The Robinson Review
What’s Happenin’ in
Health, Sport & Exercise Sciences

Herda Welcomed to Exercise Science

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Trent Herda to the HSES faculty. Dr. Herda comes to us from the University of Oklahoma where he recently completed his doctoral training. Trent’s research at OU studied skeletal muscle physiology and performance. In particular, he has expertise in the nervous activation of muscle (EMG), and the emerging area of mechanomyography (the vibration characteristics of contracting muscle). This past July, Dr. Herda was recognized by the National Strength & Conditioning Association for his excellence in research. Trent will take over as Director of the Biomechanics Laboratory. HSES is pleased to welcome Trent to KU and to Lawrence!

Governor Recognizes Athletic Training Month

Governor Sam Brownback is shown below, along with Secretary of State Chris Kobach, at the state house in Topeka signing the proclamation recognizing last March as National Athletic Training Month in Kansas. Pictured (L to R): Lynn Bott (Baker University), Jacob Brownback and Megan Cole (both KU AT students), Murphy Grant (KU Athletics Director of Sports Medicine), Dr. Phillip Vardiman (HSES Athletic Training Clinical Director), Steve Ice (Washburn University) and Eric Magette (Eudora, KS High School). HSES is extremely proud that KU was so well represented at this momentous occasion.
Frederick Latest Naismith Speaker

Dr. Brian Frederick, executive director of Sportsfans.org based in Washington, D.C., was the featured speaker for the Dr. James Naismith Lecture Series this past spring. Brian is son of the late Dr. Bob Frederick, former KU Athletics Director and HSES faculty member. Brian’s talk was titled “Making some noise: educating and empowering sports fans”. The organization he leads is instrumental in advocating for fans in the big business world of modern sports. His talk was intriguing and provided the attendees much to think about in the current sports world.

KU to Host 2012 KAHPERD Conference

The fall of 2012 will mark the first time KU has hosted the annual conference for KAHPERD in over a quarter-century. The bid to host the conference was led by the co-directors of the 2012 conference, Dr. Wayne Osness and Dr. Andrew Fry. While KU has not had a strong presence at KAHPERD activities in recent decades, the past few years has witnessed a resurgence with KU faculty and students having a stronger presence. The Kansas conference is particularly strong with well over 700 members regularly attending. HSES is excited to be given this opportunity and are looking forward to opening our doors to our colleagues.

HSES Students, Staff & Faculty Recognized

For almost a half century, HSES has annually recognized high achievers in our department. Among this year’s award recipients at our April ceremony are the following:

Faculty — Dr. Bernie Kish
Staff — Byron McConnaughey

Students —
• Charlie Forsythe
• Dylan Long
• Mason Haggerty
• Rachel August
• Kameron Kontour
• Dylan Holtkamp
• Sheryl Miller
• Megan Cole
• Theresa Brown

• Brent Blazek
• Jeffrey Slater
• John (Nick) Janes
• Mark Ross
• Dylan Mumaw
• Ethan Gechter
• Lindsey Heft
• Daniel Kenner
• Ashley Frankian
• Joe Beyer
• Justin Maresh

Congratulations to all and thank you to our donors!

Announcements

Regan Dodd, doctoral student in Health & Psychology of Physical Activity was awarded a Summer Research Fellowship from the KU Office of Research & Graduate Studies. This prestigious award will permit Regan to complete her doctoral research.

First year doctoral student in Exercise Physiology Matt Andre received awards for research presented at both the Central States ACSM conference last October in Lawrence, as well as the ACSM National Conference this past May in Denver.