A thought-provoking book in view of the 28th Olympic Games


Ungerleider’s book, *Fausts’ Gold; Inside the East German Doping Machine*, was inspired by the trials of a number of doctors, coaches, and sports officials who were accused of administering anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing drugs to elite and Olympic athletes while under their care and training. In twenty-three chapters, Ungerleider unfolds this state-led assault on unassuming child- and youth-athletes, which went on in the German Democratic Republic (GDR) for almost three decades, affecting the outcome of world championships and Olympic games between the nineteen-sixties and nineteen-eighties. For GDR insiders, this project was termed the State Planning Theme 14.25. Doping documents, which were detected after the demise of the GDR, revealed that the plan was incepted as early as in the 1950s and was to raise the GDR’s international prestige through the accomplishments of their elite athletes. In the name of the state, about 10,000 athletes were exposed to medical experiments and human engineering.

Trials held between 1998 and 2000 publicly exposed the doping secrets of the East German secret police (STASI). Ungerleider carefully combed through this information and also drew on the research and interviews of two individuals, Brigitte Berendonk, herself a former victim of the system, but later, in the West, a world-class discus thrower, and her husband, Dr. Werner Franke, a respected molecular biologist. Both had led a twenty-five year crusade against the GDR system to expose the doping atrocities and both were instrumental in the launching of the doping trials. In 1991, Berendonk published her book: *Doping Dokumente, von der Forschung zum Betrug*, (Doping documents, from research to fraud) which addresses the GDR doping practices, exposes secret documents, but also exhibits that the involvement in doping went beyond GDR borders. Also in 1991, the couple received access to the STASI archives in the former GDR military hospital in Bad Saarow, which revealed meticulous records of names of athletes and the drugs they were administered. In 1997 Franke went public with his findings and, in response, the German Bundestag activated sixty-one Berlin prosecutors and filed 412 indictments.

The trials accused the athletes’ caretakers of submitting willful bodily harm by doping them without considering the well-documented serious health problems associated with taking the drugs. The drugs, mostly but not exclusively, turinabol and, later, testosterone and its derivatives, were administered in the form of small pills and as injections, and, in all cases, were presented as being vitamin pills and vitamin shots. Among each other, coaches and team physicians referred to them as “supportive means.” Original wrappings were kept from the athletes and changes in their bodies were belittled or explained as the outcome of hard training. On acceptance to the elite program, athletes were sworn to secrecy about their training and were forbidden to speak about it among each other or to their parents. Performance improved impressively, but the side effects were equally dramatic: girls’ voices deepened, and they experienced dramatic increase of muscle mass, male-like body hair growth, serious acne, and a flaring libido, emotional swings, and depression. As athletes grew older, extended and increasing use of anabolics led to hepatitis, liver tumors, and liver cancer. Women were more vulnerable than men and, in addition, experienced problems with fertility and heart disease. As the trials revealed later, a high number of children born to these athletes showed limb deformities, blindness, or serious organ dysfunctions.

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When I attended my first National ACSM Conference in 1991, I spent every minute between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (and sometimes later) in lecture halls listening to tutorial lectures, original research slide presentations, the President’s Lectures, as well as the Wolff Memorial and D.B. Dill Historical lectures. I simply could not get enough! Having just finished my M.S. in exercise physiology, my mind was like a sponge, waiting to soak up as much information as possible. This approach to attending my first national conference had two effects: 1) My mind was completely wasted by the end of the conference, and 2) I had almost no significant social interactions.

Now, fast forward to the 2004 National ACSM Conference in Indianapolis. I estimate having spent only 20% of my time in lecture halls and the remaining 80% talking with people. Yes, just talking—talking in hallways, talking at the poster sessions, talking over lunch and dinner, and talking with people in the vendors’ exposition area. This is quite a remarkable transformation in time utilization; aside, as my wife can attest, I am not an overly talkative person. The transformation was not sudden, I simply spent more and more time socializing at the expense of attending lectures. The importance of developing this social network is highlighted by the ability of my graduate students getting good jobs and my own research collaborations increasing with individuals outside my university.

I guess, the point I’m trying to make is that attending professional conferences has satisfied my needs as I have transformed from student to professional. I honestly cannot imagine staying updated and intensely interested in my field without some level of professional involvement beyond the immediate demands of attending classes.
How about you? Are you satisfied with your current level of professional involvement? If not, attending the upcoming NWACSM Conference in February 2005 could be a great start for both students and professionals. Just in case you are looking for some professional involvement opportunities, the following is a list of upcoming events and topics of interest, which need the involvement of NWACSM members:

1. **On-Line Member Survey**
   This upcoming August or September, those of you with e-mail addresses will be sent a message asking for your participation in a survey. Please take time to give us your feedback on your professional interests, what you liked about the 2004 annual conference, as well as what benefits you expect to get from being a NWACSM member.

2. **NWACSM Elections**
   A call will go out this Fall for those interested in running for a NWACSM Board of Directors office. Descriptions for the various board offices can be found at the NWACSM Homepage, <http://northonline.northseattle.edu/nwacsm>, within the bylaws.

3. **NWACSM Annual Conference**
   February 11 and 12, 2005, in Moscow, ID. More detailed information will be available in the next newsletter.

4. **Annual Conference Site**
   The members of the NWACSM Executive Board have been considering the establishment of a single location for annual conferences beginning in Spring of 2007. The most popular suggestion so far has been the Seattle area. The board will be discussing this issue at the Fall meeting. We would welcome any prior comments or suggestions on the topic. Please feel free to contact any of the board members with comments on this topic.

—Dan Heil, Ph.D., FACSM, NWACSM President
Associate Professor, Montana State University

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**Healthy Worksite Summit: Policy and Environmental Approaches to Health and Productivity**

**Thursday, November 4, 2004 at the Hilton Seattle Airport.** This conference, which deals with worksite health promotion, is presented by the Association of Washington Cities and the Washington State Dairy Council, in cooperation with the Evergreen Everwell, State of Washington Department of Health.

- Learn how policy and environmental change can impact health and productivity.
- Stock your tool kit with strategies, ideas, and resources for building a healthy worksite.
- Discover new opportunities to fund your wellness program.

For more information contact Julie McDowell at <juliem@awcnet.org> or Linda Mendoza at <mendoza@eatsmart.org> or visit <www.awcnet.org/wellness>.

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Sport doctors and coaches of the elite clubs, like SC Dynamo Berlin, were under the Ministry of the Interior, which is why they were also members of the secret police, with STASI rank, service mandates, and special code names. The recruitment of talent was state directed. In Berlin for instance, ten and eleven year olds were recruited from a youth sports school. Here, kids already received their first vitamin cocktails to build up their stamina, as well as electromyostimulation and glucose and alpha lipoacid injections to monitor condition. Early on kids became lab animals.

With the emergence of the doping test program, GDR state-sanctioned labs outsmarted the testing procedures. Each athlete leaving the country underwent a change in training cycles and urinalysis to evade...
ACSM Certification is available to any professional within the preventive and rehabilitative exercise field who meets the established prerequisites.

Once certification has been earned, practitioners are reviewed every four years to ensure ongoing competence and that the ACSM’s high level of standards are maintained.

The ACSM Exercise Specialist® is a healthcare professional certified by ACSM to deliver a variety of exercise assessment, training, rehabilitation, risk factor identification and lifestyle management services to individuals with or at risk for cardiovascular, pulmonary, and metabolic disease(s). These services are typically delivered in cardiovascular/pulmonary rehabilitation programs, physicians’ offices or medical fitness centers. The ACSM Exercise Specialist® is also competent to provide exercise-related consulting for research, public health, and other clinical and nonclinical services and programs.

Minimum Requirements
- A bachelor’s degree in an allied health field* from a regionally accredited college or university (one is eligible to sit for the exam if the candidate is in the last term of their degree program); AND
- Minimum of 600 hours of practical experience in a clinical exercise program (e.g., cardiac/pulmonary) including exercise testing; AND
- Current certification in Basic Life Support (BLS)

* Examples: Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Physical Education, Exercise Science, Kinesiology, Kinesiotherapy, Physiology, Biology, Exercise Physiology and Human Performance.

The Health/Fitness Instructor certification provides professionals with recognition of their practical experience and demonstrated competence as a leader of health and fitness programs in the university, corporate, commercial or community settings in which their clients participate in health promotion and fitness-related activities.

Minimum Requirements
- An associate’s degree or a bachelor’s degree in a health-related field* from a regionally accredited college or university (one is eligible to sit for the exam if the candidate is in the last term of their degree program), AND
- Possess current adult CPR certification


### 2004 ACSM Northwest Region’s Certification Schedule

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How to connect with Congress

At the 2004 American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Annual Meeting, the Health and Science Policy Committee hosted a conversational forum entitled “Modern day strategies for influencing health and science policy: how to be sure your grassroots message is heard.”

Invited guests included the Honorable Andy Jacobs, Jr., who served 30 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, along with Rick Wilson, district director for Indiana Congressman Dan Burton. This is a brief summary of their comments, which will help the key contacts network as a whole, as well as each individual, when attempting to connect with Congress and encouraging the passage of sound and meaningful legislation.

- One positive aspect of the Key Contacts Network is that it can serve as a match-making service. From your letters, senators, representatives, and their staff members will become familiar with you as an expert in the field of sports medicine and exercise science and may call with questions in the future. Simply writing letters can boost ACSM’s influence in this manner.

- Repetitive form letters are not effective. In some cases in the future, ACSM will provide only key “bullet” points to you for use in drafting personal letters.

- Try to include some mention of how an issue affects your district. You may have personal experiences to share from your professional life. Localized statistics—obesity rates for example—are effective and are needed by your representatives to make decisions.

- Letterhead is effective. To ensure the greatest impact, it is recommended that you print out the letters you write on your organization’s letterhead and FAX them to your representative. You should be able to find the fax number through our system. Mr. Wilson commented that his office is more impressed when someone takes the time to send a letter rather than sends an e-mail message. (Faxing the letter is the preferred method of sending, since actual mail is so heavily screened before being received by Congress.) Of course, we still ask that you send an e-mail, at the very least.

—Jim Gavin, ACSM
Communications and Public Information

CAAHEP Accreditation

For several years, ACSM has been discussing ways that would assure university programs are adequately preparing students for jobs in the field of exercise science and physiology at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. To begin with, the certification department has been working with colleges and universities to determine whether they are preparing students for the certification exams sponsored by ACSM. Using the list of KSAs (knowledge, skills and abilities) established by ACSM for each specific area, coursework has been evaluated and programs have been endorsed and identified as preparing students for either the Health Fitness Instructor or the Exercise Specialist certification exams.

Last year, the discussion shifted to talking with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), the accrediting body which works with allied health education programs such as athletic training. The goal will be to establish a similar accreditation program for exercise science at the undergraduate level and/or exercise physiology at the graduate level. At present, CAAHEP and ACSM are creating the standards and guidelines for both programs. This will include an evaluation of the personnel, curriculum, evaluation, and assessment of students and the overall program.

The process is moving along quickly with a vote on the standards expected to take place on July 23rd. Anyone interested in taking part in the discussions, or receiving information, as this moves forward during the summer and fall, should contact Walt Thompson, Ph.D., FACSM, FAACVPR, chair of the committee for ACSM.
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detection. GDR doping officials with STASI rank, presenting clean sport advocacy to the outside, infiltrated IOC ranks, and took home information that would benefit the GDR cover-up program.

Ungerleider’s book is a sobering addendum to the history of modern elite sport and Olympic competition. It is well suited for the lay reader or the historian. Given the author’s choice to focus on the trials between 1998 and 2000, the book is mainly addressing circumstances concerning elite swim competition and women, and touches only occasionally on other sports. As a reader, one wonders about the extent of similar practices in other arenas.

At some point in the book, we wish Ungerleider would make more forceful connections to doping related incidents and responses, or the lack of them, in the Western world. His occasional references, such as those dealing with the unsuccessful doping detection tests of the IOC, make us cringe to know how indifferent the rest of the world behaved in face of the problem. As Ungerleider observes: “While not wanting to be ‘soft’ on doping and steroid use, which was known to be widespread, Samaranch was also concerned about the image of his five ‘magic rings’ and the billion-dollar corporate sponsorships and television contracts” (p. 23)

The strength of the book is that, as readers, we are left with haunting questions about today’s world of sports. Doping tests are rarely effective because the methods covering up the use of illegal substances become more and more sophisticated. A search on the internet reveals a plethora of so-called testosterone-elevating “food supplements.” The discussions of these drugs show concern about how to cover up their use in case of a doping test; but health considerations are seldom the focus. Even though state directed doping as discussed in this book is no longer in existence—we believe—the problem is still ubiquitous and to a large degree fed by our love for super athletes. Let us be mindful of the complex issues surrounding high performance when we observe this year’s Olympic Games.

—Henriette Heiny, Ph.D., NWACSM Newsletter Editor
International Institute for Sport and Human Performance
University of Oregon

NW Chapter Business

NWACSM Secretary report, summer 2004

Are you interested in NWACSM Executive Board issues? Please visit the NWACSM website, where the most recently-approved set of board minutes is posted: <http://northonline.northseattle.edu/nwacsm/>. Minutes from the board’s previous twice-annual meetings, dating from Fall 2002, are also posted in that area. To locate them, click on the “Executive Board” link and scroll to the bottom of the web screen.

For the past few years, chairpersons and representatives from northwestern educational institutions offering instructional and/or vocational programs in exercise science, physical education, athletic training, health and human performance, fitness training, and similar disciplines have completed and submitted information relating to a college’s or university’s degree and certification offerings, faculty research interests and student enrollment is included in the survey and is currently available on the NWACSM website under the “NW Colleges” link. Since information provided by colleges can change for a variety of reasons, a follow-up survey was sent to the institutions each fall. If you are a faculty member or other representative whose information needs to be updated, or if you would like to add your school’s information to the NWACSM website, please contact me by email and I will forward you a survey: <troot@sccd.ctc.edu>.

A special thanks to all who have kept their school’s information current. Your time and efforts are invaluable to potential students.

In order to meet the needs of its diverse membership, the NWACSM Executive Board welcomes more participation among any and all of its members. If you wish to become more active in NWACSM, please do contact a board member, communicating any particular role in which you wish to contribute to our professional organization.

—Trish Root, M.S., NWACSM Secretary
A note from the NWACSM Treasurer

In my previous note I outlined the financial structure of our Chapter and I promised to update the financial figures as soon as the data from the Annual Meeting were available. This year’s Annual Meeting was a huge success, and I wish to express my gratitude to Dr. Bob Weathers and the members of the 2004 Annual Meeting Committee for a wonderful conference.

For the remainder of the year there are two larger scheduled expenses: the Fall Meeting of the Executive Board, which will take place in Moscow, Idaho, and the seed money for the 2005 Annual Meeting. On the Income side, we are still expecting a disbursement from the ACSM national office from Gatorade or Pfizer grants, so look for updates in future newsletters. The table below lists our financial assets at the end of June 2004 (approximate values).

This table is an outline of our present balance sheet.

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Finally, I would like to remind you that we are still soliciting members to be part of our Sponsorship Committee. If you are interested in participating in this area, please feel free to contact me at the address below. As always, I encourage you to ask questions about this financial report or any other aspect of the Executive Board.

Stasinos Stavrianeas, Ph.D., NWACSM Treasurer
<stas@willamette.edu>, (503) 370-6392
NWACSM Regional Chapter Membership List

To protect the privacy of our members, we have only included the names of this year's membership. ACSM is working on a service called E-Series, which will allow access to addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses that can be shared among logged-in members. In the next months, an e-mail will be sent to chapter members with instructions about how to use E-Series.

Mr. Jesse Abell
Dr. Julianne Abendroth-Smith
Mr. Standley Adamek
Ms. Jessica Adlin
Ms. Angela Ahlemeyer
Ms. Lorri Albin-Raines
Ms. Sherrie Alen
Ms. Hawley Almstedt
Ms. Nancy Anderson
Ms. Jessica Applegate
Mr. Thomas Asturias
Ms. Dori Babcock
Ms. Rebecca Bader
Mr. Aaron Barlond
Ms. Gina Bartolomeo
Dr. Frank Batcha
Ms. Nancy Battaglia
Mr. Michael Beck
Dr. Bruce Becker
Mr. Michael Beets
Mrs. Tamara Bennett
Ms. Kimberly Berg
Mr. Justin Berry
Mr. Steve Berry
Mr. Anthony Bersine
Mr. Michael Bishop
Mr. Craig Biver
Dr. Sally Blank
Mr. Gregory Boggs
Ms. Maria Bokulich
Ms. Megan Bovi
Ms. Jilleyan Boyer
Dr. Michael Bracko
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Mr. Mark Brennan
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Ms. Christina Conger
Ms. Kimberly Conley
Ms. Hillary Conner-Wyatt
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Ms. Molly Cooper
Ms. Tiffany Corpuz
Ms. Carla Cox
Ms. Mindy Craig
Ms. Michelle Crowe
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Dr. Patricia Dolan
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Dr. Julie Downing
Dr. Barbara Drinkwater
Ms. Lindsay Duckworth
Ms. Sarah Durkee
Ms. Laura Eddy
Ms. Becky Eichers
Dr. Anthony Evans
Ms. Michelle Falkner
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Ms. Carrie Frank
Ms. Jennifer Frank
Ms. Marilyn Frankel
Dr. Stuart Freed
Ms. Arwen Fuller
Dr. Richard Gajdosik
Dr. Daniel Gall
Dr. Steven Gaskill
Dr. John Gayman
Dr. David Gee
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Ms. Heather Gholston
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Ms. Sharmon Glassey
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Ms. Annie Goodman
Michelle Gordon
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Dr. John Green
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Ms. Evette Hackman
Ms. Sheena Hall
Dr. John Halliwill
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Ms. Julie Ham
Ms. Tira Hancock
Mr. Aaron Harding
Ms. Rebecca Hardy
Ms. Stephanie Harger
Dr. Peter Harmer
Dr. Chad Harris
Ms. Patricia Hawley
Mr. Bradley Hayes
Mr. Eric Heffron
Dr. Daniel Heil
Dr. Henriette Heiny
Dr. Richard Heitsch
Dr. Shawn Henry
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Ms. Nikki Hughes
Dr. Steven Hughes
Dr. Larry Hull
Ms. Joyce Hunter
Ms. Susan Ingram
Mr. Bryce Jackson
Ms. Sara Jarvis
Gonzaga University
Christina Geithner, Ph.D. chair & associate professor in the Department of Exercise Science at Gonzaga University, received the Gonzaga University 2004 Award for Teaching Excellence. We congratulate Christina for this remarkable accomplishment.

Oregon State University
OSU is merging the Department of Exercise and Sport Science with the Nutrition and Food Management Department to form the Department of Nutrition and Exercise Sciences. Dr. Anthony Wilkox will be serving as the chair of the new department.

OSU hired Kim Hannigan-Downs as a clinical assistant professor in athletic training. She’s just completed her doctorate with Oregon State University and she’s been on the faculty at California State University at Chico for the last two years. She’ll join Mark Hoffman, Program Director, and Rod Harter, the athletic training/sports medicine faculty, in the Department of Nutrition and Exercise Sciences.

University of Oregon
In mid-April, the Oregon University System’s Academic Council approved the request of the faculty of the UO Department of Exercise and Movement Science (EMS) to change its name to the Department of Human Physiology. The original request was submitted in response to a decade-long metamorphosis in the department that established the training of students in the pre-health and biomedical sciences as its primary mission. The result has been that EMS is a major contributor on the UO campus to the education of students with career goals in medicine, nursing, dentistry, physical/occupational therapy, biomedical research, and other healthcare occupations.

According to a department statement, it had become increasingly apparent that the name Exercise and Movement Science was not sufficiently recognizable nor did it satisfactorily define the department’s expanded mission to interested students, the university, and scientific communities, or the general public. In addition, after leaving the university, students often reported that the former degree name was not helpful in adequately describing their training as they applied to graduate or professional schools. Consequently, the faculty concluded that a name change would benefit development of the department and its ability to serve its students. This name change process has required almost two years to complete.

The faculty feels that in Human Physiology, they have a name that accurately reflects the breadth of instruction and research that occurs within the department. By definition, physiology describes the study of the function of living systems and, in doing so, represents a well-understood scientific discipline that is the source from which the department’s research and curriculum flow. The modifier human underscores the message that the approach to pre-health science and biomedical education found in this program has at its core the study of the human condition at the level of organs and systems. In short, Human Physiology is a clearer, more identifiable descriptor of the UO department, a much-needed clarification as opportunities for collaboration between UO faculty and students, fellow scientists, physicians, and other health professionals continue to grow.

Despite the fundamental changes described above, the one constant that remains is the UO department’s commitment to its historical core of study—centered in the science of exercise and human movement—that has characterized it for a century. Students with interests in exercise, movement, and performance will still be welcome in the Department of Human Physiology and their interests will be enthusiastically supported. Changing the name will not significantly alter the course offerings, nor dramatically change the graduation requirements. The department is not abandoning its history. Rather, it is building on its rich heritage, expanding its research, curriculum, and innovative instructional capabilities in clinical and basic physiology to better prepare its students for the medical, health science, and research careers they seek.
**Forward Focus**

Much of 2004’s annual American College of Sports Medicine meeting in Indianapolis was focused on the foundations of the organization—its history, its progress, and its achievements. President Bush congratulated ACSM on its last 50 years in a letter to the organization, highlighting the fact that through the duration of its existence, ACSM has developed research and educational programs in injury prevention, sports medicine, and exercise nutrition to help athletes succeed in their sports. The letter also recognized ACSM’s promotion of the benefits of regular exercise, good eating habits, preventative screenings, and healthy choices to the general public in order to reduce risk of disease and chronic conditions.

As a member of the ACSM Student Affairs Committee, it is my job to represent the future of this organization and to focus my efforts on the students whose efforts and achievements, insights, and research will further progress ACSM and inspire others to be healthy, educated, and active. This is quite a feat we have at hand as our world begins to face disease and obesity at epidemic levels, a steady climb in inactivity among adults and children, increasing prevalence of eating disorders and exercise obsession, and countless “fixes” to the problems in the forms of pills, diets, and surgery.

It seems that every presentation I saw at the national conference somehow came back to these issues. There were statistics coming out of every crack of each room and, much like the way I view violent movies now, I was becoming completely desensitized by what was being said and done (or not done). It has become common knowledge, not surprising, and even predictable to hear negative comments regarding diet, exercise, portion size, and inactivity:

- Between 1994 and 2000, there was a jump from 56% to 65% in the number of overweight individuals in the United States and Canada, and a 23% to 31% in the number of obese individuals. These increases were more prevalent in children and adolescents than in adults.
- Obesity may soon pass tobacco as a top killer in this country.
- People are eating out more—we even have drive through windows!
- “Weekend warriors” will drive for five minutes to find the closest parking spot to the front door of the gym where they plan to work out and burn off the week’s calories all on a Saturday morning.
- From 1990 to 2000, television watching increased to the point that 1 in 3 children watches 4 or more hours of TV per day and watching TV has become a cue for people to eat.
- Ironically, 1 in 3 girls in the United States suffers from a clinical eating disorder and many more from some form of disordered eating.

Okay, so we have a problem. Inactivity is up, disease is up, weight is up; physical activity is down, fitness is down, morale is down. Keeping in mind the fact that people know they need to “eat less and exercise more,” how do we address the concerns, educate the public, reverse the problems, and make a difference?

The public seems to hear a different message everyday and it seems that every diet, every pill, and every doctor has the answer.

As students and as the future of this world and of ACSM, let us be part of the solution and not a part of the problem by continuing to feed the frenzy of quick fixes and easy solutions. It is a long-term lifestyle change that we should be looking to implement into people’s lives—one that will take creativity, a multidisciplinary approach, planning, preparation for success and failure. We are qualified to do this, and we should be the individuals motivated to face the challenge.

It is critically important for us as students to remain involved in ACSM and continue to further its success through research, education, and programming, as these factors are fundamental in ensuring that we will make a difference. The students who attended the Student Colloquium of 2004 found themselves pleased and honored to be joined by Steven Blair, Ph.D., FACSM; Barry Franklin, Ph.D., FACSM; and Ed Howley, Ph.D., FACSM; the leaders of today speaking to the leaders of tomorrow. Their take-away messages: challenge conventional wisdom, take advantage of what ACSM has to offer—knowledge, leadership, friendship, and opportunity—and finally, surround yourself with good people who can help you make a difference.

Keep active, stay healthy, and continue learning.

—Sarah Durkee, National Student Representative
**Book Review**

**Diets Designed for Athletes**

*Maryann Karinch*  
Human Kinetics, Champaign IL, 2002  
221 pp., $17.95

Conventional wisdom holds that athletes benefit most from a well-balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables and energy adequate to support their training. Supplements, if used at all, should be chosen and consumed with care and never used as a substitute for fresh food. If you’re still looking for the magic bullet that will enhance strength or endurance, however, you may want to check out Maryann Karinch’s *Diets Designed for Athletes* for another approach to fueling for sport.

Unfortunately, the book’s title belies its focus. Karinch isn’t shy about singing the praises of nutritional supplements for any athlete serious about improving his or her performance. She intends the book to be a guide to selecting and using supplements, asserting that supplementation is as important to athletic performance as healthy eating. Supplements figure prominently in her sample meal plans; if you want a typical diet she’s designed, be prepared to visit at least one well-stocked vitamin store, and don’t forget your wallet.

The text is organized by nutritional objective, with chapters devoted to energy production, recovery promotion, development of strength or endurance, weight gain and loss, refueling during competition, and eating for performance in extreme conditions. There’s also a chapter on adjusting the diet to meet the needs of young and older athletes. After a basic review of the body’s energy systems, the text delves first into commercial energy bars, comparing nutritional content and offering suggestions for appropriate use based upon nutritional composition. Subsequent chapters take the same approach for protein supplements, carbohydrate products, minerals, joint supplements such as glucosamine, carbohydrate replacement drinks, weight gain products, hormone products such as DHEA, and so-called “fat burners.” Although the book contains a brief reference list, much of the advice for use of individual products is anecdotal. Athletes planning to use the book as the basis for creating their own diets may find it too general for their needs.

Athletes who compete in sanctioned competitions will need to be careful about how they implement Karinch’s plan. Though many of the products discussed are acceptable for use in training and competition, some (e.g., androstenedione) are banned by the International Olympic Committee, the NCAA, or other governing bodies. The book does not address restrictions on the use of nutritional supplements, so athletes will need to make sure that products they plan to take are permissible.

Athletes in strength sports such as football and bodybuilding may find *Diets Designed for Athletes* to be of some benefit, as the text does provide some rationale underlying the use of various bulking supplements. For recreational athletes, however, the text has some serious shortcomings. It doesn’t differentiate between legal and illegal products, its discussion of dosing and dosing factors is minimal, and, most significantly, it fails to thoroughly describe the risks associated with individual performance enhancement substances. Readers learn a good deal about what’s on the market but next to nothing about whether supplements should be used, an important consideration for those who play without the supervision of an athletic trainer or coach. Most readers will be better served by seeking advice elsewhere.

**Physical Activity and Bone Health**

*Karim Khan, Heather McKay, Pekka Kannus, Don Bailey, John Wark, Kim Bennell*  
Human Kinetics, Champaign IL, 2001  
275 pp., $59.00

Research on the needs of athletes and older adults has given the medical community a greater awareness of the importance of managing bone health. With this awareness has come the need for clear, consumer-friendly information about bone mineral density (BMD) improvement and maintenance. *Physical Activity and Bone Health* comprehensively
addresses both the theoretical and practical aspects of this subject.

The initial sections of the book provide an in-depth foundation for the principles and guidelines that follow. Well-illustrated chapters on bone anatomy and physiology, biomechanics, and measurement of bone properties review key concepts. Chapters on the effects of individual characteristics (e.g., gender and genetics), body composition, endocrine function, and dietary intake on BMD further expand the reader’s understanding of the scientific basis for bone health management.

Following that foundation, the text discusses research into factors that affect BMD and the resulting recommendations for exercise prescription. The authors introduce methods for measuring physical activity, then review the effects of exercise on bone physiology in youth, premenopausal women, postmenopausal women, and men. They focus on targeted bone loading and the exercises that increase BMD, providing line drawings and suggested programs that include exercises that have been shown to promote bone deposition.

Falls are an important cause of fractures, and fall prevention efforts can significantly impact the prevalence of fractures. The text thus explores the factors that influence the likelihood of falls and identifies exercises that reduce falls in older adults by modifying risk factors. A full chapter is dedicated to exercise prescription for people with osteoporosis; exercises appropriate for individuals with minimal and severe pain as well as contraindicated exercises show readers how to assist their clients. Trainers and allied health professionals who work with female athletes will find the chapters on menstrual disturbance, stress fractures, and bone health useful in working with amenorrheic athletes and those prone to fractures.

Physical Activity and Bone Health provides a readable, informational overview of bone physiology. Tables summarizing published research findings and charts illustrating key findings facilitate quick reference, and diagrams of BMD-promoting exercises complement the text. Readers in both medical and allied health specialties will find this book useful in helping clients.

—Carolyn Petersen, M.S.
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Theses and Dissertations

Below is a list of in-progress or completed doctoral dissertations and master’s theses in the Northwest region of which we learned since the 2004 spring newsletter.

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Eastern Washington University

Master’s Theses


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Ph.D. Dissertations

Inhibition of exercise-induced oxidative stress, inflammation and muscle damage by prior supplementation with the antioxidant vitamins E and C. Angela Mastaloudis. Advisor: Maret G. Traber (2004)


Theses and Dissertations cont.


Master’s Theses


The role exercise may play in how survivors of domestic violence feel and view themselves. Rebecca Yahnke Concepcion. Advisor: Dr. Vicki Ebbeck (2004)


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Ph.D. Dissertations

Arch hight on calcaneus (Final title pending). Shing-Jye Chen. Advisor: Li-Shan Chou (End of 2004).

Master’s Theses
Investigation of an original patellofemoral pain syndrome screening tool with an emphasis on lower extremity dynamic control in active females. Anne Bradley. Adviser: Susan Verscheure (June 2004)


Master’s Projects


Does a prostaglandin-dependent peripheral vasodilation contribute to postexercise hypotension? Jennifer Lockwood. Adviser John Halliwill (June 2004)

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