



## *Quick News Flash*

### *March 2008*

Here is a quick summary of some of the latest news from the Master of Physical Therapy Program at Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.

#### **STUDENTS**

1. Angelo State University graduated its 6<sup>th</sup> class of 18 MPT students in December 2007. All of them are employed at facilities across Texas.
2. The Classes of 2008 and 2009 are looking forward to defending their championship at the Texas PT Olympics in San Antonio later this spring. This is their chance to “three-peat.”
3. Latest member of the family:
  - a. Bailey Smith born to Kelli ('07) and Clint Smith on 2/12/08 in Decatur, Texas.

#### **FACULTY**

1. Dr. Scott M. Hasson joined the faculty as department head and program chair on July 1, 2008. He came from the University of Connecticut, but has Texas roots from previous experience at TWU and UTMB. We are pleased to have him here.
2. Harriet Lewis is a Basic and Advanced Clinical Trainer. She is available to conduct and credential clinical instructors in both the basic and advanced courses. She will be team teaching her first Advanced Clinical Instructor course at University of Central Arkansas in April. If you are interested in either course, please contact her at 325-942-2394 or [Harriet.Lewis@angelo.edu](mailto:Harriet.Lewis@angelo.edu).
3. We have hired a new faculty member to work with Dr. Mason in the teaching of the neurosensory system coursework. Her name is Dr. Reta Zabel and she is coming from the University of Central Arkansas. We are excited that she is joining us in San Angelo.
4. We are pleased that Debbie Stafford, PT, was able to teach the spinal cord unit in the second Neurosensory System Problems course. She was able to come from her home in Virginia and teach the course in 2 one week blocks. Ms. Cynthia Fisher continues to teach the pediatric coursework. She comes to us from El Paso. She is the president-elect of the TPTA.

#### **PROGRAM**

1. We had a successful on-site visit from CAPTE in October. We were pleased with their report and expect to have a good report when the full commission acts on our status in March.

2. We are diligently working on our plan to move to offering a DPT as part of the APTA's Vision 2020. We have accepted our curriculum and it is in the process of being approved by the various committees and administrators on campus. The best case scenario would allow us to start our first DPT class in the summer of 2009. The worst case scenario would have us start the summer of 2010.
3. We are in the midst of the approval process for a proposal to move the physical therapy department to a School of Nursing and Rehabilitation Science. Long range plans for this new school include a new building and the possible addition of new programs in other health professions.

#### **UNIVERSITY**

1. The university welcomed a new president, Dr. Joseph Rallo, on June 1, 2007. He came from Western Illinois University and has a business background.
2. The university officially became a member of the Texas Tech University System on September 1, 2007. We are pleased with our new affiliation with Texas Tech and expect that there will be new opportunities for collaboration for faculty and new opportunities for students to come with this change.

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