



# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Spring 2003

Edited By: Erin Rieben and Barb Spears, DPT Class of 2005

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I would once again like to extend a hearty greeting to all of the alumni and friends of the UD Physical Therapy Department. Some exciting things have happened since we sent out our last alumni newsletter.

The Department added a new tenure-track faculty position, which was filled by Dr. Katherine Rudolph. Katy has been in a temporary teaching position in our department for the past three years and we are very pleased to see her in this new permanent position. The new tenure-track faculty position was the result of our recent increase in grant funding. Over the past year the department has been fortunate to be part of two very large grants, totaling nearly ten million dollars. Both grants are from the National Institute for Health and involve collaborations with the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Over the last year we have also seen major changes in our PT program. This past July we welcomed our first class of DPT students. Thus far, implementing the new curriculum has gone smoothly. Although the new curriculum was built on our outstanding MPT curriculum, there are several new components. We now have weekly rounds that are led by the faculty and clinic staff. Please see our web page for the weekly topics and feel free to join us. Finally, we had another successful homecoming celebration. Thanks to Paul Schweitzer's generous contribution, we were able to sponsor our third annual homecoming alumni lecture. Dr. Anthony Delitto from the University of Pittsburgh gave a great lecture on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, the rain moved our "tent" into the field house, but did not dampen our spirits. Lots of alumni stopped by.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage all of our alumni to mark their calendars for two upcoming events. First, the PT Department and DAPTA are sponsoring a recep-

tion for UD alumni this June 20<sup>th</sup> at the annual APTA meeting to be held in Washington DC. Please use the accompanying response form to let Cyndi know if you will be attending. The last time we sponsored such a reception, we had a great response from alumni. This reception will be very special for Lynn Snyder-Mackler and me. It will be a celebration noting our election as Catherine Worthingham Fellows of the APTA. This is a great honor; Lynn and I hope you can join us. The second event is our annual homecoming celebration on October 17 and 18, 2003. Please plan to attend the first annual golf outing (being organized by our students), the lecture on Friday evening (details to follow), and our tent on Saturday morning before the game. We are planning to make this a special event for those alumni celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup> class reunions. Please contact Tara Manal (831-8893 or tarajo@udel.edu) if you are a member of any of these classes and are interested in organizing this event. We can really use your help. Also, if anyone is interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring any of these events, please let me know.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those alumni and friends who provided financial support to the department over the past year. Special thanks must be extended to Dr. Michael Axe for supporting three of our first year DPT students on partial (50%) graduate assistantships and Paul Schweitzer/Pro Physical Therapy for supporting one additional student. If anyone is interested in providing a student with at least a 50% stipend (\$3000/semester), the University will waive tuition proportional to the percentage of the stipend. Please let me know if you would like to learn more about this program. I am pleased to report that the number of alumni who contributed to the department and the total dollars contributed has continued to grow. All of the gift money that we

received over the past year was used to support the PT students graduation ceremony, partially fund student travel to the annual student conclave (unfortunately we did not have enough to partially support student travel to the national meetings this year), underwrite the cost of copying and mailing this newsletter, and pay for the costs associated with the homecoming events.

Although we have cut costs where possible (e.g., going with an electronic newsletter for those alumni that use email), we are not able to support all of these activities at the level that we would like. So, I ask our alumni who have not yet contributed over the past year to consider making a contribution. If EVERY alumnus contributed a small

amount, we would not only have money both to support fully all of our current activities, we would be able to offer scholarships and assistantships to needy students. **Also, when you make your contribution, please be sure to designate your gift specifically to the Physical Therapy Department.**

In closing I would like to wish all of our alumni and friends health and happiness. I hope to see you in Washington or Newark real soon.

Best wishes and regards,

Stuart Binder-Macleod, PT, PhD, FAPTA  
Professor and Chair

### Calendar of Events

APTA National Conference	6/18-6/22
Alumni Gathering at APTA Conference (Details Inside!)	6/20
Graduation- MPT Class of 2003	7/26
Homecoming	10/17-10/19
Alumni Homecoming Golf Outing (Details Inside!)	10/17



## UD SWITCHES TO DPT

BY: ADAM WACHTER, SECRETARY, MPT CLASS OF 2003

With approximately 61 accredited Doctorate of Physical Therapy programs in the United States today, the University of Delaware decided to convert their program to this degree. As part of the final masters class of physical therapy at U of D, we were introduced to the new DPT class in the summer of 2002, and they will be the first DPT graduates in the winter of 2005. The new program replaces the previous MPT program and includes changes to the curriculum. The MPT program of old was 71+ hours of class and clinical experience and was finished over a span of 2 years, faster than many other mas-

ters programs around the nation. The new program will span 2 ½ years, with an extra summer and fall semester to increase the hour load to 105. The masters program required the completion of 5 clinical experiences outside of the university and a part-time internship at the PT clinic that is located in the basement of McKinly Laboratory. The curriculum of the DPT program includes 3 full-time and 3 part-time clinical experiences. In addition to a part-time internship in the UD PT clinic, DPT students will complete both geriatric and pediatric integrated clinical experiences. The application and admission procedures



remain the same for the two programs. The faculty senate unanimously approved the proposition of the DPT program in March of 2002.

### ATTENTION ALUMNI!!!



Alumni funds are used to fund each year's graduation reception, Alumni Homecoming Celebration and student travel to the National Student Conclave and National APTA Conference.

If you would like to make a gift in support of our program, you may do so online by going to [www.udel.edu/makeagift](http://www.udel.edu/makeagift) and make sure to designate your donation to the **Physical Therapy Department**. To make a pledge, pay by credit card or mail in a check after filling out the form online. Your financial support provides many opportunities for students to benefit from a quality education.

Thank you!

## NEW DPT PROGRAM INCLUDES COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPONENT

BY ERIN RIEBEN AND BARB SPEARS, DPT CLASS OF 2005

With the switch from the old MPT curriculum to the new DPT program, the Department decided to include a community service requirement. Already this year PT students have been active in the Newark community in various capacities. Some of their volunteer work is summarized below.

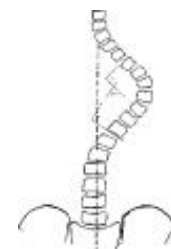
- ... **Newark Community Days** ~ PT students manned an information booth, answering community questions about physical therapy.
- ... **A Women's Race Against Breast Cancer** ~ In celebration of PT Month in October, PT students helped the DPTA hand out PT information and rice krispie treats to race par-

ticipants.

- ... **MS Society Bike to the Bay** ~ PT student provided musculoskeletal interventions and massages to race participants.
- ... **Hippotherapy** ~ Students work with PTs in developing and implementing therapy programs for children with disabilities on horseback.
- ... **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and MS Society Golf Tournaments** ~ PT students provided musculoskeletal interventions and massages for tournament participants.
- ... **MS Assessment Clinic** ~ Students perform physical therapy evaluations of the clients and escort clients through the various disciplines of the clinic.
- ... **Assisting individuals in the community**

**with a variety of disabilities** ~ Several students work with various individuals with disabilities, assisting them with ADLs and home exercise programs.

- ... **Scoliosis Screenings** ~ A group of PT students went to an area middle school to perform scoliosis screenings on students.



# MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS ASSESSMENT CLINIC UPDATE

BY: SCOTT BACKOFEN, MPT CLASS OF 2003



people who have Multiple Sclerosis and are members of the Delaware MS Soci-

The Delaware Multiple Sclerosis Society in conjunction with the University of Delaware Physical Therapy Department has been sponsoring the Multiple Sclerosis Assessment Clinic for the past three years. Coordinated by Ken Seaman, MA, PT, this service is provided to

ety. It provides them with a chance to obtain recommendations on their condition and discuss their questions and concerns with health care professionals.

Today, patients enjoy evaluations by professionals in ten different disciplines: physical therapy, occupational therapy, nutrition, energy expenditure, gait analysis, optometry, counseling, massage, DME and personal training.

In the fall, second year MPT students ran the program under Mr. Seaman's direction and coor-

dination, along with first year DPT students who volunteered to help and learn valuable skills from the older students. In the spring, when the MPT students left for their rotations, the DPT students took over the show, with Dana Jenson and Becky O'Neill serving as the new student managers for the MS Assessment Clinic.

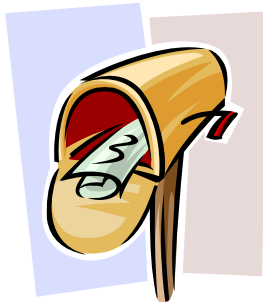


## UD PT ALUMNI NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE

An enhanced version of the UD PT newsletter is now available on-line. The department decided to publish the newsletter on-line to cut the cost of mailing the publication each year. The on-line version of the newsletter also features additional photos, files and links that are not available in the printed version.

The on-line version includes further information on faculty activities, publications and presentations this year as well as more in-depth coverage of student activities.

The on-line newsletter features links to register for upcoming events, such as the alumni reception at the APTA National Conference this summer and the Alumni Homecoming gold outing in the fall. The alumni newsletter will be updated with information about alumni events as more information becomes available.



If you would like to read the alumni newsletter online instead of receiving the printed publication, E-mail Mrs. Rita Pennypacker (rpenny@udel.edu) and request to be added to the alumni e-mail list. We will e-mail you a web link for the newsletter each time it is revised.



The online version of the newsletter can be found at:

[Http://www.udel.edu/pt/alumni/newsletter03.html](http://www.udel.edu/pt/alumni/newsletter03.html)

## KEN SEAMAN, PT, MS RECEIVES 3 AWARDS IN 2002

Ken Seaman, academic coordinator of clinical education in the Department of Physical Therapy recently received three honors recognizing his volunteer service.

In February, Seaman was one of five Delawareans to receive the 2002 Jefferson Award.

Each spring, *The News Journal* and the American Institute for Public Service recognize Delawareans who are worthy of this award

*"Seaman was one of five Delawareans to receive the 2002 Jefferson Award"*

and host a luncheon in their honor.

Mr. Seaman also received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Delaware for his service. One of Mr. Seaman's contributions to the MS Society of Delaware is the MS Assessment Clinic which he started and directs within the Department of Physical Therapy, at the University of Delaware.



## FEATURED ALUMNA: DR. JILL BLACK

BY: ERIN RIEBEN AND BARB SPEARS, DPT CLASS OF 2005

Powered by three degrees from the University of Delaware, Dr. Jill Black has taken her passion for physical therapy and education everywhere from Delaware classrooms, to homeless shelters in Philadelphia, to remote Mexican villages. Jill began her career at the University of Delaware as a physical therapy student and earned a Bachelors of Science degree in 1987. She continued her education, earning a Masters in Exercise Physiology in 1992 and a Doctor of Education in 1999.

Jill has put her degrees to good use. She has worked as a physical therapist as well as an administrator for Southern Delaware Physical Therapy, an outpatient clinic, for the past five years. Her special interests include spinal cord injury and cancer. A particular interest in breast cancer has led Jill to acquire a specific certification in the

treatment of breast cancer lymphedema.

In addition to practicing in Delaware, Jill has taken her physical therapy skills to Mexico while working with Mission to the World, a medical mission arm of the Presbyterian Church. She has made 26 trips over the past 13 years.

Jill's degrees have also come in handy in her role as an educator. For the past 10 years, she has served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Delaware. She also has worked with PT students at Thomas Jefferson University, conducting qualitative research on these students as they worked and interacted with people who came to a homeless shelter in Philadelphia. This past fall, she was recognized by the APTA when she received the Stanford Award, which is

given to the author of the most influential and innovative article appearing in the Journal of Physical Therapy Education, for her article chronicling this research. *"Hands of Hope": A Qualitative Investigation of a Student Physical Therapy Clinic in a Homeless Shelter* was featured in the Fall 2002 issue of the JOPTE.

Since last November, Jill has switched to a part-time therapist at Southern Delaware PT in order to devote time to her new position as Director of the Physical Therapy Assistant Program at Delaware Technical and Community College. In addition to serving as director, she also instructs courses in orthopedics, patient management, and administration. Her enthusiasm for physical therapy and energetic teaching style both stimulate and inspire her students, who come away from her courses with a new outlook on the field.

## IN MEMORIAM: CATHERINE DOETZER KOHLENSTEIN

(1/23/1957 - 12/30/2002)

BY: ERIN RIEBEN AND BARB SPEARS, DPT CLASS OF 2005

Known for her infectious enthusiasm and "can-do" attitude, Catherine Doetzer Kohlenstein (Cathy) played a positive role in the University of Delaware Physical Therapy Department both as a student and as an educator. Cathy came to the UDPT program from a career in teaching and graduated with her Masters in Physical Therapy degree in 1996. After graduation, Cathy went to work as a physical therapist at the Fort Howard VA in Maryland, where she spent her entire career.

However, her dedication to the field of physical therapy and education did not stop there. Cathy also became involved with the Institute of Physical Art (IPA) which offers post-graduate courses in functional manual therapy and movement reeducation. She earned certifications in several areas of physical art and also served as an instructor for the institute. With this expertise, she opened a small practice with a partner that was very successful.

She made strong impressions on her colleagues both personally and professionally. Jamie McMahan, a co-worker from Fort Howard VA stated, "Her level of dedication and commit-

ment not only to her patients, but also to her colleagues was unparalleled. She strived for the best in herself while also influencing those around her to also push themselves to perfection. Her commitment to education and continued mastery of this profession was her greatest asset, and is the one trait that will be greatly missed." Stacy Jenkins, another colleague, described Cathy's unique qualities by saying, "she was truly one of a kind. It is rare you find therapists these days with her level of

tenacity, drive and devotion toward her patients. A gifted manual therapist and motivator- she is greatly missed."

Cathy stayed connected to her roots in education as well as the University of Delaware by serving both as a clinical instructor (CI) and as a guest lecturer in the Advanced Seminar courses that are part of the UDPT curriculum. As a CI for students from the University of Delaware as well as other programs, Cathy demonstrated a true eagerness to share her knowledge with students and a genuine enthusiasm towards clinical education. Cathy's enthusiasm invariably spread to her students who learned

a lot under her tutelage. Her dedication to clinical education garnered her the first ever Clinical Educator's Award conferred by the University of Delaware at the 1999 commencement exercises. This award is given annually to the individual who has made outstanding contributions to the clinical education of University of Delaware students, and the award will now be named in her honor. Cathy passed away on December 30, 2002 after a two year battle with leukemia. She is survived by three sons.

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**WANT TO SAVE TREES AND DEPARTMENT MONEY?**

If you would like to read the alumni newsletter online instead of receiving the printed publication, E-mail Mrs. Rita Pennypacker (rpenny@udel.edu) and request to be added to the alumni e-mail list. We will e-mail you a web link for the newsletter each time it is completed.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 2003

BY: MELISSA REDMAN, MPT CLASS OF 2003

From studying for exams and practicals to volunteering for a variety of physical therapy-related activities, the MPT Class of 2003's days (and often evenings and weekends too) have been very busy during the past year. Our class has provided massages at Bike to the Bay, the Easter Seals volleyball tournament, and several golf tournaments supporting research for cystic fibrosis and multiple sclerosis. Several students have been involved with hippotherapy

or provided assistance to individuals with disabilities in the community. We have also helped the MPT Class of 2002 graduate and welcomed the DPT Class of 2005.

During our final semester of classes together, we have studied a variety of topics, including women's health, vestibular rehabilitation, and aquatic therapy. We have also been preparing for our last three rotations, making final preparations for our

graduation on July 26, 2003, and beginning the search for jobs. The past year has flown by and we are anxious to begin our professional careers as physical therapists.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 2005

BY: KATHRYN CUNNINGHAM, DPT CLASS OF 2005

With the start of the spring semester, the first class of DPTs is well on their way to the start of a much-anticipated profession. Approximately two-thirds of the class is enrolled in our first integrated clinical affiliation. Students are placed in the UDPT clinic in McKinly for the orthopedic outpatient requirement or in local geriatric clinics for the geriatric component of the new DPT program. The class is looking forward to our first full-time affiliation in an acute care setting this summer.

Outside of the classroom, the class knows how to have fun, too. The majority of the class participated in Bike to the Bay in October. After a hard day's work of providing massages to worn out bikers, we headed back out to the Rusty Rudder for a little fun.

A few weeks later Halloween was upon us and it can't be Halloween without dressing up. The second years hoaxed the first years into dressing up for a costume contest, although none of the MPT students opted to dress up. They say "it's tradition." Austin Powers took first place, a Dr. Mettler look-alike took second,

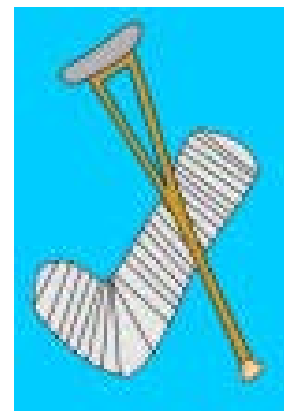
and a scooter biker babe came in third. There were plenty of good costumes and many blackmail pictures to prove it. For the spring semester, the class has a huge fundraising

event ahead of them. We will be working at UD men's and women's lacrosse games, taking tickets and running scores. We hope to add a large sum of money to our fundraising account by the time the semester is over. A portion of the money will be donated to the APTA's Foundation for Physical Therapy, as part of the 2003 Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge.

We hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits. We enjoy meeting alumni and would appreciate any advice you have for us. Please do not hesitate to stop in and see us in McKinly...we are always here!

### Welcome to the DPT Class of 2005!

- Kathryn Cunningham, University of Delaware
- Tina Ward, University of Delaware
- Mary Saari, Smith College
- Barb Spears, University of Notre Dame
- Lissa Kutz, University of Delaware
- Michael Pinkney, University of Delaware
- Sara Shields, Connecticut College
- Jessica Sander, University of Delaware
- Amy Evertz, James Madison University
- Jill Cameron, University of Delaware
- Renée Spurio, University of Delaware
- Dana Jenson, University of Delaware
- Michelle Stack, University of Delaware
- Ryan Mackey, Harding University
- Brian Powell, Villanova University
- Erin Burlovich, James Madison University
- Maria Loiacono, University of Delaware
- Jen Wallace, University of Delaware
- Erin Patterson, Virginia Tech
- Erin Rieben, James Madison University
- Emily Leaf, University of Richmond
- Becky O'Neill, University of Delaware
- Mandy Merritt, University of Delaware
- Amber Wisotzkey, Pennsylvania State Univ.
- Jumaah Johnson, Ursinus College
- Jennifer Haus, University of Delaware
- Kristy Nowell, Elizabethtown College
- Leanne Brofee, Messiah College
- Daniel Rosman, University of Delaware
- Matt Morgan, Messiah College
- Kim Shemer, University of Maryland
- Scott McGillen, University of Delaware



## MPT VS. DPT SOFTBALL GAME

BY: MIKE DREW, MPT CLASS OF 2003

While academic excellence is a common trait among Delaware students, the MPT class of 2003 decided to welcome their younger peers by testing their athletic prowess on the field. The decision was made to present a challenge in the form of a "MPT vs. DPT Softball" game which would test the will (and arms) of both classes..



Challenge offered, offer accepted... A "Field of Dreams" vision entranced the players as they approached the field. Pristinely manicured grass glistened in the sun enclosing the richly soiled earth of the

infield. An excitement that can only be felt, but not described by every true fan who ever played the game filled the air as the teams took the field. Yet as they did, illusions of grandeur became reality and "Field of Dream" visions degraded into "The Bad News Bears"... clearly these people are destined for careers as professional physical therapists and NOT professional ball players. But leaders are often gauged not by the strength of their arms, but by their will, pride, and drive to succeed—these teams had plenty.

And so the challenge began, each team sending their best to swing, dive, throw, and catch in an effort to bring glory back to their respective classes. MPT's struck early jumping out to a quick lead and adding to it through 7 innings. MPT second-year student



Dan "Stan" Van House attempted to distract opponents by wearing green striped knee-high tube socks in some sort of "sensory overload" tactic to daze and confuse them.

The plan, unfortunately, may have back-fired as the MPT club suddenly became "dazed and confused" themselves, allowing the DPT's to rip off 8 straight runs in the 8th inning of the game. MPT "team mascot" and cheerleader Kevin O'Neill was sent to try and poison the young DPT minds, but to no avail. The damage was done.

Although a valiant come-back was staged for the 9th inning, the DPT's went on to win in a 20-18 shoot-out.



## 2002 GRADUATION

BY: KEVIN O'NEILL, MPT CLASS OF 2003

At last, the countdown had finally ended. All of the stress and hard work had finally culminated into this day.

Cynthia Barbe led her class as she recalled the trials and tribulations of the class' past two years. A slide show showed family members some of the "PT school" experiences as the graduates sat sheepishly in their seats and laughed or reminisced about some of their "finer" moments in school. The slide show was both sentimental and comical as it portrayed the progression of the class of 2002 from bewildered first year students to professional physical therapists.

Dr. Cole Galloway was the elected speaker at graduation, in which he delivered a speech that provoked both reflection and introspection. Dr. Galloway spoke highly of the class and highlighted some of the adventures that lay before the graduating class as they enter into the professional world. An important message of the speech

was the impact that each and every member of the class of 2002 was going to have on a person's life as a physical therapist. Dr. Galloway bid them well and good luck in meeting the challenges that they were about to encounter.

*The class said all of their tearful good-byes as they each went to embark on their new journey... finding a job!*

Brian Murray, the class-elected speaker, delivered a speech that conveyed an important message to his fellow classmates and thanked them for their support over the last two years. The speech was filled with anecdotal humor and various quotations that truly conveyed the class personality and the tight bond between its members.

The class of 2002 thanked the UDPT department with a few gifts to show their appreciation. Each faculty member was given an engraved license plate and a coffee mug to thank them



for their knowledge and patience. The class also presented a bookshelf to the clinic, which now is the home for the various joint models that are used for educating students and patients. The bookshelf was a welcomed gift to the newly renovated clinic.

The class of 2002 ended the day with one more gathering at Klondike Kate's where they spent the night toasting, reminiscing, and by late-night "cuttin' the rug." The class said all of their tearful good-byes as they each went to embark on their new journey... finding a job!



# APTA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2002

BY: MIKE DREW, MPT CLASS OF 2003



The population of Cincinnati, Ohio temporarily increased by thousands as physical therapy enthusiasts from throughout the country flocked to the city for the APTA National Conference. From June 5th-8th, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, students, researchers, and exhibitors took part in and/or attended various presentations, demonstrations, award ceremonies, and social events to commemorate one of the APTA's largest meetings.

The University of Delaware was represented by a number of students and instructors. MPT students

Brooke Darby, Airelle Hunter, Sara Farquhar, Adrienne Green, Mike Drew, Kevin Schultz, and Melissa Redman attended the conference for the first time. Instructors Tara Jo Manal, Laura Schmitt, and Dr. Michael Axe presented a seminar on Arthrofibrosis, while Ken Seaman led a poster presentation on the development and implementation of clinical internships and the impact they have on graduate's careers.

UD PT also received recognition at Friday's Honors and Awards Ceremony. The Class of 2003 President, Melissa Redman, accepted honorable mention for the 2002 Pittsburgh-

Marquette Challenge. This competition, started in 1989 by Marquette University PT students, is a fundraising contest between 30 schools to fund clinical research supported by the Foundation for Physical Therapy. Raina Domneys, a second-year MPT student, accepted the APTA's Minority Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence, while the Chattanooga Research Award was presented to Scott Stackhouse, Jennifer Stevens, Dr. Stuart Binder-Macleod, Dr. Samuel Lee, and Dr. Lynn Snyder-Mackler for their work.

## ALUMNI: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



The University of Delaware Physical Therapy Department and the Delaware Chapter of the APTA

Request the honor of your presence at the Annual Physical Therapy Alumni Reception

On Friday, June 20, 2003  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

At the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel  
999 Ninth Street, NW  
Washington, D.C.

In addition to honoring our Alumni,  
We will also honor the following award recipients:

Dr. Stuart Binder-Macleod and Dr. Lynn Snyder-Mackler  
Catherine Worthingham Fellows of the APTA Award  
And

Ms. Adrienne Green  
Minority Scholarship Fund APTA Award

Please RSVP by June 6th at: <http://www.udel.edu/PT/alumni/newsletter03/form.html>  
Contact Cyndi Haley ([chaley@udel.edu](mailto:chaley@udel.edu)) with any questions.

## NATIONAL STUDENT CONCLAVE 2002

BY: ERIN RIEBEN, SECRETARY, DPT CLASS OF 2005

The APTA's 10th Annual Student Conclave was held October 25th-27th in Birmingham, Alabama. Physical therapy and physical therapy assistant students from around the country gathered to participate in interactive clinical sessions and workshops on resume writing, networking skills, and job

search strategies. There was also an exhibit area ripe with employers, recruiters, and freebies from around the country. A student dance contest and talent show were held in the evenings to help the students unwind.

First year UD DPT students Kat Cunningham, Dana Jenson and Erin

Rieben were among the students who enjoyed Birmingham's southern hospitality. They attended clinical sessions in pediatrics, aquatic therapy, and sports injuries and took full advantage of any freebies offered to them in the exhibit hall. This conference was a great opportunity for them to meet other PT students from across the country.

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### UD PT ALUMNI RECEPTION AT THE 2003 APTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**When:** Friday, June 20, 2003

**Where:** Room 7

The Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel  
999 9th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001-4427

Contact Cyndi Haley at [chaley@udel.edu](mailto:chaley@udel.edu) for more information. RSVP online today at:  
<http://www.udel.edu/PT/alumni/newsletter03/form.html>

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING GOLF OUTING

The UD PT Club is interested in organizing more events for both former and present students to gather as one. A relatively new idea is for a Homecoming alumni golf outing on Friday, October 17, 2003 at the Club at Patriot's Glen in Elkton, MD. With a great number of alumni returning for the weekend's festivities, we feel it would be ideal to add one more reason for our graduates to return. We are hoping to receive feedback on the idea before any further planning takes place.

As mentioned, all plans for this event are in the extremely early stages. We would like to get a preliminary "head count" before finalizing our plans. All graduates who are interested in seeing this event take place, please contact Scott McGillen, a first year DPT student, at [scottmcgillen@yahoo.com](mailto:scottmcgillen@yahoo.com). As long as interest is high, more information concerning this event will be out soon.

Information on the golf course can be found at [www.patriotsglen.com](http://www.patriotsglen.com)

