

Collected Histories of
Departments and Programs in the
College of Health and Human
Services

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The following contains the histories of the 10 departments and programs that currently constitute the College of Health and Human Services at Southwest Missouri State University. The College is grateful to all who were involved in collecting and writing the individual histories. Enjoy.

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BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Early 1983-** Dr. Clifton Thompson, Dean of the College of Science and Technology explored several options to move the University toward more visible support of health professions including plans for a new building that would house allied health programs
- Sept/Oct 1983-** Several meetings among administrators and interested faculty were held to investigate how the needs of the proposed health programs could be best supported. The concept of a Department of Biomedical Sciences developed. The proposed BMS Department would serve as a home for allied health programs and emphasize molecular biology.
- Late Fall 1983-
Early Spring 1984-** Planning meetings continued throughout the Fall 1983 and early Spring 1984 including development of curriculum for the proposed Biomedical Sciences Department. A draft of the proposed curriculum was presented to the reorganization committee on spring 1984.
- July 1984-** The Biomedical Sciences Department was officially formed as a department within the College of Health and Applied Sciences with Dr. Lynn Bridwell as Acting Dean and Dr. Harley Mortensen appointed BMS Acting Dept Head. The following majors were offered by the department: Dietetics, Medical Technology, Nurse Anesthesia, Radiologic Technology, and Respiratory Therapy. Original BMS faculty and staff members were: Professors Harold Falls, Jr; Christopher Field; Albert Gordon; Dennis Humphrey; Wayne McKinney; Associate Professors Susan Coiner; Michael Craig; Marc Leavitt; Helen Reid; Lecturer Barbara Newman; Laboratory Supervisor Paul Cameron, and Secretary Shirley Randall.
- Fall 1984-** Curricular proposals were acted on by College Councils and Faculty Senate. The dietetics major was approved by the Coordinating Board of Higher Education.
- Summer 1985-** Dr. Duane Addleman was appointed as Dean of the College of Health and Applied Sciences.

- Fall 1985-** BMS 110 Concepts in the Biomedical Sciences was offered for the first time with 16 students. BMS 222, 358, and 558 were offered. Faculty changes include the resignation of Dr. Marc Leavitt, physiologist, and the appointment of Emmalyn Aiken to the dietetics faculty.
- Fall 1986-** The BMS Department was transferred to the College of Science and Mathematics, effective August 28, 1986. Dr. Clifton Thompson was Dean of the College. The department offered a B. S. in Dietetics and a minor in Biomedical Sciences. Medical Technology, Radiologic Technology, and Respiratory Therapy were transferred to the Department of HPER. Dr. Kenneth Renner was appointed as Assistant Professor of BMS.
- 1987-** Dr. Jerry Berlin was appointed Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
- 1988-** The Department offered a Major in Dietetics and Minors in Biomedical Sciences, Exercise Science and Molecular Biology
- 1988-** Dr. Harold Falls, BMS Professor, was selected as Distinguished Professor.
- 1989-** Dr. Wayne McKinney retired and Dr. Ben Timson was appointed to the BMS faculty.
- Fall 1990-** Carmen Boyd joined the Dietetics faculty.
- December 1992-** The Cell and Molecular Biology major was approved by the Coordinating Board of Higher Education
- 1994-** The Department of Biomedical Sciences was moved to the newly reorganized College of Health and Human Services with Dr. Russell Rhodes as Interim Dean. Following a national search, Dr. Jeanne Thomas assumed leadership of CHHS 1995. The BMS Dept offered majors in CMB, Dietetics and Medical Technology and Minors in Biomedical Sciences, Exercise Science and Molecular Biology.
- December 1994-** Dr. Dennis Humphrey retired.
- September 1995-** The Master of Science Degree in Nurse Anesthesia was approved by the Coordinating Board of Higher

Education. This program, offered in cooperation with St. John's Regional Medical Center, accepted the first students during the Fall 1996 semester.

- Fall 1995-** Drs. Detri Brech and Michael Hendrix joined the BMS faculty.
- Fall 1996-** Drs. Ming Zhang and Joanne Gordon joined the BMS faculty.
- 1996-1998-** BMS faculty were actively involved in curricular development for the proposed Physical Therapy and Physicians Assistant Studies programs.
- Summer 1996-** The BMS Department temporarily relocated to Kings Street Annex while the Professional building was renovated.
- August 1997-** The BMS faculty moved into renovated facilities on the third and fourth floors of the Professional Building.
- Fall 1999-** The MS in Cell and Molecular Biology was approved by the Coordinating Board of Higher Education and was implemented the following semester. David Guffy was appointed as laboratory supervisor.
- 1999-** Dr. Harley Mortensen retired. As an Emeritus Professor, he continued to maintain an office in the BMS Department.
- Spring 2000-** Dr. Colette Witkowski joined the faculty in the cell and molecular biology area. Dr. Detri Breck, dietetics faculty member, resigned to return to Arkansas.
- Fall 2000-** Dr. Helen Reid was appointed Acting Associate Dean of the College of Health and Human Services. She continued to serve as Program Director of the Dietetics Program until Fall 2003, when Carmen Boyd was Deborah Piland were appointed Co-Program Directors.
- Fall 2001-** Dr. Rich Garrad joined the faculty in the cell and molecular area.
- Fall 2002-** Deborah Piland was appointed to a three year position as lecturer in dietetics while working toward her doctorate at the University of Arkansas.

- Fall 2003-** Dr. Thad Wilson joined the faculty in the physiology area and resigned early the following semester.
- Spring 2004-** Andrea (Andy) White, who had served as a Graduate Assistant and lecturer in dietetics, left to enter a PhD program in Arizona.
- Fall 2004-** Dr. Cindy Heiss joined the faculty as Dietetics Program Director. Dr. Scott Zimmerman joined the BMS Department in the physiology area.
- April 2005-** The Dietetics Program, which had held continuous status as an Approved Didactic Program in Dietetics since the early 1970's, received initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetics Education following a site visit the previous November. More than 100 majors are enrolled in the dietetics program.

* This history was submitted by Carmen Boyd

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

- 1960's-** Undergraduate courses in Speech Pathology were taught as part of the Department of Speech and Theatre. They were taught primarily by Dr. Ishmael Gardner and Mrs. Laurabeth Windham.
- 1969-** Dr. Gardner resigned from SMSU.
- 1974-** The American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) changed its entry level degree for Speech Language Pathologists to the Master's.
- 1976-** SMSU hired two consultants Dr. Sara Conlon from the U.S. Department of Education and Dr. John B. Long, Professor of Communication Disorders at Southeast Missouri State University to review our course offerings in SLP and make suggestions on what needed to be done to meet the new ASHA standards. The report that was submitted recommended that SMSU initiate a graduate training program or simply eliminate its course offerings since courses that were not approved by ASHA could not be transferred to other programs. Dr. Duane Meyer, President of SMSU, decided to expand the program. To that end, SMSU recruited nationally for a fully-certified ASHA individual with a Ph.D. to develop this program.
- 1978-** Dr. Herbert Arkebauer, Ph.D. Speech-Language Pathologist was employed as the Communication Disorders Program Coordinator within the Department of Speech and Theater. His primary task was to take on the responsibility of developing the Master's degree program.
- 1979-** Mrs. Karen Jeans was employed to work with Dr. Arkebauer and Ms. Windham to begin clinical activities in Speech Pathology.
- 1980-** After having been approved by the Faculty Senate, Office of Academic Affairs, the President, and Board of Regents at SMSU, a Communication Disorders Program Master's Degree proposal was submitted to the State Coordinating Board of Higher Education (CBHE). It was denied. The rationale given by CBHE was that there were already 6 Master's programs in Speech-Language Pathology in Missouri and the addition of

another would be costly and only a replication of what already existed.

- 1981- Following a second routing through the SMSU system, a second proposal was forwarded to CBHE for a Master's Degree Program in Communication Disorders. However, in the second proposal, there were two specializations listed in addition to Speech Language Pathology; Audiology and Education of the Deaf. The rationale included that facts that the state had only one other state-supported training program in Audiology, and did not have a state-supported training program in Education of the Deaf.
- 1982- CBHE approved the second proposal with the stipulations that each of the three specializations must be developed, although not necessarily at the same time. An annual report had to be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs and CBHE identifying what had been accomplished toward the development of these three specializations.
- 1983- Dr. Harold Meyers was hired to develop the Education of the Deaf program, and was given the title of Coordinator. Dr. Martin Fischer was employed to assist with the Speech Language Pathology Program.
- 1985- A College reorganization occurred at SMSU. As part of the reorganization, the Communication Disorders program became a separate department in the College of Health and Applied Sciences and moved its offices from the southwest corner of Grand and National to the 3rd floor of the Professional Building
- 1988- The Speech Language Pathology Program submitted an application for accreditation to the American Speech Language and Hearing Association. The Education of the Deaf program submitted an application for program approval from the national Council on Education of the Deaf (CED) Both were approved in the fall of 1988. The same year, the Professional Building underwent major renovation and the Communication Disorders Department was then located in the Speech and Hearing Clinic on the 1st floor of the building.
- 1989- Department of Communication Disorders requested a change in the name of the Department from Communication Disorders to the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

- 1989-** CSD Clinic initiated a fee schedule.
- 1988-1993** External funding was sought to provide the equipment necessary to continue and expand the Audiology specialization and ultimately get the specialization accredited. During this period, four grants were obtained; 1 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and 3 from the federal Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS).
- 1993-** Dr. Neil Disarno was employed as Coordinator of the Audiology specialization.
- 1995-** The Audiology program applied for accreditation (Candidacy Status) from the American Speech Language and Hearing Association. It was granted in the fall of 1995 for a 3-year period.
- 1998-** The Audiology program received full accreditation status.
- 2001-** The Audiology specialization submitted an application to the University administration to initiate the Au.D degree (a clinical doctorate). Upon approval, the proposal was submitted to CBHE and was subsequently approved in the fall of 2002.

* This history was submitted by Harold Meyers.

GERONTOLOGY

- 1970's-** The beginning of the Gerontology Program can be traced primarily to the efforts of two faculty members on the SMSU campus. Imogene Hill, Sociology Department, was the first person on campus to develop a course that focused primarily on aging issues ("Sociology of Aging"). Dr. Allen (Jack) Edwards, Psychology Department, developed "Psychology of Aging" in the mid-1970's. Together they explored the feasibility of a B.S. in Gerontology with a community survey in 1978, followed by a series of focus groups to gather information from professionals and older adults regarding courses that should be included in the program.
- 1980-** The Gerontology Program was launched in Fall 1980, housed in the Psychology Department. Dr. Edwards and members of a multidisciplinary committee put together a general structure for the program using advisory guidelines available through the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. The Program was developed for students interested in pursuing knowledge and careers in the field of aging. The interdisciplinary major involved courses from seven departments and three different colleges.
- Dr. Edwards was the Coordinator of Gerontology from 1980-1990. The Program did not have an operations budget from 1980-1993. Dr. Edwards received very little release time for running the program (one-quarter release time each semester) Expenses for running the Program were indirectly absorbed by the Psychology Department or the Special Academic Programs budget.
- 1987-** The program moved under the auspices of the Special Academic Programs (SAP).
- 1990-** Dr. Edwards stepped down. He was replaced by an Dr. Bradley Fisher, Sociology Department, who was granted one-quarter per semester reassigned time in addition to summer funding to develop the program.
- 1992-** Dr. Fisher submitted a proposal to authorize a full-time Director of Gerontology position, and to obtain an operations budget for the program. The position authorization was approved, a national search was conducted, and in 1993, Dr. Bradley Fisher was hired as the Director of Gerontology.

Initially, Dr. Fisher's appointment was three-quarter time to Gerontology and one-quarter time to Sociology. The program was given an annual budget and became semi-autonomous.

1993- The Executive Gerontology Committee was composed of faculty members recommended by the Director of Gerontology and approved by the Dean of CHHS. Selection was based on current involvement in the program (i.e., teaching core courses) or prior experience (e.g., assessment, curricular review). There were five members on the Executive Committee. Two of the members of this committee have served faithfully since 1993 and deserve special recognition: Dr. John Harms (Sociology), and Dr. Benjamin Timson (Biomedical Sciences). Two members have served five or more years: Dr. Rhonda Ridinger (Health, Physical Education and Recreation), and Dr. Mary Newman (Psychology). The authority of the Executive Committee extends to matters of curricular review and revision, review and approval of the three-year plan, review of proposed changes in the Program, review of promotion and tenure applications, and new hire review and recommendation.

The Gerontological Educational Fund was established thanks to a generous donation from Springfield Rehabilitation and Present Health Care Facility (SRHCC). SRHCC has continued to be a regular donor to this fund which supports the educational mission of the Gerontology Program.

1995- The Gerontology Program was moved into its current location in the College of Health and Human Services. At this time, full autonomy was granted.

This same year, in partnership with the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, the Gerontology Program organized the first Senior Art Exhibition, a juried fine arts show for adults 65 and older. The Gerontology Program has continued this art exhibition as an annual event that is now co-sponsored by Studio 55 Fine Arts Guild and The National Art Shop. The purpose of the exhibition is to highlight the ongoing contributions of older adults to the visual arts and to society in general.

1996- A new faculty position was authorized and a new faculty member, Dr. Christine Price, was hired as an assistant professor in Gerontology. This allowed the program to

expand the number of courses offered as well as to enhance services provided to Gerontology majors.

- 1997-** Until 1997, the Gerontology Program was run out of the offices of its faculty members who resided in different buildings. With the renovation of the Professional Building, a suite was designated for use by the program and includes two faculty offices, a reception area, and a conference room, which seats up to twelve people. It provides the faculty a central base of operations and space students can identify as their “home”.
- 1998-** The Director was assigned to Gerontology full-time, ending the dual linkage to Sociology. The Director had full autonomy to develop the Gerontology Program with support from the Dean of the College of Health and Human Services and the Executive Gerontology Committee.
- The new faculty position permitted the number of Gerontology courses to grow from nine to nineteen, and made it possible to offer a minor in Gerontology.
- 1999-** In November of 1999, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) recognized the SMSU Gerontology Program as the first one in the nation to receive the Program of Merit designation. This designation recognizes gerontology programs in higher education that maintained a standard of excellence. It was awarded for a seven-year period, citing such strengths as a well-developed curriculum, applied experience offered to students through the practicum placement and other service-learning opportunities, the scholarship of the gerontology faculty, academic performance of students, employment of students after graduation, and the ongoing commitment to community service by students and faculty.
- 2000-
2001-** Dr. Price resigned from the program, and was replaced by Dr. Carol Gosselink in 2001.
- 2004-** The Gerontology Program was merged into the Psychology Department. As a result, some of the broader administrative duties were assumed by the Head of Psychology, Dr. Fred Maxwell. Dr. Mary Newman was appointed as the Coordinator of Gerontology to oversee the daily operations of the program. Dr. Fisher moved into a nine-month faculty position as a professor of Gerontology along with Dr. Carol Gosselink.

Present- The comprehensive Bachelor of Science degree in Gerontology is offered through the College of Health and Human Services and is only one of forty-two such undergraduate programs nationwide. The major involves six departments across three different colleges.

* This history was submitted by Mary Newman.

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND RECREATION

- 1906-** In 1906 the first University catalog in physical culture and manual training was listed as an academic area of study; by 1909 four courses in physical training were listed in the University catalog.
- 1912-** In 1912, Arthur Walter Briggs, graduate of YMCA College, Springfield, Massachusetts joined the University faculty to teach physical culture courses; physical education was listed as a “special” under the instruction of Christine Hyatt for women’s courses and Walter Briggs for men’s courses.
- 1913-** In 1913, the Department of Physical Training, now the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, was established. In that year, Dorothy Jessup, a graduate of Vassar College and of Teachers College, Columbia University was employed as the first full-time teacher of physical education for women.
- 1913-** Arthur Walter Briggs was department head from 1913-1950. Mr. Briggs also served as football coach from 1912-1933, basketball coach from 1912-1924, and athletic director from 1912-1938. The football stadium was originally named on his behalf. The football field currently bears his name.
- 1919-** In 1919 the curriculum was known as the division of physical education. In 1924 it became the department of physical education.
- 1930’s-** The outdoor swimming pool, a popular campus centerpiece, was dug by hand during the Works Progress Administration (WPA) days of the mid -1930’s. It was used as a regional training and qualifying site for the USA Olympic team.
- 1939-** In 1939 the arena, ‘home’ to many of the HPER faculty, was built as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project.
- 1950-** In 1950, Andrew J. McDonald became department head. “Andy Mac,” ably served the department and university during his tenure (1950-1964). A longtime SMS basketball coach (1925-1950), Mr. McDonald received his training at the University of Kansas from basketball inventor James Naismith and legendary coach Forrest (Phog) Allen. The SMS arena was later named on his behalf.

- 1951-** In 1951, the department of Physical Education became the department of Health and Physical Education.
- 1961-** In 1961 Mary JO Wynn served as President of the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Later, Perry Miller (1987 and 1998) and Peggy Thomas (1993) also held that position. In 1980, Tommy Burnett served as President of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association. In 1986, Alex Trombetta served as President of the Missouri Driver and Safety Education Association. Perry Miller also served as President of the Central District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD) from 1993-95. He was a national finalist for the AAHPERD President in 1996.
- 1963-** In 1963, Gene A. Logan a 1949 SMS graduate, became the first person with a Ph.D. to be employed in the HPER department. A nationally recognized and award winning sculptor, Dr. Logan later held dual Professorship in the Department of Art as well as the HPER department.
- 1964-** In 1964, Wayne C. McKinney became the first Department Head with a Ph.D. Dr. McKinney was significant in helping lead the department into the areas of research and publications. During his tenure (1964-1980), Dr. McKinney was author or coauthor of eleven textbooks. In addition, several research articles began to be published in refereed journals by HPER faculty. Early leaders in the publication efforts were: Dr. Harold Falls, Dr. Dennis Humphrey, Dr. Gene Logan, and Dr. Wayne McKinney. Dr. Falls, Dr. Logan, and Dr. Rod Dishman were later elected as Fellows in the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education.
- 1969-** In 1969, the Andrew McDonald award was established to honor outstanding academic and athletic achievement by a physical education major. The first winner of this award was Dennis Darnell. Three recipients of this prestigious award later joined the HPER faculty. They are Dr. Tillman (Chuck) Williams (1971), Dr. David Oatman (1975), and Dr. Sharon Baack (1977).
- 1969-** During the 1969-70 academic year, the first valid comprehensive recreation major was established. The curriculum first officially appeared in the 1970-71 SMS College Bulletin. Jim Mentis and Wes Bair taught the first recreation courses. The department was to become known by its current

name: Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

- 1979-** In 1979 the athletic training major was established within the HPER department. Following closely behind the athletic training major was the development of the Sports Medicine Center. The sports medicine and athletic training curriculum later became its own department in 1997.
- 1980-** In 1980, Dr. Thomas H. Burnett became the fourth HPER department head. Dr. Burnett had an illustrious football background having starred at the University of Arkansas as well as being a member of the 1969 Super Bowl champion New York Jets. In addition to serving as department head from 1980-2000, “Tommy” also established the SMS handball team in 1988 and coached it to seven national championships between 1993-99.
- 1980’s-** The HPER facilities expanded from McDonald Arena upon completion of the Library Annex in the early 1980’s. The first floor of the Library Annex, now know as the Kings Street Annex, currently houses several HPER faculty as well as the office for the recreation and leisure studies major.
- 1985-** Starting in 1985, McDonald Arena received a substantial renovation. Major alterations were done on the east and west gyms. An indoor running track was also added in the upper portion of the arena.
- 1988-** In 1988, Dr. Steve Ilium, recreation faculty, made the first international presentation representing the SMS HPER department. In 1994, Dr. Tillman (Chuck) Williams and Dr. David Oatman became the first physical education faculty to make international presentations.
- 1989-** In 1989, the office of Leisure Research was established.
- 1991-** The Master of Science in Education with an emphasis in Physical Education began in 1991.
- 1992-** In 1992, Kevin McKenzie was the HPER department’s first graduate assistant.
- 1995-** Sonya Butler McDonald, 1995, was the department’s first graduate with the Master of Science in Education-emphasis in Physical Education.

- 1995-** **The Master of Science Degree in Health Promotion and Wellness Management was established in 1995.**
- 1998-** **The Master of Public Health was established in 1998.**
- 2001-** **In 2001, Dr. Keith Ernce became the fifth department head of HPER.**

*** This history was submitted by Tillman D. Williams.**

**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
1964 - 1980**

**Wayne C. McKinney, Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor of Biomedical Sciences
Southwest Missouri State University**

1963-1964 The academic character of the department started to change with the beginning of the 1963-64 academic year. Dr. Gene A. Logan was employed at that time. He was the first person in the history of SMS to be hired with a Ph.D. in physical education. Since Dr. Logan was also a nationally recognized and award winning sculptor using the medium of welded metals, he had the unique distinction at SMS of later being appointed to a dual Professorship in the Departments of Art and Health and Physical Education. Dr. Logan, a 1949 SMS graduate, had worked with Dr. Wayne C. McKinney at the University of Southern California from 1960-63. He recommended that Dr. McKinney apply for the Department Head position upon the retirement of "Andy" McDonald from his administrative duties in 1964. Dr. McKinney became Head of the Health and Physical Education Department in August, 1964.

Faculty within the department in 1964 were responsible for administering, teaching, and coaching the following programs:

1. Professional preparation in physical education
2. Professional preparation in dance
3. Professional preparation in recreation
4. Professional preparation in driver education
5. General education in physical education
6. Intramural athletics for men and women
7. Intercollegiate athletics for men

Dr. McKinney did not find an intercollegiate athletic program for women upon his arrival in 1964. Although this was years before the national legislation known as Title IX, which requires such programs, he considered not having a women's intercollegiate athletic program at SMS to be a gross oversight. As a result, since there was an interest and a need, he unilaterally added the program starting in 1964-65 for SMS women who wished to pursue excellence in athletics. Dr. McKinney started women's athletics using money from the operation budget within the department. Competition in the

sports of volleyball, field hockey, and tennis was started in 1964-65.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAM IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

This program underwent considerable curricular updating during this period of time to bring it into conformance with recommended national professional preparation standards. As a result of curricular changes and faculty additions, this program went from being below standard and undistinguished in 1964 to being recognized as among the best undergraduate physical education majors in the United States by the late 1970s. Some examples of comments by leaders of national professional organizations documenting the recognition of excellence of this program follow:

1. February 21, 1978, from Dr. Fred B. Roby, President of the National College Physical Education Association for Men wrote, "Many (including myself) believe that you may have the best program in the country as we have seen the consistent quality of your students year after year."

2. March 16, 1978, from Dr. Leroy T. Walker, President of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation wrote, "As President of AAHPER, a member of the United States Olympic Committee's Sports Medicine Committee, and the past Head Coach of the United States Track and Field Olympic Team, I have a keen interest in the professional preparation of teachers of physical education and coaches.. . .Your approach at Southwest Missouri is to be applauded."

3. March 3, 1978, from Dr. Jack H. Wilmore, President-Elect of the American College of Sports Medicine wrote, "I feel that you are doing an excellent job in preparing to both teach and coach in the public schools."

4. April 25, 1978, from Dr. Richard O. Keelor, Director, Program Development, The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports wrote, "Your curriculum ranks your university among the very highest in terms of professional preparation for teaching and coaching."

The emphases in this program were on the scientific, technical, and historic-philosophic-cultural bases of physical education. The teaching of courses in this program involved

most of the departmental faculty working in their areas of expertise.

The exercise science courses were taught primarily by Dr. Harold B. Falls, Jr. (Exercise Physiology, Tests and Measurements), Dr. McKinney (Kinesiology and Biomechanics), Dr. Mary Jo Wynn (Motor Learning), and Dr. Perry Miller (Analysis of Sport Skills and Tests and Measurements). Dr. Logan and Dr. L. Dennis Humphrey taught Athletic Injuries and Adapted Physical Education. Drs. Logan and Humphrey were also licensed Physical Therapists. Courses with an emphasis on psychology of sport were taught by Dr. Rod Dishman and Dr. Mike McCarty.

A human performance laboratory was developed for use in conjunction with some of the exercise science courses. This laboratory was the first of its kind in Missouri. Dr. Logan, its first director, coined the term, "Kinetoenergetics" to describe its emphases in the teaching/learning process for students. Dr. Falls became the director of the Kinetoenergetis Laboratory when Dr. Logan returned to California to work as a full-time sculptor.

The technical development of students placed the emphasis on sport skill and techniques courses, coaching theory courses, teaching methods, etc. Students came into contact with virtually all departmental faculty in the skill-development courses. Dr. Nancy Curry, Dr. Mildred Evans, and Dr. Charles, "Chic," Johnson were involved primarily in the methods of teaching courses. Coaches taught skill techniques and coaching theory courses in their specialty areas. Students were encouraged to take a wide variety of skill courses. It was also highly recommended that students who desired to coach a specific sport at the secondary school level should participate in that sport at the intercollegiate level. If they did not have the skill level to compete, it was recommended they volunteer their services in some capacity to work with the coaching staff as a manager, student trainer, etc. during at least one sport season.

The history and philosophy of physical education courses were taught primarily by Dr. "Chic" Johnson and Dr. Nancy Curry.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION IN DANCE

SMS was the only college in Missouri to offer teaching certification in dance. The main emphasis in the dance major was in modern dance. However, dance majors were exposed to a wide variety of dance courses such as Dance History, Pantomime, Rhythmic Analysis, Dance Production, etc. Faculty mainly responsible for teaching dance major courses in the department were Kay Brown and Cheryl Love Miller. The performance dimension of this artistic medium was provided through the SMS Modern Dance Repertory Company. An annual modern dance concert was held during the spring semester where dance majors were responsible for staging, production, and choreography under the supervision of the dance faculty. This program was moved to the Department of Speech and Theater prior to 1980.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION IN RECREATION

This program received a major curricular upgrade to bring it into conformity with national professional preparation standards in the area of leisure studies. The program name was changed to 'Recreation and Leisure Studies.' The faculty primarily responsible for teaching in this program were Dr. Gary Shoemaker, Dr. Tommy Burnett, Dr. Wes Bair, Marsha Reid, and Jim Mentis.

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION IN DRIVER EDUCATION

Certification in driver's education was a popular area for students planning to gain a teaching certificate in secondary education in a second field. Analogous to a minor, it provided another teaching area for them. Required courses in this program were taught by Dr. Alex Trombetta and Dale Williams.

GENERAL EDUCATION IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The general education requirement in physical education was four hours for all students. All courses were changed from unisex to coeducational courses. A new, two hour lecture/laboratory course was instituted. It was titled, "Neuromuscular Activity in Modern Living." The lecture series in this course had the major objective to help students learn why regular exercise is vital to offset serious hypokinetic diseases known to negatively impact professional people

living in an automated, sedentary society. The lecture series was coordinated by Dr. George Simpson and several departmental faculty lectured in this course.

The primary emphasis of the wide variety of skill courses elected by students was placed on those activities which could be used by a person throughout his/her lifetime to maintain physical fitness and for vocational purposes. Most departmental faculty taught courses within this program. Adapted Physical Education courses were also provided for students with physical disabilities. Physician's diagnoses and prognoses were utilized to prescribe exercise as much as possible for students in these courses. This professional service was conducted over the years by Dr. Gene Logan, Dr. Harold B. Falls, Dr. L. Dennis Humphrey, and Reba Sims.

INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS

A wide variety of team sports were offered for all university students in this program. Teams were formed into leagues from fraternities, sororities, dormitories, and independent student groups. Student interest and participation numbers were significant. Jay Kinser was the Intramural Athletic Director in 1964-65. This was in addition to his duties as an assistant basketball coach. Dr. Nancy Curry and Allen Holmes also served as Intramural Athletic Directors during this time period. The position of intramural athletic director was later changed to staff status and the entire intramural athletic program was moved into the newly built Hammons Student Center facility.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FOR MEN

SMS participated in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association during this period of time. This was at the NCAA Division II level of competition. All men who worked as head or assistant coaches held faculty rank and had reduced teaching loads as a part of their responsibilities. The Men's Athletic Director was Aldo Sebben and Bill Rowe served as the Athletic Business Manager. Coaches taught courses in the general education program and sports techniques classes primarily. Head coaches and assistant coaches also taught the Coaching Theory courses in their athletic specialties for physical education majors and people seeking coaching certification.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FOR WOMEN

This program was started unilaterally by Dr. Wayne C. McKinney in 1964-65. He administered the program through its first decade. Dr. Mary Jo Wynn became the Athletic Director for this program during the 1974-75 academic year. /re responsible for reduced teaching loads within the department. All coaches, men and women, were hired as regular faculty members with academic rank based on experience, professional preparation in physical education, and expertise in their sport specialties.

The program evolved from the sports of volleyball, field hockey, and tennis in 1964-65 to nine intercollegiate sports plus one club sport by 1980. The following departmental faculty were "THE PIONEERS OF WOMEN'S ATHLETICS AT SMS." They served as the coaches and athletic trainers of the following women's intercollegiate athletic teams for "The Lady Bears" during the program's formative years:

1. Volleyball: Dr. Mary Jo Wynn; Linda Dollar
2. Basketball: Reba Sims
3. Tennis: Dr. Mary Jo Wynn
4. Track and Field: Dr. Mildred Evans; Dr. George Simpson; Dr. Nancy Curry; Jeff Berryessa
5. Cross Country: Dr. Mildred Evans; Dr. George Simpson; Jeff Berryessa
6. Golf: Gayle Runke
7. Gymnastics: Dr. Mike McCarty; Dr. Peggy Thomas; Dr. Chic Johnson; Gloria Johnson
8. Field Hockey: Lucille Downer; Dr. Rhonda Ridinger
9. Softball: Mary Kay Hunter -- AIAW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
10. Athletic Trainers: Dr. L. Dennis Humphrey; Richard Lyons

Fencing was also introduced as a club sport and Dr. Nancy Curry served as the fencing coach.

SCHOLARLY PRODUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

1964-1980 In addition to teaching and coaching responsibilities, a few departmental faculty were very active from 1964 to 1980 with scholarly activities such as authoring books, conducting and writing research, editing professional journals, writing articles for professional journals, editing research journals, and providing leadership in professional organizations. The individual faculty memberTs motivation for these scholarly

efforts had to be intrinsic and professional. The attitude and actions of the SMS Board of Regents and Administration during the decade of the 1970s tended to discourage rather than encourage such things as academic program development and scholarly activities.

A total of 21 university textbooks were authored, coauthored, or edited by Dr. Wayne McKinney, Dr. Gene Logan, Dr. Harold Falls, Dr. Nancy Curry, and Dr. Rod Dishman. These textbooks covered many areas, as examples, from exercise science topics such as EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY, ANATOMIC KINESIOLOGY, and INTRODUCTION TO BIOMECHANIC ANALYSES OF SPORT to sport and fitness topics such as ARCHERY, FENCING, and ESSENTIALS OF FITNESS. Dr. Wayne C. McKinney was an author or coauthor of eleven of these textbooks during this period of time. Three of those textbooks required an interdisciplinary, cooperative effort between Dr. McKinney, Dr. Logan, and Dr. John W. Northrip of the SMSU Physics Department. In addition to meeting academic needs in physical education at SMS, these textbooks were adopted by professors throughout the world to meet the needs of their students taking a variety of university courses in exercise science and general education in physical education.

Dr. Falls, Dr. Humphrey, Dr. McKinney, and Dr. Logan wrote 32 research articles which were published in refereed journals during this period of time. In addition, 49 articles on multiple topics applicable to physical education and sport were written and published by 15 departmental faculty.

Seventeen departmental faculty members provided leadership in professional organizations at regional and state levels. Seventy-four diverse leadership roles were held by departmental faculty reflecting the scope of the functions in the department such as physical education, recreation, and coaching.

There were over seventy major presentations made by departmental faculty at national, regional, and state professional conventions covering topics such as research, issues related to coaching certification standards, accreditation, and teaching/coaching.

Eleven departmental faculty held 22 key leadership positions in national professional organizations. These also reflected the

diverse range of activities included in the department. examples: Dr. Falls served as Editor-In-Chief of THE RESEARCH QUARTERLY for EXERCISE AND SPORT of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD) . He was also the President of AAHPERD's Research Consortium and served as the President of the Central States Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine. Dr. "Chic" Johnson served as the Technical Expert for the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for the Women Gymnastics Games Committee. Dr. Nancy Curry served as Editor of the AAHPERD Division of Girl's and Women's Sports FENCING GUIDE. Dr. McKinney was chosen to write the National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education's final report on the NASPE Accreditation Proposal for Graduate Programs in Physical Education.

Five departmental faculty were honored for their efforts. The highest honor for a physical educator is to be elected into the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education as a Fellow. SMSU had the unique distinction of having three faculty elected into this Academy: Dr. Gene A. Logan, Dr. Harold B. Falls, Jr., and Dr. Rod K. Dishman. Dr. Harold B. Falls also received Honor Awards from The American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; The Central District of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; and the Physical Fitness Council of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. In addition, he was given the first Scholar Award by the Missouri Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Dr. Wayne C. McKirmey was given an Honor Award by the Missouri Alliance of Heatii., Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. In addition, he was inducted into the SMSU Alumni Association's Athletic Hall of Fame for starting the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Program at SMS in 1964. Dr. L. Dennis Humphrey was presented an Honor Award by the Central District Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. In addition, he was also presented a Scholar Award from the Missouri Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Dr. Wayne C. McKinney resigned as Department Head at the end of the spring semester, 1980, to return to full-time teaching and research. Dr. Tommy Burnett of the Recreation-

Leisure Studies faculty was named Department Head starting in the fall semester, 1980.

Drs. McKinney, Falls, and Humphrey moved to the newly formed Biomedical Sciences Department at SMSU when it was opened in 1985. Their role was to make teaching and research contributions in Exercise Science. They also taught courses in human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Biology of Aging as well as Exercise Science courses.

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NURSING

- Fall 1977-** The BSN completion program was started by Dr. Joanne Gordon as a BS with a major in nursing which provided a liberal arts education to nurses with a diploma or associate degree, but no nursing curriculum. The program was innovative in nursing education at the time. The Department of Nursing was located in a 3-story house at 1030 East Grand Avenue. There were 5 full-time faculty at that time.
- The Nursing program was located in the School of Science and Technology
- 1978-** The nursing program became a bachelor of science in nursing program with a 67 hour major requirement. The BSN is an upper division major.
- 1979-** The first BSN graduating class
- 1982-** The BSN program received initial accreditation by the National League for Nursing. Was one of only a few BSN-completion programs that were accredited at the time.
- At that time there were 73 students enrolled in the program.
- The Department also managed a large cadre of students for the pre-nursing program at SMSU.
- 1985-** The Department moved to the 4th floor of the Professional Building
- 1989-** A Health Care Management Minor was started by the Department of Nursing. The minor is an interdisciplinary program.
- There were 33 BSN students and 5 nursing faculty
- 1995-** Up until this time, no faculty (except for the 2yr tenure of Dr. Euphemia Williams as Head from 1991-1993) had a doctoral degree. There was minimal scholarship/research from faculty.
- The BSN Completion program became the first program at SMSU to deliver the entire program via distance learning.

The program was delivered via interactive video to West Plains to a cohort of 12 students.

The BSN completion program had approximately 60 students, and handled approximately 300 pre-nursing advisees.

1996- The Master of Science in Nursing Program began with specializations in family nurse practitioner, nurse educator, and nursing administration.

There were 6 faculty in the Department of Nursing.

1997- The Department moved to its new facility in the 3rd floor of the renovated Professional Building.

1999- The Master of Science in Nursing Programs received initial accreditation from NLNAC (formerly NLN). The BSN program has held continuous accreditation since 1977.

The Department has 32 MSN students and 81 BSN-Completion students.

2000- The Department of Nursing has attracted an excellent faculty. All faculty have received degrees from nationally recognized, Research I institutions, and are diverse in their educational backgrounds. Of the six faculty, three have a PhD, and one is ABD. All faculty have active programs of scholarship. In the past 3 years, the faculty have received 10 internal or external grants for research-related activities.

The Department of Nursing delivers the BSN program distance learning to West Plains and Neosho, MO, and Harrison, AR.

The Department implemented post-masters certificate programs in the areas of family nurse practitioner and nurse educator.

There continues to be 6 faculty in the Department of Nursing.

2002- In distance learning, Neosho was dropped as a site and the Harrison site was moved to Branson.

The Department of Nursing began delivering nurse educator courses using Centra, a synchronous online format.

2003- Admitted first 4-year BSN class of 24 students Summer 2003
Added three new faculty.

2004- Received national nursing accreditation from CCNE for all programs.
Added 2 new faculty, 2 clinical supervisors, a second full-time administrative secretary, and an academic advisor

2005- Graduating first Gen-BSN class May, 2005. Retention is 96% (with one student transferred by the military). All have jobs who are graduating.

Currently enrollment is 300 pre-nursing students, 60 4-year nursing students, 70 BSN completion students, and 36 MSN students.

The Department has 5 external grants funded (\$252,400) and 2 internal grants (\$8,500) funded.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

1992 -1994- SMSU engaged in a long-range planning process, partially in response to a joint initiative of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), the Board of Regents, and the University community. Outcomes of this process included adoption of the statewide mission in public affairs. In addition to the statewide mission in public affairs, the University committed itself to excellence in four focused theme areas – professional education, health care, business and economic development, and performing arts.

Further outcomes of the 1992-1994 planning process were the adoption of a long-range vision and five year plan for 1995-2000, Welcoming the 21st Century. This was paired with a commitment from the CBHE to enhancements to the University's base budget over that period. The proposed Master of Physical Therapy program and \$692,605 in Mission Enhancement funding were included in the Welcoming the 21st Century plan.

1995-1998- In 1995 and 1996, SMSU conducted statewide telephone surveys of health care administrators, as well as focus group discussions of administrators and practitioners in physical therapy. These studies identified a strong need for physical therapists in the southern and rural regions of Missouri.

1998- Key program personnel, including Department Head, Dr. Mark Horacek and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education (ACCE), Dr. Susan Robinson, were hired in early 1998. They immediately began work to refine initial curriculum plans to be consistent with requirements from the Commission for the Accreditation of Physical Therapist Education (CAPTE). SMSU also finalized plans to construct a new \$3.1 million Physical Therapy building across the street from the Professional Building and construction began that fall. SMSU submitted the "Declaration of Intent to Apply for Accreditation" to CAPTE in the fall of 1998.

1999- CAPTE site visitor and consultant Dr. Jack Echternach visited SMSU to evaluate the facilities and the University's readiness to offer a Master of Physical Therapy degree. Ms. Jeanne Cook joined the faculty in 1999 and assumed the role of ACCE. Dr. Scott Wallentine also joined the faculty in the summer of 1999. Dr. Gary Soderberg joined the faculty in the fall of 1999 as the

Director of Research for the program bringing the number of faculty to five.

2000-2003- Three additional faculty members, Dr. Loretta Knutson, Dr. Sean Newton, and Ms. Patricia Cahoj were hired. SMSU's Department of Physical Therapy was granted "Candidate for Accreditation" status. The first class of physical therapy students began the program in August 2000.

2003- CAPTE site visitors came to SMSU in January 2003 to review the Department's Self-Study Documents, observe departmental operation, and assess the facilities. SMSU's Department of Physical Therapy was granted full accreditation on April 30, 2003. The first class of 15 students graduated in May 2003 with a Master of Physical Therapy degree.

During the fall of 2003, Mike Halliday was hired as the SMSU Physical Therapy Clinic Director. SMSU's Physical Therapy Clinic began to treat patients in November 2003.

2004- The Department of Physical Therapy submitted a proposal to the SMSU Graduate Council to transition from a Master of Physical Therapy to a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The Graduate Council approved the proposal.

2005- The SMSU Faculty Senate and Board of Governors reviewed and passed the proposal to transition to the DPT degree. The proposal was submitted to the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education (CBHE) and is now awaiting consideration.

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

- 1996** In December a planning committee was formed to explore and document the need for a Physician Assistant program at Southwest Missouri State University in accordance with the University's public affairs mission that included a focus on health care. The committee was composed of university and community health professionals.
- 1998** The Graduate Council approved the PA Program concept in the spring and in June the Board of Governors approved the PA Program for departmental status in June. Approval from the Coordinating Board of Higher Education was granted in July. Also in July, Patricia Ragan, PA-C, MPH, PhD, was hired as the Program Director/Department Head and was responsible for the development of the Program, hiring of faculty and staff, and negotiate the accreditation process.
- 1999** The original faculty members hired for the Program, including Dr Ragan, in place were: Joseph Caldwell, MD, Medical Director, Scott Kaufman, PharmD, Ralph Rice, PA-C, Academic Coordinator. In addition, Ms Barbara Cox was hired as Administrative Secretary, and Ms Ann Rohrer, MS, as Admissions Coordinator. Provisional accreditation was awarded to the Program by the ARC-PA in October.
- 2000** In January, Mary Lou Giddings, PA-C, was hired as Clinical Coordinator. Also in January, the inaugural Class of 20 students was admitted.
- 2001** Nancy Dion, PA-C was added as a faculty member, expanding the faculty to 5 members. The inaugural class graduated 17 students in December.
- 2002** In March, the Program receives full accreditation from ARC-PA. Roberto Canales, PA-C, is hired after the departure of Scott Kaufman, and appointed Associate Program Director.

2003 Mary Lou Stevens (nee Giddings) returns to full-time clinical practice. Patti Ragan, the Program's director and founder, resigns. Benjamin Timson, PhD, is appointed Acting Department Head and Roberto Canales is appointed Acting Program Director.

2004 Steve Dodge, MD, is hired as Department Head/Program Director. John Cook, PA-C is hired as Clinical Coordinator

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Late Bloomers: A Brief History of the Psychology Department at SMSU

'Late adopter' would be a good phrase to describe the establishment of a psychology department at Southwest Missouri State University. Although the first class with psychology in its title was offered in 1960 through the College of Education, and Dick Wilkinson (hired at SMSU in 1938) was the first clinical psychologist in Missouri, it was only in 1969 that a psychology department was founded here. By way of comparison, it would be a safe guess that most of the Universities in the country had psychology departments before SMSU. But once we got started, things happened quickly. Cliff Whipple (1969-1973) was the first Department Head and five other faculty (Dick Wilkinson, Ph.D., Virgil McCall, Ed.D., LaMorris Hyde, Ph.D., Jim Bane, M.A., and Marion Stephens, Ed.D) were listed as psychology faculty in 1969. Although Education offered a psychology major in 1963, the Department first offered its own major in 1970, and graduated 11 students with Bachelors of Science in psychology in Spring, 1971. There were eight faculty in the new Department. The two new faculty had experimental specialties in perception and learning theories. The 1969-70 catalogue listed 29 psychology courses. During the 1970's, this rapid growth was accompanied by the hiring of the first woman instructor (Susan S. Lee -- later Horn) in 1973, and Jack Edwards (1973-1985) taking over as Department Head. In 1977, three women were also hired as assistant professors. By 1980-81, the Department had expanded its offerings to 56 courses taught by 21 faculty. Fifty-six students graduated with psychology majors in this year. Continued growth characterized the 1980's and early 1990's. Fred Maxwell (our current Department Head) took over in 1985. Plans began soon after for development of a Master's program and establishment of an undergraduate psychology Advisement Center. In 1991, 137 students graduated with psychology majors. The advent of the Master's level graduate Program (1992) with tracks in Clinical, Industrial/Organizational (I/O), and General/Experimental marked the most recent zenith of the Department. In 1993, the number of majors also peaked at about 900, with 25 graduate students, and 33 full-time faculty. These large numbers were partly the result of the widespread interest in the psychology major and the reluctance of the Psychology faculty to exclude anyone who wished to pursue a career in the social services field. With the advent of selective admissions at the University level in 1995, there was a gradual decrease in the number of majors to the current level of about 550. As of 1999, there were 31 full-time faculty with specialties in Clinical (9 faculty), Experimental (7), I/O (5), Educational (4), Developmental (3), Sports (1), Social (1), and Quantitative (1) psychology. The Advisement Center, headed by Susan Lee Horn, has won national awards, and our graduate students have also won several local and regional awards. We are still struggling to hire and promote women, to improve the quality of education to our undergraduate majors, and to gain

further support for our graduate students. Several of our faculty have also achieved national stature in their areas of expertise. For example, Jack Edwards was the primary biographer for Dr. David Wechsler, — developer of the most used intelligence test today; Jim Davis was the first full-time Sport's psychologist hired by the USOC; Russell Carney has gained a national reputation for his studies of the use of mneumonics; Harry Horn has a national presence in the area of motivation. Other faculty have held leadership positions in local, state, and national professional organizations.

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SOCIAL WORK

1970-73- The School of Social Work grew out of the Sociology Department in 1970, and was added as an area of study under the leadership of Dr. Clarence Ketch. However, social work courses were listed in the course bulletin as early as 1950. As early as 1965 social work courses could be found in the Southwest Missouri State College Course Schedule. In the spring of 1972 the Department of Sociology learned that the Council on Social Work Education would begin accrediting undergraduate social work programs (Southwest Missouri State University, 2003).

The first social work course was taught in 1972 by Dr. Oreen Ruedi (The Field of Social Work). Initially social work courses were listed in the Sociology department. In 1971, SOC 112 changed to SOC 212. A total of three social work courses were offered in 1971 and included: SOC 212-The Field of Social Work, SOC 214-Social Welfare Agencies, and SOC 215-Social Problems. From 1972-1974, at least two social work courses were offered in the Sociology Department each year (Southwest Missouri State University, 1971-74)

1973-74 Doris Ewing was the second professor hired to teach social work courses in the 1973-74 academic year. Dr. Ewing developed the first SWK practice course in the curriculum. Dr. Ewing, and Dr. Lloyd Young were among the first faculty members to meet with the Council on Social Work Education to develop the social work major.

1974-77 Professor Marsha Hoffman Rising was hired in 1974, and became the first program coordinator of Social Work, and the first full-time faculty member. The Sociology Department applied for social work accreditation in the spring of 1974, and was denied accreditation in fall of 1975. The decision was appealed and in January 1976 the department was granted probationary status. Other faculty members who joined the Social Work Department in the early years included Joyce Connors, Linda Gates and Dr. Larry Pool. In spring 1975, the Sociology Department increased the number of social work courses from two to eight courses (Southwest Missouri State University, 1975).

In 1976 the social work course codes changed from Sociology codes (SOC to SWK) to Social Work codes during the accreditation process (Southwest Missouri State University, 1975). In 1977 the social work undergraduate baccalaureate program at Southwest Missouri State University was fully accredited.

1978-79 Faculty members who worked with the program during the earlier years included: Dr. Larry Poole, Peter Iverson, Bertha Blattner and Mona Schatz. In 1979 the first women's course was added to the curriculum. According to Marsha Hoffman Rising a women's studies course was considered somewhat radical in those years, and there were very few social workers in Springfield in the 1970's (Southwest Missouri State University, 1979).

1980-90 In 1980 the Sociology Department was renamed the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work. The Department hired Dr. Jim Wolk as Coordinator of the new Social Work Program, in 1981. Dr. Jackie Pray joined the faculty in 1983. Dr. Wolk coordinated the program until 1990. Dr. Roland Meinert came to the School in 1990, and was the first director to chair the department as an independent entity.

1991-93 The Social Work Department separated from the Department of Sociology in 1991. In 1993 Dr. Grafton Hull became Chair of the Department, and was able to restructure the department into a separate School of Social Work. The School of Social Work was re-organized under the College of Health and Human Services during 1993.

1994-98 Currently, two undergraduate courses, Introduction to Social Work and Human Behavior in the Social Environment (SWK 222) are offered off site at the SMSU West Plains campus. In 1995 the School entered candidacy status for the MSW program for the Springfield campus. The first class of two-year students was admitted in the fall of 1996.

In 1996 Dr. Francis Yuen was appointed interim director during the 1996-1997 academic year until a director's search could be completed. Although, Dr. Yuen was interim director, the responsibilities of the director's position were actually divided among current faculty members, with each assuming a major share of responsibility. Dr. Mary Ann Jennings, Dr. Joan McClennen, Dr. Terry Pardeck (Full-Professor), Dr. Gregory

Skibinski (former MSW director) and Dr. Anne Summers (BSW Director) all assumed significant responsibilities as junior faculty members.

The support staff included Betty Forrest and Donna Elia. Dr. Lola Butler, Dr. Jim Daley (former MSW director), and Prof. Diane Elliott, joined the School in 1996. Professor Catherine Hawkins also came on board as the Director of Field Education. By summer, 1997 the first class of advanced standing students were admitted in to the program. In the fall of 1997, Dr. John Gunther was hired as the new director in the School of Social Work. The first MSW class graduated in May, 1998.

1999-2003 By the fall semester of 1999, the MSW program had expanded to the Joplin Campus. The first cohort of advanced standing students were admitted in fall, 2001 (Southwest Missouri State University, 2001).

Dr Gunther was instrumental in helping the school obtain accreditation for the MSW program as well as its expansion too the Joplin Campus. Dr. Rebecca Smith (Co-ordinator) worked with Dr. Gunther to develop the Joplin site, along with Ervin Langan, Coordinator of the Joplin Graduate Center. Dr. Ray Linebach also served as coordinator of the Joplin site, and Dr. Susan Dollar, and Prof. Michelle Garrison later joined the faculty at the Springfield campus (Southwest Missouri State University, 2002).

During the 2001-2002 academic year Dr. Anne Summers served as interim director, and Dr. Mary Ann Jennings was director of the MSW program. Dr. Mike Jacobson briefly served as director of the school in 2002. Three new faculty members joined the School in the fall of 2002, Dr. Steve Brannen (former MSW Director), Dr. Frank Kaufman, and Dr. Glenda Short.

2003-05 The first Joplin cohort graduated in May 2003. The MSW program currently has approximately 90 full-and part-time students on both campuses.

During spring of 2003, Dr. Lola Butler assumed the role of interim director, and was officially promoted to director of the school in spring of 2004. Dr. Short currently serves as both the director of the MSW Program, and coordinates the off site program in Joplin. Beth Pierce is a lecturer in Joplin, and Michele Day formally served as the Title IV-E Child Welfare

Supervisor. Betty Forrest and Ann Collier serve as administrative secretaries at the School. Two individuals have served as part-time secretaries for the MSW Title IV-E Program, Jo Amos and now Karen Zastro. Currently the School of Social work is housed in the Professional Building in the College of Health and Human Services.

It is obvious from the history above that the School of Social Work continues to develop, and expand through increased faculty, students and programs. The School of Social Work's undergraduate student organization, the BSW Social Work Club, has been active throughout the history of the School of Social Work. In 1998 and 2001, the Club received the Campus Organization of the Year Award, a prestigious campus-wide recognition (School of Social Work, 2003). Other social work organizations in which undergraduate students can participate are: Alpha Delta Mu, the honorary academic society, and the North American Association of Christians in Social Work. Graduate students have organized a separate MSW Student Organization which initially formed in the fall of 1996, and continues to grow and develop on both campuses.

The School of Social Work continues to be an active entity in the community. Faculty and staff actively pursue a variety of scholarly interests, grants, contracts and serve the university, community, and the profession in many ways, and at various levels (i.e., local, state and national). A Community Advisory Council, was reformulated in 1995, and is currently in the process of reorganizing.

Faculty and staff in the School of Social Work foresee many opportunities and challenges as it proceeds to meet the community, state and education demands of students and citizens of Southwest Missouri. The School of Social Work approaches the 21st Century with renewed leadership, optimism and vigor.

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SPORTS MEDICINE AND ATHLETIC TRAINING

- 1979-** Athletic training education at SMSU began in earnest in June, 1979 when a course of study within the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation was recognized as an “approved undergraduate athletic training education program” by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) at their annual meeting in Philadelphia. The course of study was considered an “area of emphasis” within the BSEd degree in Physical Education and consisted of three courses and 1800 clock hours of clinical experiences. Graduates were eligible to take the NATA’s national certification examination. Enrollment totaled six students. Program administration was shared by Ivan Milton, athletic trainer for men’s intercollegiate athletics, and Gary Ward, athletic trainer for women’s intercollegiate athletics. The program was one of approximately thirty in the country at the time and, until 1999, was the only recognized formal education program for athletic trainers in Missouri.
- 1982-** The program expanded the clinical education opportunities available to students in 1982 with the establishment of an on-campus sports medicine clinic which was open to the public. This clinic afforded student athletic trainers a chance to work with a much wider variety of athletes than the traditional collegiate varsity athlete. The clinic eventually grew into a contract arrangement with St. Johns’ Health Care system that continues to exist today as the Midwest Sports Medicine Center.
- 1992-** Dr. Karen Toburen, a nationally known athletic training educator, was hired in 1992 as program director. Under her leadership the program achieved two significant milestones: program accreditation and full departmental status.
- 1994-** In 1994 undergraduate athletic training education programs nationwide had to begin meeting new accreditation standards from the Council on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). The program at SMSU was one of the first in the nation to achieve full CAAHEP accreditation.
- 1996-** Another milestone was achieved in 1996 when the Department of Sports Medicine and Athletic Training was created with a comprehensive major leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Medicine and Athletic Training. The program at SMSU is one of the few in the country that has a stand alone

major offered within its own department. Our graduates can be found practicing athletic training in high schools, colleges and universities, sports medicine clinics, and professional sports. Other graduates have used their background and experiences at SMSU to gain entry into other health fields such as medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and physician assistant studies.

2004- The Sports Medicine and Athletic Training program celebrated the twenty-fifth group of students to graduate from the program with ceremonies at the National Athletic Trainers' Association annual meeting in Baltimore, MD.

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