



# The School of Health Sciences

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## THE PULSE

### MARY KLINE DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Department of Nursing held its annual Mary Kline Day event on October 25, 2001. This department activity draws alumni, nursing students, and community members for the day. The keynote presentation for this year's event was "Look Through My Biofocals," an educational and entertaining musical/dramatic presentation about aging, created by two music psychotherapists as a result of their personal and professional experiences. Barbara Moskow, MCAT, CMT, and Lorna Glassman, MS, MCAT, MT-BC, presented the stories of

three elderly women, each representative of personal, medical, and social issues confronting the elderly, their families, and health care professionals. The program received rave reviews by everyone who attended. The second portion of the program included a panel of nursing alumni who shared their work experiences. Panel members were Linda Clay '95; Patricia Garofalo '01; Joy Jones, '90; Shannon Myers, '93 and Dr. Brent Thompson, WCU faculty member, who served as moderator.

Mark your calendars for our next Mary Kline Day, October 17, 2002.



Mary Kline Alumni Day Panel, October 2001—Patricia Garofalo; Joy Jones; Dr. Brent Thompson, Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing; Shannon Myers; and Linda Clay.



Dr. Karin Volkwein, Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology, receiving the WCU Faculty Merit Award for Scholarship from Dr. Linda Lamwers, Acting President of WCU.

Save the date—September 30, 2002.

3rd Annual Sturzebecker Golf Outing.

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### THE NEW AND IMPROVED RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM

The first full year of the new respiratory care bachelor's degree program has been completed. The respiratory care program has been affiliated with the Bryn Mawr Hospital since 1983 as an associate degree program. Since that time, many students have chosen respiratory care as their major at West Chester University. In August of 2000, the co-sponsored program enrolled its first group of students who will obtain their bachelor's degree in respiratory care.

On July 20, 2001 these respiratory care students finished their first summer clinicals at several local hospitals, including Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Upon graduation, most of these students will be offered jobs within these clinical sites.

## FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE:

Once again, this edition of *The Pulse* reports on some of the many exciting things that are happening in the School of Health Sciences. For example, on the opposite page there is a floor plan for the new Department of Nursing office suite and skills laboratory. As I reported in the last edition of *The Pulse*, the work was to begin this past summer, and it did. The renovation work is progressing satisfactorily. We will occupy the new complex during the 2002-03 academic year.



The University funded a significant portion of the project described above. However, University funds did not cover the entire cost of the project. Ann Stowe, chair of the Department of Nursing, and staff from the Advancement Division prepared a proposal to the McLean Contributionship, a local independent Main Line foundation, for additional funding. We received excellent news recently that the Contributionship awarded us \$50,000 for the project. In addition, a health sciences project committee has been created to raise the remaining money through contributions from alumni, current nursing faculty, and other potential donors. So far, the response from nursing faculty, alumni, and friends has been outstanding, and we thank them for their support.

Finally, I also hope that you find news on our faculty and student accomplishments, the respiratory care program, Sturzebecker Scholars, Sturzebecker Hall of Fame recipients, the annual golf outing, and the CAM conference interesting, also. Please continue to feel free to contact us if you have ideas for articles in future editions of *The Pulse*.

## ACAC FITNESS AND WELLNESS CENTER GROUND BREAKING

McDermott's Athletic Club's ground breaking ceremony on November 29, 2001 received overwhelming support from local and state leaders. Among those in attendance, along with the new club's partners and construction teams, were more than 100 local business owners, West Chester Chamber of Commerce members, and West Chester University faculty and administrators, as well as Mayor Clifford DeBaptiste, Mayor-Elect Richard Yoder, and State Representative Elinor Taylor, and Dean Barr. Charlie and Barbara McDermott are West Chester University alumni from the School of Health Sciences.



*2001 Sturzebecker Foundation Hall of Fame Inductees: (from left to right) Richard Bocelli '49, inductee; Dr. Madeleine Wing Adler, President; Dr. Russell L. Sturzebecker; Col. Kim Gottshall '76, inductee; Richard B. Yoder '59, inductee; Dr. Donald Barr, Dean, School of Health Sciences. Missing from photo: The Honorable Curt Weldon '69, inductee.*



*2001-2002 Russell L. Sturzebecker Scholarship recipients: (from left to right) Michael Porter, Kinesiology; Joseph Kadish, Kinesiology; Marcia Cerato, Health; Kiera Manlove, Kinesiology; Julia Sensenig, Nursing; Dr. Madeleine Wing Adler, President; Barbara Ventura, Nursing; Dr. Donald E. Barr; Suzanne Reilly, Kinesiology; Renee Geist, Communicative Disorders; Lisa Blasko, Communicative Disorders; and Dr. Russell L. Sturzebecker.*



*ACAC Fitness and Wellness Center Ground Breaking: (from left to right) Dr. Sheri Melton, Assistant Professor, Department of Kinesiology; Dean Donald E. Barr; Charles McDermott; Barbara McDermott; Roger Ralph, ACAC; Mayor Richard B. Yoder; and Grant Gumble, ACAC. Charles McDermott was a former athletic director at West Chester University.*

## SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM

The school nurse program that was approved in the fall enrolled its first group of students this spring. Charlotte Mackey, assistant professor of nursing, is teaching legal mandates as a part of that program. Mackey indicates that interest in the school nurse program continues to be high.

## FACULTY PREPARE FOR CCNE ACCREDITATION

Department of Nursing faculty members are hard at work preparing the self study document that is part of the accreditation process for the B.S.N. and M.S.N. programs. During this semester, a consultant who will review the document and provide suggestions for revision, will visit the department. This document eventually will be mailed to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) six weeks prior to the actual accreditation visit.

## RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

The West Chester University/Bryn Mawr Hospital respiratory care program recently received a grant from Advanced Respiratory, Inc. The \$20,000 grant is in the form of a piece of equipment, the ABI Vest, which is used to aid in mucous clearance.

## NEW BOOK ON AQUATICS PUBLISHED BY WCU ALUMNUS

A new book, *Splash! Aquatic Shows from A to Z—Their Art, Planning and Production*, has been written and published by Robert E. Kerper, Jr., Class of 1950. The 224-page illustrated book also covers the history of the art of swimming, swimming in the military, outstanding aquatic personalities and events, and more. For further information on the book, log on to the book's Web site, [www.splashaquaticshows.com](http://www.splashaquaticshows.com), or write to Kerper at P.O. Box 39743, Philadelphia, PA 19106-9743.

## CLELAND GETS AWARD

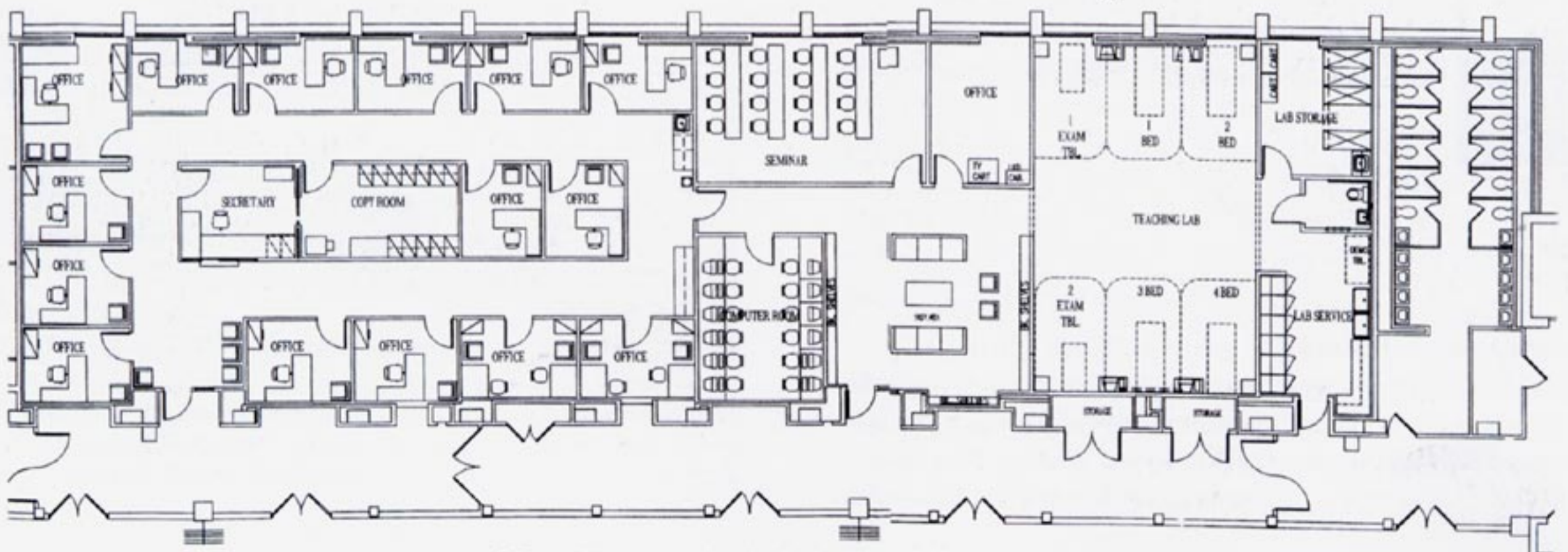
Dr. Fran Cleland, associate professor, Department of Kinesiology, received the Outstanding Professional Award in Dance at the EDA/SDA AAHPERD meeting in Baltimore on February 15, 2002.

## HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER FACILITY RENOVATIONS

The renovation work on the Health Sciences Center is progressing satisfactorily. A new athletics equipment room has been completed, as have renovations to the general women's locker area. That allows additional space for renovations on the multi-use activity area and new fitness center. Once those are completed, six new classrooms can be constructed from space in the wrestling room, the current instructional weight room, and the old Department of Health computer lab. The final phase involves converting the remaining six classrooms on the second floor to a Department of Nursing office suite and nursing lab. The plan is for the project to be completed by fall '02. See drawing below.



WCU Dance Company—fall 2001 performance.



New Nursing Skills Lab and Office Suite

**WCU School of Health Sciences Alumni Update Form**

**Please Type or Print**

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Children (WCU students/grads?):

Graduation Date/Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Name at Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

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News about yourself or other updates for The Pulse readers:

Municipality \_\_\_\_\_

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Please also provide any information you may have concerning "missing" alumni that we may not know about.  
Thank you!

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