A Note from the Athletic Training Room

How NOT to fill a whirlpool—Students performing opening duties in the AT room placed the hose in the hot whirlpool to top it off. In the spirit of multitasking, these students proceeded to complete other opening duties while leaving the whirlpool unattended. Some time later, a staff AT noticed that the whirlpool was overflowing. Needless to say, the students learned how to quickly drain the whirlpool.

Other issues developed as a result of this incident. Water was unable to circulate properly through the filter, resulting in a swamp-like appearance in the whirlpool. The heater shut off and the temperature of the hot whirlpool fell to 89°F.

The moral of the story is...do not leave filling whirlpools unattended.

- K Riddle

From the Director’s Desk

The Accreditation Celebration Luncheon held on March 13th was a success! Students, faculty, administrators, and Approved Clinical Instructors were in attendance to celebrate our great accomplishment.

I would like to thank all of you who donated food and beverages to make this celebration special.

Your support is much appreciated!

- J. Doherty-Restrepo
Keri Houck is a Level III ATS who is originally from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She first became interested in Athletic Training while in high school. She felt very comfortable around athletes, being a softball player herself, and wanted to have a job helping others.

Kerri loves it here at FIU! Her favorite class thus far is Anatomy because the human body is so fascinating. She also really enjoys the small class sizes that allow her to get to know her peers. She states, “We joke around a lot but somehow still manage to get everything we need to do accomplished.”

In the upcoming semesters Kerri hopes to gain clinical experience at UHZ Sports Medicine Institute as a physician extender. Her long-term goal is to be an AT for a major league baseball team.

Kerri’s greatest accomplishment to date has been receiving her athletic scholarships to play softball at FIU, a Division I school.

- X. Conesa

David Parks is the Sports Medicine Coordinator at the UHZ Sports Medicine Institute., which involved coordinating the Sports Medicine Program for Miami-Dade County Schools. He has held this position for the last 16 years. David also does part-time work with the Miami Heat.

While this is his first year teaching at FIU, David has been supervising ATSs or years! He loves sharing his experiences with students and helping them to better understand the athletic training profession.

His favorite thing about being an AT is his ability of improve athlete’s health and help them return to competition.

His greatest accomplishment to date is assisting and maintaining a very successful Sports Medicine Program for Miami-Dade County Schools!

- X. Conesa

Renaldo Maxwell is a first year Graduate Student who received his BS in athletic training from Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, TN. He wanted to be an AT ever since he started playing basketball. He figured, “If I can’t go the NBA as a player, I can at least be there taping some one up and helping them in their career”.

Renaldo especially enjoys providing AT healthcare to football and basketball players because he’s found that each position has its own personality. One day, he hopes to work with the men’s USA Olympic basketball team.

Meanwhile, Renaldo is enjoying his time as a Graduate Assistant because he is gaining more experience with athletes as compared to when he was an undergraduate student. He is loving the challenge or greater responsibility.

- X. Conesa
ATSO Corner

- Thank you to Lindsey Eberman for her efforts as ATSO Director of Public Relations. Due to her responsibilities as a doctoral student, she will no longer be able to participate as a board member.

- Please remember to RSVP for the End-of-the-Year Banquet, which will be held May 3, 2008. You should have received an E-vite with the details. The deadline to RSVP will be the April ATSO meeting.

- We are awaiting nominations for “Funny” awards, ACI of the Year, as well as nominations for ATSO officer positions for next year. All positions are open for nomination. Please email “Funny” award nominations to Kerri at kmaries20@yahoo.com and all other nominations to fiu.atso@gmail.com.

- Our High School Workshop was a success! We had approximately 120 students. We would like to thank Frank Millan, Cyndi Ristori, Rodrigo Martinez, Kerri Houck, Laura Zona, Robinson Henry, Carlos Savinon, Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo, Kari Riddle, David Ahouse, and Natsuko Sato for their participation.

- Next ATSO Meeting: April 16, 2008 in GPA 112 at 11am.

ATEP Dates to Remember

**Entry-Level ATEP**

**April 7:** Open Advising for summer registration (1pm—2pm, PA 112)

**April 9:** Mandatory ATEP Meeting (11am—12pm, PA 112)

**April 18:** Class of 2009 Advising for Fall/Spring registration (9am—9:30am, PA 112)

**April 18:** Class of 2010 Advising for Fall/Spring registration (9:30am—11am, PA 112)

**April 18:** Incoming class Advising for Fall/Spring registration (11am—12pm, PA 112)

**General Information**

**April 3-16:** Summer registration (degree seeking students only) by appointment

**April 17-May 2:** Open registration (degree seeking students) by web and kiosk

**April 17:** Classes end

**April 18-19:** Exam study days

**April 21-26:** Official exam period

**April 29:** Commencement for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, 10am

**May 3:** End-of-the-Year Banquet. Come celebrate with us!

**Special Notes**

In April will be celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2008, our first graduating class from the CAATE accredited Entry-Level ATEP. Please be sure to congratulate Farah Hernandez, Rodrigo Martinez, Frank Millan, Dawn Selvidge, and Cara Vreeeland.

Frank Millan will be taking the BOC exam this month. Good luck Frank!

Congratulations to Dawn Selvidge for receiving a job offer from North Miami Beach High School.

- J. Doherty-Restrepo