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## Graduate Student Council

### Minutes

13 November 2006

1 **Present:** M. Colacicco, J. Henriques, P. High, R. Osborn, B. Swierczewski, J. Wu

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4 **Absent:** B. Morrison

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7 **Meeting Commences:** 9:59 a.m.

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10 Minutes from October 06 meeting were unanimously approved.

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#### 13 **I. President's Reports**

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15 1) Recap of October Graduate Education Committee (GEC) meeting

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1. High reports that there will be no GEC meeting in November, as decided in the October meeting.

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2. Dr. Stan Maloy has accepted the university's invitation to be the Bullard lecturer during the Graduate Student Colloquium on 15 May 2007 (Attachment A). Dr. Barry Marshall is the alternate speaker should Dr. Malloy be unable to attend.

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3. The GEC has recommended the Board of Regents Student Award that was given to the 2006 graduate be rescinded because the winner had not met all of the qualifications for the award. GEC recommends full publication of the selection process and returning to the three award system, i.e., one award each for nursing, graduate, and medical programs. Discussion on-going re: retroactively awarding the graduate and medical student nominees for 2006 (Attachment B).

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4. The GEC chair has proposed giving graduate students additional funds to cover the cost of health insurance above the allowance stipulated by the NIH.

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5. The GEC announced new M.D./Ph.D. applicants.

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6. Dean Metcalf returns from Arizona meeting of the Group on Graduate Research, Education, and Training (GREAT Group). After her return, it was decided that the doctoral programs will be surveyed and ranked nationally based on the criteria set forth by the National Academy of Sciences. Dean Metcalf will serve as the institutional coordinator.

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- 38 2) High received email from Dr. Regina Armstrong, director of the Neuroscience  
39 Program, regarding the “GSC President’s Letter” in the *USU Graduate Student Fall*  
40 *Newsletter* (Attachment C)
- 41 1. Armstrong feels that readers were misled about Dean Metcalf’s actions  
42 regarding student health insurance.
  - 43 2. Armstrong writes that President’s letter wording makes students think that  
44 nothing is being done by the administration about health insurance.
  - 45 3. Armstrong assures High that graduate student insurance is something being  
46 discussed at national levels, e.g., Advisory Council of Neuroscience made it a  
47 talking point at their recent meeting in Atlanta this fall.
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## 50 **II. Old Business**

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- 52 1) Monthly Happy Hour (27 October 06)
    - 53 1. Henriques, Morrison, and Wu attended from GSC
    - 54 2. Better showing of students, approximately 15 altogether, than last month
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56 2) Fall Newsletter/Erratum
    - 57 1. High commends Morrison for excellent job in initiating, organizing, and  
58 executing first USU Graduate Student Newsletter, as well as addressing  
59 concerns of the community after publication by sending out an erratum  
60 (Attachments D & E)
    - 61 2. Osborn and Colacicco agree that all concerns/grievances already addressed  
62 via email
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64 3) Health insurance
    - 65 1. High requests information from students, anonymously, from each program  
66 regarding their experience with health insurance and whether or not they  
67 receive coverage now
    - 68 2. MPS: two students have submitted information
    - 69 3. PATH: five students have submitted information
    - 70 4. MCB: five students have submitted information
    - 71 5. NES: one student reports that they receive health care from Kaiser  
72 Permanente for ~\$100 per month, including dental coverage; other council  
73 members agree that this might be a viable alternative to explore for other  
74 students
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## 77 **III. New Business**

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- 79 1) November Happy Hour will be held on 17 November. High will send email  
80 reminding student body. Henriques, Osborn, Swierczweski, and Wu might attend.
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82 2) Bake Sale
  - 83 1. High will get written consent from cafeteria and William III for the bake sale
  - 84 2. The sale will be held outside the cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on  
85 Wednesday, 29 November, and Thursday, 30 November.
  - 86 3. EID, NES, and PMB will be responsible for bringing food and manning the  
87 table on 29 November; MCB, MPS, and PATH will be responsible for 30  
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4. All items will be sold for \$1.00; Henriques and/or Swierczewski will bring change for first day of sale; one of the GSC members will give money to Janet Anastasi at conclusion of sale to be added to the Graduate Student Enrichment Fund
- 3) Holiday Party
1. Holiday party will be held on Thursday, 8 December, from 6-8 p.m. at the bowling alley in lieu of December Happy Hour.
  2. Students should RSVP by 30 November to their respective GSC representatives.
  3. The GSC will pay for bowling and shoe rental for students and their guests out of the Graduate Student Enrichment Fund; unanimously voted against paying for food.
- 4) Formalize officer positions
1. Morrison proposed, via emails to GSC prior to meeting, that formal officer positions be formed.
  2. High drafted officer position descriptions
  3. Colacicco proposed that officers not be current GSC members but other representatives from each program, i.e., the President is not also a representative of his program
  4. Henriques posed the question of whether or not the President feels the need to delegate responsibilities further; High mentioned the idea of having a Treasurer who would keep track of the money in the Graduate Student Enrichment Fund
  5. Osborn and Colacicco agree that additional positions not necessary; use *ad hoc* positions per event; Wu agrees that it is not realistic to ask other students to devote time to these duties
  6. Colacicco moved to reject formalization of additional officer positions; Henriques seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved by the GSC
  7. Henriques proposed that the secretary at the meeting after an event be responsible to report earnings/expenditures from the Graduate Student Enrichment Fund
  8. Swierczewski raised the idea that the GSC should look into gaining control of the money in the Enrichment Fund from the Henry Jackson Foundation
- 5) Parking Award
1. Idea proposed by Tara Romanczyk to award a student a designated parking place in the garage
  2. Henriques and Wu proposed adding the parking space to the award given to the student who wins the oral presentation competition during the Graduate Student Colloquium. All unanimously approve.
  3. High will work with Dean Metcalf and security for approval.
- 6) Cinda Helke Award
1. Nominations will close on 25 January 2007
  2. Students need to submit their candidate along with a one-page memo stating why that person should be considered for the award; no memo, no consideration
  3. Nominations will be collected by GSC members or sent to High directly

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4. High will send out email to student body soliciting candidates and restating the rules of the award process
  - 4) Winter Graduate Student Newsletter
    1. All information for the winter newsletter should be submitted to Morrison no later than 1 January 2007
    2. Osborn proposes that new faculty also be included in upcoming issue; all agree

149 **Reminder:** Secretary for December will be EID

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152 **Meeting adjourned 10:48 a.m.**

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-Molecular & Cell Biology  
-Neuroscience

Departmental  
-Clinical Psychology  
-Environmental Health Sciences  
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Stanley Maloy, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Sciences  
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San Diego, CA 92182

Dear Dr. Maloy,

Thank you for your acceptance of Dr. Tony Maurelli's invitation to give the Annual Bullard Lecture here at the Uniformed Services University (USU). The graduate students and faculty are delighted that you have agreed to present this Lecture as part of the 2006-2007 Graduate Student Colloquium and Research Day events.

The Bullard Lecture is given each year by an outstanding research scientist and is the highlight of the Graduate Student Colloquium. Distinguished scientists who have presented the Bullard Lecture in recent years include: Drs. Francis Collins, Barry Bloom, Roger Perlmutter, Mark Jenkins, John Gearhart, James Darnell, Philippa Marrack, and Sol Snyder. The USU Research Day activities take place on the following day and include the entire USU academic community.

The 2006-2007 Bullard Lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at 3:00 P.M. Earlier activities of that day include lunch with the graduate students, posters, and oral presentations by the graduate students. We invite you to attend and participate in a luncheon with the students followed by oral student research presentations. These events will begin at 11:30 A.M. A reception will follow your Lecture. You are also welcome to attend any of the USU Research Day activities should you choose.

I will ask Janet Anastasi to contact you regarding travel arrangements. Additionally, we would like to present you with a \$500 honorarium. We will contact you approximately 2 months prior to your lecture to ask you for the title of your talk and a copy of your CV. I am most pleased that you will be our guest.

Please contact Janet Anastasi at 301-295-9474 or me at 301-295-3413 if questions arise.

Best Regards,

Eleanor S. Metcalf, Ph.D.  
Associate Dean for Graduate Education

cc: Dr. Tony Maurelli  
Dr. Jeff Harmon  
Mr. Patrick High ✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES L. RICE, M.D., PRESIDENT, USUHS

THROUGH: Larry W. Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D. Dean, School of Medicine

SUBJECT: Class of 2006 Board of Regents Award

1. COL Richard Ricciardi, the Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) student who received the Board of Regents Award at graduation in May 2006, defended his dissertation on August 23, 2006. This appears to be a clear violation of the implicit requirement that students must have completed all of the requirements for their degrees to be eligible for the award.
2. To rectify this error, the Graduate Education Committee of the School of Medicine (SOM) requests that:
  - a) the award be rescinded and given to a student who was eligible to receive it; and
  - b) there should be a full and public explanation of the process by which COL Ricciardi was selected as the awardee, and the measures that have been taken to guarantee the academic integrity of the award process in the future.
3. We understand that it has been decided to reinstate separate Board of Regents Awards for SOM medical, SOM graduate, and GSN graduate students. We applaud and support this decision and encourage the Awards Committee to develop clear criteria for eligibility and guidelines for evaluation of the nominated candidates.
4. Should you require additional information or clarification, please contact me.

Jeffrey M. Harmon, Ph.D.  
Professor  
Chair, Graduate Education Committee

## Mail Message

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**From:** Regina Armstrong

Monday - October 16, 2006 9:09 PM

**To:** phigh@usuhs.mil**Subject:** impression from GSC newsletter

Patrick,

I was shocked and dismayed at the impression your readers may have been led to from the text of your comments about interactions with Dr. Metcalf and the GEC. The wording implied that these issues of health insurance and taxes were just now being addressed as you have begun to raise them. As I stated in the previous meeting with you at the GEC, this is definitely NOT the case. These issues have been, and continue to be, vigorously worked by several people over many years. Just because some new efforts may be initiated does not mean, and you should not imply, that efforts have not been made prior to you becoming the GSC representative.

Of course, these issues must continue to be addressed as the available options and decision makers continue to change.

As a member of the Executive Council for the Association of Neuroscience Departments and Programs, I can tell you that the health insurance issue was also discussed in our Council meeting (Oct 14, 2006 in Atlanta). This is a national issue among graduate programs and those who administer graduate programs.

I hope this perspective on your text encourages you to work with Dr. Metcalf and the administration in a broad and collegial manner to facilitate actions that are in the best interest of our students.

Dr. Armstrong

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([bjohnson@usuhs  
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([rclark@usuhs.mil](mailto:rclark@usuhs.mil))

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## GSC President's Report

By Patrick High

Dear Students,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am a 3rd year Doctor of Public Health (Dr. P.H.) student in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics (PMB). I am President of the Graduate Student Council (GSC) and represent all graduate students on the Graduate Education Committee (GEC). I will discuss each of these committees below.

The GSC works to improve USU graduate student life by addressing student concerns as well as working to build a sense of community amongst the students. The GSC held its annual Graduate Student Picnic on September 17th and we had our first Happy Hour at the NNMC Bowling Alley on September 29th. The Happy Hour will continue to be held at the NNMC Bowling Alley on the last Friday of every month from 4pm to 6pm through April 2007. This is meant to be an opportunity for the graduate students to relax, have a drink, bowl and get to know other members of the graduate community. To improve on the success of these events, the GSC strongly urges each of you to add our events to your calendar and make an effort to attend. Other upcoming events include a Holiday Party at NNMC and a Bake Sale the week after Thanksgiving. The goal of the Bake Sale is to raise money for the GSC to continue to host social events for the graduate students and sponsor other activities as necessary. Additionally, the GSC has begun publishing a quarterly newsletter of which this is the first issue.

The GSC also works to address student concerns such as health insurance and taxes. The GSC has been meeting monthly with Dr. Metcalf, Associate Dean of Graduate Education, to determine what the university is doing to meet the health insurance needs and tax concerns of its civilian graduate students. Additionally, as President of the GSC, I have been addressing these concerns with the GEC at monthly meetings.

The GEC is a standing committee composed of faculty and the GSC President and is responsible for periodic review of policies and procedures governing Graduate Education. The GEC also advises the Associate Dean of Graduate Education and recommends action regarding Graduate Education to the Dean of the School of Medicine. Specifically, the GEC is to "[r]eview, and recommend to the Associate Dean, GEO, changes in USUHS programs and resources that would benefit student life, including health insurance..." and "adequacy of level of graduate student stipends" (Instruction 1320). Because health insurance and taxes have continuously been expressed as concerns by the students, and are specifically mentioned in the GEC Instructions, I am working to obtain a resolution of these concerns. For far too long these issues have distressed students and I will work with the GEC to ensure that taxes and health insurance issues are not easily dismissed. Please know that I am working diligently on these two concerns and will continue to do so during my tenure as your GSC President.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding any student issues you feel the GSC should address please contact your GSC representative or myself at [phigh@usuhs.mil](mailto:phigh@usuhs.mil). All correspondences will be kept confidential and no names will be released without your prior consent.

Sincerely,

Patrick M High, Graduate Student Council President



**Patrick M. High,**  
**GSC President**  
**2006-2007**

# Lymphomaniacs: The Other USUHS Softball Team

**By Jeremy Hershfield, Ph.D**

Since the early 1980s, USUHS graduate students, alumni, and faculty, as well as family and friends, have competed on Montgomery County fields in the NIH Summer Softball League as the Lymphomaniacs. The slow-pitch softball season usually begins by the end of April and concludes in August. Games are held once a week, Monday through Thursday, at 6:15PM on county fields such as Arcola, Arylawn, Randolph Hills, and Newport Mills. The co-ed team consists of either 6 men and 4 women or 5 men and 5 women on the field at all times. Everybody who shows up to play is included in the batting lineup, which alternates men and women.

There are no substitution rules, so players can freely enter, exit, and re-enter games. The goal of the NIH league is for everybody to have fun, so playing time is divided as evenly as possible for those in attendance. Games last 7 innings, unless one team is ahead by 12 or more runs after 5 innings. While women may bat from their natural side, guys are required to bat using their opposite-hand. This rule, which makes the game safer for the soft-toss pitcher and more challenging for men, distinguishes the NIH league from the NNMC league, which consists of mostly uniformed-personnel.



“Everybody who shows up to play is included in the batting lineup, which alternates men and women.”

## 2006 Lymphomaniacs

The 2006 Lymphomaniacs played a highly exciting season and finished with a 6-5 record. Following the regular season, each team participates in a double elimination tournament. As the #5 (of 12) seed in the tournament, the Lymphos won their first playoff game before losing twice to end the season. The winner of the tournament was the Co-Wrecks.

2006 Lymphomaniacs Roster			
Name	Affiliation	Position(s)	Years
Brett Cole	Spouse	2B/OF	1
Jess Cole	EID	C/LF/3B	1
Tammy Crowder	NES Alumnus	1B	>5
Rob Cybulski	EID	OF/2B	1
Chris Erdmann	Friend	OF	1
Nicole Flint	NES	3B/LF	2
Jeremy Hershfield	MCB Alumnus	OF/2B	3
Jeremy Henriques	NES	SS	2
Kenny Lin	EID	OF	1
Sean Manion	NES Alumnus	P/SS	>5
Megan Masterson	NES	1B	1
Peter Okagaki	USUHS Staff	OF	2
John Pesce	MCB Alumnus	SS	>5
Tara Romanczyk	NES	3B	>5
John Rosenberger	USUHS Staff	OF	>20
Ashley Stone	Friend	LF/3B	1
Rachel Vonck	EID	C/3B/LF	1
Doug Warner	EID	P	5



Your 2006 Lymphomaniacs

The coach for the 2007 season will be Nicole Flint (nflint@usuhs.mil). No matter what your baseball/softball experience, all graduate students are encouraged to join the Lymphomaniacs! Friends and family (18 years and older) are encouraged to play as well. Gloves and non-metal cleats are required; the team provides bats, bases, and balls. It is an extremely fun

experience and a chance to make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, hone your competitive spirit, and take a break from lab and class work! If you have any questions about the team and/or the league, please contact Nicole or previous coaches: [jherhshfield@usuhs.mil](mailto:jherhshfield@usuhs.mil), [smanion@usuhs.mil](mailto:smanion@usuhs.mil), or [jrosenberger@usuhs.mil](mailto:jrosenberger@usuhs.mil).

# The Cup of Champions By Jeremy Henriques



Congratulations to the winners of the "Picnic of Champions Cup", NES/ MCB! The Cup is proudly displayed the NES/MCB

**The Cup** common room for the entire world to see. In light of the fact that some programs had a better showing than others and the games may not have been the most optimal for everyone, the GSC has decided to make the Cup competi-

tion an open event throughout the year! What this means is that any program can, at any time, challenge the holders of the Cup to a match in any sport. This challenge should proceed through the GSC representatives and must be accepted by the champions in order to be valid. The champions are obligated to answer the challenge unless circumstances prohibit them from doing so (i.e., too few members for the game proposed, like volleyball for a one person program). The logistics of the event will be worked out between the program representatives or the designated

persons for that event. It is not yet clear as to how the score will be tallied up for the annual Picnic of Champions, but throughout the year, as programs win the challenges, they then obtain the right to hold and display the Cup until they lose their next challenge.

So let the games begin and I hope someone out there has the nerve to take on the NES /MCB sporting juggernaut.

"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

-Thomas Alva

## Meet the New Students!



Ellen Mueller, EID



Lydia Kuykendal, EID



Stephanie Ford-Molvik



Zakiya James, EID

Ellen Mueller is from St. Paul, MN. She recently received her B.S in Biology from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. Ellen minored in chemistry.

Lydia Kuykendal, B.S. Biomedical Engineering, North Carolina State University, MPH Epidemiology, Tulane University. She has a twin sister, loves rainbows, kittens, and the sound of children laughing.

Stephanie Ford-Molvik earned undergraduate degrees in Biology and Environmental Science from the College of William and Mary in 2003, as well as an MPH from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 2005. Stephanie would like to work in biodefense when she grows up.



David Cho, MCB



Rachael Nhan, MCB

EID

David Cho came to USUHS in order to reach his full potential.

Rachael Nhan comes to USUHS to expand her horizons.



Travis Lundell, NES



Konstantina Vanevski, NES



Amanda Hirschy, NES



John Trentini, NES

Travis Lundell is interested in finding new approaches for treating demyelinating diseases such as leukodystrophies and Multiple Sclerosis.

Konstantina Vanevski is a native of the Republic of Macedonia and brings into the NES program more than 10 years of Clinical/Postdoctoral expertise in the areas of Developmental and Neuro-Endocrinology, coupled with solid experience in Neuroimmunology. Precipitating factor in her decision to further pursue her academic career in Neurosciences as opposed to her lifelong aspiration toward the field of Pharmacology was the sudden loss of her beloved father, Gen. (ret.) Metodija N. Vanevski to a stroke.



Parwana Ashari, NES



Rachael Ribeiro, NES



Gwen Horvorka, NES

Gwen Horvorka is from Kanasa, but she believes in Evolution and looks forward to investigating anything relating to how biology effects behavior.

## They Made It.....Will We?

### Students Who Have Successfully Defended a Thesis Since August 2006



**Robert Anthony**, Molecular and Cellular Biology Program

Thesis Title: "Characterization and Function of Inflammation to the Gastrointestinal Nematode Parasite Infection: New Insights into Protective Peripheral Th2 Responses" Advisor: William Gause, Ph.D

**Greg Cook**, Department of Preventative Medicine and Biometrics

Thesis Title: "Improving Ion Mobility Spectrometry Detection Methods for Trace Forensics and Military Field Applications" Advisor: CDR Gary Hook

**LCDR David Florin, USN**, Department of Preventative Medicine and Biometrics

Thesis Title: Morphometric and Molecular Analyses of the Sand Fly Species *Lutzomyia shannoni* (Dyar 1929) (Diptera: Psychodidae: Phlebotiminae) Collected from Seven Different Geographical Areas in the United States" Advisor: Philip Lawyer, Ph.D

**Jeremy Hershfield**, Molecular and Cellular Biology Program

Thesis Title: "The Molecular Basis of Canavan Disease: Aspartoacylase Enzyme Characteristics" Advisor: Aryan Namboodiri, Ph.D

**Katherine Lee**, Emerging Infectious Disease Program

Thesis Title: "The Host Immune Response to *Streptococcus pneumoniae*: Bridging Innate and Adaptive Immunity" Advisor: Clifford Snapper, M.D

**Sean Manion**, Neuroscience Program

Thesis Title: " $\alpha 1$  Adrenoceptors, Amygdala and Anxiety: Investigations Utilizing a Rodent Model of Traumatic Stress" Advisor: He Li, Ph.D.

**LTC Joseph O'Sullivan**, Neuroscience Program

Thesis Title: "The Effect of Diazoxide Upon Heat Shock Protein and Physiological Response to Hemorrhagic Shock and Cerebral" Advisor: Joseph McCabe, Ph.D

**Jeremy Rossman**, Emerging Infectious Diseases Program

Thesis Title: "Spatial-Temporal Mapping of the T Cell Receptor  $\text{Nf-}\kappa\text{B}$  Signaling Pathway" Advisor: Brian Schaefer, Ph.D

**Adam Vana**, Neuroscience Program

Thesis Title: "The Oligodendrocyte Progenitor Response to Demyelination" Advisor: Regina Armstrong, Ph.D

"In science, the credit goes to the man who convinces the world, not to the man to whom the idea first occurred."

- Sir William Osler  
(1849-1919)

**Sean Manion, Ph.D**



## Congratulations to you all!

# Graduate Students and Health Insurance

By Patrick High

The GSC has been working for approximately six months to inform and educate Dr. Metcalf, the Associate Dean of Graduate Education, of the health insurance concerns of the civilian graduate students. This process has involved inviting Dr. Metcalf to monthly GSC meetings and listening to what she has been doing to solve this issue for the students. Unfortunately, it turns out that the process of trying to obtain health insurance for civilian graduate students at a federal institution is too large a burden for any one person to solve. The matter has therefore been taken to the GEC for further analysis and review.

Since the GEC was first made aware of this issue, a member of the committee has inquired at other graduate institutions in order to get an idea as to how health insurance at other universities is handled. The conclusion from this ad hoc investigation is that students at other universities primarily obtain medical treatment through a university student health facility, which is covered by the student health insurance contracted through said university. However, some universities do offer additional insurance to cover major medical costs. These universities generally supplement the NIH-standardized graduate student stipend to offset the costs of purchasing this health insurance.

If you have had problems obtaining health insurance either because of its cost or a pre-existing condition, please contact your graduate student representative. The GSC will document these problems and bring them to the attention of the GEC. Additionally, if you have had problems with your health insurance company not providing the benefits they are supposed to provide, please send that information through your representative to the GSC as well. This data collection will help the GSC provide concrete examples of the troubles students are having with purchasing their own health insurance and will help facilitate the discussion with the GEC in moving this issue further along to a satisfactory resolution.



“A man must have  
a certain amount  
of intellectual  
ignorance to get  
anywhere.”

-Charles Franklin  
Kettering (1876-  
1958



## Upcoming GSC Sponsored Events

- ◆ Sunday, October 15, 2006: Vol 1, Issue 1 of GSC Newsletter
- ◆ Friday, October 27th, 4-6pm: Graduate Student Happy Hour at NNMC Bowling Alley
- ◆ Friday, November 17th, 4-6pm: Graduate Student Happy Hour at NNMC
- ◆ Wednesday-Thursday November 29-30th: 11-1pm: Bake Sale!
- ◆ Thursday, December 7th, 6-8pm: Graduate Student Holiday Party at NNMC



## Congratulations!

**Sari Diana Schwartz**, a Ph.D Candidate in the Department of Medical and Clinical Psychology, became Sari Diana Holmes on April 9th 2006 when she married long time boyfriend Andrew Devoy Holmes. The two celebrated their marriage with a beautiful ceremony at Swan Manor in Monroe, NC. Congratulations Sari!

**1LT Kendra Fletcher**, a 2nd year Masters of Public Health student, was promoted to Captain on September 24th 2006. Congratulations Kendra!

**Robyn Osborn**, a 4th year dual-track Ph.D Candidate in the Department of Medical and Clinical Psychology, became engaged to her boyfriend of four and a half years, Mike Freed, on August 24th. The couple met while graduate students at American University. The wedding is planned for May 20th 2007 in the Bahamas. Congratulations Robyn!

**Patrick High**, a Dr.PH Candidate, has been awarded an R36 Dissertation Grant in the amount of \$17,892 to be used toward completing his dissertation on, "HIV/AIDS Risk Assessment Practices Among Primary Care Physicians: A National Survey" by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Congratulations Patrick!

**Have any news? Please let us know and we'll be sure to spread the word!!**





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Interested in contributing to your graduate student newsletter? We're very interested in hearing from you! Please email Bethanie Morrison at [bmorrison@usuhs.mil](mailto:bmorrison@usuhs.mil) with any ideas, comments, or questions. Thank you!

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Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences  
<http://www.usuhs.mil/geo>.



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### Meet your 2006-2007 Graduate Student Council!



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**Jeremy Henriques (Neuroscience representative)**

**Patrick High, MPH (GSC President)**

**Bethanie Morrison (Pathology representative)**



**Robyn Osborn, M.A., M.S. (Medical and Clinical Psychology representative)**

**Brett Swierczewski (Emerging Infectious Diseases representative)**

**Julie Wu (Molecular and Cellular Biology representative)**

# GSC Fall Newsletter Erratum

The GSC apologizes for the absence of acknowledgment of the new MPS and PMB students.

## Clinical Psychology



Jeremiah Ford

Jeff Martin

Laurel Cofell

Cindy Rose

David Ross

## Medical Psychology



Kerry Whittaker

## Preventive Medicine and Biometrics

### MPH



Brian Agee

Sarah Arnold

Janice Berti

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Robin Burke

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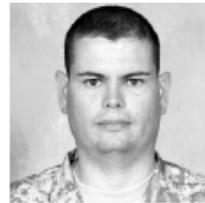
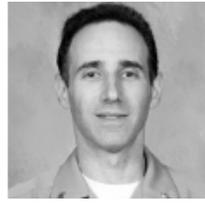
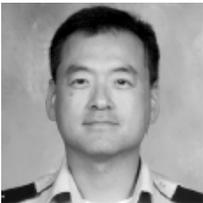
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Julia Lacunza

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Nisha Money

Alicia Mozzachio

Juan Ramirez

Hugo Razuri

## Erratum continued...



**Erik Reaves**

**Brian Riley**

**Heather Rogers**

**Christopher Rodriguez**

**Brett Taylor**

**Artin Terhakopian**



**Michael Wentworth**

**Jason Wong**

**Charles Woodlee**

**Hongyan Wu**



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**Jeffrey Delzer**

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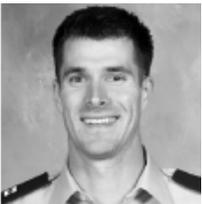
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**Kevin Taylor**

**John Vickery**

**Joseph Woodring**

### DrPH



**Ronald Burke**

**James Mancuso**

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## In Correction



First year Neuroscience student Konstantina Vanevski is also a certified M.D.

Konstantina Vanevski, M.D.

## Notes

The next issue of the Graduate Student Newsletter is set to be published on January 15, 2007. We are very interested in what you would like to see included in this next issue. Please contact your program representative or editor Bethanie Morrison with ideas or submissions. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS JANUARY 1ST 2007.** Items received after the deadline will be considered for the spring issue.