



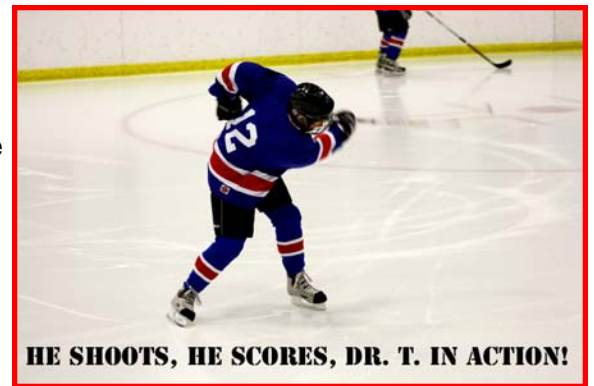
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**UNMC PT Education: Excellence Built on Goodness**

**Director's Corner**

I have just experienced some of the most exciting, energizing 5 months of my entire professional career. Highlights definitely include all the fun meetings I have had with wonderful people from UNMC, Omaha, Nebraska City, Wisner, and Lincoln. In addition, I must say I had a blast at my first Cornhusker football game, and my first UNO hockey game! In my free time, you can expect to find me at UNO hockey games or practicing my slap shot at some Omaha rink.

I have learned much through all my meetings with students, alumni, community stakeholders and university administrators. I am very appreciative of all the time people have spent sharing their opinions with me. One consistent theme that has emerged throughout all my dialogues is the desire to learn more about all the great things that are happening at UNMC Division of Physical Therapy Education. Communication is vital, and in many ways, is getting easier with the advancement of communication technologies. As a way of responding to the request of being kept up-to-date about all our activities, we developed a Division of Physical Therapy Education facebook page, and have transitioned to distributing our newsletter quarterly in an electronic manner. This is the first such newsletter and we hope that it helps keep you informed of all our activities. We hope to encourage bidirectional communication through our facebook site and this newsletter format. We would like to know about your significant accomplishments, just as you want to know of ours. You can help spread the word about our program by forwarding this newsletter to folks who might be interested. I am all about creating community, whether through direct meetings, or via technology.



**HE SHOOTS, HE SCORES, DR. T. IN ACTION!**

Finally, on behalf of the entire faculty, staff and student body in the Division of Physical Therapy Education I wish you and yours a most blessed holiday season and a wonderful 2011. I love a quote about the holiday season by Hamilton Wright Mabie, "Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!" I hope that you get time to relax and enjoy the company of loved-ones during the holiday season, and that you make wonderful memories that will make you smile and laugh for many years to come. I know that 2011 will be a time of great growth for this division and I look forward to working with all of you to make this happen. Blessings to you all, Jack

**SAVE THE DATES:**

- Continuing Education Opportunity

The APTA Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Course will be offered at the Nebraska APTA Spring Meeting in North Platte, Nebraska, on April 8-9, 2011. Faculty include Tammy Roehrs, PT, MA, NCS, from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Kelly Nelson, PT, DPT, PCS, from Creighton University Medical Center.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The program addresses issues of planning and preparing for physical therapy students during their clinical education experiences, developing learning experiences and supporting ongoing learning through questioning and effective feedback. Additional information is posted on the Nebraska Chapter APTA website. Please contact Judy Kramolisch at the Nebraska Chapter office ([judy@npta.org](mailto:judy@npta.org)) to register for this course. We hope to see many of you there!

- Alumni Reunion 2011: September 30-October 1 at Embassy Suites Old Market, Omaha, NE

## UNMC Division of PT Education in the News

Jack Turman, Jr., PhD., PT and Reggie Harbourne, PhD, PT: On separate occasions interviewed by National Public Radio regarding issues related to preterm infants.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Katherine Jones, PhD, PT: Appointed to California Geriatric Education Center Advisory Committee

Katherine Jones, PhD, PT: Received Rural Health Achievement in Excellence Award from Nebraska Rural Health Association

Grace Johnson, DPT: Finished her transitional DPT from Arcadia University.

Pat Hageman, PhD, PT: Announced as a member of the US Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary Community-Based Linkages

Pat Hageman, PhD, PT: NIH grant for which she is a co-investigator was funded.

Joe Norman, PhD, PT: Was selected as a representative of the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section at the Evidence-Based Documents and GRADE Methodology Workshop sponsored by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

## SAHP Tour Nebraska



Kyle Meyer PhD, PT, Associate Dean of the SAHP, led a team of SAHP Faculty on a four day tour of western Nebraska communities in September of 2010. The group, which included Tammy Roehrs, Director of Clinical Education for PT Education, made visits to clinical sites and community partners in North Platte, Alliance, Chadron, Scottsbluff/Gering, Sidney, and Ogallala. The intent of the visit was to discuss how the SAHP may continue to partner with these communities to meet their health needs, and to meet with and thank the Clinical Faculty teaching UNMC students on internships. Photo: From left: Tammy Roehrs, Daryl Conger (an icon in the PT world; now retired), Dr. Kyle Meyer

## Serving Community

**Building Physical Therapy in Afghanistan:** Kathy Volkman, MS, PT, NCS, collected and organized materials about physical therapy education and practice for dissemination through the Afghanistan Higher Education Project. This project consists of American universities working with Kabul Medical School to rebuild health professions education and infrastructure in Afghanistan. We are proud to be the physical therapy program that is contributing to this important effort.



**Community Disaster Response Education:** Joe Norman, PhD, PT, CCS, FAACVPR New guidelines from FEMA now direct that individuals with functional needs be cared for in general population shelters during a disaster. In October, the UNMC Center for Preparedness conducted workshops in Ashland, NE and Grand Island, NE, addressing the new guidelines with an emphasis on the new Personal Assistance Services required. Dr. Norman was one of the presenters at these workshops addressing mobility and ADL issues related to Personal Assistance Services which disaster volunteers need to consider, and have skills in performing, to comply with these new guidelines.

## Alumni Updates:

THIS IS FOR YOU TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS! LET US KNOW INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US TO PASS ON TO YOUR CLASSMATES – EMAIL US WITH UPDATES AT [jack.turman@unmc.edu](mailto:jack.turman@unmc.edu)

One final request: If you learn of a classmate who is not receiving this electronic newsletter, please let us know of their email address so that we can be sure to contact them.

**Make sure to join us on facebook (UNMC Division of Physical Therapy Education)**