



A Busy Year for ATS Club

Submitted by Heath Duncan, ATS Club President

The Athletic Training Student Club was busy this year! At Christmas, our Pie-a-Senior contest raised over \$300, which was donated to a local family. Seniors Charles Lane and Leslie Dent “earned” the pies and were pictured in the March issue of NATA News! We celebrated National Athletic Training Month by hosting the 2nd Annual Athletic Trainer Olympics—always an exciting event. Our busy April included participating in a Relay for Life team, holding a carwash, and selling Krispy Kreme donuts at the Pirate Pig-Skin Pigout. Our annual North-South softball game ended with a South win by 1 run.

Several students attended the district convention in Virginia Beach and we were pleased to help sponsor the alumni social!! Find us online at www.atsclub.webs.com!!



Congratulations, Graduates!



Six undergraduates walked across the stage in Minges Coliseum on Saturday, May 9, 2009, to receive their diplomas. Though four years spent together, they now pursue their own and separate next steps, which include: Charles Lane, summer internship at the Cleveland Browns and student-teaching in health education this fall; Leslie

Dent, Kent State University, graduate assistantship in athletics; Cal Hall, Tulane University, graduate assistantship in athletics; Tawanna Alston, residing in Durham, NC; Matt Lisk, East Carolina University, pursuing Doctorate of Physical Therapy at ECU; Matt Green, student teaching in health education this fall. Jana Staley, earning ECU’s first ever conferred master’s degree in athletic training, has accepted a position with Deep River Rehab in Asheboro, NC, providing athletic training outreach to a nearby high school. Athletic graduate assistants Allegra Lucia and Nathan Borget also graduated and are pursuing careers in athletic training.

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Perfect Weather Backdrops First-Annual Alumni Events at ECU



Although the number of alumni in attendance was small, the fellowship and laughs were not! The Homecoming tailgate couldn't have been on a more beautiful day in October, 2008. Under the recognizable Gatorade tent, alum, students, AT staff, and families ate, shared stories of days in the ATR, and old friends made new plans.

The Pirate Pigskin Pig-out on Friday, April 17, was a night of fun. Will Woodcock, '04 and Jason Doctor, '04 organized the night of fun. Our team

t-shirts "From Tape to Pigs, We've Got Ya' Covered" were an exciting addition to the Group. There are only 5 left and we're selling these for \$10 to raise money for the AT Alumni Group (contact rogerssh@ecu.edu to order). Before the spring football game the following day, several gathered at the family-friendly tent social and enjoyed the sunny skies, 85 degree temp, and the NC barbecue.

We hope to see YOU at the upcoming 2nd Annual events!

NC Economic Crisis Dooms Group Activities

The 2009 NC budget shortfall will surpass \$3 billion and consequently most state monies supporting ECU initiatives have been halted. In fact, NC employees, including all of ECU faculty and staff, are experiencing a mandatory furlough and associated 0.5% salary reduction. This state economic situation is expected to worsen for several years, affecting course offerings, faculty and staff positions, and available university resources. *Now more than ever, your contributions to the ECU Athletic Training Alumni Group are critical in order for the Group to continue to hold socials, publish this newsletter, or reinvest in the programs' students.* Please send your contribution to Tammy Garris, Office of Gift Records, Greenville Centre, Room 2212, 2200 South Charles Blvd, Greenville, NC, 27858. Checks can be made to Athletic Trainers Alumni Fund.

Pirate AT's Travel to Liberty Bowl

Submitted by Kyle Scharer, Assistant Athletic Trainer



Following a successful 2008 regular season, the Pirate Football program made the exciting trip to Memphis, Tennessee for the 50th Anniversary of the Auto Zone Liberty Bowl. The athletic training travel party consisted of AT students Heath Duncan, Kory Ison, Charles Lane, Emily Richey, Sadie Thomas, and Adam Wall, as well as head AT Mike Hanley and assistant AT Kyle Scharer. Highlights of the trip included a Memphis Grizzlies basketball game, a pro rodeo, a trip to Graceland, New Year's Eve on

historic Beale Street, and of course all of the Memphis barbecue you could eat! The 2009 Liberty Bowl no doubt made for a fun experience for both AT staff and students alike.

*"From Tape to Pigs,
We've Got Ya' Covered"*

Seniors Selected to Experience the Pro's

*Submitted by Katie Walsh,
UG Program Director*

This summer, several of our very motivated students are going pro! Four rising seniors sought and earned opportunities to shadow athletic trainers in professional sports settings: Erin Dowd secured a summer experience with the WNBA team, the Detroit Shock; Adam Wall is headed to Indianapolis via the NFL Minority scholarship to work with the Colts; ATS Club President, Heath Duncan is Atlanta-bound to work with the Falcons; and Daniel Hayes is working in Kinston, NC with our alum, Chad Wolfe, '01, and the Kinston Indians baseball team. Having one student represent our program in the professional ranks is quite an accomplishment, having four is outstanding!

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ALUMNI UPDATES

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Amanda Upchurch, '08, graduate assistant at NCSU, reunited with former ECU peers at the ECU @ NCSU FB game.



Bryan Grimley, '08, is licensed and practicing as an athletic trainer in Warrenton, VA. **Alexis Barnett Sherrill, '06**, updated us about her move from Hawaii to Missouri! **Amanda Pendergrass Culton, '02**, is in her fifth year as an athletic trainer at the U.S. Naval Academy and celebrated in January the birth of her first child, a daughter. **Nate Borget, '07**, graduated ECU with a Master's in Health Education and completed a graduate assistantship in athletics. It was great to hear from **Lynn Evans, '82**, who resides in South Miami, FL with her

husband of 17 years and "teenage cat son," Spike. **Dabney Brown Smith, '97**, and her husband, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Sydney, on Thanksgiving, 2008. **Erin Shirley, '85**, sent in pictures of the New Hampshire snow she enjoys so much with husband, Don, and her Samoyed pet therapy dog, Tundra.



Jim Bazluki, '90, joined us at the alumni socials and has contributed to reconnecting AT alumni by organizing an ECU alumni Facebook group. **P.J. Mainville, '97**, is in his third year as the minor league medical coordinator for the Arizona Diamondbacks, after spending the previous nine seasons with the Baltimore Orioles AT staff. P.J., his wife, Michele, and their three children reside in Tucson,

AZ. **Jason and Kate Garnett Doctor, '04 and '02**, respectively, introduced us to daughter, Madeleine, at Homecoming, 2008, who photographed well with Evan Jabs, son of **Jackie Thauer Jabs, '04**.



Lee, '00, and **Alicia Barnes Lysiuk, '01**, sent holiday greetings and the news of a daughter, Kylee, to join big brother, Jacob, and the Lysiuk family. As a staff update, we wish **Morgan Cooper** the very best in her new role as a faculty member in the Athletic Training Education Program at Mount Union College in Ohio. We will miss you, Morgan!

Tell us about you! Fill in and return the response card on pg. 4 and you'll be included in our next issue!

Swashbuckler's Loot

We ask you to consider supporting any or all of the following initiatives:

Athletic Training Alumni Scholarship: The Athletic Training Alumni Scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving undergraduate athletic training student. The scholarship is supported entirely by donations. Gifts are tax-deductible and can be accomplished by contacting gift officer, Mr. Duane Grooms at 252-328-4662 or by e-mail to groomsd@ecu.edu.

Athletic Training Alumni Group: Contributions can be sent to Tammy Garris, Office of Gift Records, Greenville Centre, Room 2212, 2200 South Charles Blvd, Greenville, NC, 27858. Checks can be

made to Athletic Trainers Alumni Fund. Gifts are tax-deductible.

Athletic Training Student Club: All ECU Athletic Training Student Club monies are raised via numerous fundraising events throughout the year. Generously, the AT Student Club has shared its hard-earned funds with AT alumni by largely backing the first-annual alumni events. To reciprocate this gesture and donate to the ATS Club, contact Club Advisor, Sue Raedeke, at 252-737-4559, or at raedeke@ecu.edu.

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Upcoming AT Alumni Socials

Thurs., June 18, 2009

NATA Annual Meeting
7:30 p.m., dutch-treat dinner
Zuni Grill, 223 Losoya Street, San Antonio, TX

Sat., October 17, 2009

Homecoming Pre-game Tent and Tailgate
Find out event details at our website or on Facebook!



ALUMNI RESPONSE CARD

In upcoming issues of *Ahoy Mateys!*, we would like to include you in the Alumni Updates section. We would like to know (and share with others) where you are and what you are doing. Please complete and return this section to have your news included.

Name _____ Class Year _____

Contact Information (address/email) _____

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Credentials _____

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