cobb/Douglas Community Services Board to write the Mental Health Court Grant to the Department of Justice. On November 8, 2002, Drs. Judy Slater, Alan Kirk and Louise Bill conducted workshops in an all-day community agency training titled, Skills, Knowledge and Ethics for Human Service Workers.

During October and November, 2002, Center Director Anne Hicks-Coolick and faculty member Ardith Peters trained faith-based grassroots organizations in strategic planning, case management, and program evaluation. In December, in collaboration with The Burruss Institute, the Center is sponsoring a legislative breakfast to introduce community agencies to their newly elected representatives. In addition, the Center is looking forward to its new home on Frey Lake Road where some of the agencies also have planned to locate their offices.

Human Services Establishes New Center to Combat Violence

The Department of Human Services established the KSU Center For the prevention of Violence this semester. The Center already has completed two very successful events. Dr. Alan Kirk provided Phase I of Critical Incident De-briefing Training to area clinical, school, and law enforcement professionals. The participants returned in November to complete the course by taking the advanced portion of the training. Critical Incident De-briefing Training prepares counselors to assist with disaster relief, aftermath of terrorist or criminal activities, or personal trauma.

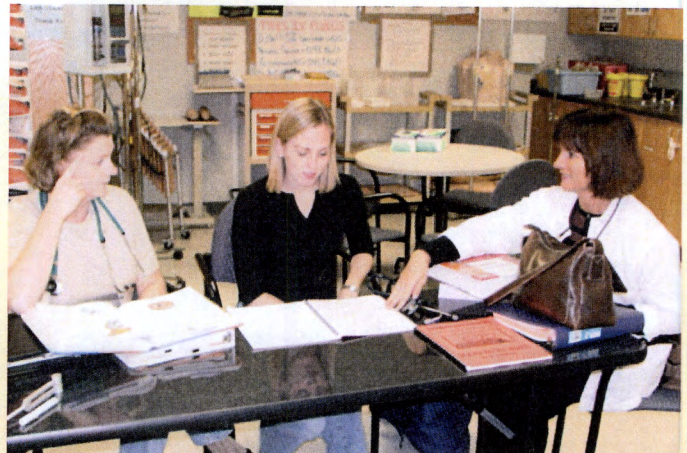
In addition, the Center offered Part 3 of the "Crisis in America" series. This event brought together area experts to speak on a wide range of topics, including homeland defense, domestic violence prevention, personal defense, and prevention of school violence. Guest speakers included Monette Park, social worker at Columbine High School in Colorado, and Moses Ector Deputy Director of Homeland Security for DeKalb County. The Center serves as a focal point for research, training of professionals, and development of creative programs to combat violence in our communities.

KSU Responds to Severe Nursing Shortage

The severe shortage of professional nurses in the country, state, and region has stimulated an interest in nursing careers by individuals with a non-nursing baccalaureate degree. The School of Nursing (SON) has responded to this shortage by developing an accelerated track option for second-degree students. The accelerated track is intended for those with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing who desire to obtain the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

The SON admitted its first class of accelerated students in August 2002. These students will complete the BSN curriculum in four consecutive semesters, which includes a summer term (16 months) as opposed to the current five-semester plan without a summer term (30 months) program.

In response to the adverse effects of the nursing shortage, Georgia Governor Roy Barnes, through the Board of Regents, targeted nursing education by making funds available



ICAPP students and Dr. Marie Bremner

to support increasing the number of nurses educated in the State of Georgia. A substantial portion of the Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP) funds was directed to provide incentives to encourage innovative partnerships between nursing education and health care agencies. Faculty members Drs. Marie Bremner and David Bennett wrote a competitive academic grant and were awarded \$300,000 dollars to implement the accelerated program.

A key component of obtaining the state ICAPP funding was the development of community and healthcare agency partnerships to support the program financially and to provide job commitments to students after graduation. Partnerships were formed with WellStar Health System, Emory Cartersville Medical Center, Floyd Medical Center, and Redmond Regional Medical Center.

"This collaboration between nursing education and practice will serve as a model for communities on a national basis," said Dr. Richard Sowell, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services. All corporate partners committed financial resources, clinical facilities for educating students, and guaranteed jobs for the graduates. ICAPP funding provides for additional faculty and staff to admit 40 students to the accelerated program this fall.

"I am impressed with the enthusiasm of these students," said Dr. Bremner, who has taken a leadership role in the development and funding of the program. "The biggest challenge for the students and me is securing service-cancelable loans and scholarships. While we have had recent success in securing scholarships, we continue to seek support from outside funds agencies, she said."

Web-based Nurse Refresher Course: A First in the U.S.

The Nurse Refresher/Re-entry course has been offered on site for the last eight years with great success. Developed to meet the needs of nurses in our community who were out of practice and wished to return to the workforce, the KSU program has maintained steady interest over the years. The successful program has returned almost 400 nurses to the workplace.

The on-campus course met the needs of nurses in the Metro Atlanta area, but there were no options for nurses living a distance from the campus without causing great expense and potential hardships. The number of interested nurses tended to be limited and not always located in geographic proximity, which made the outreach courses difficult to plan and costly to offer. However, the Internet provided the option to redesign courses to reach nurses throughout the state. Building on the successful experience of RN-BSN Online Program, the option of a web-based nurse refresher course was offered for the first time.

Based on an extensive Internet search, KSU is now offering the only web-based instructional course for Refresher nurses in the United States. (Two other universities offer a correspondence type course via the web, but lack interactivity.) The web-based approach at KSU is clearly not a correspondence-type course; the students are highly active in their learning. The faculty uses a modified "Socratic method" that is highly student-to-student and student-to-faculty interactive. The online nurse spends 20-25 hours per week for eight weeks involved in readings, and responding to the course requirements.

Nurse Refresher courses, both on campus and online, must provide both classroom theory and a clinical practice component. To meet the requirements of the Georgia Board of Nursing, the course requires a minimum of 40-hours of theory and 160-hours of clinical. The clinical portion of the Refresher course provides the greatest challenge, whether on campus or online. Nurses complete the theory portion before beginning

their clinical experiences. Clinical placement is determined by evaluation of each nurse's resume of experiences and verbal discussion of their future interests and goals. The healthcare agency is chosen based on residence and their interest in seeking employment after the course is completed. Contacts, along with contracts, are developed if specific agencies are not currently working with the nursing programs at KSU. These Re-entry nurses meet the standard contract requirements and guidelines as traditional students for immunizations, health records, physical exam, as well as health and professional liability insurance.

The faculty that develops, teaches, and supervises the nurses in these programs is academically qualified and meets faculty standards accepted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and the National League of Nurses (NLN). The majority of the faculty is doctoral prepared and, at the minimum, possesses master's degrees in nursing. The clinical faculty is available by pager and makes clinical visits as needed.

The Refresher/Re-Entry course is offered four times per year. The online course is available during March and September; the on-campus course is available during May and December. For additional information, contact Dr. Vanice Roberts, Associate Dean, at 770-423-6064 or via email at vroberts@kennesaw.edu. Additional information is available at www.kennesaw.edu/chhs/schoolofnursing/centerdevelopment.htm.

Mulligan Madness' Golf Tourney Raises \$3,500+

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science Sport Management majors raised in excess of \$3,500 in its Fourth Annual Mulligan Madness Golf Tournament at Bradshaw Farm Golf Course on April 26, 2002.

Students were able to register more than 75 participants and collect a significant number of sponsorship dollars. A total of \$1,000 of the proceeds was earmarked for area YMCA summer camps for underprivileged youth, and the remainder of the funds was set aside for the Sports Management Majors Club. Sports Management students were able to benefit tremendously in terms from this experience through honing the skills necessary to plan, organize, and manage such an increasingly popular event.

Lifelike NED Is Valuable Teaching Tool

Kennesaw State University is the first undergraduate nursing program in Georgia to add a Human Patient Simulator (HPS) as a training tool to its curriculum. Nicknamed "NED" (Nursing

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Education Dummy, the adult simulator is the likeness of a 250-pound person and can be programmed to imitate the health conditions of either a man or a woman. The simulator can mimic the human cardiac, neurological and respiratory systems and can imitate nearly 70 health scenarios, including a heart attack, septic shock, and a collapsed lung. NED has realistic features that include eyes that blink and a chest that rises, falls, and produces heart sounds. The simulator also responds to medications and interventions with human physiological responses, such as an increase in pulse rate and/or a decrease in respiratory rate—just like an actual person.

The simulator, created by Medical Education Technologies Inc., arrived on campus in December 2001. Purchase of the \$200,000 state-of-the-art teaching tool was funded by a collaborative project between the WellStar Health Care System and Kennesaw State University.

The Human Patient Simulator was named “NED” as the result of a “name the simulator contest” held on campus. NED (or “Nettie” when used as a female patient) was revealed to the public at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at KSU on April 29, 2002.

At the beginning of the nursing program, the simulator teaches students the normal (like heart sounds and breath sounds) during physical assessment and encourages critical thinking. Nursing facilitators can improvise and write their own scenarios. Nursing students are encouraged to speak to NED as they would a real, live patient. Working with the simulator allows nursing students to master a high level of competence before they work directly with the patients.

Nursing faculty members Dr. Marie Bremner and Ms. Doris Church conducted the first hands-on opportunity for nursing students to interact with NED in March of this year. One week prior to their very first clinical day, sophomore students were given the opportunity to obtain physical assessment findings. Several students indicated it gave them a sense of confidence in their skills before interacting with “real” patients.

Dr. Bremner and Ms. Church conducted a more challenging simulation for junior and senior nursing students within a nursing elective course offered during the May 2002 semester term. Students were invited to care for simulated patient cases of anaphylaxis and unstable cardiac variations in EKG rhythms. As well, Dr. Anne White has been incorporating the use of NED in her summer internship program to assist nursing students with their assessment skills. NED is also used in the Critical Care Course to simulated “shock”.

For further information on NED, the Human Patient Simulator, contact Dr. Vanice Roberts, Associate Dean at the School of Nursing, at 770-423-6064.

Nurse Practitioner Program Students Participate in the 2002 Migrant Farm Workers Health Project

Dr. Genie Dorman, Coordinator of Graduate Nursing Programs in the School Nursing, and five students who were enrolled in the WellStar Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program, participated in the 2002 Migrant Farm Workers Health Project held in Moultrie, Ga., last June. The project, conducted annually under the auspices of the Colquitt County Health Department, is designed to deliver primary healthcare to migrant farm workers and their families.

Members of the KSU faculty and students were invited to participate this year by Dr. Judy Wold, Visiting Scholar to Emory University and project coordinator. The students, Raj Maharaj, Deb Prather, Martha Raburn, Janet Ross, Rosemary Steinheimer, and Missey Thompson, were a part of the more than 125 volunteers who participated in this year's Project. Other volunteers included dental hygiene students from Clayton State University,



left to right Dr. Dorman, Missy Thompson

Georgia State University physical therapy and counseling students, Emory University undergraduate nursing and nurse practitioner students, and several Spanish language translators.

The Kennesaw State University students spent six days in Moultrie, providing primary healthcare to migrant farm workers and their children, in collaboration with the nurse practitioner students from Emory University's School of Nursing. Services provided included health promotion, preventative and episodic illness care. Care was delivered at a local elementary school, at vegetable packing sheds, and in the fields themselves to more than 500 individuals. Although the students began work at 8:00 a.m. and frequently did not finish until midnight, they all found the experience to an extremely positive and satisfying one, both professionally and personally. Several plan to return again next year as nurse practitioner volunteers.

Chinese Martial Arts Legend To Teach at KSU Spring Semester

Professor Jian-Cheng Ji, Director of Martial Arts and Qigong Center at Zhejiang University in China, will teach Chinese Martial Arts at Kennesaw State this Spring 2003 Semester.

Professor Ji is a 7-degree level Martial Arts Master recognized by the government of the People's Republic of China. He holds a Visiting Professor Chair at the Moscow Institute of Physical Education. Master Ji frequently visits England to teach tai chi, kung-fu, and internal martial arts and owns a martial arts studio in England. He is also a Chief Master of the Tai Chi and Wushu Association of Great Britain, and is a National Wushu Master for China as well as a National referee.

Professor Ji has a formidable repertoire of knowledge and skill in both fighting and internal styles of Martial Arts. He has written 11 books and many articles. His book, *Self Defense Duan-Du*, has been published in Russian and is widely read by martial arts devotees. Master Ji is also an Associate Editor of a 10-volume encyclopedia of Shaolin Temple Martial Arts. He has taught Qigong and Wushu on a series of Chinese television programs. He was also the Secretary General of the International Martial Arts Conference in Hangzhou, China in 2001. Currently he is a Visiting Professor with the Olympic Solidarity Program sponsored by the International Olympic Committee at the training center at Life University in Marietta.

Dr. Lois Robley Wins Community Service Award

Dr. Lois Robley is this year's recipient of the Kennesaw State University Philip C. Preston Distinguished Community Service Award. She is recognized for her service of more than a decade in the areas of healthcare ethics and improved care for persons at the end of life. She has served on the WellStar Ethics Committee and contributes yearly as a speaker at the annual WellStar Ethics Day. Dr. Robley volunteers her time on a weekly basis with the WellStar Community Hospice and serves as a Workshop Facilitator for the Critical Conditions project, delivering 8-10 programs a year about advance healthcare planning at the University and within the community.



Distinguished Speaker Draws Large Crowd at Grady Palmer Lecture

Dr. Allen Sack was the keynote speaker at the Fourth Annual Grady Palmer Distinguished Lecture. A nationally recognized scholar for his extensive research on the role of sports in society, Dr. Sack discussed his book, *College Athletes for Hire: the Evolution and Legacy of the NCAA's Amateur Myth*, before a packed, enthusiastic audience.



Dr. Sack, who played on Notre Dame's 1966 National Championship football team, called for honesty in the administration of collegiate sports, citing clear-cut evidence that the NCAA has gone against their foundational tenets of disallowing any inducements for athletes to attend colleges. Additionally, he elaborated on the fact that big time, Division I collegiate sports are now big business, yet it attempts to operate as if it is not. This enables universities to maintain their protected tax status while not providing the athletes (their labor force) the commensurate economic benefits their talents provide to the university.

The crowd of 150 was actively engaged in dialogue in a highly charged, town-hall atmosphere at the conclusion of Dr. Sack's presentation.

Dr. Sack has also appeared on numerous radio and television shows, including *Good Morning America*, *The MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour*, and *ESPN's Outside the Lines*.

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